

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for September 8:

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

SaltLake– Utah State Park Boating Rangers warn all boaters to 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. Sources of carbon monoxide on boats include gasoline engines, generators, cooking ranges, space heaters and water heaters.

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

“If someone complains of irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness or dizziness, move the person to fresh air quickly and seek immediate medical attention,” stated Assistant Boating Program Manager Chris Haller.

Boat exhaust leaks are the leading cause of death by carbon monoxide. Cold and poorly tuned engines produce more carbon monoxide than warm, properly tuned engines. 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.

Other areas of concern include being on or swimming near the rear decks or swim platforms of boats with the generator or engines running. It is dangerous and illegal to teak surf, platform drag, or be towed within 20 feet of the rear of a boat while in a non-standing position. Research indicates that high concentrations of carbon monoxide can be found within 10 feet immediately behind a boat.

For more safe boating tips visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov) (<http://www.stateparks.utah.gov/>) or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR
ANTELOPE ISLAND BISON ROUNDUP RANGE RIDE

Syracuse– Antelope Island State Park staff hosts the 23rd Annual Bison Roundup and Range Ride Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1. Anyone interested in participating in the Range Ride on horseback and assisting with the Roundup must register online at stateparks.utah.gov by Friday, October 23.

Range ride participants herd the Antelope Island bison herd to designated areas on Saturday and Sunday. Please be aware that in past years, bison have been moved to holding facilities on the first day of the Range Ride. Registration fees are \$25 per person and include a souvenir bandana and entertainment. For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 773-2941.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

September 22 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Junior Ranger Program – Tracks in the Sand: Explore the stories left in the sand by Antelope Island wildlife. Meet at Bridger Bay Beach at 10 a.m. Learn to use your eyes to catch movement and identify some common mammal tracks. Earn a Junior Ranger badge or update your skills. (801) 721-9569

September 24 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Bird Watching: Learn to identify birds by sight and sound, and help the park naturalist conduct a bird survey. Binoculars and field guides provided. Meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. (435) 826-4466

September 25 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Run The Redrock: Run the redrock and learn about some of the geology of Dead Horse Point at two viewpoints along the way. We will run/jog 2.8 miles roundtrip at a moderate pace with optional turnarounds at any point. Meet at the mountain bike trailhead at 6 p.m. Be prepared to run! (435) 259-2614

September 26 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Star Party: Enjoy a short presentation about the stories behind the better-known constellations, and look into the night sky to learn how to locate constellations and practice your skills. Meet at the visitor center at 8 p.m. (801) 721-9569

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