

# Kids Korner

## Visit Philadelphia Zoo

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PHILADELPHIA (Philadelphia Co.) — Perhaps you think of vis-

iting the zoo as a summertime activity, but the zoo is open year-round and offers some advantageous for visiting off-season.

The animals are more alert and active on cooler days. The zoo is not as crowded with visitors. If you don't mind bundling up in winter coats, you can even visit the Philadelphia Zoo free every Sunday from December through February from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admire the polar bears swimming in the water. Laugh at the peppy penguins splashing in the water. Search for the white crocodile. The clumsy hippo lumbering toward the water is easy to spot. King Cobras is one of the world's deadliest snakes and can be seen in the recently renovated Amphibian

and Reptile House.

For a real thrill, take an elephant ride.

"The elephant put his ears back and touched by legs," said one brave elephant rider.

How about a camel ride?

If you aren't quite brave enough to climb aboard a tall camel or a gigantic elephant, you may want to try a pony ride offered in the Petting Zoo part for children.

Try to schedule your visit in order to watch the lion and tiger feedings. The animals sometimes give deafening roars, that sends shivers through you.

During the month of November, lion and tiger feedings are 3 p.m. weekdays, and 4 p.m. weekends. From December through March, feedings are 3 p.m. daily.

During the month of November, the zoo is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. From December through February, hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily. April through October, hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

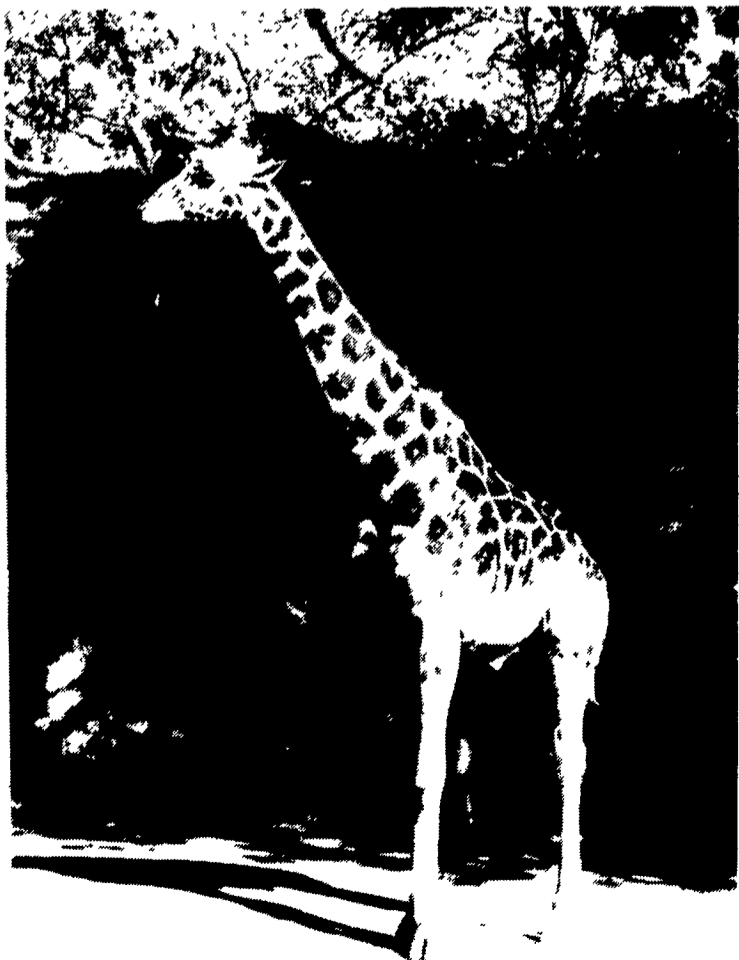
For more information about the zoo, call (215) 243-5200 or after business hours, call (215) 243-1100.



Polar bear is considering taking a cool splash.



During the cooler months, most of the animals are more alert and active, much to the delight of visitors.



With such a long throat, does the giraffe have difficulty swallowing?



For a real thrill, take an elephant ride. In addition to the entrance fee, it costs \$4 to ride the elephant and \$3 to ride a camel.



The majestic tiger suns himself on an autumn day.

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