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**DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM INTRODUCES NEW HOURS AND ATTRACTIONS**

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.— Beginning April 1, 2018, Disney's Animal Kingdom at the Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts will introduce extended hours and several new attractions. These new park hours will kick off with a ribbon cutting at 6 p.m. with special guests in attendance.

While Disney's Animal Kingdom originally operated from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., its hours will now be extended from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Most Animal Kingdom attractions will remain open at nightfall and provide a new experience for park-goers. With new late-night hours come accompanying nighttime attractions, including The Tree of Life Awakens, Kilimanjaro Safaris After Dark and "The Jungle Book: Alive with Magic."

"The Jungle Book: Alive with Magic" is an attraction based on the live-action movie. The limited-engagement show takes the audience on a journey through the jungle with Mowgli through live singing, dance performances, projections onto water curtains, floating stages and fire-spinning routines. Jon Favreau, director of the live-action movie, helped develop the show and will be in attendance at the ribbon cutting along with the cast of the show.

"We couldn't be more excited to celebrate 'The Jungle Book' with this new live show," said Michael Jung, creative director at Walt Disney Imagineering Creative Entertainment. "It's going to be a perfect fit for Disney's Animal Kingdom."

Disney's Animal Kingdom opened on Earth Day, April 22, 1998, and it was the fourth theme park built at Walt Disney World. The park is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and the park is dedicated to the natural environment and animal conservation.

For more information, visit the website for Disney's Animal Kingdom at <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/animal-kingdom/>, follow Disney on Twitter @WaltDisneyWorld and "Like" the Facebook page at facebook.com/WaltDisneyWorld. For live updates on Twitter during the ribbon cutting, search for the hashtag #AKafterdark.

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