

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for August 4:

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

SaltLake– Inner tubes, air mattresses and all other flotation devices are considered boats when used to carry people on the water. Utah law requires wearing a properly sized and approved life jacket when using these devices.

Approximately 700 people drown nationwide each year from recreational boating accidents, making it imperative to wear a life jacket at all times while on the water. Much like a helmet to a cyclist, life jackets are an essential part of boating safety equipment and should be worn at all times.

Life jackets are no longer the orange, hot and bulky vests that are commonly associated with on-the-water safety gear. New innovations and developments in life jackets have produced a smaller, sleeker, and much more comfortable version of a life jacket, leaving no reason not to wear it.

Throughout the boating season, remember to practice safe and responsible boating, always wear a life jacket, and be alert and aware while on the water.

For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT.

Wear it Utah!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

August 29 Rock Cliff Nature Center/ Jordanelle State Park - Francis

Junior Ranger Program - Turn over a New Leaf: Children six to 10 are invited to the Junior Ranger Program from 11 a.m. to noon at the Nature Center to learn about fall and what animals are doing to get ready for winter. Children will earn a badge and certificate. Rock Cliff is located on the east side of the reservoir. (435) 782-3030

August 29 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Junior Ranger Program - 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

August 29 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Evening Program - Hawks Up Close: Have you ever seen a hawk, eagle, or falcon up close? If not, here's your chance. Join the park naturalist for a program about birds of prey and come see one up close. Program begins at 7 p.m. at the campground amphitheater. (435) 654-1791

August 29 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Huber Grove History Tour - Tour historic Huber Grove from 10 to 11 a.m. Visit this beautiful, peaceful area and learn about nature on the ranch. The tour is free and open to all. (435) 654-1791

August 29 Hyrum State Park - Logan

Evening Program: Join Ken Kyburz from the Golden Spike National Historic Site to learn about legends of northern Utah. Program begins at 7 p.m. in the park's amphitheater. Admission is free. (435) 245-6866

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