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Zoo's Historic Croft Home Offers Victorian Christmas Tours

Guests visiting Nashville Zoo during the first three weekends in December will have an opportunity to step back in time for a traditional Victorian Christmas. The Zoo's Historic Croft Home will offer tours on Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16. The historic 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," says Historic Farm Manager Tori Mason. "The tour not only highlights these items but also explains some traditions that started during that time period and 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 front porch of the historic home 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, please call 833-1534, or visit our website at www.nashvillezoo.org.

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