

Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

March-April 2015



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 enthusiastically 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 7th, Marilyn

March 28th, Tammy and Ira

April 18th, Marilyn

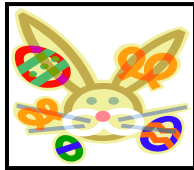
April 25th, Tammy and Ira

Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th 10am to 1pm

Bring your family and your Easter basket to gather eggs and fun nature facts. There will be crafts (by RMBO), face painter and lots of FUN! Reservations are required. Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to register! Ages 3-10



Activities include:

10-10:30am Join the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory 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 painter and crafts

Kite Festival

Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Get a FREE kite sponsored by the Friends of Barr Lake. Check out other kites and meet experts from other kite clubs.

Celebrate Earth Day

Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Come celebrate Earth Day with many fun activities.....

- **9:00 am** – 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!**
- **12:00am -2:00pm** Face painter & Kids' Crafts



Vernal Equinox Walk

Explore Barr Lake at dusk! Envision yourself taking a short brisk evening walk with Park Naturalist Larry. *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!

Thursday, March 20th at 6:30 pm

Barr Lake's wildlife is responding to the coming of spring. Discover these changes while on a vernal equinox walk to the gazebo.

Full Moon Walk



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.

Myth Busters

Saturday, April 4th at 7:00 pm

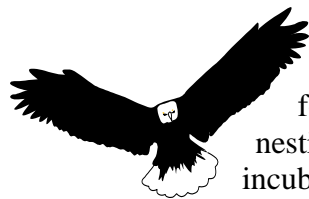
Dispel common myths and misunderstandings about wildlife and nature while on a full moon walk: are bats really blind, can owls turn their heads 360 degrees, do prairie dogs have a vocabulary, and other widespread folklore.

Toddler Story Time

Tuesday's March 3rd and April 7th

Bring your pre-school child to listen to stories about the natural world. Join Ranger Michelle the first Tuesday of every month, beginning March 3rd, at 10 a.m. for a different story sure to entertain your little one. *Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult.*

Bald Eagle Nesting



Make a date to come to Barr Lake for bald eagle viewing! Our nesting pair are currently incubating, so you are practically guaranteed to see an eagle on the nest. If all goes well, eaglets hatch in late March. As of 2014, Barr Lake bald eagles have fledged 45 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!**

Saturday, March 7th and 28th at 10am

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Spring Fishing Clinic

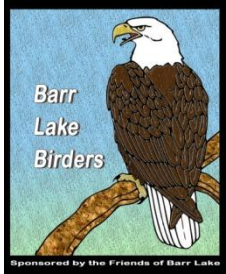
Saturday, May 2nd from 8am to 1pm
100 FREE poles for the first kids to sign day filled with fishing tips and giveaways! Please call nature center for reservations at 303-659-6005. We'll meet at the boat ramp.



Barr Lake Birders

A Birders' Club for kids 6-15

Saturdays, March 21st April 25th 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.

Parents, please plan to attend our first meeting 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.

Other programs.....

Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, March 8th, April 12th & 19th 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.

Boating Safety Course

April 27th and June 15th, 6 to 9pm

Anyone operating a motorboat, including a personal watercraft or sailboat in Colorado must be at least 16 years old. Fourteen and 15-year-olds who successfully complete a state approved boating safety course, such as the one we are offering can operate a motorboat, jet ski or sailboat in Colorado. The course is open to adults as well as teens. Course is Monday, June 17th from 6pm to 9pm. Reservations required. The certification fee is \$15 per student and the student must bring a 1-by-1-inch photo, which will be laminated onto their operator card. Meet at the Nature Center. Please call our Littleton office at 303-791-1954 to make reservations.

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 \$2 per child. Accompanying adults are free.

Nature Journaling 101

Saturday, May 7th from 10am to 12pm

Join Ranger Michelle on an adventure on the Owl Ride. We will take a trip around the lake to explore the wonders of Barr Lake. Journals will be provided. Space limited to 6 kids. *Program designed for kids 7-12.*



Meadow Lark Picnic Pavilion



Host a family gala, company gathering, day outing, wedding, or club meeting in a fresh and comfortable outdoor facility at the oasis on the prairie. Barr Lake's universally accessible, sheltered pavilion includes two charcoal grills, 15 picnic tables, electrical outlets, counter tops, running water, restrooms, volleyball court, horseshoes, and a natural setting.

The reservation fee is \$100 and each vehicle must have a \$7 daily or annual park pass. The pavilion can accommodate a party of 100. Reserve the Meadowlark Picnic Pavilion for your event by calling the Nature Center 303-659-6005.

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Friends Corner

News from the Friends of Barr Lake

Third Annual Raptor Run

Saturday, April 11th – 5k @ 9am, Fun 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 go to www.RunningGuru.com and search for 3rd Annual Raptor Run



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