

Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

July – August 2018

July is Lake Appreciation Month

Lake Appreciation Day

Saturday, July 14th 8am–3pm

Celebrate lakes by participating in fun, educational and recreational activities. Show your appreciation for Barr Lake State Park through service activities on **Saturday, July 14th**. Bring your family, friends, and/or coworkers. Free park admission for volunteers!

**Please RSVP your participation
by calling 303-659-6005.**

Volunteer Service Projects from 8am–11am
includes a free Barr Lake St Park t-shirt!

Meet at the Nature Center

- ◆ Complimentary zero-waste BBQ lunch for clean-up volunteers at 11:00am at the Meadowlark Pavilion.

Afternoon Fun Activities

Boat Ramp Area from 12pm–3pm

- ◆ Archery demonstration
 - ◆ Face Painting
 - ◆ Boat demos
 - ◆ Jumping Castle & Climbing Wall
 - ◆ Boat safety information from Colorado State Park mascot: Talon – a red-tailed hawk
 - ◆ Brighton Fire Department with their boat and truck
 - ◆ Various vendor booths
 - ◆ Boat rides with the park rangers
 - ◆ Free canoe instruction*
- *limited supply

International Mud Day

Friday, June 29th 10am to 1pm

Second Annual at Barr Lake!

International Mud Day aims to connect children around the globe through the earth. Connect with others at Barr Lake. Play in mud! Just bring a change of clothes and a large plastic bag for taking wet, dirty clothing home. Call 303-659-6005 to let us know you're joining us.



Full Moon Hikes

Explore Barr Lake at dusk! The two programs listed below are designed for adults and families with children age 6 and up. They begin at the Nature Center.

CALL 303-659-6005 to RSVP. Limit 15 participants.

Full Moon Hike - Surf's Up



Friday, July 27th at 7:30pm

July is Lake Appreciation Month. Come discover some relationships between water, wind and the moon, using Barr Lake as an example. We'll also explore the importance and use of Barr Lake's water.

Full Moon Hike - Nocturnal Night Life



Sunday, August 26th at 7:30pm

What are the howling, hooting, glowing, and fluttering creatures of the night at Barr Lake? Explore mysterious nightlife revealed during the rising of the full moon.

Ladies Days Outdoors

Join our rangers and naturalists for a variety of activities intended to introduce you to outdoor fun and sport. All activities held at Barr Lake State Park



July 15	Novice Hunter 8am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm
July 22	S. Metro Pheasants Forever Shotgun Class 9am—1pm (includes lunch)
July 30	Archery 101 6pm—830pm
Aug 20	Beginning Birding (<i>call 303-659-6005</i>) 9am—11am
Aug 26	Duck Hunting 101 9am—1pm (includes lunch)
Sept 10	Elk Hunting 101 630pm—830pm

Check out the CPW website for more information and to register for everything except Beginning Birding.

<http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/OutreachClinics.aspx>

*All events are included with your park entrance fee or annual parks pass **unless otherwise noted.***



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Eagle Express

Take an express ride to adventure and great wildlife watching opportunities aboard our universally accessible, motorized Eagle Express!

The Eagle Express runs Saturdays from 10am-12pm and Sundays from 11am-1pm. Special July 4th run at 11AM!

***Space is limited to 13 people. Registration is required and can be made by calling 303-659-6005. The Eagle Express was a gift of Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Vehicle care and maintenance is possible through your generous donations.**

Evening Eagle Express July 10th and 24th, August 7th and 21st 4pm

Sit back and ride aboard the Eagle Express for a rare evening excursion on the entire Lake Perimeter Trail (conditions permitting).



Departure Time May Change due to weather and the lengthening days. **Space is limited to 10 people, so make a reservation by calling 303-659-6005 & confirm the departure time.** Dress for the weather and bring your picnic dinner, water and bug spray. Meet at the boat ramp to enjoy the 3-4 hour journey.

Historic Day

Saturday August 25th 10am – 2pm

Step back in time and explore what Barr Lake was like in the olden days! Join park historians and volunteers as we share the experiences and the dramatic stories of Barr Lake's former residents. Tour the historic Old Stone House, former home of the Bruderlin family, and learn about the tragedy that caused them to move away.



Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, July 8th, July 22nd,

August 5th and 19th 11am – 1pm



Join the Barr Lake rangers for this Introduction to Archery event. Loaner equipment will be on hand for use during class. Number of participants limited to 16 students, ages 6 to adult, registration is required. Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to register.

e-Mailing list

Would you like to receive the Barr Lake Oasis via email? If so, please send an Oasis e-mailing request to barr.lake.nature.center@state.co.us

Adult Polymer Clay Workshop

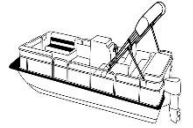
Sundays, July 29th and August 26th 1pm to 3pm

Unleash your creativity and learn how to make a fun owl sculpture or ornament out of polymer clay. Limited to 10 participants 16 or older. Supplies provided. RSVP required: 303-659-6005

Sunset Pontoon Boat Tours*

Friday evenings, 7pm July 20th, July 27th and 6:30pm August 17th

Enjoy the wonders of Barr Lake from a new perspective—the water! Join a Park Naturalist for a one-hour guided tour aboard Barr Lake's pontoon boat. You will meet new people, learn about boat safety and discuss the history of Barr Lake! Tours start at the boat ramp.



***Space is limited to 8 participants on the Pontoon. Registration is required. This program is made possible by your generous donations that support the care and maintenance of the boat.**

Nature Walk & Talk

Fridays, July 6th & August 24th @ 10am

Saturdays, July 21st & August 4th @ 10am

Share your knowledge, experiences and enthusiasm with other Barr Lake visitors and volunteers as we discover and rediscover the park's hidden treasures. No RSVP required. Program designed for adults. Meet at the Nature Center, dress for the weather.

J.A.T.T. Bike Ride

Fridays, July 6th, August 3rd, & Sept 7th at 6pm

Explore the Barr Lake 9-mile trail at dusk by bike "Just At Twilight Time". Call 303 659 6005 to RSVP. Limited to 25 bikes. Be sure to bring a light, water and a helmet. Twilight is a quiet time in the park and wildlife abounds. Come join a naturalist for this special time of day at the Park.



Saturday 9am Guided Bird Walks

Grab your binoculars and field guide, or check out a loaner set of ours, and enjoy an exciting morning of birding. Park Naturalists enthusiastically introduce Birders of all ability levels to Barr Lake's feathered residents and migrants. This is a great time to see summer residents and early migrants.

July 14th, Tammy & Ira

Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.



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KIDS' AGE-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

Meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

Toddler Story Time

Thursday July 5th & August 2nd, 10am – Noon



Join your pre-schooler (ages 3-5) years old, accompanied by an adult, to listen to stories about the natural world. Join Ranger

Danyel the first **Thursday** of every month at 10 a.m. for a different story sure to entertain your little one. The July program will be **Dogs**. The August Program will be **Squirrels!** *Please call Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to RSVP.*

Eaglet Explorer and Eagle Ranger

Barr Lake Summer Camp for Kids will cover a wide range of science and nature topics. Archery, a craft, and a nature hike are some of the activities the kids will enjoy. We will host an award ceremony on the final day of each camp. Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP.



- **Eaglet Explorer July 23rd & 24th 10am-12pm**

This Camp is for explorers ages 3-6 only, with accompanying adult.

- **Eagle Ranger July 26th & 27th 9am-12pm**

This Camp is for rangers ages 7 - 13 only. Accompanying adults are welcome but not required.

*****This event is limited to 25 kids.*****

Friday Night Campfire Tales

July 27th and August 24th from 7 to 8pm

Enjoy a good story, maybe a song or two, and roast marshmallows around the campfire with a ranger, followed by kids' crafts in the Nature Center. Please RSVP 303-659-6005. **Event limited to 25 kids.** The Friends of Barr Lake State Park sponsors this event. *The fire is ready around 6:30 if you want to bring hot dogs to cook for dinner.*

Mentor Day

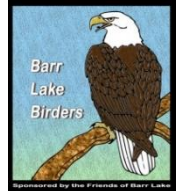
Saturday, August 11th 9am-2pm

Kids 18 & under will want to join us to learn more about outdoor skills! Representatives from Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, Sportsmens Alliance, Trout Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, & Environmental Learning for Kids will be here to teach kids outdoor skills such as archery, fishing, canoeing & laser shooting. Event held at the Boat Ramp area. Call the Nature Center to RSVP, 303-659-6005.

Kids Birding Club

Saturdays, 10am-12pm, July 28th & August 25th

Children will enjoy a community atmosphere while learning about the birding world during once a month club meetings of the Barr Lake Birders, a birding club exclusively for kids ages 6 - 15. No experience is required, just an



interest in birds and the outdoors. Call the Nature Center to sign up! 303-659-6005

In addition to the monthly club meetings, we will enjoy field trips to off-park birding sites, dates & times to be determined.

