

# 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.

**February 4 (Saturday)**

#### **Junior Ranger Program: Animals in Winter Walk.**

Join the Park Naturalist from 11 am to 12 pm at the visitor center to discover and discuss some of the amazing adaptations animals use to survive winter. Dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes. Program is geared towards children ages 6-12 but everyone is invited.

**February 10 (Friday)**

**Predators of the Sky.** Birds of prey have many adaptations to help them survive. Come meet a great-horned owl and a peregrine falcon and discover what makes them so unique. Program begins at 5 pm in the visitor center.

**February 18 (Saturday)**

#### **Astronomy Program: The Life of Stars.**

The stars we see at night are all in various stages from "birth" to "death". Come explore the night sky as we discuss and observe the life cycle of stars. Meet at 5:30 pm in the visitor center. Dress to spend time outdoors. If you bring a flashlight, be sure it has a red filter.

**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

#### **Mountain View - 11.4 miles one-way**

This long, easy trail along the east side of the island offers great views of the geology, wetlands and wildlife found here. There are several access points to the trail along the east side road.

### 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.

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.

As you drive along the east side road toward the Ranch, watch for porcupines in the trees.

### 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**

42° F High, 25° F Low

#### **Average Precipitation**

1.94 inches

#### **Lake Level**

4198.0

#### **Water Temperature**

35° 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**

Closed for the winter season.