



Oasis Newsletter and Events

May and June 2022



The activities and facilities located within the park emphasize wildlife conservation, outdoor education, and natural landscape themes. There is something for everyone here: fishing, boating, hiking and running.

Entry to the park is not included in any event fees and a daily or annual pass is required.

Most events at Barr Lake State Park are free due to the generous donations from Friends of Barr Lake, a non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the education, conservation and recreational facets of Barr Lake. If you enjoy our programming and would like to contribute you can donate online or in the Nature Center.

Colorado Public Lands Day

May 21 @ 9am-12pm

Join us in celebrating National Public Lands Day. We will be working maintenance projects in the park ranging from shoreline cleanup, raking leaves and picnic site cleanup. Please register at- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4faeaa2ca7fe3-colorado2>

Basic Archery Instruction

May 22 & June 12 & 26 @ 11am-1pm



Introduction to archery is limited to 16 students age 8 and up. Learn about safety, proper techniques and then have a try at our archery range! Loaner equipment is available during class. These classes fill quickly so don't wait!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4faeaa2ca7fe3-basic>

Guided Bird Walks

May 28 & June 25

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 Tammy & Ira 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! Register here or just show up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/29725030/design/> Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome. Call the Nature Center to reserve a Track Chair if needed.

Toddler Story Time

May 26 & June 23 @ 10am



Bring your pre-school child to listen to stories about the natural world. Join park volunteers the third Thursday of every month for a different story sure to entertain your little one. May will be about Leave Robin's and June topic is Fish! Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP -<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4faeaa2ca7fe3-toddler1>

Yoga at the Gazebo

June 7 & 18 @ 9am-10:30am

Join Jessica from Crooked Toe Yoga for a FREE unique yoga class at the gazebo overlooking the lake. You will meet at the nature center to take a golf cart to the gazebo. Thank you Friends of Barr Lake for sponsoring this great class! Please register here-<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEAA2CA7FE3-yoga1>

Carp Tournament

June 12 @ 8am-4pm

25 boat limit with 25 fishing from shore limit. Only carp are weighed and counted. Must have a Colorado fishing license. Prizes: Boat with most carp - \$1,000. Most carp caught from shore - \$500. Largest overall carp - \$250. Youth largest carp - \$250. Smallest overall carp - \$100. All carp will be composted. Register on-line by using the QR code below or this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4faeaa2ca7fe3-carp1> and then mail your entry fee to P.O. Box 1056 Commerce City, CO 80022.



Ladies Day Outdoors Birding 101

June 16 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

Come out and learn how to enjoy the birds! You will learn how to use binoculars properly and identify birds using a birding field guide. There will be binoculars and field guides to borrow. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEAA2CA7FE3-ladies3>

Ladies Day Outdoors Canoe and Kayak 101

June 30 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

Want to take a spin on the water? This class will teach you the basics of boating on kayaks and canoes and the proper use of life saving equipment. All the gear and boats will be provided by the park. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEAA2CA7FE3-ladies3>

Friends of Barr Lake Birds and Brews

June 21 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where: The Copper Rail, 174 S. Main St, Brighton, CO 80601

Who: Adults—\$10, Kids 12 & under—\$5

Do you like winning things? This is the event for you! We'll be playing trivia, and giving away lots of great door prizes! Proceeds benefit the Friends of Barr Lake—a non-profit that supports education, recreation, and conservation at Barr Lake State Park. <https://friendsofbarrlake.org/upcoming-events/>

International Mud Day and Health and Fitness Expo 2022

June 25 @ 10am-2pm

Come play with us in the mud and celebrate a day where kids and adults
One large pool for bigger kids and adults and multiple small pools for toddlers.

There is a place to rinse off but beware the water is cold! Bring a change of clothes!

There will also be various fitness vendors, a yoga class and much more!

Sign up for the mud pool here! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEAA2CA7FE3-international1>



Bird Conservancy of the Rockies BioBlitz and Community Science Celebration!

Dates: Saturday June 4th

Time: 7:00a-2:00p

Ages: all ages

Cost: FREE (registration is still required), cookout lunch \$5

Location: Barr Lake State Park

Explore Barr Lake and become a biologist for a day! A bioblitz is when we count as many species as we can (both animals & plants) during a set amount of time. This helps biologists to learn more about a place and determine its habitat quality. But we need your help! Expert leaders will lead groups throughout the day to look for things like birds, insects, mammals, trees, flowers, and more! Bring your friends and family - the more biologists the better! Registration is required for all programs. [Click here](#), or visit our website for more information and to register!

Summer Camps

Taking Flight Overnight Camp

Dates: July 10 – 15

Ages: 12-14

Tuition: \$750/week

Location: Camp takes place at Highlands Camp in Allenspark, CO. Drop-off and pick-up take place at Bird Conservancy's Environmental Learning Center.

This overnight camp is the next step for budding birders and young nature enthusiasts who want to take their birding skills to the next level and also enjoy outdoor adventure, traditional camp activities and nature exploration. For 6 days and 5 nights, campers will call a cabin near Rocky Mountain National Park their home. They will have the opportunity to explore the ecosystems of Colorado's Front Range, while honing their bird identification and leadership skills, gaining independence and responsibility, and making new friends! The cost of this camp includes all lodging and meals.

Registration is required for all programs. [Click here](#), or visit our website for more information and to register!



Day Camps

Dates: June 6 – August 5

Ages: 4-13 (each week of camp is designed for a different age group)

Tuition: varies

Location: Bird Conservancy's Environmental Learning Center

All camps are about getting kids outside to have fun and explore nature while making friends, developing leadership skills and gaining insights into their relationships with themselves, others and the world around them. Camp content and activities are designed in a progression to introduce young children to the outdoors and build their skills over time.

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School Programs for All

Barr Lake State Park offers both self-guided and volunteer/naturalist led programs. Each program has been specifically designed to meet Colorado Educational Board requirements with Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics components in order to educate and inspire all participants, including parents and teachers to serve as active stewards of Colorado's natural resources.

Field Trips: Barr Lake field trips are designed to supplement the Colorado Academic Science and/or Social Studies content standards for grades K-5. Programs are staff and volunteer lead Wednesday through Friday mornings. To schedule a field trip, contact the Barr Lake State Park Nature Center at 303-659-6005, Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

Self-Guided: Our self-guided programs are designed for all types learning environments and schools. The programs include combined Kindergarten & 1st, 2nd & 3rd and 4th & 5th grade. Contact us to receive materials needed.

Need special accommodations? We are happy to help everyone "Live Life Outside". Call us and we will be happy to make arrangements with you.

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