

Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

September – October 2019



Fall Birding Festival

Saturday, September 7th,
7am-1pm

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 an \$8 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, 7, 8, 9 & 10am. See the schedule at the event for sign language and Spanish interpreter tours.
 - **Ride** the Eagle Express for a driving tour of the wildlife refuge at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:30pm. (Reservation required.)
 - **View** many live raptors up close from 9am-12pm
 - **Create** fun kids' crafts from 9am-1pm
 - **Brighten** your good looks with the help of a face painter
 - **Experience** educational booths; representatives of governmental and private entities will present information, discuss ideas, and answer questions from 9am-12pm
 - **Participate** in kid-centric *Bird Olympics*, which includes "What is Your Wingspan?", "Bird Hurdles" and "The Migration Game". 9am – 1pm
 - **Discover** the art of bird feeding & watching while exploring great birding supplies from 9am-12pm
 - **Shop:** 20% off all clothing and bookstore items
- For more information about the festival, call the Nature Center 303-659-6005

LAST MINUTE ADDITION TO AUGUST!

Sip & Paint (A Friends Fundraiser)

Sunday, August 25, 2019 5pm – 7pm
Not a painting class; it's a PARTY!

Follow easy step-by-step instructions!

All supplies included! Aprons are provided but please wear paint clothes.

50% of proceeds benefit the Friends of

Barr Lake. Snacks will be provided but it **BRING YOUR OWN SIP!** Any alcohol welcome. Feel free to bring your favorite snacks or dinner as well. Cost: \$30 per person sent through [paypal.me/GOTGTarajones](https://www.paypal.me/GOTGTarajones) – Enter \$30 in the payment field and "BARR LAKE" in the notes. **Please prepay by Friday, August 23rd.**



Education and Bird Banding Station

Open 6 days a week (T-Sun), August 24th – October 13th from 7:30 am – 11:30 am. Dates the banding station will be closed: 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, and 10/7.

Stop by the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies' Bird Banding Station for an up-close and personal experience with migrating songbirds using Barr Lake as a stopover point. Observe a biologist collecting data and placing bands on birds captured harmlessly in mist nets. The station is a five-minute walk from the Barr Lake Nature Center. All ages welcome. Individuals welcome. Groups must register in advance with Kelsey Mazur at 303-659-4348x10 kelsey.mazur@birdconservancy.org Banding Station is dependent on weather and may close early or not be open at all due to rain, snow, or extreme temperatures. Call the Nature Center at [303-659-6005](tel:303-659-6005) for an updated daily schedule.

Adult Polymer Clay Workshop

Sundays, Sept 29th and Oct 27th 1pm to 3pm

Unleash your creativity and learn how to make a fun owl sculpture or ornament out of polymer clay. Limited to 10 participants 16 or older. Supplies provided. September's project is owls & October's is bats! **RSVP required:** email dnr_barrlake.naturecenter@state.co.us or call us at 303-659-6005



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Autumn Specialties

Bike the Colors!

Saturday, October 5th at 10am

Explore Barr Lake's nine mile Lake Perimeter Trail by bicycle! 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. **Limited to 25 participants.** Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP. Be sure to bring water, bug spray and a helmet.

7th Annual Harvest Festival



Saturday, October 12th 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, plus the "Pumpkin Patch Express" kids ride. Pumpkins and corn stalks available (for appropriate donation) from our own patch! There will also be a Snack Barr with breakfast & lunch items.

Things are Batty at Barr Lake



Saturday, October 19th, 10am

Bats are amazing! They fly, use sonar, sleep upside down and each can 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 participate in a fun craft. Adults can join them 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 26th 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, as the pumpkins are a donation from Mazzotti Farms.** Please contact the Nature Center to make your reservation.

Halloween Trail



Saturday, October 26th, 6pm to 9pm

Explore what goes bump in the night on a trick-or-treat trail. Learn about nocturnal animals of all kinds. Finish with kids crafts and a face painter in the Nature Center. Kids can wear costumes if they want some additional fun! Hot cider and cookies too!

