



## Safari Niagara 2019 Fact Sheet

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Safari Niagara is a 150-acre nature park located in Stevensville, Ontario, and is home to over 1000 mammals, reptiles and birds. Founded in 2002 by the Tykolis family, Safari Niagara is an award winning, Canadian Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) and Zoological Association of America (ZAA) facility. Safari Niagara is a wonderful destination for people of all ages and abilities to get up close with the parks wild inhabitants. The park is completely interactive with free daily educational keeper talks, narrated tram tours, animal feedings and a petting farm. Safari Niagara also boasts an all-inclusive admission, which includes entrance to all activities such as Sky Quest Ropes Course, Bounce-A-Rooz and a Splash Pad.

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** At Safari Niagara, our goal is to bring you and your family a one-on-one connection with nature. We invite you to see the animals up close and get to know them. In this way, children of all ages can explore how we are all part of nature...and where we fit in. It is hoped that Safari Niagara will inspire future conservationists and nature-lovers by bringing them into a new environment.

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**SIZE:** Currently built on 150 acres of land, Safari Niagara has begun expanding into their additional 200 acres.

**ANIMALS:** Home to over 1000 domestic and exotic mammals, reptiles and birds.

**ANNUAL ATTENDANCE:** Safari Niagara attracts more than 150,000 guests annually from all over the world.

**MANAGER:** Tim Tykolis

**AFFILIATION:** Safari Niagara is an accredited member of the prestigious Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) and Zoological Association of America (ZAA) comprised of caring, trusted experts committed to



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ensuring that many endangered and threatened species are part of the world's future.

### **AWARDS:**

Safari Niagara has received numerous significant awards for its leadership in economic developments and positive environmental impact, such as the 2017 Business Excellence Fort Erie Attractors Award, 2018 Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence and the 2017 Trip Advisor Traveller's Choice

### **NEW FOR 2019:**

Safari Niagara plans to open a conservation centre for the 2019 season. New facilities will be built to help assist with quarantine and veterinary procedures with the hopes of opening a rehabilitation centre in the years to come. A Clouded Leopard and a new Rhino will join us this season.

### **EDUCATION:**

Safari Niagara offers children ages 6-12 the opportunity to engage in day camps throughout July and August, providing them with an educational, interactive and engaging experience with nature oriented programs. Safari Niagara also offers teachers and school groups the opportunity to learn and connect with wildlife through a customized professionally developed curriculum package.

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

Volunteers play an important role at Safari Niagara. They educate the public about wildlife, direct visitors, help assist with special events and help maintain the zoo's beautiful landscape.

### **COMMUNITY GROUPS:**

Safari Niagara is an avid contributor to the community. During the 2018 season, Safari Niagara collaborated with Bethlehem Housing, St. John Ambulance, Meridian Credit Union, CIBC, Cops for Cancer, Youth Resources Niagara, Cystic Fibrosis Niagara Region and Autism Ontario to offer discounted admission days with a kickback from



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admission costs to support charitable foundations. Through these fundraisers Safari Niagara was able to donate \$4,600. As the company grows, Safari Niagara avidly searches for new ways to become involved with the local community. A food drive campaign at our 2018 Boo at the Zoo event brought in nearly 7,000lbs of food, which was donated to local food banks.

### **PRIVATE EVENTS:**

Safari Niagara hosts a variety of private functions from corporate picnics, and family reunions to birthday parties and weddings. Safari Niagara can provide catered BBQ options and private space designated to your group.

### **ACTIVITIES/ KEEPER TALKS:**

Safari Niagara offers guests a variety of interactive activities and animal keeper talks:

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- Bounce A Rooz (*Jumping Pillows*) \*
- SkyQuest & SkyTykes (*Ropes Course*) \*
- Catch & Release Fishing \*
- Safari Speedway (*Pedal Bike Go-Karts*) \*
- Carousel \*
- Splash Pad \*
- Playgrounds \*
- Paddle Boats \*
- Walk Through Budgie Exhibit

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#### **KEEPER TALKS**

- Africa's Cat \*
- Giraffe Keeper Talk \*
- Indian Rhino Feeding \*\*
- Meet the Hippos \*
- Meet the Gibbons \*
- Meet the Wolves \*
- Meet the Otters \*
- Wonders Of Flight Demonstration \*
- Reptiles of the World \*

*\*Activities available June 1 - Labour Day Only. Splash Pad available starting mid-June, weather permitting. All activities and keeper talks are weather permitting.*

*\*\*Additional cost associated*



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### **CONCERTS/ EVENTS:**

Safari Niagara's Amphitheatre offers annual concerts and events. In 2019, Safari Niagara plans to host their fourth annual Brew at the Zoo, third annual Wild for Wine, seventh annual Boo at the Zoo and sixth annual Father's Day Car Show. Stay tuned for information pertaining to 2019 concert announcements.

### **BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS:**

Safari Niagara offers the chance to go behind the scenes tours with select animals throughout their facility allowing guests to get closer to the animals and learn about conservation efforts.

The following tours are available at an additional fee:

- Lion Experience
- Giraffe Experience
- Rhino Experience
- Jr. Zookeeper For A Day

### **FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Safari Niagara offers counter service food locations at their facility where a variety of food & beverage items can be purchased. The menus offer a mix of delicious offerings with something for everyone.

The following food locations are available:

- The Merembe House
- The Funky Monkey Lunch Box
- The Rowdy Rhino
- The Red Parrot Streatery (*Accessible from outside of the park*)
- KOOOL Stop

### **PARKING:**

Free on-site parking for guests.



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### **HOURS AND PRICES:**

*(Prices do not include taxes. Hours are subject to change without notice.)*

**May 18 - June 14:** 10:00AM - 5:00PM

Children 2 & Under are FREE

Children (3-12): \$20.95

Adults (13-64): \$25.95

Seniors (65+): \$20.95

**June 15 - September 2:** 9:00AM - 6:00PM

Children 2 & Under are FREE

Children (3-12): \$28.95

Adults (13-64): \$34.95

Seniors (65+): \$28.95

**September 3 - October 14:** 10:00AM - 5:00PM

Children 2 & Under are FREE

Children (3-12): \$20.95

Adults (13-64): \$25.95

Seniors (65+): \$20.95

### **WEBSITE:**

[www.SAFARINIAGARA.com](http://www.SAFARINIAGARA.com)

### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SafariNiagara](https://www.facebook.com/SafariNiagara)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/SafariNiagara](https://www.twitter.com/SafariNiagara)

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