

Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

September-October 2016



18th Annual Fall Birding Festival

Saturday, September 10th, 7am-12pm

Fly over to Barr Lake State Park to celebrate the fall bird migration, an experience worth sharing with others. Be entertained at this festive community event filled with food, fun, and lore, something for everyone. Admission per vehicle is a \$7 daily or an annual parks pass.

Enjoy events at the festival including:

- **Free snacks**
 - **Witness** live migratory songbirds in the hand at the Education and Bird Banding Station from 7-11am
 - **Explore** bird habitat on a guided walk with some of the region's best birders at 7, 8, 9 & 10am.
 - **Ride** aboard the Eagle Express for a driving tour of the wildlife refuge at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am and noon.
 - **View** many live raptors up close from 9am-12pm
 - **Create** fun kid's crafts from 9am-12pm
 - **Experience** educational booths; representatives of governmental and private entities will present information, discuss ideas, and answer questions from 9am-12pm
 - **Discover** the art of bird feeding & watching while exploring great birding supplies from 9am-12pm
 - **Shop:** 20% off all clothing and bookstore items
- Create memories as you celebrate and revel in a day filled with nourishment for your body, mind, and soul. For more information about the festival, call the Nature Center 303-659-6005. The 18th Annual Fall Birding Festival is sponsored by Barr Lake State Park Volunteers, Brighton Parks and Recreation, City of Brighton, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, The Friends of Barr Lake and Wild Birds Unlimited.



Friday Night Campfire Tales

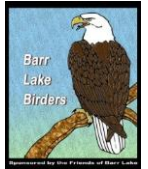
September 16th and October 21st from 7 to 8pm

Enjoy a good story and roast marshmallows around the campfire with a ranger, followed by kids craft in the Nature Center. If you want to bring your own hot dogs and fixings, you can use our fire and roasting sticks to cook your dinner at 6:30pm.

Pumpkin Shoot!

Saturday, October 15th 10am-12pm

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.



Barr Lake Birders

Saturdays, 10am-12pm,
September 24th & October 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 birding club exclusively for kids ages 6 -15. No previous experience 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 at 303-659-6005 to sign up.

Eagle Express Rides in September

Saturdays and Labor Day 10am-noon
Sundays 11am-1pm

Take an express ride to adventure aboard our universally accessible, motorized Eagle Express on Saturdays and Sundays through the **entire month** of September and the first weekend in October.

Reserve a seat by calling the Nature Center. No EE on Sept 10th & 24th due to special events.

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, September 1st & October 6th - 10am

Bring your pre-school child to listen to stories about the natural world. Join park rangers in the Nature Center on the first **Thursday** of the month at 10am for a story, a snack and a craft sure to entertain your little one. The theme for September is Snails & the October theme is Bears. Please **RSVP** to the Nature Center to reserve your child's spot. *Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult.*

Education and Bird Banding Station

Open 6 days a week August 27th - October 16th 7:30 am - 11:30 am. Dates the banding station will be closed: 9/1, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/4, 10/12. Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 for specific and updated weekday schedule

Discover a songbird's amazing life story by stopping by the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies Education and Bird Banding Station. The station is a five-minute walk from Barr Lake Nature Center. See migrating songbirds up close, learn how they make a living, and discover where they spent the summer and where they are headed for the winter. *All ages welcome. Banding Station is dependent upon weather and may close early or not be open at all due to rain, snow, or extreme temperatures.*

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

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National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 24th, 9am – noon

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. Please join us as we take a stand against invasive weeds at the park, water our new trees and pickup shoreline trash! Giveaways and free entrance to the park for participation! Please bring sunglasses, hat, sturdy footwear, sunscreen bug spray, work gloves (if you have them) and a water bottle. **Meet at the Nature Center.**



Full Moon Hikes

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



Meet at the Nature Center front door.

Seasons, They are a Changin'



Sunday, September 18th at 6:30pm

While walking to the gazebo, explore how Barr Lake's residents are responding to seasonal changes.

The Man on the Moon Speaks

Saturday, October 15th at 6:30pm



And, man, does he have a lot to share with you! 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!

2016 Fiestas Patrias!

A Mexican Independence Day celebration

September 17th 10am -1pm

A Mexican Independence Day Celebration! Remember the Cry of Dolores! Join us for piñatas, games and crafts for the kids! We'll have performances by the traditional dance troop Colorado Mestizo Dancers, and Rangers will be on hand to give fishing tips for Barr Lake. We'll also be awarding door prizes every half-hour. And if you have a favorite Salsa recipe, enter it in our contest and you could win a cash prize! First place is \$100!



To enter the contest, please go to www.FriendsofBarrLake.com/salsa

Una celebración del Día de la Independencia de México! Recuerde que el Grito de Dolores! Únase a nosotros para piñatas, juegos y manualidades para los niños!

