



ROAR & EXPLORE

A colorful guest has arrived at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden!

This lion sculpture is part of Blank Park Zoo's Roar & Explore public art celebration honoring the Zoo's 60th Anniversary. Throughout the summer, a series of uniquely painted lion sculptures will appear at destinations across Greater Des Moines, encouraging the community to explore, connect, and celebrate the organizations that make our region special.

The sculpture was fabricated by Blank Park Zoo's internal facilities team and painted by an Iowa artist. While each sculpture shares the same lion silhouette design, every installation features its own unique artistic style.

African lions have been an iconic symbol of Blank Park Zoo for six decades, making them the perfect centerpiece for this community-wide celebration.

We are proud to partner with Blank Park Zoo to temporarily host one of these sculptures here at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden.

About the Collaboration

The Botanical Garden and Blank Park Zoo share a commitment to connecting people with nature, inspiring curiosity, and creating memorable experiences for our community.

By participating in Roar & Explore, the Garden is helping celebrate:

- Blank Park Zoo's 60th Anniversary
- Public art and creativity
- Community exploration across Greater Des Moines
- Partnerships between local cultural organizations

Make the Most of Your Visit

While you're here:

- Snap a photo with the lion sculpture
- Explore the Garden's indoor and outdoor spaces
- Visit Flora Café and the Garden Shop
- Discover seasonal blooms and exhibits
- Share your visit on social media

Explore More Lions

Additional lion sculptures are displayed throughout the Greater Des Moines region during the summer season. Visitors are encouraged to explore the community and discover as many sculptures as possible before the art trail concludes after Labor Day weekend.

To learn more about the Roar & Explore program and participating locations, visit [Blank Park Zoo's website](#).

