

Guidelines for viewing the Japanese macaques (Monkey Mountain)

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Ichikawa City Zoological and Botanical Garden.








Regarding the guidelines for viewing the Monkey Mountain, we have been promoting the viewing rules on our official X account (@ichikawa_zoo) through trial and error, while prioritizing the reduction of stress for the Japanese macaques, and secondly ensuring that as many visitors as possible can enjoy the experience.

As a result, these rules have become widely understood and been followed by many visitors. However, we unfortunately still observe cases where the rules are not recognized. Additionally, we have seen an increase in feedback and complaints from visitors who have witnessed rules violations in the area.

Many animals including Japanese macaques and humans feel threatened by noise, sudden movements such as running, or being stared at by the same person for long periods of time. Furthermore, for gregarious animals like Japanese macaques, a threat felt by one individual can spread through the entire group, possibly leading to serious issues like fights among the monkeys. If this happens, the negative impacts on vulnerable individuals within the group, such as Punch, will consequently be significant.

We ask for your understanding in that if incidents of rule violations continue to increase, we will have no choice but to further restrict viewing, or potentially prohibit viewing of the Japanese macaques.

We once again notify everyone of the precautions and prohibited actions when viewing the Monkey Mountain as shown below:

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|  <p>Do not go into the “Do Not Enter” zones. Do not push or sit on the bars.</p> |  <p>We ask those who observe in the front row to crouch. Viewing in the front row is limited to ten minutes. Please promptly yield the front row to those in the back rows after ten minutes.</p> |  <p>Please remain quiet while viewing. Also, please do not run.</p> | |
|  <p>Please do not use umbrellas while viewing. Eating and drinking are prohibited while viewing.</p> |  <p>The use of step ladders, chairs, tripods, selfie sticks, and other photographic aids is prohibited.</p> |  <p>Live broadcasting in the zoo is prohibited regardless of profitable or non-profitable purposes.</p> |  <p>Please refrain from taking photos, recording videos or talking to the zookeepers who are checking on the Monkey Mountain as it could interfere with their tasks.</p> |

Our staff patrol the area and make effort to remind visitors to avoid any actions that may cause stress to the animals.

We ask for your kind cooperation so that everyone can root for Punch and the other Japanese monkeys in a fair and enjoyable manner.

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