

Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

September-October 2014



16th Annual Fall Birding Festival

Saturday, September 6th, 7am-12pm

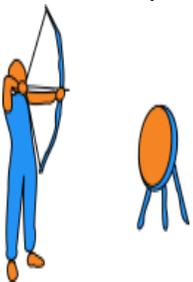
Fly over to Barr Lake State Park to celebrate the fall bird migration, an experience worth sharing with others. Be entertained at this festive community event filled with food, fun, and lore, something for everyone. Admission per vehicle is a \$7 daily or an annual parks pass.

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:** 15% 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. The 14th Annual Fall Birding Festival is sponsored by Barr Lake State Park Volunteers, Brighton Parks and Recreation, City of Brighton, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Prairie Center of Brighton, Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, THF Realty, and Wild Birds Unlimited.

Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, September 7th, September 21st, October 5th
and Saturday October 18th 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. Special

Note: The Saturday October 18th event will include a Pumpkin Shoot.

Eagle Express Rides in September

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

Take an express ride to adventure aboard our universally accessible, motorized Eagle Express through the **entire month** of September. *Reserve one of the 13 seats by calling the Nature Center. 303-659-6005*



Padding with the Ranger

Monday, September 1st - 8am - noon

Parents and children ages 7 and up can join Barr Lake's Ranger Mike for a day of learning basic canoeing and birding skills, which will culminate with a guided canoeing tour around the north end of the lake! Participants are encouraged to bring their own canoe, kayak, and binoculars to utilize during the program. Loaner binocs and canoes can be reserved prior to the program on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited, so please call the Nature Center at **303-659-6005** for additional information. Meet at the Boat Ramp area.

Toddler Story Time

Bring your pre-school child to listen to stories about the natural world. Join Ranger Michelle in the Nature Center on **Tuesdays** September 2 and October 7 at 10:00 AM for a story, a snack and a craft sure to entertain your little one. The theme for September is Bears & the October theme is Monsters (FUN monsters). Please RSVP to the Nature Center to reserve your child's spot. *Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult.*

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'

Monday, September 8th at 6:30pm

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

Full Moon Hike - Surf's Up

Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30pm

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.

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National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 20th, 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.**

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 6th, 7am, 8am, and 9am.

Meet at Fall Birding Festival Bird Walk Booth

September 13th, Tammy and Ira

September 27th, Marilyn

October 11th, Marilyn

October 25th, Tammy and Ira

Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.

Education and Bird Banding Station

Open Tuesdays-Saturdays starting September 3rd – October 11th 7am – 11am

Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 for updated weekday schedule



Discover a songbird's amazing life story by stopping by Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory's (RMBO) Education and Bird Banding Station. The station is a short, five-minute

walk from Barr Lake Nature Center. See migrating songbirds up close, learn how they make a living, discover where they spent the summer and are headed for the winter. *All ages welcome.*

Fun for Kids of ALL Ages:

2nd Annual Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 11th

9am to 1pm

Join us for a great fall day event sponsored by the Friends of Barr Lake. Hay rack rides, kids' crafts, face painter and pumpkins and corn stocks available for donation from our own patch!



Things are Batty at Barr Lake

Saturday, October 18th, 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.



Halloween Trail

Saturday, October 25th, 6pm to 9pm

Explore what goes bump in the night on an hour-long hike. Finish with hot cider and cookies in the Nature Center.

We're into Pumpkins!

Saturday, October 25th, 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.**

Themed Birthday Parties at the Park!

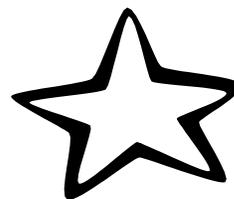
Have you ever wanted a unique birthday party to honor your child's birthday? Parties will include a nature related craft, provided by the Friends of Barr Lake and hike. Call the park to schedule your next celebration. Donation is \$2 per child. Accompanying adults are free.

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



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