

Barr Lake Oasis...



A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

July – August 2015

July is Lake Appreciation Month

Saturday, July 11th 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 11th**. 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
- ◆ 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.

**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 7th, 21st, August 4th and 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, 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.

NEW! Elk Camp

Saturday, August 8th 2pm– Sunday, August 9th at 9am
Never been able to go elk hunting? Experience an elk camp at Barr Lake. The camp will include hunting seminars sponsored by Cabela's and Tightline Outdoors, archery contest, cooking classes and camping in a LARGE hunting tent. Please bring your own camping equipment. For more information and to RSVP, call 303-659-6005. Class limited to 25 participants ages 12-adult.



Sunset Pontoon Boat Tours*

Friday nights, 7pm July 3rd, 10th, 31st, and 6:30pm August 7th & 28th

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 are starting from the boat ramp.

**Space is limited to 8 participants on the Pontoon. 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.*

Basic Archery Instruction



Sundays, July 5th, July 19th and August 2nd, 23rd 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.**

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 18th, 9:00am Marilyn

July 25th, 9:00am Tammy & Ira

August 1st, 9:00am Marilyn

August 8th, 9:00am Tammy & Ira

Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.

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

Friday nights July 24th and August 28th 6:00 pm
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.

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. See schedule below for monthly topics.*



Full Moon Hike - Surf's Up

Thursday, July 2nd 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.



Blue Moon Hike

Friday, July 31st at 7:30pm

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?



Full Moon Hike - Nocturnal Night Life

Saturday, August 29th 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.

KIDS' AGE-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

Meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

Let's Go to the Drive In Movie!

July 24th 7pm - 9:45pm

(\$5 Donation 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 serve pizza and popcorn for dinner, as well as show the hilarious movie *Shrek 2!*

BYOB, although water and soda will be available for an additional donation. Movie starts at 8:15. Please RSVP to 303-659-6005



Kids Birding Club

Saturdays, 10am-12pm, July 18th & August 22nd

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.

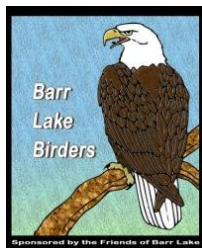
In addition to the monthly club meetings, we will enjoy field trips to off-park birding sites, dates & times to be determined.

Call the Nature Center to sign up! 303-659-6005

Friday Night Campfire Tales

July 17th and August 14th from 7 to 8pm

Enjoy a good story and roast marshmallows around the campfire with a ranger, followed by kids craft in the Nature Center.



Toddler Story Time

Thursday July 2nd & August 6th, 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 **Fish**. The August Program will be **Owls!** *Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to RSVP.*



Beginning Shotgun Class for Youth

Saturday, July 25th 8am-12pm and 1:00pm-4pm

Youth will learn about gun safety, shotgun shooting at clay targets, field safety and hunting with dogs. Ages 10-18 with a mentor.

Mentor Day for Kids!

Saturday, August 15th 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 & the Wildlife Experience will be here to teach kids outdoor skills such as archery, fishing, canoeing & laser shooting. Call the Nature Center to RSVP, 303-659-6005.

NEW! Pilates in the Park

Wednesday July 15th & August 19th 11AM

Join us for free, Pilates classes at Barr Lake's Nature Center on two Wednesdays during the summer. Classes are open to all experience levels. Please bring a mat, sunscreen and water bottle. For more information and to RSVP, call 303-659-6005. Each class limited to 12 participants.

FISHING!

Belly Boat Fishing for Women

Saturday, August 1st, 8am-11am

Learn about fishing from a belly boat from Ranger Matt. Belly boats and fishing gear will be provided. Come out and catch the big one!

Fishing for Kids!

Saturday, August 22nd, 8am-10am

Kids, ages 5-12 years old, will learn fishing techniques from Ranger Matt on a pontoon boat. **Space limited to 8 kids & reservations are required.** *Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to RSVP.* Poles and bait provided.



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