Animal Adventures

Who needs the elaborate trappings of a Disney World adventure when you can head across town to Zoo New England's Franklin Park Zoo for a bargain-priced $5 ride on its newest attraction Rhino Rescue? Billed as a 6D "edu-tainment" experience, this conservation-focused, CGI-animated film sets viewers in hot pursuit of rhinoceros poachers in southern Africa and uses state-of-the-art technology to make it more realistic with motion, wind and light effects. Quebec-based Triotech collaborated with the International Rhino Foundation and created the content for "Rhino Rescue" after its founder became aware of the endangered animal's plight while on a South African safari. So, put on those 3D glasses and strap on your seat belt—the ride's seats can make up to 400 movement per second—for one wild chase and thrilling close encounters with wildebeest, elephant and other savanna animals.

Percentage of ticket proceeds benefits rhino conservation in the wild. Franklin Park Zoo, 1 Franklin Park Road, Dorchester, 617.341.3466, zoonewengland.org

PARK IT HERE

It is easy to forget that you're standing in the heart of the Financial District on the stretch of the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway that now houses the all-new Tiffany & Co. Foundation Grove debuting this month. Clusters of honey locust and pin oak trees buffer the noise of nearby traffic and provide shade for families looking to take a break from sightseeing or grab food truck fare for lunch at Mobile Eats. The park's biggest attraction is undoubtedly its brand new, custom-designed Greenway Carousel that celebrates both the city of Boston and the natural New England environment with 14 whimsical animals imagined by school children and realized by local sculptor Jeff Briggs. Taken from land, sea and air, these characters range from sea turtle (like Myrtle at New England Aquarium) and cod to skunk (stinky, ew!) and a dramatic swooping barn owl. Plus, it's a bargain at $3 per ride.

"These characters have been a labor of love, and the biggest reward will be seeing the smiles on children's faces as they climb aboard."
—Jeff Briggs

Jeff Briggs' sculpture of the Barn Owl is one of many natural-world characters on the Greenway Carousel.

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Boy Meets World

Kicking off Huntington Theater Company's 2013-2014 season on Sept. 7 is Tony Award winner Mary Zimmerman's decadent world-premiere production of The Jungle Book, coproduced by the Huntington and Goodman Theatre in Chicago. The show, which chronicles the childhood of spunky Mowgli (starring Akash Chopra) and his life in the Indian jungle, is a new musical adaptation of Walt Disney's 1967 animated film and Rudyard Kipling's original classic collection of stories. If Chi-town's thrice-extended summer run is any indication, this promises to be a massive hit here in Boston.

Until Oct. 13. Boston University Theater, 264 Huntington Ave, 617.266.0800, huntingtontheatre.org