

Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

May—June 2019

Spring Fishing Clinic

Saturday, May 4th from 8am to 1pm



100 FREE poles for the first kids to sign up for a day filled with fishing tips and giveaways! We'll meet at

the boat ramp. Please call Nature Center for reservations at **303-659-6005**.

New Nature Center Hours

Starting on April 1st, the Nature Center summer hours are:

Saturday & Sunday – 9AM – 5PM

Monday through Friday– 9AM – 4PM

At the Nature Center, we sell daily and annual state park passes, process registrations for boats, OHVs and snowmobiles, plus issue hunting and fishing licenses. We also have snacks and beverages, a bookstore, as well as information about the Friends of Barr Lake, Barr Lake State Park and other Colorado state parks to make your visit more enjoyable.

Eagle Express*

Reserve your spot for a trip to great wildlife watching opportunities aboard our universally accessible, motorized Eagle Express!

Your destinations are the gazebo with a great view of the bald eagle nest and the heron and cormorant Rookery at mile marker three. However, you never know what will fly, crawl, or



gallop past the Eagle Express on the way there!

Reserve your spot for a Saturday trip from 10am-12 pm (except July 13th) or a Sunday trip from 11am-1 pm by calling the Nature Center at 303-659-6005.

Regular scheduled runs begin Mother's Day, May 12th. Look for a special run on Memorial Day too.

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

EVENING ACTIVITIES at the Park

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 and conclude there with refreshments after the hike. **CALL 303-659-6005 to RSVP. Limit 15 participants.***



The Man on the Moon Speaks

Saturday, May 18th at 7:00 pm

And man, does he have a lot to share with you! Come discover some interesting relationships and little known moon facts. Is there really a dark side of the moon, what are its phases, and much more? **Limit 15 participants.**

Summer Solstice & the Strawberry Moon

Friday, June 21st at 7:30 pm

Did you ever wonder if the plants in your backyard are edible or medicinal? Enjoy a first evening of summer adventure where we explore the uses of plants around Barr Lake. Be enchanted by the folklore of strawberries and other plants on this summer solstice journey. **Limit 15 participants.**

Sunset Pontoon Boat Tours*

Fridays, May 24th & June 21st at 7pm

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. Reserve your seat today. Meet at the boat ramp. ***Space is limited to six participants. Registration is required and can be made by calling 303-659-6005. This program is made possible by your generous donations that support the care and maintenance of the boat.**

J.A.T.T. Bike Ride @ 6pm

Fri May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, & Sept 6th
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.



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Kids' Age-specific Programs

Please pay particular attention to the different age requirements for each program. No younger or older children are allowed! Only 15 slots are available for each program, the overnight camp has a fee. Reservations are required by calling 303-659-6005.

Beginning Gardening for Kids

Sunday, May 19th 3pm

Come see Barr Lake in springtime and get excited to start your own garden! Our class will include a short nature walk to see what kind of plants grow in Colorado, and then cover gardening basics. Kids will learn how to get started with seeds, take care of plants, and plant their own flowers in pots to take home. Class registration is required and limited to 20 kids ages 5 y.o. to 12 y.o.

Barr Lake Birders

Saturdays, May 18th & June 15th, 10am – 12pm



Children will enjoy a community atmosphere while learning about the birding world during once a month club meetings of the Barr Lake Birds, 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**

Kids Overnight Adventure Camp

ages 7 to 13 only

Sat, June 8th @ 5 pm thru Sun, June 9th @ 10 am

Take advantage of a rare opportunity to spend the night in the park. Kids will enjoy a grilled dinner, play games, work in teams, exercise their nocturnal skills in observing wildlife on a night hike, sleep under the stars (in their own tent), and relish a hearty breakfast with new friends. Parents may participate as event chaperone. **Fee per child is \$25 due at time of registration; cash or check only. Make checks payable to the Friends of Barr Lake.**

A MAXIMUM 30 SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT so registration is required. An outline and list of required supplies will be shared after registration and payment.

Colorado Public Lands Day

Saturday, May 18th 9-12pm

Bring your family, friends and coworkers for a day of outdoor fun and stewardship. Help with shoreline cleanup, painting and general park maintenance.

International Mud Day

Saturday, June 29th 10am – 12pm

International Mud Day aims to connect children around the globe through the earth on June 29. Wear your old clothes. Use our sandbox toys. Play in mud! (We suggest bringing a change of clothes for the ride home, too!)

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, May 2nd and June 6th 10am-12pm

Bring your pre-school child to listen to stories about the natural world. Join Ranger Danyel the first Thursday of every month for a different story sure to entertain your little one. **May will be about growing pumpkins and June's topic is boating!**

Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP 303-659-6005.

Eaglet Explorer and Eagle Ranger Programs

Barr Lake Summer Camp for Kids will cover a wide range of science and nature topics. Archery, 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 both camps.

• Eaglet Explorer June 24th and 25th 10am-12pm

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

• Eagle Ranger June 27th and 28th 9am-12pm

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

All vehicles and pedestrians entering the park must have a valid Colorado Park Pass.

