



HISTORY



1923 - Bert Onsgard opens the Duluth Zoo with Billy the white-tailed deer as its first animal.

1959 - The Arrowhead Zoological Society is formed.

1962 - Mr. Magoo, an Indian mongoose donated to the zoo by a merchant seaman and sentenced to euthanasia by the US government, is granted a presidential pardon by John F. Kennedy.

1985 - The zoo is awarded its first Association Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation.

2009 - The City of Duluth transfers operations to the Lake Superior Zoological Society.

2012 - Torrential rains and flash flooding severely damage the zoo.

2016 - The City of Duluth and Lake Superior Zoological Society work together to create a new master plan for the zoo.



FACTS

20,000 people annually attend educational programs

Zoo camps - Zoomobiles - Field Trip Programs - Zoo Tots - Overnights

81,000 visitors in 2017

Easter EGGstravaganza - Earth Day - MAD Safari - Boo at the Zoo - Noon Years Eve

10-year contract with the City of Duluth

Awarded accreditation from the AZA again in 2017

Bear Country plans are designed and in the development phase

Our Mission: To provide close-up animal experiences which inspire connections to wildlife and action toward conservation in our region and around the world.