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Zoo's Grassmere Historic Home Offers Victorian Christmas Tours

Guests visiting Nashville Zoo during the first three weekends in December can step back in time and experience a traditional Victorian Christmas. The Zoo's Grassmere Historic Home is offering yuletide tours Dec. 6-7, 13-14 and 20-21.

The home will be decorated for the holidays with greenery, ribbon and vintage decorations that belonged to Margaret and Elise Croft, former tenants of the Grassmere property whose family owned the land and home for five generations.

"We have a number of Christmas items, such as 19th-century ornaments, gift tags and other artifacts that Margaret and Elise collected over the years," said Tori Mason, the Zoo's historic farm manager. "The tour not only highlights these items but also explains some of that time period's traditions that we still honor today."

Tours will start daily at 10 a.m. and run on the half hour, with the last tour starting at 3 p.m. Tours of the home are included with Zoo admission. To take the tour, guests are asked to assemble on the home's front porch where the tour guide will meet them.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, call 615-833-1534 or visit www.nashvillezoo.org.

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