FRIENDS OF BARR LAKE EVENTS

Big Little Water Bus

Come join the water bus!

**Friday, July 6th & Monday, July 23rd
9:30am – 12:30pm**

Have you always wanted to try a paddleboard, a kayak or a canoe? Meet at the Brighton City Hall and take a bus for a free activities day at the park. Spend two hours trying out different water sports and enjoy a nice refreshing ice cream cone before returning on the bus. Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP.

Limited to 50 passengers.

Kite Festival

Saturday, July 7th from 10:00am-1:00pm



Get a FREE kite sponsored by the Friends of Barr Lake. Check out other kites and meet experts from kite clubs. **Please RSVP 303-659-6005** – we only have 100 kites.

Let's Go to the Drive In Movie!

Saturday, July 21st, 6pm – 9pm

(\$1 Donation per person to Friends of Barr Lake)

It's a night out for the kids! Have your little ones bring a box big enough to sit inside of comfortably and we'll help them decorate it to look like their very own car! We'll be showing the hilarious movie **Yogi Bear: Life's a Pic-A-Nic!** BYODinner, although water, soda, and popcorn will be available for an additional donation.



Movie starts at 7:30 pm. Please RSVP to 303-659-6005. Regular park entrance fee or annual pass required.



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Other Park Info, Amenities and Activities

HOURS OF OPERATION

Park property:

Open 7 days a week 5am – 10pm.

Nature Center Summer Hours:

Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am – 5pm

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

If your child is visiting the park and wants to earn a Junior Ranger badge, stop by the Nature Center to get the form.

We'll help your kid(s) learn to appreciate natural settings, the varied and exciting park ecology and the hard work it takes to maintain Barr Lake State Park as a wonderful place to visit!



EE GROUP RIDES*

Do the members of your club or organizations want to ride the Eagle Express? Make a reservation for your group. The Eagle Express holds up to 13 (adult-sized) passengers. For reservations, contact the Nature Center at least two weeks in advance of your trip request at 303-659-6005.

**Weather and trail conditions permitting. The Eagle Express was a gift from Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Barr Lake encourages and appreciates donations for vehicle care and maintenance.*

VOLUNTEER AT BARR LAKE STATE PARK

Do you love beautiful scenery, enjoy fresh air, and revel in that great feeling of accomplishment after a hard day's work? How would you like to meet friends, learn a new skill and work together as part of a project team? Join Barr Lake's family of volunteers in helping the park to thrive and improve. Sign up at the CPW Volunteer Page to fill in an application and contact our park manager.

<http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Volunteers/Pages/Opportunities.aspx#/>

Previous signup online required before attending training.



GEOCACHING

Do you enjoy following clues and visiting new locations? Are you good at reading a GPS or a map & compass? Geocaching could be the activity for you! Combine science and adventure to visit new areas around the park or around the state! Barr Lake is home to several cache locations and you're invited to find them. Go to Geocaching.com for more details about our caches and other caches around the world!



REGISTRATIONS, LICENSES & PASSES

Colorado Parks and Wildlife strives to make registering your boat, snowmobile or OHV or buying your parks pass as simple as possible. We know you'd rather be on the water or on the trail than on the phone. The Nature Center processes registrations, sells fishing and hunting licenses and issues daily and annual passes **seven days a week**. Come talk to someone at the reception desk about your needs today.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

STAND UP PADDLEBOARD/KAYAK/CANOE RENTALS

ON SATURDAYS JUNE 2 – JULY 28, plus JUNE 17TH & JULY 4TH.

Lessons and SUP Yoga also available. See the website www.5280paddlesports.com to reserve your participation. Some walk-ups available. 2 hours for \$30.

CAMP OUT!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 4PM 555 N 11TH AVENUE, BRIGHTON



The City of Brighton is pitching a tent for families this summer. Load up your camping gear and head to Brighton Park at the Brighton Recreational Center for the inaugural Camp Out event. Camp Out has room for total of 50 tents. Barr Lake State Park and the City of Brighton will provide 10 tents for this event for those families who either want to try something new or don't have a tent of their own. Camp Out will be an overnighter filled with outdoor fun and nature themed activities. Food, an outdoor movie, archery, campfires & s'mores, and a pancake breakfast. \$5 registration fee. Call 303-659-2200 for more information.



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