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Washington Park Zoo Opens For The Season

Michigan City, IN (March 31, 2005) - The Washington Park Zoo opens at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 1st for the 2005 season.

Visitors will be excited to use the beautiful new entry and to explore the new gift shop which features amazing artwork by Tony Bianco. The new bear fountain graces the courtyard inside the gateway, welcoming everyone to the little zoo by the lake.

“What’s New At The Zoo?” is the theme for the 2005 season - and the answer to the question is -All sorts of things! New activities, events, exhibits, programs and promotions are planned, all with the goal of bringing a great zoo experience to people of all ages. Calendars of events will be published before the zoo’s Grand Opening over Memorial Day weekend, May 28 through May 30, 2005. Visit www.washingtonparkzoo.com in May and watch local newspapers for the exciting details.

Open hours at the zoo are also new:

From April 1 through May 27, the zoo will open at 10:30 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. with the ticket sales window closing at 3 p.m.

From May 28 through September 5, the zoo will open at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and close at 6 p.m. with ticket sales window closing at 5 p.m.

From May 28 through September 5, the zoo will open at 11 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and close at 7 p.m. with ticket sales window closing at 6 p.m.

From September 6 through October 31, the zoo will open at 10:30 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. with the ticket sales window closing at 3 p.m.

Admission fees are \$3 for those age 62 and over; \$4.50 for those between the ages of 12 and 61; and \$2.50 for those between 3 and 11 years of age. Children 2 and under visit the zoo free.

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(Photo: The Children's Rotary Castle at Washington Park Zoo is a replica of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' logo and is one of only three such buildings that exist in the world today. The Castle houses the zoo's reptiles.)

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