

ROCKIN' UTAH



Reaching Out Connecting Kids In Nature

Event Schedule



FULL Wildflowers and Watercolors
Snow Canyon State Park, Ivins
Saturday, April 2
Spring is prime time for wildflower viewing! View desert wildflowers during a 1.5-mile, round-trip hike. Use inspiration from your journey to paint your own colorful creation to take home. Beginners welcome.

FULL Photography in the Park
Antelope Island State Park
Syracuse
Saturday, April 9
Bring your camera and learn photo tips and skills. Hike the island while taking photos of wildlife and scenic landscapes. Frame your favorite photograph and display it at the park!

FULL Birding Basics
Rock Cliff Nature Center at Jordanelle State Park, Francis
Saturday, May 7
Join Park Naturalist Kathy to learn basic bird identification. Then, try your new skills while walking among cottonwood and aspen trees. No birding experience is necessary.

FULL Paddle in the Park
Willard Bay State Park, Willard
Saturday, May 21
You in a canoe! Looking for a new, healthy hobby? Join us and our Coast Guard friends for a day on the water learning canoeing, kayaking, paddling, knot tying, safety and more.

FULL ROCKIN on Rocks: Hiking & Geology
Antelope Island State Park, Syracuse
Saturday, June 4
Meet at the Visitor Center for presentation to get an idea of what will be seen during the geology hike. Participants should bring proper attire and bug spray and remember to bring plenty of water.

FULL Fish and Fly
Yuba State Park, Levan
Saturday, June 4
Bait a hook, cast a line and try to catch the big fish during the morning hours. Later, fly kites with your family and friends on Yuba's famous sandy beach.

FULL Campfires and Stars
Wasatch Mountain State Park, Midway
Friday, June 17
Join Wasatch Wendy for an evening around the campfire, making s'mores and telling stories of stars and space while gazing up into the night sky.

FULL Mad Paddling in a Big Puddle
East Canyon State Park, Morgan
Saturday, June 25th
Come learn how to canoe and kayak in mountain lake splendor. We will teach you all the basics. Meet at East Canyon State Park at 10 a.m. on the north end next to the concession on the beach.

FULL Ride Like the Wind – Women only
ATV Ride
Wasatch Mountain State Park, Midway
Saturday, July 9
Have you ever wanted to ride an ATV? Join Education Coordinator Ann Evans for a day of instruction, riding, sightseeing, and even some geocaching in the beautiful Wasatch Mountains.

FULL Day in the Life of a Pioneer Settler
Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, Cedar City
Saturday, July 9
Ever wonder what it was like to be a pioneer settler? Now is your chance to make candles, do pioneer laundry, garden, cut logs, construct a log cabin, make a rope, and more.

FULL Let's Camp and Ride!
Wasatch Mountain State Park, Sterling
Thurs., July 14 and Fri., July 15
Bring your own gear for a camping trip made easy and fun. Join us for a geocache adventure, hotdogs, hamburgers, and scorpion and star programs. Bring your ATV for a guided ride Friday (experienced riders only), with lunch on the mountain, and fishing in the pond.

FULL Let's Camp and Fish!
Wasatch Mountain State Park, Sterling
Fri., July 15 and Sat., July 16
Bring your own gear for a camping trip made easy and fun. Join us for a golf lesson followed by a round of golf. No pressure! We'll share a great dinner, and enjoy scorpion and star programs. Saturday we'll fish with the kids and have a delicious breakfast. The rest of the day is yours!

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FULL Story Day Camp
Camp Floyd State Park and
Museum, Fairfield
Saturday, July 30
Live a day in the life of a Civil War
era soldier. Travel back in time to
1858-1861 as a recruit in
Johnston's Army at Camp Floyd in
the Utah Territory.

FULL Crayfish Anyone?
Scofield State Park, Scofield
Saturday, August 6
Come and have a great time
catching your own lunch. All fishing
(or catching) supplies provided.
We'll enjoy a yummy southern style
crayfish dish at the end!

FULL Harvesting History
Wasatch Mountain State Park,
Midway
Saturday, August 27
Get outside during this hands-on
apple harvest. Enjoy a little history
and make a simple apple treat in
beautiful surroundings.

*Our thanks goes to Valley Nursery
for providing an apple tree to each
family attending this event.*

FULL Hiking, Petroglyphs and Dinosaur
Tracks, Oh My!
Utah Field House State Park and
Museum
Saturday, September 10
Join us for a fun and informative
hike to view the McConkie Ranch
petroglyphs - one of the finest
rock art sites. Also, learn about the
fantastic geology of the area along
the way. The history here is
amazing. Surprise, there's a
dinosaur track at the end of the
trail! Go ahead and check out the
museum after the hike.

FULL Fires and Bats!
Dead Horse Point State Park,
Moab
Friday, September 16 and
Saturday, September 17
Join us Friday evening for a fun
naturalist program and top it off by
camping under the beautiful stars.
On Saturday, we'll learn mountain
bike safety and tips, and ride the
new Intrepid Trail with options for
every skill level. Your family will
never forget this experience.

FULL Canyoneering in the Swell!
Coburn Valley State Park,
Hanksville
Saturday, October 1
Join us for a guided hike through
Little Wildhorse and Bell canyons!
Canyoneering is becoming
increasingly popular, and this is a
great way to introduce people to
the sport. Learn basic, non-
technical canyoneering skills like
scrambling and stemming, and
also about the geology, flora,
fauna and human history of the
area.

*Space for these programs
is limited so pre-registration
is required. For more
information or to pre-register,
call (801) 538-7428 or email
rockin@utah.gov.*

About ROCKIN UTAH:

Our Rockin' Utah program is part of a nationwide Children in Nature effort, based on Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder by author Richard Louv. His book describes how children would rather be playing a video game, hanging out in a mall, or texting on a cell phone, than playing outdoors and how the concept of camping and hiking is becoming more foreign to young people.

As a result Utah State Parks is launching an initiative to get children and their families outside to play, discover and explore the great outdoors. This program includes fishing events, hikes, campouts, heritage and history activities, and more. On a scheduled day, one park in nearly each of our agency's four regions will host events focusing on recreation with an emphasis on family fun. Is there a better way of creating lasting family memories and building stronger family relationships?

Please join us if you:

- have never tried these activities, but have hoped for an opportunity to learn.
- are a beginner who hopes to improve your skills.
- know how to do some of these activities, but would like to try your hand at some new ones.
- want time away to reconnect with nature.

A huge thanks goes to our sponsors for supporting this program.

