



ZOOLIGHTS BY THE NUMBERS



A quarter-century of glowing: Zoolights began in 1988, making 2013 the 26th annual edition of this Puget Sound holiday season favorite.

Here's a list of fun facts about Zoolights.

- **2.1 million** estimated visitors since 1988; **1.5 million** of them since 1997
- **550,000-plus** lights strung around the zoo
- **340,000** lights on ground cover and bushes

- **110,000** lights on pathways around the zoo
- **100,000** lights to make figurines
- **30,030** lights on the Flame Tree (20,000 purple, 10,000 green)
- **24,000** lights to make the Giant Pacific Octopus glow
- **125 switches** flipped to bring the magic to light every afternoon
- **100-foot span** on the Giant Pacific Octopus atop the North Pacific Aquarium
- **95-plus percent** of all the lights are energy-efficient LEDs
- **80-plus figurines/displays** arranged around the zoo
- **28 miles of light strings** – about the distance between Tacoma and Seattle
- **17-foot-tall** tiger head
- **15.5-foot** Mount Rainier
- **13 amps** to make the Flame Tree glow (down from 90 amps before LED lights were put into use)
- **5 miles-plus** of extension cords
- **2 extension cords** to power the flame tree (down from 9 before LED lights)
- **8 people and 10 minutes** to power up the lights every afternoon; it would take one person about 30 minutes
- **2 months** to install the magic of Zoolights every year
- **Billions and billions** of smiles and squeals of delight in 25 years

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