

Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

July – August 2019

Lake Appreciation Day

Saturday, July 13th 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 13th**. Bring your family, friends, and/or coworkers. Free park admission for volunteers!



Please RSVP by calling 303-659-6005.

Volunteer Service Projects from 8am-11am includes a free Barr Lake State 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
- ◆ Variety of local outdoors vendor booths
- ◆ Boat rides with the park rangers
- ◆ Free canoe instruction*

*limited supply

FAMILY FUN! – EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Eagle Express

Take an express ride to adventure and great wildlife watching opportunities aboard our universally accessible, motorized Eagle Express! Please contact us if you need accommodations for a wheelchair.

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.**

International Mud Day

Saturday, June 29th 10am to 1pm

Play in mud! Join us for our Third Annual Celebration at Barr Lake!



International Mud Day aims to connect children around the globe through the earth. And it's not just for kids! Adults are welcome too! Connect with others at Barr Lake. 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.

Health & Fitness Expo

Saturday, June 29th 10am to 2pm



The Brighton Chamber of Commerce and Discover Brighton would like to present a new event bringing awareness to health and fitness resources in our community. This expo will highlight local health providers, fitness experts and gyms, and other local resources. Activities will include fitness classes, health demonstrations, health screenings, an obstacle course, and vendors. The mission behind this event is not only to feature our members and businesses in our community, but also to encourage living a healthy lifestyle. This event is free and open to the public.

For sponsorship & vendor opportunities, please contact Miranda Guerra at miranda@brightonchamber.com or visit brightonhealthexpo.com

Nature Walk & Talk

Fridays, July 5th & August 2nd @ 10am

Saturdays, July 20th & August 17th @ 10am

Share your knowledge, experiences and enthusiasm with other Barr Lake visitors and volunteers as we discover and rediscover the park's hidden treasures. This is an unstructured walk designed for all ages. No RSVP required either. Meet at the Nature Center, dressed for the weather.

Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, July 7th, July 21st, August 4th and 18th 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.



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Bark in the Park

Saturday September 28, 2019 10am - 12pm

Celebrate the dog days of September with dogs!

This year's event is bigger and better than ever.

Look for the following, plus much more!

- Adams County Animal Shelter is coming with adoptable dogs
- Adams County Sheriff will have a K-9 demonstration at 11:00
- Samantha Markey Photography will do pet photos
- Ivan's All Natural Doggie Delights Food Truck for Dogs will have treats available for purchase
- K9cation will have an agility course & will be leading a trail walk at noon to end the event
- **Mountain View Pet Sitting, LLC and Chuck and Don's (Westminster)** will have tables at Vendor Row.

Join us for The Dog Biscuit Barr, and pose together at the funny-face Stand-In for that perfect photo op (if you can get your dog to put his face through the hole.) There will be a Pooch Pool Party, and the Dog Bone Kissing Booth. Come alone or bring your four-footed pal, and have your dog become a Bark Ranger. All visitors' dogs must be kept on a 6' or less leash and be under the control of their owners at all times.



EVENING EVENTS

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

Tuesday, July 16th 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

Thursday, August 15th 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.

e-Mailing list

Would you like to receive the Barr Lake Oasis via email?

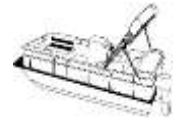
If so, please send an Oasis e-mailing request to barr.lake.nature.center@state.co.us with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.



Sunset Pontoon Boat Tours*

Friday evenings @ 7pm, July 19th, July 26th and August 16th and August 30th

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! These free 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. Event may be cancelled due to low water levels at Barr Lake.



Evening Eagle Express

July 2nd, 16th and 30th, August 13th and 27th at 4pm

Sit back and ride aboard the Eagle Express, our motorized tram, 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 only 10 people, so make a reservation by calling 303-659-6005.** 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.



J.A.T.T. Bike Ride

Fridays, July 5th, August 2nd, & Sept 6th 6pm

Explore the Barr Lake 9-mile trail at dusk by bike "Just At Twilight Time". Twilight is a quiet time in the park and wildlife abounds, a very special time of day at the Park. Call 303 659 6005 to RSVP. Limited to 25 bikes. A light, bug spray, water and a helmet recommended.

ADULT-CENTRIC WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Adult Polymer Clay Workshop

Sundays, July 28th and August 25th 1pm to 3pm

Unleash your creativity and learn how to make a fun nature-themed sculpture or ornament out of polymer clay. Limited to 10 participants 16 or older. Supplies provided through the generous support of the Friends of Barr Lake State Park. The workshop is free, but RSVP required: **303-659-6005**

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 20th and August 17th**

Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.



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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. Check out the CPW website for more information and to register.



