

# Island Gazette

## Antelope Island State Park

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### Park Happenings

February 1, 2012 – March 31, 2012

#### Art Gallery Exhibit

Visitor Center - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Keith Vaught will display photographs in the visitor center art gallery. For more information, please visit [greatsaltlakeimages.com](http://greatsaltlakeimages.com) or call (801) 725-9263.

#### March 3 (Saturday)

**Birding for the Non-Birder.** For those who love the outdoors and would like to learn more about local birds, join the Park Naturalist from 10 am – 12 pm at the visitor center to learn some birding basics.

#### March 10 (Saturday)

**Deserts are Not Deserted: Antelope Island's Desert Plants and Animals.** The word "desert" comes from the word "deserted". The truth is that this land abounds with plants and animals. Join the Park Naturalist at 3 pm in the visitor center as we discuss the many wonders of this desert island.

#### March 17 (Saturday)

##### Junior Ranger: The Daytime Moon.

Children ages 6 – 12 are invited to come learn all about Earth's only natural satellite – the Moon. Meet at the visitor center at 11 am.

#### March 23 (Friday)

**Astronomy: The Solar System.** Join the Park Naturalist at 8 pm in the visitor center to learn all about our cosmic neighborhood. Dress to spend time outside.

If you would like to be on an email list for upcoming park programs, contact the Park Naturalist at **801-721-9569** or email at [wendywilson@utah.gov](mailto:wendywilson@utah.gov)

### Trail of the Month

#### Lakeside Trail – 2.7 miles one-way

This easy trail follows the shoreline of Bridger and White Rock Bays around the base of Buffalo Point. There are great views of the lake, wetlands and geologic formations along the trail.

### Wildlife Sightings

Bison and Mule Deer can be seen on the north end of the island, as well as along the east side road toward the Ranch.

Pronghorn Antelope are little harder to see. Watch for them near park Headquarters.

Northern Harriers and Rough-legged hawks can be seen flying low to the ground as they search for mice and other critters.

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

### Safety Tips

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

Be prepared for changing weather. Temperatures can drop quickly on the island, with strong winds bringing the temperature down even further. Please be safe while hiking on the trails.

### Park Information

#### Visitor Center – Open Daily

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

#### Fielding Garr Ranch – Open Daily

9:00 am – 5:00 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

52° F High, 33° F Low

#### Average Precipitation

2.48 inches

#### Lake Level

4198.7

#### Water Temperature

38° F

### Camping

Fires are allowed in fire pits only. No fires on the beach. Please be safe and wise with fires.

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

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](http://stateparks.utah.gov/reservations).

### Concessions

#### 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.randhorseandwagon.com](http://www.randhorseandwagon.com).

#### Island Buffalo Grill

Open for business beginning March 9<sup>th</sup>. Open every day from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Located at Bridger Bay Beach.