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UTAH COMBINED TRAILS COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED

Salt Lake City- A meeting of the Utah Combined Trails Council (UCTC) is scheduled Tuesday, August 4 at 6 p.m. in the Soldier Hollow Conference Room at the Department of Natural Resources located at 1594 West North Temple in Salt Lake City.

UCTC is composed of 18 individuals representing motorized and non-motorized trail users who make recommendations to Utah State Parks and Recreation regarding the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The RTP is a federal aid assistance program of the Federal Highway Administration, helping city, municipal, state and federal agencies develop and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized use. For more information, please call State Trails Program Coordinator John Knudson at (801) 538-7344.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for this meeting should call (801) 538-7220, giving at least three working days notice.

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake – If you are arrested and convicted for boating under the influence of alcohol (BUI) in Utah, it can mean jail time, a large fine, cancellation of auto insurance, and loss of your driver's license.

Alcohol impairs your balance, coordination, reaction time, vision, depth perception, and ability to process colors, especially red and green.

Utah law prohibits motorboat operators to have open containers of alcoholic beverages when boats are in operation. In Utah, a boat operator is considered to have given consent to take a chemical test requested by a peace officer if they appear to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Play safe, play sober!

For more information, please contact [stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov) (<http://www.stateparks.utah.gov/>) or (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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VISIT TERRITORIAL STATEHOUSE STATE PARK MUSEUM FOR FREE THIS SUMMER

Fillmore-- Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum offers free entrance to the museum throughout the summer season, providing opportunities for visitors to explore and experience an important site in Utah's political history.

Take a step back in time at Utah's oldest existing governmental building and relive pioneer life through exhibits and artifacts, paintings and portraits, and special events. Tour the 1867 rock schoolhouse and two pioneer log cabins, which are also part of this historic site. Enjoy a shady picnic area and an All-American Rose Society garden. Stop by the museum gift shop to pick up a souvenir from your trip. Gift shop items include books, pioneer crafts and toys, and Utah goods.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, closed Sunday. Territorial Statehouse is located at 50 West Capitol Avenue in the town of Fillmore, Exit 167 off Interstate 15. For more information and a list of special events, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (435) 743-5316.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

August 11 Iron Mission State Park Museum – Cedar City

Children's Storytime: Preschool children can learn about the past through stories and history-related activities from 12:30 to 1 p.m. (435) 586-9290

August 14 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal

Lecture: Join one of the world's leading experts on dinosaurs, Jack McIntosh, for a lecture on sauropod dinosaurs at 7 p.m. (435) 789-3799

August 15 Rock Cliff Nature Center/Jordanelle State Park - Heber

Junior Ranger Program - Cooking up a Comet: Children six to 10 are invited to Rock Cliff Nature Center from 11 a.m. to noon to learn how what a comet is and how to make one. Children earn a Junior Ranger badge and certificate. Rock Cliff is located on the east side of the reservoir. (435) 782-3030

August 15 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal

Demonstration: Join Tim Seeber, a.k.a. Mr. Bones, with his life-size Ceratosaurus puppet from 9 to 11 a.m. A meat-eating dinosaur, Ceratosaurus was a terrifying predator from the late Jurassic period, 17 feet in length and weighing around one ton. (435) 789-3799

August 15 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Junior Ranger Program - Blending In With Nature: Join the park naturalist to learn how to blend more with nature when you're out and about. Program begins at 1 p.m. at the campground office. (435) 654-1791

August 15 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Evening Program - Bats!: Despite the many myths and superstitions we have about bats, they are one of the most important do-gooders of the natural world. Discover some of the wonders of bats beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the campground amphitheater. (435) 654-1791

August 15 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Star Party: Join staff from the Ogden Astronomical Society and Weber State University for an evening under the stars. Participants can expect to enjoy beautiful celestial views (weather permitting), and stellar conversation with local astronomers. Meet at White Rock Bay at 9 p.m. If you bring a flashlight, please make it a red-colored lens. (801) 721-9569

August 15 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Huber Grove History Tour: Tour the historic Huber Grove from 10 to 11 a.m. Visit this beautiful, peaceful area and learn about Unique Swiss Architecture. The tour is free and open to all. (435) 643-1791

August 15 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal

Children's Dinosaur Story: Surrounded by life-size dinosaur skeletons and pictures, enjoy the story of Little Dryosaurus beginning at 11:30 a.m. (435) 789-3799

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