

Seneca Park Zoo, 2222 St. Paul St., Rochester

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## **American alligators will soon be leaving for the season**

Rochester, NY — September 14, 2009 – The three southern visitors to Monroe County’s Seneca Park Zoo will be heading home shortly. Three alligators, which came to us from St. Augustine’s Alligator Farm in Florida, have been at the Zoo since mid-May.

“The alligators are summer favorite here at the Zoo,” said Larry Sorel, County Zoo Director.

“We hate to see them go but look forward to their arrival again next spring.”

Make sure you stop by the Zoo to visit with our alligators before they make their trek home. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission Gates close at 4 p.m.

### **Did you know ...**

- An adult male can get as large as 11- to 15-feet-long while adult females are a bit smaller at 8- to 10-feet-long.
- Alligators are carnivores, feeding primarily on fish, turtles, snakes and small mammals.
- The sex of an alligator is determined by the temperature at which eggs are incubated. If the nest is below 86 degrees Fahrenheit all are female; above 93 degrees Fahrenheit all are male and the temperature in between will produce both sexes.

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Seneca Park Zoo is owned and operated by Monroe County. The Seneca Park Zoo Society is a not-for-profit organization which has, since 1957, provided education, fundraising, special events and public relations support to Monroe County’s Seneca Park Zoo. The Society offers various levels of membership to the Seneca Park Zoo, which includes discounted and/or free admission to more than 170 zoos and aquariums across the country. For additional information, check us out on the Web at:

[www.senecaparkzoo.org](http://www.senecaparkzoo.org).

