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Puppies Join Main Pack & Wolf Park After Hours

Puppies in the Afternoon — After Hours Howl Night 7:30-11:00 pm
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Join us on Saturday afternoon August 14 to see the wolf pups move into the main pack enclosure. We will do this introduction in the early afternoon. The exact time depends on the pups, so come at 1pm when we open if you want to be sure to share this exciting moment! The pups are just about four months old. They have been raised by their human pup parents since they were two weeks old, and now they are ready to move in with the adult wolves.

Adult wolves are always nice to pups, even when the pups are not their own. So you can expect to see the adults giving the 40 lb pups a hearty welcome. Come winter the pups will be almost full sized. Pups living in the wild need to be ready to run with the pack at this point, so they grow very fast.

The time spent with human pup parents was part of a process called "socialization." It is this intensive contact with humans that allows our wolves to live comfortably among staff and visitors for their entire lives. This means they will have a low -stress life as ambassador animals.

There are three pups raised at Wolf Park this summer, and all three will move in with the adults for the time being. Later this fall two of the pups will be moving on to their final homes, one in Illinois and one in Montana. One female pup, Dharma, will remain at Wolf Park for the rest of her life, assisting Wolf Park's efforts to educate visitors about wolf behavior, wildlife conservation, and the web of life.

A Howl Night program starts off the night at 7:30, highlighting wolf behavior and communication and featuring human staff members interacting with the wolves. Stay after the program to enjoy the wolves as the sun sets and roast a marshmallow over a campfire under the stars.

OPEN 1-5 pm for walking tours. Howl Night Gates open at 7:15 pm.
Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 6-13.
Children under 6 and Wolf Park members are admitted free.



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