

Please find below, Utah State Parks news for June 22:

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#### JUNE IS GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

Salt Lake City—President Barack Obama, Governor Jon M. Huntsman, and governors nationwide declared June as Great Outdoors Month. Utahns are encouraged to get outdoors and visit Utah's state parks and museums, forests, and other public lands and waterways.

This is a great opportunity for those who have never visited a Utah state park or are looking for new areas to visit. While June is a great month to recognize the great outdoors, Utahns can celebrate every month of the year.

Upcoming Events:

**June 30** Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante

**Geology Hike:** Travel back in time 150 million years! Explore the park's unique geology on this guided one-mile hike. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m.

**June – July 31** **Millsite State Park - Ferron**

**Family Fishing: Join us for a summer of family fishing fun from June 1 through July 31. The Division of Wildlife Resources tagged 20 fish worth \$50 each, 10 worth \$100, and two worth \$250. There is no cost to participate, but a valid Utah fishing license is required.**

July 16 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

UtahHistory Through Native Eyes - Learning About the Noochew: Join Northern Ute filmmaker Larry Cesspooch at 6:30 p.m. for a presentation on Utah's Utes and three historic periods in Ute history. This program is free and open to the public. (435) 678-2238

**July 18** Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum- Vernal

Join Christy Young, interpreter at Dinosaur National Monument, at 2 p.m. for a presentation on dinosaurs. This program is geared towards children six to 12, but everyone is welcome. Fees are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. (435) 789-3799

**July 18** Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

**Junior Ranger Program-** What's that Bug? Join the park naturalist at 1 p.m. to learn all about the interesting insects around us. Some are cute, some are ugly, some are just plain interesting, but they all have an important role to play during their short lives. Event is geared towards children age six to 12, but everyone is invited. (435) 654-1791

**July 18** Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

**Evening Program** - Dutch Oven Cooking: Join Ranger Drew Patterson as he demonstrates some tried and true Dutch oven recipes. Learn tips and tricks, and sample the food. Program begins at 7 p.m. at the Oak Pavilion. (435) 654-1791

July 18 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

**Huber Grove History Tour:** Tour historic Huber Grove from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Visit this beautiful, peaceful area and learn about unique Swiss architecture. The tour is free and open to all. For more information call (435) 654-1791

**July 21 – 23** Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - 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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#### UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City— Be aware of carbon monoxide dangers while boating on Utah's waters. Carbon monoxide is a potentially deadly gas produced anytime a carbon-based fuel, such as gasoline, propane, charcoal or oil, burns.

Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and tasteless and mixes evenly in the air. It enters the bloodstream through the lungs and displaces oxygen in the body. Do not confuse carbon monoxide poisoning with seasickness, intoxication, heat or marine stressors.

"If someone on board complains of irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, or dizziness, immediately move the person to fresh air and seek medical attention if necessary," advises Boating Education Specialist Chris Haller.

Sources of carbon monoxide on boats include gasoline engines, generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters. Cold and poorly tuned

engines produce more carbon monoxide than warm, properly-tuned engines. Boat exhaust leaks can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. These leaks can migrate throughout the boat and into enclosed areas. Regular maintenance and proper boat operation can reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

It is illegal to operate a motorboat or have the engine of a motorboat run idle while a person is occupying or holding onto the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, swim ladder or while a person is being towed in a non-standing position within 20 feet of the vessel. These restrictions do not apply when the motorboat is docking, or while persons are entering or exiting the vessel.

For more safe boating tips go to [stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov) ( <http://www.stateparks.utah.gov/> ) or call (801)538-BOAT. Utah Boaters..WEAR IT!

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