

No Federal President's Day Holiday this Year, but the ZOO is Still Celebrating!

What: This coming Monday, February 21st is called President's Day by most of us, but there will be no federal holiday by that name this year – nor has there ever been one any year in fact. It's officially listed as Washington's Birthday.

Nevertheless, Caribbean Gardens: The ZOO in Naples is celebrating President's Day weekend by offering a **coupon at www.napleszoo.com for one free child admission with each paid adult admission.** This offer begins Friday, February 18th and runs through Monday, February 21st, 2005.

Caribbean Gardens is a nationally accredited zoo and historic botanical garden offering a full day of fun wildlife presentations including two new shows as well as the Primate Expedition Cruise, a guided boat tour through islands of monkeys, lemurs, and apes. The zoo is open daily from 9:30 to 5:30 and the zoo recommends an early arrival to enjoy the animals at their most active and to see the shows. More at www.napleszoo.com or 239.262.5409.

President's Day? Whatever you call it, this holiday was standardized in 1971 when the government created 3 day weekends by declaring it would always fall on the third Monday of February. Ironically, this change guaranteed that Washington's Birthday would never again be celebrated on his true birthday of February 22, as the third Monday in February cannot fall any later than February 21. In general, Washington's birthday has been celebrated since 1796 when he was still president.

From the Federal Office of Personnel Management: This holiday is designated as "Washington's Birthday" in section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, which is the law that specifies holidays for Federal employees. Though other institutions such as state and local governments and private businesses may use other names, it is our policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law. www.opm.gov/fedhol/2005.asp

When: President's Day Weekend

Friday, 18 February 2005 through Monday, 21 February 2005

Where: Caribbean Gardens: The ZOO in Naples

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