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TEMPORARY CAMPGROUND CLOSURE AT EAST CANYON STATE PARK

Morgan— East Canyon State Park campground is closed Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 to accommodate the Ragnar Wasatch Back Relay Race. Day-use access is available with limited parking Friday, June 19 until 7 p.m. Day-use facilities will be open for regular business Saturday, June 20. For more information, please call (801) 829-6866.

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LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED FOR BOATS AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Salt Lake—Motorboats, including personal watercraft (PWC), are required to carry owner's or operator's liability insurance when operating on Utah's waters. Motorboats equipped with engines less than 50 horsepower are exempt from this requirement.

Proof of insurance must be carried on board the motorboat whenever it is in operation. The minimum insurance requirements are: \$25,000/\$50,000 bodily injury/death - \$15,000 property damage or \$65,000 combined minimum per accident.

A motorboat owned by a non-Utah resident and registered in the non-resident's state must meet its state's insurance requirements or have 90 days to comply with Utah's liability insurance requirements.

The following tips may help save money on boat insurance:

- Get an appraisal of your boat's value: Today's competitive boat buying market has likely reduced the value of your boat, which could allow you to reduce your premium.
- Check for duplication: If you have a homeowner's or renter's insurance policy, it may cover things such as sports equipment.
- Educate yourself: Take a Utah State Parks or U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating education course. Completion of the course may reduce your premium.

For more information go stateparks.utah.gov/stateparks/boating/ or call (801)538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

June 30 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante

Geology Hike: Travel 150 million years back in time! Explore the park's unique geology on this guided one-mile hike at 10 a.m. (435) 826-4466

July 2 – January 30 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

Desert Horses - Painted by the Women Who Ride Them: View the new exhibit of original Western paintings by Moab artist Page Holland and daughter Sunnie Holland of San Antonio, Texas. An artist reception is July 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. (435) 678-2238

July 4 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Independence Day Weekend Events: Join park staff for Independence Day Weekend at historic Fielding Garr Ranch. Learn how the people of Antelope Island lived, learn to make pioneer handkerchief dolls, pick up a needle and quilt, and learn pioneer games such as farm ball. Activities scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 2 p.m. children ages six to 12 can learn about Antelope Island's pioneer history and earn a Junior Ranger badge. (801) 649-5742

July 4 Jordanelle State Park - Francis

Junior Ranger Program- All About the Sun: Children six to 10 are invited to join the park naturalist from 11 a.m. to noon to learn about the sun. Children earn a badge and certificate. Rock Cliff is located on the east side of the reservoir. (435) 782-3030

July 4 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal

Dippy's Birthday Celebration: Join park staff from 1 to 3 p.m. and celebrate the discovery of the original Diplodocus sauropod dinosaur, affectionately known as Dippy. (435) 789-3799

July 4 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Junior RangerProgram- A Tree's Life: Trees provide plants, animals, insects and people with food, shelter, and safety. Children six to 12 are invited to join park staff for a one-hour program learning about and discovering some of the wonders of trees. Program begins at 1 p.m. at the campground office. (435) 654-1791

July 4 TerritorialStatehouse State Park Museum- Fillmore

Fourth of July Celebration: Join staff from Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum and Fillmore City for the traditional Fourth of July celebration. Food and activities are available plus plenty of fun games including a rounders tournament. Rounders is similar to baseball, but involves more players. (435) 743-5316

July 7 – 9 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn - Fairfield

History Camp for Kids: Experience how soldiers lived at Camp Floyd in 1861 and how the Utah War served pre-Civil War objectives. Campers meet costumed interpreters, play 19th century games, drill, march, and set up a soldier's camp, fire an 1860s period firearm, and make soldier crafts. Other activities include conducting a full-scale military exercise; and observing muskets and firing a cannon. Participants receive a 2009 history camp T-shirt, Union or Confederate cap, replica rifle, canteen, haversack, harmonica and more. This program is designed for boys and girls ages eight to 11. Each camp is limited to 24 participants and runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Reservations and \$75 camp fee are required. (801) 768-8932.

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