

# TWILIGHT TOUR!

## Greetings from Buttonwood Park Zoo!

We're so excited to have you visit us after hours. Please read the following materials thoroughly, as understanding them will be vital to the success of our evening. If you have any questions that are not answered in these materials, please reach out to the Overnight Coordinator at (508) 991-4556 ext. 122 or via email at LRidgway@bpzoo.org.

## Finding the Zoo:

- Buttonwood Park Zoo is located at **425 Hawthorn Street New Bedford, MA 02740**.
- From Rte. I-195, take exit 24A (140 South). Follow Rte. 140 to the end. Go straight through the light at the end of Rte. 140 (across Rte. 6). At the next light, make a left onto Hawthorn Street. The Zoo parking area is the first left on Hawthorn.

A staff member will meet you in front of the Zoo at 5:50PM. Make sure to allow enough time for traffic in your traveling.

## What to bring:

We do not allow children to bring cell phones, iPads, gaming devices, or other electronic items to Twilight Tours.

The Zoo will provide dinner during the Twilight Tour program. We ask that you do not bring food to the event. If you need to bring your own food due to medical, cultural, or religious reasons, please discuss this before your program with the Overnight Coordinator.

## What to wear:

Each individual should wear outerwear and shoes suitable for an outdoor walk around the Zoo grounds in all weather conditions.

# DETAILS

## Twilight Tour Schedule

6:00-6:30 Arrival and Dinner

6:30-7:00 Animal Encounter

7:00-8:15 Twilight Tour and Activities

8:15-8:30 Ice Cream Farewell

## Medications

All medications are the responsibility of chaperones. If medications require refrigeration, please discuss this beforehand with the Overnight Coordinator.

## Meals

Cheese pizza, water, and lemonade will be served for dinner followed by an ice cream dessert. Barring any medical or cultural dietary restrictions, all participants will enjoy the above listed foods. Any restrictions are the responsibility of chaperones and should be discussed with the program coordinator prior to your Twilight Tour. A fridge and microwave will be provided upon request for those that need to bring their own meals.

## Chaperones

While we hope that chaperones have just as much fun as the children, we ask that they be active in supervision and discipline (if necessary) so that staff can concentrate on education and activities.

## Questions?

If you have any questions that have not been answered, please call the Overnight Coordinator at (508) 991-4556 ext. 122 or e-mail LRidgway@bpzoo.org. Most importantly, come prepared for a fantastically fun night. The animals are waiting!

Sincerely,  
**Laurel Ridgway**  
Overnight Coordinator  
Education Specialist

# Twilight Tour FAQs

## Should we bring flashlights?

During the night hike, red-lens flashlights will be carried by your tour leader. It is essential that only red-lens flashlights be used because most animals cannot see red light. Other flashlights on the tour will be a distraction to both the group and the animals.

## Can I bring the payment and forms with me on the night of our event?

Once the deposit has been submitted, the Overnight Coordinator will send our online After Hours Agreement Form to the primary contact for your group. It is the responsibility of the primary contact to distribute the link to all participants. The agreement forms must be completed and the payment must be sent to the Overnight Coordinator **two weeks** prior to your event. If a participant does not complete the form in the allotted time, they will not be allowed to attend the Twilight Tour.

## What happens if it rains?

The tour will continue as planned, so please be sure to bring appropriate clothing if rain is in the forecast. If your program must be cancelled due to severe weather, your group will be given the opportunity to reschedule or receive a refund.

## Can I visit the Zoo before the Twilight Tour?

You are welcome to visit the Zoo and the North Woods Gift Store on your own time before the Twilight Tour, but please keep in mind that the Zoo closes at 5:00 p.m. and the Twilight Tour does not begin until 6:00 p.m. You will not be allowed to wait inside the Zoo for the Twilight Tour to begin. Daytime zoo admission is **not** included in the cost of the Twilight Tour.

Have a question that hasn't been answered?

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