

# Barr Lake Oasis...



A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

July – August 2016

## July is Lake Appreciation Month

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

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.



### Elk Camp

Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 10am–3pm

Never been elk hunting? Experience elk camp at Barr Lake! The camp will include hunting seminars (sponsored by Cabela's, Rocky Mountain Specialties and Tightline Outdoors.) For more information and to RSVP, call 303 659 6005. Class limited to 25 participants ages 12-adult.

### Sunset Pontoon Boat Tours\*

Friday evenings, 7pm July 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, and 6:30pm August 12<sup>h</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

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.

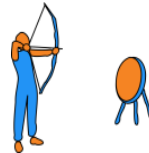


*\*Space is limited to 8 participants on the Pontoon. Registration is required. This program is made possible by your generous donations that support the care and maintenance of the boat.*

### Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am Marilyn**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am Tammy & Ira**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am Marilyn**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am Tammy & Ira**

*Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.*

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

Friday nights July 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 19<sup>th</sup> & Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## NEW!!! Historic Day

Saturday August 27 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.

## 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

Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9:45pm

(\$1 Donation per person to Friends of Barr Lake plus regular park admission or annual pass.)

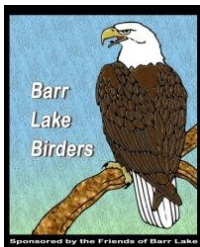


It's a night out for the kids! Have your little ones bring a box big enough to sit inside of comfortably and we'll help them decorate it to look like their very own car! We'll show the hilarious movie *Finding Nemo!* BYODinner, although water, soda and fresh popcorn will be available for an additional donation. Movie starts at 8:15. Please RSVP to 303-659-6005

## Kids Birding Club

Saturdays, 10am–12pm, July 23<sup>rd</sup> & August 20<sup>th</sup>

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 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> 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 so we have enough supplies.

## Toddler Story Time

Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> & August 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 **Stars**. The August Program will be **Bugs!** **Please call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to RSVP.**



## Mentor Day for Kids!

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FISHING!

## Belly Boat & Kayak Fishing

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> & August 27, 9am–12pm

Learn about fishing with Ranger Matt using a belly boat or kayak. Kayaks, a belly boat and fishing gear will be provided. These classes geared to all ages. Come out and catch the big one! Class limited to 10 students. RSVP required – call 303-659-6005 to claim your space.

## Friday Night Bites

Fridays, July 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

Get together with experienced anglers to learn new fishing techniques. Meet at the Boat Ramp area. To RSVP, please call 303-659-6005.



"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

~John Steinbeck~