

Please find below, Utah State Parks news for March 29:

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CRAYFISH, CAMPSITES AND CANOES STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES ROCKIN' UTAH SUMMER SCHEDULE

Salt Lake City – Go paddling, fishing, camping and pioneering in Utah's state parks this summer as part of the Rockin' Utah Program. Utah State Parks and Recreation offers affordable activities for families to explore the outdoors and learn skills to build their own connections with nature.

A \$10 fee for each group or family of up to eight people includes your park entrance fee, instruction and one outdoor gift per family/group to take home. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by calling 801-537-3123. Rockin' Utah 2011 schedule:

May 7 Rock Cliff Nature Center at Jordanelle State Park - Francis
Birding Basics: Join Park Naturalist Kathy to learn basic bird identification. Then, try your new skills while walking among cottonwood and aspen trees. No birding experience is necessary.

May 21 Willard Bay State Park - Willard
Paddle in the Park - You in a canoe! Join us and our Coast Guard friends for a day on the water learning canoeing, kayaking, paddling, knot tying, safety and more.

June 4 Yuba State Park - Levan
Fish and Fly: Bait a hook, cast a line and try to catch the big fish during the morning hours. Later, fly kites with your family and friends on Yuba's famous sandy beach.

June 17 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Campfires and Stars: Join Wasatch Wendy for an evening around the campfire, making s'mores and telling stories of stars and space while gazing up into the night sky.

July 9 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Ride Like the Wind - Women only ATV Ride: Have you ever wanted to ride an ATV? Join Education Coordinator Ann Evans for a day of instruction, riding, sightseeing, and even some geocaching in the beautiful Wasatch Mountains.

July 9 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum - Cedar City

Pioneering: Ever wonder what it was like to be a pioneer settler? Now is your chance to make candles, do pioneer laundry, garden, cut logs, construct a log cabin, make a rope, and more.

July 14 – 15 Palisade State Park - Sterling

Camp and Ride: Bring your own gear for a camping trip made easy and fun. Join us for a geocache adventure, hotdogs, hamburgers, and scorpion and star programs. Bring your ATV for a guided ride Friday (experienced riders only), with lunch on the mountain, and fishing in the pond.

July 15 – 16 Palisade State Park - Sterling

Camp and Fish: Bring your own gear for a camping trip made easy and fun. Join us for a golf lesson on the driving range followed by a round of golf. No pressure! We'll share a great dinner, and enjoy scorpion and star programs. Saturday we'll fish with the kids and have a delicious breakfast. The rest of the day is yours!

Other activities include catching crawfish, canoeing to Crystal Geyser, and harvesting apples from 100 year old trees. For a full list of events, visit stateparks.utah.gov/rockin-utah or to pre-register, call (801) 537-3123 or email rockin@utah.gov

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SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City – With recent accumulations of spring snow, Utah State Park Rangers remind snowmobilers to be aware of snow conditions and avalanche dangers before heading into Utah's backcountry.

- Check weather reports and avalanche advisories at utahavalanchecenter.org
- Wear a transmitting avalanche beacon, and carry a shovel and probe
- Allow only one person at a time to ride steep slopes, and park in safe locations while watching riders
- Stop periodically to look for clues of instability and consider avalanche hazards

For more information and safety tips, visit stateparks.utah.gov. To find the latest snowmobile grooming reports, visit snowut.org or call 800-OHV-RIDE. Ride On!

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UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

April 7 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding
Backroom Perishables: Dr. Laurie Webster, archaeologist, author, textile and perishable expert and consultant, presents a program focusing on a selection of some of the fragile artifacts from the Edge of the Cedars collection including sandals, basketry, and other woven items. Program begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free to the public. 435-678-2238

April 8 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Sunset Hike: Explore the twilight sights and sounds of the canyon during a 1.5-mile, round trip hike at 7 p.m. Space is limited and registration required. 435-628-2255

April 9 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Bats: Join us at 8:30 p.m. in the visitor center amphitheater for a program about bats. Program includes an audio/visual presentation, games and activities and nighttime bat viewing. 435-259-2614

April 9 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Stories of Light - The Great Southern Hexagon: Join the park naturalist at 8:30 p.m. at the campground to explore the most exciting areas of the night sky and discover the stories of the stars, constellations and planets. 435-654-1791

April 9 Antelope Island State Park - Levan
Junior Ranger Program: Join us at 2 p.m. to learn about how sheep were sheared and wool was processed at the Fielding Garr Ranch. Though this program is geared for youth six to 12, everyone is welcome. 801-649-5742

April 10 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Bird Walk: Join us at 7 a.m. at the visitor center amphitheater for a morning bird walk. Learn common desert birds, their calls, and their field markings. Bring good shoes, hat, sunscreen and plenty of water. 435-259-2614

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