Friday Night Campfire Tales

May 17th and June 21st from 7pm to 8pm

Enjoy a good story and roast marshmallows to make s'mores around the campfire with a ranger, followed by kids craft in the Nature Center. There will be a sing-along on May 17th.so bring your best singing voice! Please RSVP 303-659-6005. Number of participants limited to 25 kids, and we don't want to run short of marshmallows! *The fire will be ready at 6:30 if your family wants to bring hot dogs & fixings to cook over the fire. We'll provide the roasting sticks.*

E-mailing list

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



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We Need Your Help on Lake Appreciation Day!

**SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY
JULY 13 8AM – 3PM**

Show your appreciation for Barr Lake State Park through our annual volunteer event. Bring your family, friends, scout group, and/or coworkers for

- ◆ Volunteer projects from 8:00-11:00am
- ◆ BBQ lunch at 11:30am
- ◆ Many fun activities from 12:30-3pm.

Free park admission for volunteers! **RSVP necessary for groups of five or more by calling 303-659-6005.**

Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, May 5th & May 26th and June 2nd & June 30th, 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.**



Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day

Friday, May 17th, All Day

This is an easy event to participate in and document - just send us pictures or post it on our Facebook page www.Facebook.com/BarrLakeStatePark. Our staff will be wearing our life jackets so come see how handsome we all look! Get spouse/plus one, family, and friends to participate. At 10AM, we're going to have a FACEBOOK LIVE event! Tune into our Facebook page and join us for a lively conversation!

OTHER WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMING

Saturday Guided Bird Walks at 9am

Grab your binoculars and field guide, or check out a loaner set of ours, and enjoy an exciting morning of birding at Barr Lake. Park Naturalists introduce birders of all ability levels to Barr Lake's feathered residents and migrants. March and April are great months to view birds before the trees grow their leaves and the birds become more difficult to find. In addition to a variety of wintering songbirds, you may find the raptor and waterfowl watching this time of year to be exceptional!



May 4th and June 15th, Tammy and Ira

Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.

Adult Polymer Clay Workshop

Sunday, May 19th and June 23rd 1pm to 3pm

Unleash your creativity while learning how to make a cute nature-themed ornament out of polymer clay. Supplies and instruction provided for this fun make it, take it and bake it (in your home oven) craft. Limited to 10 participants, 16 or older, so be sure to RSVP by calling **303-659-6005**.

Tuesday Evening Outings on the Eagle

Express 4:00pm to sunset

May 7th & 21st, and June 4th & 18th

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.* **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.



Nature Walk & Talk

Fridays, May 10th & June 7th @ 10am

Saturdays, May 25th & June 22nd @ 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.*

Friends of Barr Lake Events

Join the Friends of Barr Lake in some great activities that will expand your understanding and appreciation of the Park. For information about joining the Friends of Barr Lake, go to **www.FriendsofBarrLake.org**

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.



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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.

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.

Important Park Info and Updates!

Here are other events in the park sponsored by our great park friends and neighbors

11th Annual Sean May Memorial Run

Saturday, May 11, at 9am

The Access to Justice Committee of the 17th Judicial District (17th JD) along with its non-profit partner, the Access to Justice Resource Group, and the Colorado Bar Association are pleased to announce the 2019 Sean May Memorial Run/Walk (SMMRW) at beautiful Barr Lake State Park to benefit programs of the 17th JD Access to Justice Committee. Please join in honoring Fallen Heroes. There will be a Fallen Heroes Honor Garden at the event. You may purchase a flag in the name of your fallen hero to place in the garden. To register for the race, go to <https://seanmaymemorialrun.org/>

NOTE TO HORSE RIDERS AND BICYCLISTS:

*The Lake Perimeter Trail will be crowded the morning of this run. If you are coming to use the trail, considering starting your ride later in the day.
Thank you.*

Most events listed are free See event description for exceptions.
\$8 daily or annual parks pass required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

BBQ for the Birds

Saturday May 18th from 8am - 1pm,



Join Bird Conservancy of the Rockies for their annual celebration of people, birds and land! Visit with their staff and volunteers, and learn more about their science, education and land

stewardship programs. Get inspired to help conserve birds around your home and in your community! For more information about admission fees and to RSVP (before May 6), go to www.birdconservancy.org/bbqsvp or call 720-634-1076

Bird Conservancy Summer Camp

Are you looking to get your kids outside this summer? Do you want them to make new friends and gain self-confidence? Then look no further! Our Bird Camps are right for you! Camp content and activities are designed in a progression to introduce young children to the outdoors and build their skills over time using birds as a connection for all youth. We have week-long, day camps for 4-12 year olds during the months of July and August based right here in Brighton, CO. We also have overnight camps based in Allenspark, CO for 12-17 year olds which are designed to develop scientific and leadership skills. Campers have the opportunity to work with professional scientists and develop their own creative research projects. Scholarships are available, and you can register online at birdconservancy.org/register. Questions? E-mail stacey.monahan@birdconservancy.org

Bald Eagle Hike for Homeschool Families

Friday, May 3rd from 9am-12pm

Join the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies for their annual Bald Eagle Hike at Barr Lake SP. Learn about the habitat and lifestyle of Bald eagles, and then borrow BCOR's binoculars to look to the skies to find the birds on the wing! It's a great way for the whole family to enjoy the outdoors and learn about the importance of these magnificent birds. Register at birdconservancy.org/register. Suitable for family members ages 4 to 104. \$5 registration required.



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