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Dinosaurs are Back at the Zoo

Opening March 2: Dinosauria

February 28, 2017 – Jacksonville, FL – Pack your bags and take a trip to Dinosauria! Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is excited to bring back a guest-favorite exhibit, dinosaurs at the Zoo.

Opening March 2, Dinosauria brings 21 life-size, animatronic dinosaurs to the Zoo. Guests embark on a self-guided, paleontological journey back through time to the supercontinent of Pangea.

Favorites like Triceratops, Carnotaurus, and T. Rex are joined by a 50-foot long Spinosaurus and the mysterious Therizinosaurus. Watch out, one of them might even spit at you! Herbivores and carnivores, giant lizards to feathered and flighted, Dinosauria is absolutely dino-mite!

"We are excited to bring dinosaurs back to the Zoo," says Tony Vecchio, Executive Director of Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. "Dinosauria is sure to be fun for the entire family."

The exhibit is not only fun, it is also educational. Children are encouraged to get hands-on in the fossil dig pit. Signage teaches not only about dinosaurs, but also the shifting continents as land masses moved and climates changed. Vibrant welcome signs tell you what region of the world the dinosaurs were found in.

Dinosauria runs through July 7 and costs an additional \$4 for the general public and \$3 for Zoo members. The colossal exhibit is included in the newly revamped Total Experience Tickets. Dinosauria is free to members from March 5-9 during regular Zoo hours.

A dinosaur-themed Spring Camp is planned from March 19-23 featuring a unique educational opportunity to combine the fun of dinosaurs with learning about their modern relatives.

For a field guide to the dinosaurs and information about pricing and camps, visit www.jaxzoodinos.org

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About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and a portion of every ticket sold goes to the over 45 conservation initiatives Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

supports around the world, and here in NE Florida. JZG is proud to be an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit jacksonvillezoo.org.

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