Fly Fishing 101- Wed., Aug. 7th – 6pm – 830pm Meet at the Nature Center

Archery 101 – Tues., Aug. 20th – 6:30pm – 8:45pm Meet at Barr Lake Archery Range

Small Game Hunting Workshop – Tues., Sept. 17th 6:30pm – 8:30pm Meet at Barr Lake Nature Center

KIDS' AGE-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

Toddler Story Time

Thursday July 11th & August 1st, 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 at 10am in the Nature Center for a different story sure to entertain your little one. Usually our program is the first Thursday of the month, but because of Independence Day, we moved the July event. The July program will be **Coyotes**. The August Program will be **Butterflies!** Please call Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to RSVP.



Friday Night Campfire Tales

July 19th and August 16th from 7 to 8pm

Enjoy a good story, maybe a song or two, and roast marshmallows to make s'mores around the campfire with a ranger, followed by kids' crafts in the Nature Center. If the weather prevents having a fire, the event will be moved into the Nature Center. Please RSVP 303-659-6005.

For safety, this event limited to 25 kids.

The fire is ready at 6:30 if you want to bring hot dogs and fixing to cook for dinner. We can provide roasting sticks for you to use.

Mentor Day

Saturday, August 10th 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.

[All events are included free with your \\$8 park entrance fee or annual parks pass unless otherwise noted.](#)

Kids Birding Club

Saturdays, 10am-12pm, July 27th & August 24th

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

Let's Go to the Drive In Movie!

Saturday, July 20th, 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. Past years, the kids have decorated the boxes to look like cars, but this year the theme will be SPACESHIPS! We'll be showing the hilarious movie **Lilo and Stitch!** BYOD (Dinner), although water, soda, and popcorn will be available for an additional donation. Movie starts at 8:05 pm. Please RSVP to 303-659-6005

Regular park pass required for all vehicles entering the park, either an annual CPW pass or a \$8 daily pass.

Concert on the Prairie

Saturday, August 31th, 7pm to 9pm

Join us for a unique evening opportunity to enjoy the sounds of Colorado Southern Band. Admission is \$10 in advance or at the door (suggested donation) to support the Friends of Barr Lake. Buy your tickets in advance at the Nature Center. Refreshments will be available. Dress for the weather and bring bug spray.

Themed Birthday Parties

Have you ever wanted a unique birthday party to honor your child's birthday? Parties will include a nature related craft and hike. Call the park to schedule your next celebration. Cost is \$5 per child or \$7 per child if requesting a cake provided by the park.

Accompanying adults are free. \$8 per vehicle entrance fee still applies. Contact the Nature Center 303-659-6005 for additional information.

So many of our events and activities are only possible because of the generous contributions of the Friends of Barr Lake. Please support them by becoming a member or by attending their fundraiser activities. It's amazing what your donation does to support the park!



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Other Park Info, Amenities and Activities

PLEASE NOTE: All programs, services and activities of Colorado Parks and Wildlife are operated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need an accommodation because of a disability, please submit your request to Tracy Gripp, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216 or 303-291-7485 or tracy.gripp@state.co.us. To assure that Colorado Parks and Wildlife can meet your needs, please notify Tracy Gripp of your request at least seven working days prior to the scheduled event.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Park property:

Open 7 days a week 5am – 10pm.

Nature Center Summer Hours:

Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am – 5pm

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.

LEFTOVER BIG GAME AND FALL TURKEY

These licenses have gone through the draw process and still have quota remaining. For example, if there were 1000 licenses for a certain elk hunt code, and only 100 people applied in the draws for that hunt code, there would be 900 leftover limited licenses remaining.

FLOAT = Hunt code is part of a float group. Refer to first hunt code in group for quota. The 2019 leftover list should be available end of July. Leftover licenses go on sale August 6 at 9am MT.

Reissued Licenses

The reissue of big game limited licenses begins August 13, 2019. For more information, please see the License Refund & Reissue page.

Be sure to bring your appetite! The Friends of Barr Lake will have pancake breakfast available to enjoy while you're filling out your form and waiting your turn.

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.



STAND UP PADDLEBOARD / KAYAK / CANOE RENTALS

ON SATURDAYS through Labor Day
Lessons and SUP Yoga also available. See the website www.5280paddlesports.com to reserve your participation. Some walk-ups available. 2 hours for \$30. Park pass required.

Bird Conservancy Summer Camp

Are you looking to get your kids outside this summer? Our Bird Camps are a great solution! We have week-long, day camps for 4-12 year olds during July and August based right here on the North shore of Barr Lake. Scholarships are available, and you can register online at birdconservancy.org/register. Questions? E-mail stacey.monahan@birdconservancy.org

CAMP OUT!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2 PM 555 N 11TH AVE, 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 this fun 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 overnigher filled with outdoor fun and nature themed activities. Food, archery, campfires & s'mores, a pancake breakfast and more! \$10 per family registration fee. Call 303-659-2200 for more information.



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