

# Island Gazette

## Antelope Island State Park

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### Park Happenings

**December 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012**

#### **Art Gallery Exhibit**

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

Deanna G. Reeves will display photographs in the visitor center art gallery. For more information, please visit [deannareevesartist.wordpress.com](http://deannareevesartist.wordpress.com) or call (801) 725-9263.

#### **January 1**

**First Day Hike: Buffalo Point.** Come welcome the New Year with a hike around Buffalo Point. Enjoy the views of Great Salt Lake along this 1.75 mile round-trip route. Meet at the visitor center at 1:30 pm. Dress warmly and bring water and snacks. For more information call (801) 721-9569.

#### **January 14**

##### **Junior Ranger Program: Wildlife**

**Mysteries.** With a layering of snow on the ground, winter is a great time to discover some of the secrets of wildlife. Join the Naturalist at 11:00 am at the visitor center to learn about animal tracks and tracking. Program is geared toward ages 6-12 but everyone is invited. Plan to spend time outside.

#### **January 20**

##### **Astronomy Program: The Winter**

**Hexagon.** Bright winter stars are out high in the sky, with stories just waiting to be told. The Winter Hexagon is where it all begins. Meet at 5:30 pm in the visitor center. Dress to spend time outdoors.

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

#### **Ladyfinger Point - .5 miles round trip**

Easy trail with some scrambling around large rocks. With cooler temperatures, this is a quick, easy way to see some of the Island. If you are here in time to watch the sunset, this is a perfect location for that.

### Wildlife Sightings

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 along the road.

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

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

### Safety Tips

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.

**Never approach bison.** They may seem calm, but they are extremely large, strong and fast (up to 30 mph), 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

**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**

36° F High, 22° F Low

#### **Average Precipitation**

2.13 inches

#### **Lake Level**

4197.8

#### **Water Temperature**

34° 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.