



Riverbanks Facts

- Description:** Riverbanks Zoo and Garden offers a world-class recreational and educational experience for the entire family. More than 2,000 animals reside in natural habitat exhibits featuring psychological barriers such as moats, water and light that create an environment free of bars and cages. Opened in June 1995, Riverbanks' 70-acre Botanical Garden features scenic views of the Saluda River, wooded trails, historic ruins, the Saluda Factory Interpretive Center and a spectacular walled garden and visitor's center.
- Attendance:** Annual attendance ranges from 950,000 to 1.15 million
- Location:** Zoo – 500 Wildlife Parkway – just off I-126 at Greystone Boulevard in Columbia
Botanical Garden – 1300 Botanical Parkway – off Highway 378 in West Columbia
- Hours:** Open daily except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
The gates are open from 9am - 5pm daily; 9am - 6pm on weekends April - September
- Admission:** \$11.75 for adults, \$9.25 for children ages 3-12. Other special rates apply.
- Group Rates & Education:** Reduced rates are available for organized groups of 15 or more paying individuals who register at least two weeks in advance. Group rates: \$10.00 adults, \$8.00 ages 3-12. The Education Department offers programs for all ages.
- Special Timed Presentations:** Penguin Feedings: 11:00am and 3:30pm
Gorilla Presentation: 11:30am
Diving demonstration in the Aquarium Reptile Complex: 12:30pm
Bird show in the entry plaza: 1:30pm
Elephant presentation: 3:00pm
Keeper talks and animal encounters throughout the day
- Visitor Services:** Riverbanks features an indoor fast-food restaurant, a pizza and sandwich restaurant and several other food and refreshment stands. Unlimited rides and attractions wristbands are available at the front gate for \$20 per person and include unlimited lorikeet feeding, giraffe feeding, carousel rides, train rides, pony rides, rock climbing and 3D Adventure shows. A free picnic area is located at the west end of the park. Riverbanks' gift shops offer unique souvenirs for all ages. Strollers and a limited number of wheelchairs are available for rent.
- Riverbanks Society:** The Riverbanks Society is a state-chartered, non-profit, membership-based organization supporting the needs of Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.
- Telephone Number:** (803) 779-8717
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