

ABOUT THE ZOO

Mission

A leader in conservation, captive breeding, and animal care, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo connects people with wildlife and wild places through experiences that inspire action.

Vision

Every kid. Every time. Goosebumps!

History

The Cheyenne Mountain Zoological Society was founded in 1926 by philanthropist [Spencer Penrose](#) to house his growing collection of exotic animals. In 1938, after substantial development, Mr. Penrose incorporated Cheyenne Mountain Zoo as a non-profit public trust for the people of Colorado Springs.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Today

Today, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, **America's ONLY mountain zoo**, offers a new experience every time and transforms visitors from passive viewers to active participants. Through comprehensive education programs, exciting conservation efforts, and truly fantastic animal experiences, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is able to touch the lives of our guests more than ever before. It is Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's hope to help visitors fall in love with animals and nature, and take action to protect them.

Of the 225 zoos and aquariums accredited by the [Association of Zoos and Aquariums](#) (AZA), Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is one of just nine operating without government support. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo depends on admissions, membership dues, and donations for funding.

Terrain

The elevation at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo rises from 6,800 feet above sea level at the front gate to nearly 7,000 feet at [Asian Highlands](#) and [Rocky Mountain Wild](#).

Animals: 800+, representing over 200 species, more than 30 of which are [endangered](#)

Annual Admission: 574,000

Elevation: 6,800 - 7,000 feet

Size: 140 acres total, 70 acres developed



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Hours

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is open 365 days a year. Visit cmzoo.org for holiday and special event hours.

May 1 - Labor Day

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Last Admission: 4:00 p.m.

All Other Months

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Last Admission: 4:00 p.m.

Admission

May 1 - Labor Day

Adults: \$17.25, Children (3 - 11): \$12.25, Children (2 and Under): Free

Seniors (65+): \$15.25, Military Adults: \$14.25, Military Children: \$9.25

All Other Months

Adults: \$14.25, Children (3 - 11): \$10.25, Children (2 and Under): Free

Seniors (65+): \$12.25, Military Adults: \$11.25, Military Children: \$7.25

\$0.25 of each admission is designated to [Quarters for Conservation](#), a Cheyenne Mountain Zoo program providing funding for wildlife conservation projects regionally and around the globe. Guests help decide how the funding is allocated by voting for their favorite conservation project using a special token received at the admission gate.

Directions

From Interstate 25, take exit 138, Circle Drive. Drive west to The Broadmoor.

Turn right at the hotel and follow the signs to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

