The Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park

Mission Statement
To instill a passion for the natural world through education, recreation and conservation.

Attendance
More than 260,000 visitors annually

Funding
The Santa Ana Zoo is owned and operated by the City of Santa Ana as part of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Agency. Friends of Santa Ana Zoo provide support for capital improvements and program development.

Staff
16 full and 45 part-time staff.

Acreage
20.5 acres, of which 7.5 are developed with exhibits

Collection
80 species, 280 individuals
  Primates....................................................... 19 species, 72 individuals
  Other Mammals............................................. 20 species
  Birds......................................................... 25 species
  Reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates.................... 16 species

Endangered Species
11 species including margay, ocelot, golden poison frog, green-cheeked Amazon, sun parakeet, crested capuchin, black & white ruffed lemur, ring-tailed lemur, white-handed gibbon, golden lion tamarin, golden-headed lion tamarin, and cotton-top tamarin.

Crean Family Farm
Barnyard contact area, birds of prey and exhibits of rare domestic breeds

Education Programs
Zoo tours, zoo labs, scout programs, outreach program taking live animals to schools; summer Zoo Camp for children ages 5-10, on grounds animal presentations for general visitors

Friends of Santa Ana Zoo
A non-profit corporation governed by the board of directors and executive director, Cathi Decker. FOSAZ supports general operations, capital improvements and new program development. Membership to FOSAZ includes free admission to the zoo with reciprocal admission to more than 100 zoos and aquariums, a subscription to the newsletter, “Animal Tales”, a 10% discount at the zoo gift shop and invitations to special members-only events.

History of the Zoo
The zoo opened in 1952 on land donated to the City by local businessman and citrus grower Joseph Edward Prentice. He stipulated the City must maintain a park named after him and house at least fifty monkeys. Major zoo renovations in the 1970’s lead to accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in 1985. In 1990 the current master plan was adopted with a focus on the diversity of wildlife in South America. The first phase of the plan, Amazon’s Edge, opened in 1993 and was followed by the Rain Forest Conservation Exhibit in 1994. The zoo’s first walk-through aviary, Colors of the Amazon, recreating a South American rain forest opened in 1996. The Crean Family Farm featuring a Farmyard, train ride, and carousel opened in 2004. Tierra de Las Pampas representing the grasslands of Argentina and featuring a giant anteaters exhibit opened in 2009. The zoo’s newest habitat opened in Spring 2015 featuring the endangered Brazilian Ocelot. The zoo’s ongoing exhibit renovation projects and educational programming along with cooperative animal breeding programs with other AZA zoos helps the zoo to fulfill its mission of saving animals from extinction.
Animals at the Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park

**PRIMATES**
black & white ruffed lemur
black howler monkey
black-and-white colobus monkey
brown-headed spider monkey
emperor tamarin
golden lion tamarin
golden-headed lion tamarin
pygmy marmoset
owl monkey
red titi monkey
red-handed tamarin
ring-tailed lemur
silver langur
squirrel monkey
white-faced saki monkey
white-handed gibbon

**OTHER MAMMALS**
African hedgehog***
Bactrian camel
dromedary camel
binturong
crested porcupine
domestic cow
domestic goat
domestic horse
domestic pig
domestic rabbit
domestic sheep
giant anteater
guanaco
margay cat
ocelot
prehensile-tailed porcupine***
three-banded armadillo***
two-toed sloth
Virginia opossum***

**REPTILES**
ball python***
blue-tongued skink***
rosy boa***
Honduran milksnake***
boa constrictor
green iguana
pancake tortoise***

**BIRDS**
bald eagle
barn owl
blue & yellow macaw
blue-crowned motmot
blue-throated piping guan
crested screamer
domestic chicken
domestic duck
domestic goose
gray-necked wood-rail
green-cheeked amazon***
mallard duck
rhea
scarlet ibis
spectacled owl
sunbittern
sun parakeet***
Swainson’s hawk
troupial
trumpeter hornbill
white-bellied caique
white-faced whistling duck
yellow-head amazon parrot

**AMPHIBIANS**
Golden poison frog
Eastern tiger salamander***

**INVERTEBRATES**
goliath birdeater tarantula
giant cave cockroaches
African giant millipedes***

*ES = endangered species
*** = behind the scenes - not able to be seen
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