

# Island Gazette

## Antelope Island State Park

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# November 2012



### Park Happenings

#### Art Gallery

**October 1, 2012 – November 30**  
Ray Boren will display photographs in the visitor center art gallery. For more information, please call (801) 725-9263.

#### November 17 (Saturday)

**Mammals of Antelope Island.** Join the Park Naturalist at 3 pm in the visitor center to learn all about the many mammals that call Antelope Island home.

#### November 24 (Saturday)

**Evening Hike: The Night Sky.** Bundle up and join the Park Naturalist at 5 pm on an easy to moderate 2-mile round trip hike around Buffalo Point Loop. Meet at site #8 in Bridger Bay Campground.

#### 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](mailto: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..?

Antelope Island is the largest Island on Great Salt Lake. It measures 15 miles long and 5.5 miles wide, and is just over 28,000 acres.

The highest point is Frary Peak at 6,596 feet (2010.5 meters) above sea level.

### 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

**4196.1 feet above sea level**  
**(1279 meters)**

### Water Temperature

**54° F (12.2° C)**

### Average Air Temperature

**49° F High (9.5° C)**

**31° F Low (-0.5° C)**

### Camping

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