

# Island Gazette

## Antelope Island State Park

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# February 2013



### Park Happenings

#### Art Gallery

**February 1 – March 31**

Keith Vaught displays a collection of photos taken of Antelope Island.

#### February 8 (Friday)

**Astronomy Program.** Learn about the life of a star at 7 pm in the Visitor Center. Prepare to spend time outside.

#### February 9 (Saturday)

**Guided Walks:** Meet at 10 am at the Visitor Center for a guided bird walk. Then at 1pm meet at the Ranch for a tour to Mushroom Springs and a chance to see Bald Eagles.

#### February 17 (Sunday)

**Backyard Bird Count.** Meet at the visitor center at 9m to count as many birds as we can. Prepare to spend some time outside.

#### February 23 (Saturday)

**ROCKIN' Antelope Program: Wildlife Mysteries.** Discover some of the secrets of park wildlife at 11 am at the visitor center.

#### February 23 (Saturday)

**Guided Ranch Tours.** Meet the Curator at 11 am and 2 pm for guided tours of the Historic Ranch.

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801-721-9569 or

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### Wildlife Sightings

Bald Eagles are seen in many places right now, including along the Causeway, Lady Finger Point and the Ranch.

Chukars are quite active as they are looking for food near the Visitor Center and around Buffalo Point.

Large herds of Pronghorn have been lingering around the north end.

### Did you Know..?

The layering of snow on the ground is very beneficial to smaller animals, such as rodents and burrowing animals. The snow acts as an insulator to the ground, keeping it from freezing, and maintaining a comfortable temperature at ground level.

### Safety Tips

**Never approach bison.** They can get grumpy without notice and can run up to 40 mph/65 kmh.

**Be prepared** for changing weather. Dress in layers and take extra clothing in case of an emergency.

### 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**

**4196.5 feet above sea level  
(1279 meters)**

### **Water Temperature**

**33° F (.5° C)**

### **Average Air Temperature**

**42° F High (5.5° C)**

**25° F Low (-3.8° 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](http://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