

Please find below, Utah State Parks news for November 9:

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HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AT WILLARD BAY

Willard - Willard Bay State Park hosts Fantasy at the Bay, a drive-through holiday light display November 25 through January 1. Display hours are 5 to 10 p.m. nightly and admission is \$8 per vehicle. Utah State Parks Annual Passes are not valid during light display hours.

Cottonwood Campground is filled with animation, lighted trees, roadway lights and displays. Visitors may drive through the display or ride on a horse-drawn hay wagon at no additional cost. A concession service offers cocoa, hamburgers, chili, scones, s'mores and other items around a large campfire. To reach Willard Bay State Park, take Exit 357 off I-15.

For more information, please call Fantasy at the Bay at 435-734-9294 or 435-237-9506, or Willard Bay State Park at 435-734-9494.

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BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City – Though water temperatures are dropping at Utah's lakes and reservoirs statewide, there are still great boating opportunities in southern Utah.

Mild winter climates allow Sand Hollow and Quail Creek state parks in Hurricane to offer year-round boating. Sand Hollow State Park offers blue waters and red sandstone landscapes, while Quail Creek State Park boasts a red rock desert setting and great fishing.

Due to reduced staffing and mandatory quagga mussel decontamination at Sand Hollow Reservoir, winter boating access hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Quail Creek winter park hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Weekday boat ramp access is available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hours subject to change depending on weather and available staff.

Boaters should also follow these safety tips:

Always wear a life jacket.

File a float plan; inform someone of where you are going and when you will return.

Dress for changing weather conditions and layer your clothing.

Keep a ladder on board in case someone falls overboard.

Never boat alone.

For more information or to take a boating safety course, please visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

November 20 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Birding in the Park: Join the park naturalist to learn the basics of birding and help conduct a bird survey. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Wasatch Mountain State Park Visitor Center. Dress for the weather. 435-654-1791

November 26 – 27 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Our Inland Sea - Exploring the Great Salt Lake: Meet at the visitor center at 1 p.m. for a special screening of *Our Inland Sea: Exploring the Great Salt Lake*, a 45-minute documentary about Great Salt Lake. www.greatsaltlakedvd.com

November 27 Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum - Fillmore
Holiday Light Event: Enjoy the annual holiday lighting ceremony at 6 p.m., which includes singing, holiday treats and fun. 435-743-5316

November 27 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Stargazing: Join Laura Cotts, guest astronomer from Southern Utah University, for a night of stories and stargazing beginning at 6:30 p.m. Program registration is held two days prior to event. All programs are free and open to the public. 435-628-2255

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