

Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

March-April 2017



Nature Center's GRAND RE-OPENING



Saturday, April 1st 10 am – 2 pm

Help us celebrate the Grand Re-opening of our Nature Center with cake, ice cream and fun!

10:00 am - Ribbon cutting ceremony & cake

10:00 am – 2 pm – Face painter

11:30 am – 12:30 pm - Raptor talk by Nature's Educators – 3 live raptors

1:00 pm – 3pm – Eagle Express ride (limit 13 passengers RSVP REQUIRED 303-659-6005)

All day – Kids Crafts

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!

March 4th, Betsy

March 25th, Tammy and Ira

April 22nd, Betsy

April 29th, Tammy and Ira

Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th 10am to 1pm



Bring your family and your Easter basket to gather eggs and fun nature facts. There will be crafts (by Bird Conservancy of the Rockies), face painting and lots of FUN!

Reservations are required. **Call 303-659-6005 to register!** Ages 3-10

Activities include:

* **10-10:30am** Join the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies for a fun filled program, "All About Eggs"

* **10:45am**-Easter Egg Hunt - Kids will find Easter eggs filled with candy and fun nature facts

* **11:00am-1:00pm**- Face painting and crafts

Kite Festival

Saturday, April 1st from 10:00am-1:00pm

Get a FREE kite sponsored by the Friends of Barr Lake. Check out other kites and meet experts from other kite clubs. **Please RSVP 303-659-6005** so we have enough for all participants.



Celebrate Earth Day & Barr Lake's 40th Anniversary



Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Come celebrate Earth Day AND the 40th

Anniversary of Barr Lake State Park with many fun activities.

- **9:00am** – Bird walk

- **10:00am, 11:30am and 1:00pm** – Eagle Express rides to the Gazebo and Great Blue Heron rookery.

Seats are limited – reservations required!

- **12:00pm -3:00pm** Facepainter & Kids' Crafts

- **12:00pm** – Dedication and sealing of BLSP Time Capsule (See you in 25 years!)

Spring Fishing Clinic

Saturday, May 6th from 8am to 1pm

100 FREE poles for the first kids to sign up for a day filled with fishing tips and



giveaways! Please call Nature Center for reservations at **303-659-6005**.

We'll meet at the boat ramp. The kids pole drawings are at 8AM, 9AM and 10AM. Participant must be present to win.

Full Moon Walks



Explore Barr Lake at dusk! Envision yourself taking a short brisk evening walk with Park Naturalist Larry. *Moon walk program is designed for adults and families with children age 6 and up. They begin at the Nature Center and conclude with refreshments back at the Nature Center.*



Spring is Sprung!

Monday, March 20th at 6:30pm

Barr Lake's wildlife is responding to the coming of spring. Discover these changes while on a vernal equinox walk to the gazebo *Program is designed for adults and families with children age 6 and up. They begin at the Nature Center and conclude with refreshments back at the Nature Center.*



Myth Busters

Tuesday, April 11nd at 7:00pm

Dispel common myths and misunderstandings about wildlife and nature while on a full moon walk: are bats really blind, can owls turn their heads 360 degrees, do prairie dogs have a vocabulary, and other widespread folklore.

Bald Eagle Nesting via the Eagle Express

Saturday, March 4th and Sunday, April 2nd at 10am

Make a date to come to Barr Lake for bald eagle viewing! If all goes well, eaglets hatch in late March. As of 2016, Barr Lake bald eagles have fledged 54 young!



Join us for a unique opportunity to view our bald eagle population at its peak! Eagle Express rides to the Gazebo **Seats are limited – reservations required! Call 303-659-6005**



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Barr Lake Birders

A Birders' Club for kids ages 6-15

Saturdays, March 25th & April 29th 10am – 12pm



Children will enjoy a community atmosphere while learning about the birding world during once a month club meetings and during participation in various field trips to other birding sites.

No experience is required, just an interest in birds.