Eagle Express Rides in September

Saturdays 10am-noon

Sundays and Labor Day 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 October. *Reserve a seat by calling the Nature Center. No EE runs on Sept 14th, Sept 28th and Oct 12th due to special events.*

Tuesday Evenings on the Eagle Express

September 10th & 24th and October 8th and 22nd

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. Dress for the weather (especially in October!) or bring a lap blanket. Pack a picnic for our dinner stop. Meet at the boat ramp

Friday Night Campfire Tales

Sept 13th and Oct 18th from 7 to 8pm

Enjoy a good story and roast marshmallows for s'mores 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. For safety reasons, we must limit this event to 25 kids. RSVP required by calling 303-659-6005.

Guided Bird Walks

Collect your binoculars 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 7th, 7am, 8am, 9am and 10am. Meet at Fall Birding Festival Bird Walk Booth Tammy and Ira - September 14th & October 19th & 26th. Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.



Nature Walk & Talk

Fridays, Sept 13th and Oct 18th @ 10am

Saturdays, Sept 28th & Oct 5th @ 10am

Share your knowledge, experiences and enthusiasm with other Barr Lake visitors and volunteers as we discover and rediscover the park's hidden treasures. No RSVP required. Program designed for adults. Meet at the Nature Center, dress for the weather.



**\$8 daily or annual parks pass
required for all programs**



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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! These walks are limited to 15 participants per event so RSVP is required. Call 303-659-6005 today.

Meet at the Nature Center front door.

Seasons, They are a Changin'

Monday, September 23rd at 7:00pm



Welcome, Autumn! While the full moon is the 13th, the Fall season begins on the 23rd. Celebrate by walking to the gazebo and exploring how Barr Lake's residents are responding to seasonal changes.

Howl at the Moon!

Sunday, October 13th at 6:00pm



Bring your dog to howl at the full moon! The Man in the Moon may just howl back, and does he have a lot to share! 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! This hike will be traveling north from the footbridge at the Nature Center so we can welcome our four-legged visitors. All dogs must be on a 6-foot or less leash at all times.

Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, Sept 15th and October 6th 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 six to adult; registration is required. **SPECIAL NOTE:** October 20th is the Pumpkin Shoot. Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to register.

Pumpkin Shoot! SPECIAL!



Sunday, October 20th 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 six to adult, **registration is required**. Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to register.

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, Sept 5th & October 3rd - 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 **Frogs** & the October theme is **Bats** (the good, non-scary kind!) Please **RSVP** to the Nature Center to reserve your child's spot. *Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult.*

Bark in the Park

Saturday, September 28th 10am -12pm

Celebrate the dog days of September with dogs! This year's event is bigger and better than ever. Look for the following, plus much more!

- 🐾 **Adams County Animal Shelter** is coming with adoptable dogs
- 🐾 **Adams County Sheriff & Colorado Parks & Wildlife** will both have a K-9 demonstrations
- 🐾 **Samantha Markey Photography** will do pet photos
- 🐾 **Ivan's All Natural Doggie Delights Food Truck** for Dogs will have treats available for purchase
- 🐾 **K9cation** will have an agility course & will be leading a trail walk at noon to end the event
- 🐾 **Mountain View Pet Sitting, LLC, Chuck and Don's (Westminster), Barr Milton Watershed Assoc.** and others will have tables at Vendor Row.



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, and the Dog Bone Kissing Booth. Come alone or bring your four-footed pal, and have your dog become a Bark Ranger. All visitors' dogs must be on a 6' or less leash and under the control of their owners at all times.

National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 28th, 9am – noon

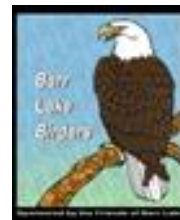
National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. Giveaways and free entrance to the park for participation! Please bring sunglasses, hat, sturdy footwear, sunscreen bug spray, work gloves (if you have them) and a water bottle. *Meet at the Nature Center.*



Please

Barr Lake Birders

**Saturdays, 10am-12pm,
September 21st & October 19th**



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.