Tendremos actuaciones de la tradicional grupo de danza Colorado mestizos bailarines, y el Rangers estarán a la mano para dar consejos de pesca de lago Barr. También vamos a la entrega de premios de la puerta cada media hora. Y si usted tiene una receta de salsa favorita, introducirla en nuestro concurso y podrás ganar un premio en metálico! En primer lugar es \$ 100!

Call the Nature Center to RSVP: 303-659-6005

Autumn Specialties

Bike the Colors!

October 2nd at 1pm

Explore Barr Lake's nine mile Lake Perimeter Trail by bicycle! **Limited to 15 participants.** Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP. Be sure to bring water, bug spray and a helmet. Autumn is a great time in the park and wildlife abounds. Come join a naturalist for this special time of the year at the Park.

4th Annual Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 8th 9am to 1pm

Join us for a great fall day event sponsored by the Friends of Barr Lake. Midway games for kids to win prizes, hay rack rides, kids' crafts, face painter. Pumpkins and corn stalks available (for appropriate donation) from our own patch!



Things are Batty at Barr Lake

Saturday, October 15th, 10am



Bats are amazing! They fly, use sonar, sleep upside down and can each eat up to 5,000 insects per evening! Join us as we learn about these amazing

mammals. Program will be split halfway through. Kids will then go outside to hang bat boxes. Adults can join them outside or stay at the Nature Center for an additional informational program on White Nose Syndrome which is threatening much of North America's bat population.

We're Into Pumpkins

Saturday, October 29th 1pm for ages 5-10

Really get to know your pumpkin, and its contents, before painting your free, unique jack-o'-lantern to take home just in time for Halloween! **Quantities are limited. Please contact the Nature Center to make your reservation.**

Halloween Trail

Saturday, October 29th, 6pm to 9pm

Explore what goes bump in the night on a trick-or-treat trail. Finish with kids crafts and a face painter in the Nature Center. Hot cider and cookies too!

Art in the Park

October 8th 9am – 12pm

Look over the shoulder of an artist at work or take an art class with one of our instructors. Call the Nature Center (303-659-6005) to preregister for a 1-hr watercolor painting class at 10AM, or walk the trails to meet artists at work. In the Nature Center, visit a display of local creations and meet the creators. This event benefits the Friends of Barr Lake. We request a \$2 donation to enroll in the art classes, to cover the provided supplies.

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

Friday night Sept 2nd 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.

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Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, Sept 4th & 25th, and October 2nd 11am – 1pm
Join the Barr Lake rangers for this free 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. SPECIAL NOTE: October 15th is the Pumpkin Shoot. Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to register.

Tuesday Evenings on the Eagle Express

September 13th and 27th and October 11th and 25th 4:00pm to sunset

Sit back and ride aboard the Eagle Express for a 2-3 hr excursion around the lake. Space is limited to 10 people, so make a reservation by calling 303-659-6005 & confirm the departure time. Dress for the weather (especially in October!) or bring a lap blanket. Pack a picnic for our dinner stop. Meet at the boat ramp.

Guided Bird Walks

Collect your binoculars and find your field guides, or check out a loaner set of ours! Enjoy an exciting morning of birding at Barr Lake with enthusiastic Park Naturalists. The fall bird migration is underway. Bird walks meet at the Nature Center on Saturday mornings at 9am unless otherwise noted.



September 10th, 7am, 8am, 9am and 10am.

**Meet at Fall Birding Festival Bird Walk Booth
Tammy and Ira - September 3rd & October 8th
Marilyn – September 24th & October 1st**

Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.

Dog Days of September

Saturday, September 24th 10am -2pm

Celebrate the dog days of *September* with dogs! Join us for seminars on trail etiquette, pet first aid/CPR, and basic dog training demonstrations. Bring your pup to The Dog Biscuit Barr, and pose together at the funny-face Stand-In for that perfect photo op (if you can get your dog to put his face through the hole.) There will be a Pooch Pool Party, the Dog Bone Kissing Booth and even the opportunity to do Paw Print Art. Come alone or bring your four-footed pal. *All visitors' dogs must be kept on a 6' or less leash and be under the control of their owners at all times.*

Big Little Nature Bus

September 17, 2016 — 9AM — NOON

Take a FREE bus to Barr Lake State Park! Grab your binoculars and ride a bus to the park to enjoy the great outdoors! We'll have shuttle rides to the fishing area for wildlife

THE BIG LITTLE NATURE BUS



viewing, arts and crafts, snacks and some leisure time to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air! Join us for a FREE ride to Barr Lake State Park on THE BIG LITTLE NATURE BUS!

PICK UP at Brighton City Hall

(500 S. 4th Ave., Brighton, CO 80601)

Seating is limited to 55 Passengers per ride so reservations are required.

Call 303-659-6005 for more information and to RSVP today!

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