The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, which was founded by Rabbi Joseph Baras and the Shulov family, is one of the few zoos that have been dedicated to conservation. The zoo is administered by a partnership of the Jerusalem Development Authority and the Tourism Ministry and is administered by a board that includes the Shulov family. The zoo has an area of approximately 250 dunams (roughly 62 acres). The route is about two kilometers long.

**Seeing the zoo**

**Members of the zoo** receive free entry, discounts at the gift shop, and their time. If you would like to join the Friends of the Zoo, please contact the zoo.

**The Friends of the Zoo and the Scholarship Fund**

The Friends of the Zoo are an independent non-profit organization. The zoo is home to more than 2,500 mammals, birds, reptiles and fish belonging to more than 250 species. At the zoo you will meet animals native to the Land of Israel that are mentioned in the Bible, many of which have become extinct in the wild; alongside species from all over the world, many of which are endangered. The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo leads many local wildlife conservation efforts to save endangered species. Read further to learn more about these efforts.

**The Noah's Ark Visitors' Center**

The Noah's Ark Visitors' Center has a cafeteria, gallery of rotating exhibits, and audio guide. The train does not run on Saturdays or Jewish holidays, or on days when the zoo is particularly crowded.

**The Zoo Train**

The Zoo Train provides transportation for visitors within the zoo campus. Pick-up and drop-off points are marked on the map. When the zoo is busy, the Zoo Train runs every 10 minutes. On days when the zoo is particularly busy, the Zoo Train may run every 5 minutes.

**Opening Hours**

Summer: SUN - THU: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM     SAT 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Fall - Winter: SUN - THU: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM     SAT: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Spring: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM     SAT: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Winter: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM     SAT: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Wildlife Rescue Center

If you would like to help rescue an animal in need, contact the zoo staff.

**Conservation Programs and Reintroducing Animals to the Wild**

The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo is a partner in international conservation efforts. It supports and participates in the breeding nucleus of Persian fallow deer. Together with the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, the zoo conducts reintroduction programs in the Nahal Sorek Reserve in the Jerusalem Hills and the Kziv Nature Reserve in the north and the Hula Lake Reserve in the Hula Valley. Together with the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, the zoo conducts reintroduction programs in the Nahal Sorek Reserve in the Jerusalem Hills and the Kziv Nature Reserve in the north and the Hula Lake Reserve in the Hula Valley.

**About the conservation efforts**

The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo has a large conservation staff that works on these efforts. The zoo staff would not be able to conduct projects involving breeding, conservation, rescue, research and reintroduction of animals to their natural habitat. Your contribution enables the zoo staff to continue important and necessary work. Thank you for your care and support.

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The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo leads many local wildlife conservation and breeding nucleus projects. The zoo has a variety of conservation efforts to save endangered species. Read further to learn more about these efforts.

**Threats**

Some species are threatened by hunting, pollution, habitat destruction, and other factors. The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo is committed to protecting these species and their habitats.

**What the zoo is doing about it**

The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo supports conservation efforts to save endangered species. Read further to learn more about these efforts.

**European Otter**

**Scientific name: Lutra lutra**

Status in Israel: critically endangered

**Threats:** aquatic habitat and other habitat destruction, human disturbance.

**What the zoo is doing about it:** presents educational talks and19 documentations of the species. Works in cooperation with the Israel Nature and Parks Authority to protect the species. The zoo is home to 19 otters, which are the largest population of otters in Israel.

**Eurasian Otter**

**Scientific name: Lutra lutra**

Status in Israel: critically endangered

**Threats:** aquatic habitat and other habitat destruction, human disturbance.

**What the zoo is doing about it:** presents educational talks and19 documentations of the species. Works in cooperation with the Israel Nature and Parks Authority to protect the species. The zoo is home to 19 otters, which are the largest population of otters in Israel.

**Griffon Vulture**

**Scientific name: Gyps fulvus**

Status in Israel: vulnerable

**Threats:** nest disturbance, poisoning, insufficient food supply, hunting.

**What the zoo is doing about it:** supports breeding nucleus at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. Provides nesting materials and a new nest platform. Works in cooperation with the Nature and Parks Authority.

**Ferruginous Duck**

**Scientific name: Aythya nyroca**

Status in Israel: critically endangered

**Threats:** aquatic habitat and other habitat destruction, human disturbance.

**What the zoo is doing about it:** presents educational talks and19 documentations of the species. Works in cooperation with the Israel Nature and Parks Authority to protect the species. The zoo is home to 19 otters, which are the largest population of otters in Israel.