

# Earth Week Experiences Spark Curiosity About Wildlife and Inspire Conservation Efforts at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (March 22, 2021) - While Disney theme parks celebrate all living things every day, during the upcoming Earth Week Celebration there's an added opportunity for Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park guests to connect with the magic of nature through engaging activities designed to educate and inspire the whole family.

From April 18 to 24, Disney's Animal Kingdom will host limited-time experiences including unique Disney character appearances, fun learning opportunities, specialty merchandise, themed food and beverage, a new Wilderness Explorer activity and more.

- The Animation Experience at Conservation Station shows how Disney Artists bring favorite characters to life by using animals for inspiration. For the Earth Week Celebration, guests can learn to draw characters - including Dumbo, Terk, Squirt, Shere Khan, Simba and Scar - whose real-life counterparts represent amazing stories of conservation work around the globe.
- Guests can catch a glimpse of some special characters who will join other favorite Disney pals on Discovery River Character Cruises.
- A sampling of Earth Week eats include a selection of limited-time specialty cupcakes: the Creature Comfort's Honey Bee Cupcake, the strawberry-flavored Flamingo Cupcake at Flame Tree Barbecue or the Sea Turtle Graham Cracker Cupcake. Specialty beverages include The Red Crowned Crane, a frozen Coke topped with frozen Cherry Coke and strawberry cotton candy; adults can spice it up with Captain Morgan Rum.
- A series of self-guided, nature-themed challenges invite guests to earn a special Wilderness Explorer limited-time Earth Day Nature badge.
- Guests can hunt for an Earth Day 2021 limited-edition Te Fiti Moana trading pin, and also support the Disney Conservation Fund by purchasing a cuddly plush inspired by species that call Disney's Animal Kingdom home; or check out Island Mercantile's eco-friendly water bottles, tumblers and reusable bags that promote sustainability.
- Any time guests visit the park, they can marvel at unique animals and meet the newest arrivals. Most recently, the park welcomed the birth of Ranger, and guests can get a glimpse of the rambunctious 5-month-old calf and his rhino family on a journey aboard Kilimanjaro Safaris. While on safari, guests can also keep an eye out for two young Masai giraffe who were born a few months ago, and playful Nigerian dwarf goats that hang out at the warden's outpost.
- Beginning April 2, guests can watch artisans transform 40 tons of sand into a detailed sculpture celebrating National Geographic's "Secrets of the Whales," an original series

streaming on Disney+ on Earth Day. The intricate sculpted masterpiece will be located on the Discovery Island Stage until April 30.

For more information on how Disney cares for animals and helps protect species in the wild, visit [DisneyAnimals.com](https://DisneyAnimals.com), check out [“Magic of Disney’s Animal Kingdom”](#) on Disney+, streaming now, Disney Park Wild Sights, a short form video mini-series exclusive to the My Disney Experience app, or follow along on Disney’s Animals, Science and Environment [Instagram](#) (@DrMarkAtDisney) and [Facebook](#) (@DisneyASE) pages.

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