

Barr Lake Oasis...



A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

July – August 2017

July is Lake Appreciation Month

Saturday, July 15th 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 15th**. 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 SP tee-shirt!

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

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.**

Tuesday Evening Outings on the Eagle Express 4:00pm to sunset

July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd

Sit back and ride aboard the Eagle

Express for a rare evening excursion out to the bald eagle nest-viewing site. **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 two- to three-hour journey.


Full Moon Hikes

Envision yourself taking an evening hike while experiencing the setting sun and the rising full moon. Explore Barr Lake at dusk and enjoy a summer evening outdoors! *Moon walk programs are designed for adults and families with children age 6 and up. Please RSVP by calling 303-659-6005. See schedule below for monthly topics.*



NEW! Please note that this hike is limited to 15 participants and RSVP is requested.

Full Moon Hike – Surf's Up

 Sunday, July 9th 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.

NEW! Please note that this hike is limited to 15 participants and RSVP is requested.

Full Moon Hike – Nocturnal Night Life

 Monday, August 7th 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.

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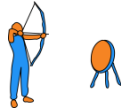
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Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, July 2nd, July 23rd, August 6th and 20th
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.**



Historic Day

Saturday August 26th 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 Bruderdlin family, and learn about the tragedy that caused them to move away.

Adult Polymer Clay Workshop

Sundays, July 30th and August 27th 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

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 22nd, Tammy & Ira
August 19th, Tammy & Ira

Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.

Sunset Pontoon Boat Tours*

Friday evenings, 7pm July 7th and 6:30pm
August 4th

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.**

ages 6 to adult, registration is required. Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to register.

Imagine the Prairie

Saturday, August 19th, 5 pm

Right before the Concert on the Prairie!

Come explore the history of the Barr Lake area before it had a reservoir. We'll walk the Prairie Welcome Trail and discuss our part of the Great Plains as it was 150 years ago and how it differs from today. With a stop at the tipi, we'll discuss the plants, animals and people which used to call the area "home sweet home".

J.A.T.T-Just About Twilight Time

Friday nights July 28th Aug 25th & Sept 29th at
6:30pm

Explore Barr Lake nine-mile trail at dusk by bicycle! "Just At Twilight Time". Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP. Be sure to bring a light, water, bug spray 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.

KIDS' AGE-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

Meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

Toddler Story Time

Thursday July 6th & August 3rd, 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 **Boats**. The August Program will be **Bees!** *Please call the 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 17th & 18th 10am-12pm**
This Camp is for explorers ages 3-6 only, with accompanying adult.
- **Eagle Ranger July 20th & 21st 9am-12pm**
This Camp is for rangers ages 7 - 13 only. Accompanying adults are welcome but not required.

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Friday Night Campfire Tales

July 21st and August 25th 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 sponsors this event.

The fire is ready around 6:30 if you want to arrive early and bring hot dogs to cook for dinner.

Mentor Day

Saturday, August 12th 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, Trout Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, & Environmental Learning for Kids will be here to teach kids outdoor skills such as archery, fishing, canoeing & laser shooting. Call the Nature Center to RSVP, 303-659-6005.



Solar Eclipse

Monday, August 21st 10am to 1pm

The solar eclipse is not just about seeing the eclipse. This is a chance for children and adults to learn about space and the outdoors. It's a chance to experience one of the rarest celestial phenomena in your lifetime. Fun experiments and special viewing setups provided. RSVP required - 303-659-6005



International Mud Day

Thursday, June 29th 10am to 1pm

First 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.



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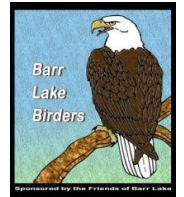
Kids Birding Club

Saturdays, 10am-12pm, July 23rd & August 20th

Children will enjoy a community atmosphere while learning about the birding world during once a month club meetings of the Barr Lake Birders, a new birding club exclusively for kids ages 6 -15. No experience is required, just an interest in birds and the outdoors. **In addition to the monthly club meetings, we will enjoy field trips to off-park birding sites, dates & times to be determined.**

Call the Nature Center to sign up!

