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New Safari Express train debuts



ABILENE, Texas – The Abilene Zoo’s new wheelchair-accessible train is making tracks around the zoo this weekend.

“All of our guests will enjoy the new train’s roomier seating areas, but the caboose is what’s special,” said Executive Director Bill Gersonde. “It opens up to allow a wheelchair to roll right in.”

The train was built by Wattman Co. in Quebec Canada, and arrived last week.

During busy seasons, the zoo will run two trains, allowing more guests to enjoy this popular narrated tour throughout the park. As always, Safari Express rides are \$2, with tokens purchased at the front gate.

About the Abilene Zoo: The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 1000 animals of 250 different species. The zoo is open 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 3-12, \$6 for seniors aged 60 and older. Members are admitted free. www.abilenezoo.org. 325-676-6085.

Mission Statement: The Abilene Zoo is a place of learning and adventure, where families make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.

All zoo press releases can be found at: <http://abilenezoo.org/zoo-news/>