

Island Gazette

Antelope Island State Park

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Park Happenings

June 1 – July 31, 2012

Art Gallery Exhibit: Visitor Center

Kelly J. Thurgood will display photographs and bronze statues in the visitor center art gallery. For more information, please visit www.kellythurgood.com or call (801) 725-9263.

Saturdays at the Beach

Stop by Bridger Bay Beach between 12pm – 2pm to learn about lake life & other fun facts.

June 3 (Sunday)

Ranger Hike: Exploring Island Resources. Meet at 2 pm on the Ranch Road, mile 9 for a short hike and fascinating discussion.

June 5 (Tuesday)

Solar Viewing: Transit of Venus. Come by the visitor center beginning at 4:30 pm to watch Venus pass in front of the sun. Never look directly at the sun.

June 7 & 21 (Thursday)

Life of Lake Bonneville. Meet at 3 pm at the visitor center to discover the past of Ancient Lake Bonneville.

June 9 (Saturday)

Morning Bird Tour. Meet at 9 am at the Entrance Gate for a tour of the birds along the causeway. No experience necessary.

Mushroom Springs Hike. Meet at 10 am at the Ranch for a 4-mile hike to learn about natural springs on the island.

Evening Program: Owls. Meet at 7pm at the visitor center to learn all about these nocturnal hunters.

June 16 (Saturday)

Deserts Are Not Deserted Hike. Meet at the visitor center at 10 am to learn about the island plants and animals.

June 23 (Saturday)

Junior Ranger: Feathered Friends. Kids 6-12 are invited to learn all about birds. Meet at 11 am at the visitor center.

Star Party. Explore the night sky. White Rock Bay at 8:30 pm.

June 30 (Saturday)

Junior Ranger: Sea Monkeys. Kids 6-12 meet at the Beach at 11 am to learn about lake life.

Evening Program: Bats! Discover the wonder of bats at 6 pm at the visitor center.

For more information call 801-721-9569 or email wendywilson@utah.gov

Trail of the Month

Elephant Head – 12.6 miles round trip

This trail begins at White Rock Bay, follows White Rock Loop for a portion of the trail, then continues south toward Elephant Head. This moderate trail leads to a spectacular overlook 650 feet above Great Salt Lake.

Wildlife Sightings

Bison and their calves are out and about, generally along the Ranch road. Please view them from a safe distance.

Watch for Pronghorn and their newborn fawns. Please keep a safe and respectful distance.

Coyotes are out looking for food so keep a look-out for them day and night.

Ground nesting birds such as Long-billed Curlew and Burrowing Owls can often be seen on and in grasses and other vegetation.

Safety Tips

Never approach bison especially now that there are calves around. They may seem calm, but they are extremely large, strong and fast (up to 35 mph), and can get grumpy without notice.

Always carry plenty of **water** as distances on the island are deceiving. Use **sunscreen** to protect yourself from the sun.

Park Information

Visitor Center – Open Daily

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Fielding Garr Ranch – Open Daily

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

The park closes 30 minutes after sunset.

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

Current Conditions

Average Temperature
81° F High, 56° F Low

Average Precipitation
1.42 inches

Lake Level
4198.5

Water Temperature
60° F

Camping

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

Fire restrictions are in place. **No open fires allowed.** No fires on the beach. Charcoal and gas grills are okay.

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

Concessions

Island Buffalo Grill

Open every day at 11:00 am. Burgers, salads, ice cream, coffee and more. Located at Bridger Bay Beach.

R & G Horse and Wagon

Horseback riding tours depart from the Fielding Garr Ranch. Reservations are required by calling (801) 782-4946 or visit www.randghorseandwagon.com.