

Dinosaurs return To Oregon Zoo for Spring Break

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Zoo brings back popular 3-D thrill ride 'Dino Island II: Escape From Dino Island'

Oregon Zoo visitors come eye-to-eye with the threatening Tyrannosaurus rex, pteranodons and other dinosaurs in the return of the zoo's popular thrill ride, "Dino Island II: Escape From Dino Island." The feature, produced by SimEx-Iwerks, runs during the "Zoo's Gone Wild" spring break party, now through April 7. The "Dino Island" adventure catapults riders into the action from the very beginning. As a crisis unfolds on Dino Island, the Earth Science Team has to capture "Tony," the only male T. rex left in the world, before a volcano erupts and takes out all remaining life. It's a race against time as lava begins to flow, cliffs break away and dinosaurs come at riders from every direction. Nearly 362,000 people have experienced the zoo's simulation theater since it premiered in May 2003, generating more than \$1.2 million for many conservation and education programs at the zoo. "Dino Island" plays in the SimEx-Iwerks simulation theater located on the former entry plaza directly across from the Amur tiger exhibit, close to the Zoo Railway Station. In addition to regular zoo admission, a \$4.50 ticket is required. Members receive a 50-cent discount. Due to the limited number of seats, a maximum of 800 visitors per day are able to experience the ride.

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