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Seal and Sea Lion Habitat at Glacier Run Now Open at the Louisville Zoo

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – The Louisville Zoo’s Seal and Sea Lion Habitat at Glacier Run, which officially opened on June 30, highlights a number of new and exciting additions to the Zoo.

“The Louisville Zoo is known for its award-winning, innovative exhibits and Glacier Run continues that tradition with a world-class zoo experience right here in our own back yard,” Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson said. “Glacier Run is an investment that will provide a major boost to our community and region’s quality of life and will be a tourism attraction for years to come.”

The Seal and Sea Lion habitat’s state-of-the art pool holds 108,000 gallons of salt water and has the potential to hold a total of 14 sea lions and seals. So far, four California Sea Lions, named Bart, Cicely, Triton and Kahula, as well as Toney, a Harbor Seal, call the habitat home, with more animals scheduled to arrive in the near future.

Fans can come and watch seal and sea lion training demonstrations at the new 200-seat amphitheatre every day at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. The animals are on exhibit daily until 4:30 p.m.

Construction for the Glacier Run Village began in September 2008. The first four phases of Glacier Run have now opened. They include the expanded Australian Walkabout, the Calistoga Splash Park at Glacier Run, Alice S. Etscorn Tiger Tundra exhibit and Seal and Sea Lion Habitat. Once completed, Glacier Run will include polar bears, Steller’s sea eagles, sea otters and an animal sanctuary.

“Our Seal and Sea Lion Habitat offers a high-quality, exciting experience that fundamentally advances your Zoo’s mission of ‘bettering the bond between people and our planet’ through education, recreation and quality family fun,” Louisville Zoo Director John Walczak said. “This exhibit gives visitors a unique opportunity to connect with playful and intelligent seals and sea lions through interactive Zoo keeper trainings and fun, educational presentations.”

The Louisville Zoo, a non-profit organization and state zoo of Kentucky, is dedicated to bettering the bond between people and our planet by providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors, and leadership in scientific research and conservation education. The Zoo is accredited by the American Association of Museums (AAM) and by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

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