Please RSVP: 303-659-6005

Parents, please plan to attend our first meeting of 2017 to help us make a few decisions such as dates and times for club meetings, car pools for field trips and the use of technology. We want to make this easy for you and exciting for your children.

Spring Break Day Camp

Tuesday, March 21st 10am – 12pm Ages 4-6

Thursday, March 23rd 9am – 12pm for ages 7-12

Spring Break Camps are designed to connect kids to the outdoors while building their appreciation for science. Our camps will feature age-appropriate activities such as crafts, hikes and exploration of the natural world.



Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, March 5th, April 9th & 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.

Housebuilding for Kids

Birdhouse building, that is!

Saturday, March 18th 9:30am – 12:00pm

Kids ages 9-13 will put together a birdhouse kit to take home for decorating. We will talk about why put up a bird house, what else you can do after mounting the house and then talk about the house wren, a species to which the house is geared.

Limit to 10 kids/10 houses.

*****RSVP required. 303-659-6005*****

Immersion in Nature NEW for 2017!

Adults only: Friday, Mar 17th Apr 7th 10 am

Family walk: Saturday Mar 11th Apr 29th 11 am

Need some time away? Join us for a de-stressing walk in the park. This program is based upon the Japanese practice of "Shinrin-Yoku", a premise which describes a wide range of healthful and healing benefits of "forest bathing". It will last around 2 hours with no destination or purpose other than to be in nature. A naturalist will lead a gentle walk of no determined length where you will engage 4 of the 5 senses on the trail to breathe, touch, look, feel, and hear the world around you. Meet at the Nature Center. Leave your cell phone and camera in the car, even binoculars can become a distraction. We will walk quietly, examining the world around us. *No RSVP required.*

森林浴
shinrin-yoku

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, March 2nd and April 6th 10am

Bring your pre-school child to listen to stories about the natural world. Join Ranger Danyel the first Thursday of every month, beginning March 2nd at 10 a.m. for a different story sure to entertain your little one. **March will be about chicks and April's topic is bunnies!** Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult.

Please RSVP 303-659-6005

Adult Coloring Workshop

Sunday, March 5th and April 2nd 1pm to 3pm

Reignite your child-like creativity, even if you choose to color outside the lines. Join Ranger Michelle for a coloring party with a wildlife & nature theme. We'll provide coloring pages, pencils, snacks and beverages. You bring your imagination.

RSVP by calling 303-659-6005 Recommended for ages 10 and up.

BIRD CONSERVANCY OF THE ROCKIES

Master Naturalist Training – Week-long or Saturdays

Take your naturalist skills to the next level with a five-day training program led by Kevin Cook! Join us at the Environmental Learning Center Saturdays from 2/25 to 3/25, or for a week-long program from 3/20 to 3/24. Cost is \$250/person and registration is required

(<http://www.birdconservancy.org/what-we-do/education/register-for-programs>).

Please call 303-659-4348 ext 19 or email Jennifer.Watson@birdconservancy.org for details.



Birding by Bike (Saturday April 22)

Join Bird Conservancy for a family-friendly day of birding and biking along the lake! Cost is \$10/person and registration is required

(<http://www.birdconservancy.org/what-we-do/education/register-for-programs>).

Please call 303-659-4348 ext 18 or email Allison.Fowle@birdconservancy.org for details.

Friends Corner

News from the Friends of Barr Lake

Fifth Annual Raptor Run

Saturday, April 8th – 5k @ 9am,

Fun Run @ 10am

Friends of Barr Lake's fun event to benefit educational programming

at the park. Please wear your favorite raptor hat or t-shirt to

show your wild side. For more details and

preregister, go to www.RunningGuru.com and search for 5th Annual Raptor Run.



Themed Birthday Parties at the Park!

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 \$3-\$5 per child. Accompanying adults are free.

\$7 per vehicle entrance fee still applies.

e-Mailing list

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