

Island Gazette

Antelope Island State Park

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December 2012



Park Happenings

Art Gallery

December 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013

Jerry Read Hancock will display paintings in the visitor center art gallery. For more information, please call (801) 725-9263.

December 15 (Saturday)

Astronomy Program: Early Winter Constellations. Come and discover the wonder of the night sky in this evening program focused on the vastness of space and winter constellations. Meet at 5:30 pm in the visitor center. Dress to spend some time outside.

December 29 (Saturday)

Full Moon Hike: Dooley Knob. Join the Park Naturalist on this 3-mile moderate to difficult round trip hike to one of the amazing overlooks on the island. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight, snacks and water. Not recommended for children under 8 years old.

For more information call

801-721-9569 or

Email: wendywilson@utah.gov

Wildlife Sightings

Bison and Pronghorn Antelope are roaming far and wide and can be seen in several places throughout the island. Please use caution when viewing and photographing wildlife.

Coyotes can be seen as they are out looking for rodents and rabbits. Watch for this small dog-like predator.

A great place for bird watching is at the Fielding Garr Ranch. Watch for owls, quail, warblers, and more.

Did you Know..?

Great Salt Lake is 2 – 8x saltier than the Ocean.

The salinity of the Ocean is 3.5%
Farmington Bay is 6%
Gilbert Bay is 14%
Gunnison Bay is 25%

At those levels, Great Salt Lake is too salty to support life, other than Brine Shrimp and Brine Flies.

Safety Tips

Never approach bison. They may seem calm, but they are extremely large, strong and fast (up to 40 mph/65 kmh), and can get grumpy without notice.

Park Information

Visitor Center – Open Daily

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fielding Garr Ranch – Open Daily

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Entrance Station	(801) 773-2941
Visitor Center	(801) 725-9263
Fielding Garr Ranch	(801) 649-5742
Park Naturalist	(801) 721-9569

Lake Level

4196.2 feet above sea level
(1279 meters)

Water Temperature

47° F (8.3° C)

Average Air Temperature

37° F High (2.7° C)

23° F Low (-5° C)

Camping

Yes, camping is open in winter!

Unreserved campsites are assigned at 3:00 pm daily. Campers must register and pay at the park entrance station.

Fires are allowed in designated fire pits only. No fires on the beach.

For camping reservations at Antelope Island State Park please call 1-800-322-3770 or visit stateparks.utah.gov/reservations.

Concessions

Island Buffalo Grill

Close for the Season

R & G Horse and Wagon

Horseback riding tours depart from the Fielding Garr Ranch. Reservations are required by calling (888) 878-8002.

Gonzo Boat Rental and Tours

Closed for the Season (801) 698-6288

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