



Around & About - Cost: \$19.25
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park
1301 Summit Blvd, WPB

Carpool: Meet at 9:20am / Depart at 9:30am / Arrive at 10:00 am

It is hard to believe that a few barnyard animals have evolved into hundreds of animals residing at the Dreher Park Zoo, which would exist without the vision of Paul Albert Dreher, who was born in Wurttemberg, Germany. Palm Beach Zoo is located in Dreher Park, which was formerly known as Bacon Park. Bacon Park was a landfill and a tent city campground, until it was destroyed in the 1928 Hurricane. In 1932, Paul Dreher joined the Parks Department for the City of West Palm Beach, when he took a landscaping job at Bacon Park. Amazingly, Dreher envisioned a zoo on the 108-acre Bacon Park, despite the wasteland it resembled after the hurricane. The state owned Bacon Park, so he began a campaign to purchase the land. In 1951, West Palm Beach paid the state \$100 for Bacon Park which would be dedicated and renamed Dreher Park in October 1957. Paul Dreher then worked to develop the land into a usable park. The landfill was removed from the park, and swampland was filled in using backfill from the Palm Beach Canal. Today, the zoo houses over 500 animals on 23 acres and sees approximately 300,000 visitors annually, but initially all of the animals were donated by Dreher.

Lunch: TBA