

Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

November-December 2014

We hope you all have a safe and tasty Thanksgiving Day. Barr Lake State Park will be open all day Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Day. The Nature Center, however, will be closed, allowing staff and volunteers to share the holiday with their families.

Visit Barr Lake Nature Center this fall!

NOVEMBER - Open 7 days a week from 9am-4pm

DECEMBER - Closed Mondays

Enjoy innovative wildlife exhibits; shop for great clothing, diverse natural history books, and unique bird gift items; savor a cup of hot coffee or tea; and get cozy on comfortable leather furniture while watching interesting birds at the feeders right outside the windows.

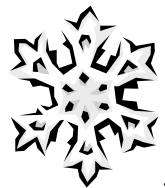


Veterans Day

Monday, November 10th, 10am to 2pm

Barr Lake State Park salutes our veterans with free park admission and shuttle rides for you and your family into the wildlife refuge. Reservations are required. Please call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to reserve your seats. Enjoy a bowl of warm chili in the Nature Center after your tour sponsored by the Friends of Barr Lake. Tours start at 10:00 am and 12:30 pm.

Barr Lake's Week-long Sale and Holiday Open House



Week-long Sale, December 6th - 14th

Save 15% and shop with a purpose
Beat the mall crowds and parking hassles! Shop for great gifts and stocking stuffers, all on sale. We carry a wide

variety of childrens' books, puzzles, and gadgets; field and hiking guides; natural history books; stuffed animals and puppets; numerous bird items and ornaments; fabulous clothing, and more. Your purchases support great programs at Barr Lake.

Holiday Open House on Saturday,

December 6th

Bring your family and friends to enjoy Barr Lake's Holiday Open House and savor delicious holiday refreshments. It's a day filled with something for everyone, see schedule below!!

- **9am-4pm Save 15% and shop with a purpose**

All bookstore items and clothing are on sale!

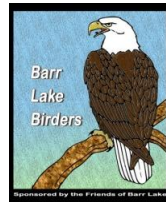
- **9am-Bird walk**

- **10am-2pm Craft making for kids**

Enjoy making a pinecone bird feeder or holiday ornament, and/or create your own wrapping paper to wrap your gifts/purchases.

- **10am-12pm Hay Rack Rides**

Take a fun winter tour of the prairie while sipping hot cider and singing Christmas carols.



Kids Birding Club

Saturday 10am-12pm,
November 22nd

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**

Guided Bird Walks

Collect your binoculars and field guides, or check out a loaner set of ours, and enjoy an exciting morning of birding at Barr Lake State Park.



Enthusiastic Park Naturalists will introduce birders of all ability levels to Barr Lake's feathered residents and migrants. In addition to a variety of wintering songbirds, you may find the raptor and waterfowl watching this time of year to be exceptional! *Program designed for adults on Saturdays at 9am. All ability levels welcome.*



November 15th, Marilyn
November 22nd, Tammy & Ira
December 6th, Marilyn
December 13th, Tammy & Ira

Full Moon Hikes

Envision yourself taking an evening hike while experiencing the rising full moon. Explore Barr Lake at dusk with Park Naturalists and enjoy a fall evening outdoors!



Trek through History

Thursday, November 6th at 5:30pm

Walk through the history of Barr Lake on this informative stroll through time over the dam.

Please meet at the boat ramp parking lot. *Suitable for all ages, dress for being outdoors.*

Solstice Moon Hike



Sunday, December 21st at 5:00pm

Bundle up and share part of the longest night of the year with Naturalist Larry and the last quarter of the moon. Warm up with hot chocolate and cookies at the Nature Center after your Solstice Moon Hike. *Suitable for all ages, dress for being outdoors. All ages welcome, meet at the Nature Center.*



Find us on Facebook

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Support for educational programming at Barr Lake State Park
is provided by the Friends of Barr Lake.

Other Fun Programs!

Winter Birdfeeding Workshop

Saturday, November 15th at 10am

Providing suet, seeds and nuts to backyard birds during the winter offers the fats and carbohydrates needed to fuel their internal furnace. Join Ranger Michelle in making striped Suet-sicles for your feathered friends.

Meet a live turkey vulture!

Saturday, November 22nd at 10am

You don't need mashed potatoes and gravy to guy! Join us as we explore this fascinating bird provided by the Raptor Education Foundation!



29th Annual City of Brighton

Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, November 22nd from 7am to noon

Please drop by to say hi to Talon, park staff, and volunteers at the Brighton Recreation Center. We hope to see you there.

City of Brighton 18th Annual Festival of Lights Parade

Saturday, December 13th at 5pm

Join park staff and volunteers as we showcase our fully-lighted patrol vehicle and boat as well as an equestrian entry to join in the celebration of the "Hometown Holiday Tradition" parade in downtown Brighton.

3rd Annual Winter Wonders

Holiday Trail

Generously Sponsored by United Power

Saturday, December 20th 6pm to 9pm

Join us for a short hike to celebrate the wonders of winter on our lighted bridge and Neidrach Trail. Fun activities will include lighted trail, kids' crafts, face painter and a visit from Santa Claus. Please visit us on Facebook for weather updates!



Archery Programs

Saturday, November 15th at 1pm-3pm

Turkey Shoot!!!

Saturday, December 13th at 10am-Noon
Snowflake shoot!!!

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.

Give the gift of the great outdoors!

Annual park passes provide entry into over 42 amazing Colorado State Parks, not just Barr Lake. The Annual Park Pass is \$70 and is valid for a year. The Aspen Leaf Pass is \$60 for Colorado-resident seniors who are 64 years or older and is also valid for a year. Annual park passes make great holiday gifts. Give the gift that keeps on giving.....the great outdoors.

America's State Parks First Day Hikes

On Thursday, **Jan. 1, 2014**, Barr Lake State Park will be participating in the America's State Parks' First Day Hikes. This hike at the park will be a great opportunity to view bald eagles.

Reservations are required! To sign up for the First Day Hike at Barr Lake on Jan. 1, 2014, please call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005. The Barr Lake hike is:
Starting time: 11 a.m.

Meeting place: Nature Center

Description: 3-mile easy hike with opportunity to observe all types of wildlife, including many species of birds. Dogs are welcome!

Barr Lake's staff encourages you to start the New Year by enjoying the outdoors and seeing the eagles. Spotting scopes will be available for visitors to use on the hikes.

School and Scout Programs

Is your school class or scout group interested in a nature program? Experienced volunteer naturalists and staff provide interesting and educational guided visits. Call us at least two weeks in advance to schedule a visit.



e-Mailing list

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



\$7 daily or annual parks pass required for all programs

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

~Hal Borland~



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