

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for May 26:

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#### UTAHNS VACATIONING CLOSE TO HOME, STATE PARKS REPORT BUSY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Salt Lake City– With a very busy Memorial Day Weekend now over, Utah State Park managers anticipate a very strong season. Utahns are taking advantage of recreation opportunities close to home: Great water levels at lakes and reservoirs, affordable state park golf courses, full camping amenities and facilities, and a variety of family events and activities.

“People are definitely staying closer to home this year,” commented Utah State Parks Reservation Manager Emily DeBois. “Campers are booking sites earlier than usual, from the most popular campsites to the best-kept secrets.”

Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead for the upcoming holidays and to reserve campsites and day-use pavilions as soon as possible. For more information or to make a reservation, call 1-800-322-3770 from outside the Salt Lake calling area, (801) 322-3770 within the area or at stateparks.utah.gov.

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#### UTAH STATE PARKS MAKE TOP 100 CAMPGROUND LIST

SaltLake– Four Utah state parks are included in America’s Top 100 Family Campgrounds, a list compiled by Reserve America, the largest provider of campsite reservations in North America.

BearLake, Fremont Indian, Goblin Valley and Red Fleet state parks were selected based on criteria most requested by campers, including showers, hiking trails, visitor centers, educational programs and children’s events.

#### **Many Utah state parks also topped lists in 14 other categories, varying from Most Unique Location to Best Hiking Trails:**

Top 25 Biking Trails: Rock Cliff at Jordanelle, Steinaker and Wasatch Mountain state parks

**Top 25 Educational and Historical Facilities: Anasazi, Camp Floyd, Fremont Indian, Utah Field House of Natural History state parks/ museums**

**Top 50 Hiking Trails: Deer Creek, Rock Cliff at Jordanelle, Kodachrome Basin, Red Fleet, Rockport, Steinaker and Wasatch Mountain state parks**

**Top 50 Scenic Views: Dead Horse Point, Goblin Valley, Goosenecks and Kodachrome Basin state parks**

**Top 25 Tours and Events: Annual Bison Roundup at Antelope Island State Park**

**Otter Creek, Green River, Camp Floyd, Antelope Island, Rockport, Bear Lake, Hyrum, Quail Creek and Yuba state parks were cited for bird watching, events, picnic areas, canoeing, ambiance, and fishing.** For a complete list of all parks chosen, visit [www.thecampingclub.com](http://www.thecampingclub.com)

**For more information on Utah’s state parks, please visit stateparks.utah.gov.**

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#### UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

**Salt Lake City**-- Utah law requires children under 13 who are on a boat, and anyone operating or riding as a passenger on a personal watercraft, to wear a properly-sized lifejacket. However, Utah State Parks Boating Rangers encourage everyone to always wear a lifejacket.

Utahboating accident statistics indicate most boating accident drowning victims would have likely survived had they been wearing a lifejacket. For more boating safety information, go to stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-7220. Wear it Utah!

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#### TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF JORDAN RIVER OFF-HIGHWAYVEHICLE CENTER

Salt Lake City– Jordan River Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Center is temporarily closed from Monday, June 29 through Saturday, July 18 due to construction on a natural gas line. For more information, please call (801) 533-5425.

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#### UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

June 6 Wasatch Mountain State Park – Midway  
Dutch Hollow Trail Event: Celebrate National Trails Day by joining park staff for trail maintenance from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants should bring water, gloves, and large loppers if possible. Water, light snacks, and tools are provided. For more information, please call (435) 654-1971.

**June 6** Yuba State Park ( <http://stateparks.utah.gov/stateparks/parks/yuba/> ) - Levan  
**Rockin' Utah - Fish and Fly:** Learn to fish in the morning and then fly kites with Cloud 9 on the sandy beach in the afternoon! The cost is \$10 per family/group of up to eight people and includes a fun, outdoor gift to take home. Space is limited, so please pre-register or get more information at [rockin@utah.gov](mailto:rockin@utah.gov) or (801) 537-3123.

**June 10 – 12** Iron Mission State Park Museum ( <http://stateparks.utah.gov/stateparks/parks/iron-mission/> ) - Cedar City  
**History Day Camp:** Children nine to 11 are invited to participate in a three-day interactive history camp to learn pioneer skills, printing, carpentry, and blacksmithing. (435) 586-9290

**June 12 – 13** Rockport State Park ( <http://stateparks.utah.gov/stateparks/parks/rockport/> ) - Peoa  
**Mountain Spirit Heritage Festival:** Celebrate the history of Summit County with dancing, live music, and food vendors. Friday's events take place at the Coalville Fairgrounds. Saturday's events take place at the Old Church at Rockport State Park. (435) 336-2241

**June 13** Utah Field House of Natural History ( <http://stateparks.utah.gov/stateparks/parks/field-house/> ) State Park Museum - Vernal  
**Dinosaurs! Dinosaur National Monument Interpreter Christy Young talks about dinosaurs at 2 p.m. This program is geared towards children six to 12, however everyone is welcome. (435) 789-3799**

**June 13** Wasatch Mountain State Park ( <http://stateparks.utah.gov/stateparks/parks/wasatch/> ) - Midway  
Senses: Discovering nature goes well beyond what you can see. By using all of our senses, we can discover so much more. Children six to 12 are invited to experience the natural world during this one-hour program. Meet at 1 p.m. at the campground office. (435) 654-1791

June 13 Wasatch Mountain State Park ( <http://stateparks.utah.gov/stateparks/parks/wasatch/> ) - Midway  
Utah's Wildlife: Join Division of Wildlife Resources Outreach Coordinator Scott Root as he talks about some of Utah's wonderful wildlife. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the campground amphitheater. (435) 654-1791

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