303-659-6005



Outdoor Adventure Days

Saturday, Sept 23rd & Sunday, Sept 24th @ Cherry Creek State Park

Coloradans are invited to Cherry Creek State Park for a weekend filled with free outdoor activities and fun. This hands-on event will feature boating, shooting sports, active recreation, and fun, family-focused activities designed to inspire excitement and new outdoor adventures. Call Cherry Creek State Park for more information. (303) 690-1166

Generation Wild!

Kids grow better OUTSIDE!

Playing outside isn't just fun, it's also hugely beneficial. Research has shown that children who play outside are more creative, less aggressive, less stressed, and have reduced ADHD symptoms. Plus, spending time in nature as a child helps you grow to appreciate the environment as an adult. Generation Wild is a movement created by Great Outdoors Colorado to inspire kids to reconnect with nature. Their launch campaign, 100 Things to Do Before You're 12, was started to help kids kick off a lifelong love of nature. Find out more at GenerationWild.com, and follow Generation Wild on Instagram and Facebook. Learn more about Great Outdoors Colorado. <http://www.goco.org/>

Geocaching at the Park

Ongoing

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!

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Immersion in Nature

Family walk: Saturday August 5th 10am

Adults only: Friday, August 18th 9 am

Join us for a de-stressing walk in the park. Based upon the Japanese practice of "Shinrin-Yoku" also known as "forest bathing", this walk lasts around two hours with no destination or purpose other than to be in nature.

Engage four of your five senses on the trail to breathe, touch, look, feel and hear the world around you. Meet at the Nature Center. Dress for the weather but leave your devices, gadgets and binoculars behind. No RSVP required. Please note NEW start time.

Ladies Day Out(doors) Seminar- ARCHERY 101

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Learn the basic parts of bows/arrows and then spend the rest of your visit on the range learning how to shoot a compound bow. Class size is limited to 20 participants and participants must register. The Ladies Day Out (doors) Seminar series is designed as an educational opportunity for women who want to learn about various hunting, fishing and shooting sports opportunities available in Colorado, and are generally 2.5 hours long. Sign up with a friend, kick off your boots and enjoy a "wild" day out. **To register:** <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/105157>

Historic Tipi Talks

Ongoing

Ever wondered what it is like to live on the great prairies? Ever want to know what the inside of a "wigwam" or "teepee" looks like? Our tipi is up and waiting for your visit. We'll have walking talks throughout the summer. Check with the Nature Center for the latest schedule.

NEW! Equine Playground

Ongoing

Come play with your horse at Barr Lake! With the financial help of The Friends of Barr Lake, the Natural Trail Riders group from the Brighton area designed and installed a 66-foot round pen with a ride through gate. Other obstacles are the slalom, barrels for working equitation, rope gate, log jam, bridge, weave with logs, car wash with noodles, log jumps, figure 8 and teeter totter. Bring your horse and come play, be safe and take care of the obstacles. At this time, no RSVP required.

FRIENDS OF BARR LAKE EVENTS

Big Little Farm Tour

**Saturday, June 24th 1pm – 5pm & Friday,
July 28th 1pm – 5pm**

Join us on a bus tour and visit the Bromley Koizuma Hishinuma Farm and the Bergman Barn at Barr Lake State Park. We will tour both farms and learn about the history of agriculture at each location. Snacks will be served at the Bergman Barn, and there are items available for sale at the Bromley Farm. This event is free to all.

Tour pick-up and drop-off will be at Lulu's Farm Market at 144th and Hwy. 85 on the west side of the parking lot. Lulu's is open until 6:00 pm for additional shopping opportunities for fresh produce, snacks, meats dairy items, and other items.

Please call the Nature Center at Barr Lake State Park at 303.659.6005 to reserve your spot on the bus.

Let's Go to the Drive In Movie!

Saturday, July 29th, 7pm – 9:45pm

(\$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 ***Angry Birds!*** BYO 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 entrance fee or annual parks pass required.*



Concert on the Prairie

Saturday, August 19th, 7pm to 9pm

Join us for a unique evening opportunity to enjoy the sounds of **Colorado Southern Band.**

Admission is \$15 to support the Friends of Barr Lake. Buy your tickets in advance at the Nature Center or pay at the door. Refreshments will be available for additional donation. Dress for the weather and bring bug spray. See also the free "Imagine the Prairie" event for a Naturalist guided hike on the Prairie Welcome Trail.

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

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