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2019 Fiestas Patrias

A Mexican Independence Day celebration



September 14th 12am -4pm

The celebration of this annual festival provides an excellent means of education and sharing of cultural diversity among our communities. The festival will feature entertainment which will include Mexican Folklore Dancing, Spicy Tacos Mexican Food, Business Vendors, Nonprofit booths, Community Speakers, Piñatas, children activities and more! This event is free of charge and open to the general public. **Park entrance fee is covered by the City of Brighton.** www.BrightonChamber.com

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

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

Friday, September 6th 6:00pm

Explore Barr Lake's nine-mile trail at dusk by bicycle! "Just About Twilight Time". 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. Limited to 25 bicycles. **Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP.**

Bike Your Park Day

Saturday, September 28th, all day

Guided Tour at 6PM – 8PM

Explore your parks and public lands by bicycle with thousands of others throughout the world on the same day Bring your friends and family, or go solo, and discover the bicycling opportunities in your backyard, whether it's a national park, state park, monument, historic site, recreation area, wildlife refuge, or parkway. Regular \$4 bike/hike entrance fee applies. **To sign up for the bike tour with Ranger Jessica, please call the Nature Center 303-659-6005.**

Wild For Photography—A Barr Lake Photo

Club **2nd Sunday of the month @ 5:30pm**

NEW! Join a park volunteer (or two) and fellow park enthusiasts for a slow-paced photo-tour at Barr Lake!

Experienced photogs to beginner level snap-shooters and everything in between – the emphasis is on taking your time and enjoying quiet Sunday evenings in the park. Share tips and stories with fellow photogs. Tours will alternate walking trails and taking the Eagle Express to reach the far side of the lake, depending upon trail conditions. The emphasis is on photography and taking good images. Other outings may be arranged to different times and locations as requested.

Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP. Eagle Express tours limited to 10 photographers.

September 8th – Eagle Exp. to the Bergman Barn

October 13th – Walking the Prairie (Full Moon)

Painted Rocks!

Sunday, October 6, 1pm – 3pm

Spread the joy! Paint a rock with **Brighton Rocks!** They'll show you fun and informative ways to create a work of art to share with your friends & family & community. All supplies provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. Donations accepted. Free class with your parks pass.

Wingshoot Clinic

Sunday, October 6, 9am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm

Please join South Metro Pheasants Forever and Barr Lake State Park for a 3 hour wing-shooting clinic at Barr Lake State. There will be two class times offered: 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm. Free with your daily park pass or annual pass. Call the Nature Center to sign up.

That's Fowl

Sunday, Sept 8 or 22nd, 9am – 12pm

Barr Lake State Park is teaming with Ducks Unlimited to offer an Intro to Waterfowl class for beginner hunters interested in learning the ins and outs of waterfowl hunting. Choose from two different dates! Class meets at Barr Lake's Nature Center and is limited to 30 students. Call the Nature Center to sign up.

Drawing from Nature

Sunday, September 15 10am – 1pm

Be inspired by nature journaling and drawing. Join local illustrator Amanda Lineberry Maldonado for a short nature walk at Barr Lake followed by a drawing class based on what you saw. Be prepared for the weather. Journals and drawing materials will be provided. **RSVP required 303-659-6005.** Event limited to 20 adults ages 16+.

BMW Annual meeting and BBQ

Tuesday, September 24th 9:15am – 1pm

Join the Barr Milton Watershed Association for its 15th annual meeting to learn about what the association is doing to protect the watershed in our area. Lunch included. Call Amy Conklin at 303-525-5038 or email her at amy@amyconklin.com before 9/20/2019 to RSVP.

PLEASE NOTE: All programs, services and activities of Colorado Parks and Wildlife are operated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need an accommodation due to a disability, please submit your request to Tracy Gripp, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216 or 303-291-7485 or tracy.gripp@state.co.us. To assure that Colorado Parks and Wildlife can meet your needs, please notify Tracy Gripp of your request at least seven working days prior to the scheduled event.



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