

# Oasis Newsletter and Events

## March and April 2024

The activities and facilities located within the park emphasize wildlife conservation, outdoor education, and natural landscape themes. There is something for everyone here: fishing, boating, hiking and running.

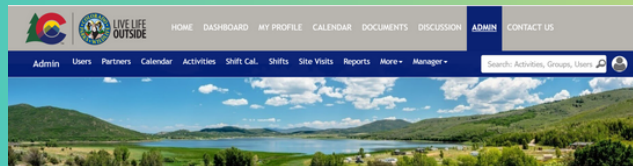
**Entry to the park is not included in any event fees and a daily or annual pass is required.**

Most events at Barr Lake State Park are free due to the generous donations from Friends of Barr Lake a non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the education, conservation and recreational facets of Barr Lake. If you enjoy our programming and would like to contribute you can donate online or in the Nature Center.



## We're Moving March 2024!

The Oasis newsletter is moving to the **CPW Connect system!** You will have the opportunity to get our newsletter, sign up for events, special programs and to volunteer all in one location! If you would like to continue receiving The Oasis Newsletter and program information after February please register at: <https://cpwconnect.state.co.us/Signup>



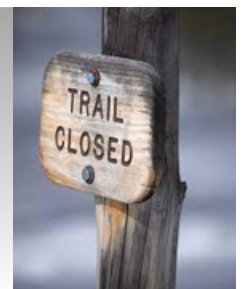
## 2024 BOATING SEASON

Lake will open for the 2024 season on **April 1st**. Only sailboats, hand-propelled craft and boats with electric trolling motors, or gasoline motors 10 horsepower or less are permitted on Barr Lake.

## RAPTOR NESTING CLOSURE

**The trail is closed between mile markers 4.5 to 5.5 to all activities until further notice to protect nesting bald eagles in the area.**

**North-West trail area of the park.**





### Eagle Express and Osprey Shuttle Rides

The eagles are returning and so are the shuttles. Our 8-12 passenger shuttles are perfect for getting out to the Gazebo Boardwalk for those who cannot walk the 2.5 mile round trip. Visitors will not be allowed to hop on to a reserved shuttle. Reservations are required. You do not have to have a party of 8 to reserve. Call the Nature Center for reservations and details at 303-659-6005.

### Aquatic Nuisance Species - ANS Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Starts April 1st

Watercraft Decontamination at Barr Lake is by appointment only. To set up a date and time for your boat decontamination please call 720-520-1876 or 720-786-1114



### 12th Annual 5k - Raptor Run



**Saturday, April 6th – 5k @ 8am.** Run or walk with the Raptors and see the sites of Barr Lake State Park. Dogs are allowed on the course. Friends of Barr Lake's fun event to benefit educational programming at the park. For more details go to the Register:

<https://www.runningguru.com/E1.asp?eID=115462>



### Earth Day and Annual Kite Festival

**Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Come to Barr Lake and celebrate Earth Day and join our kite festival! There is going to be live raptor presentation, kite lessons for kids, snacks, crafts and nature hikes.

Sign up to help out with Earth Day projects around the park. We will be raking, digging and planting for the Spring.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEAA2CA7FE3-48436292-earth>



**FREE Basic Archery**  
**March 10 - April 14**  
**11am-1pm**

Introduction to archery is limited to 16 students age 8 and up. Learn about safety, proper techniques and then have a try at our archery range! Loaner equipment is available during class. These classes fill quickly so don't wait! Register here! Please don't register for more than ONE class. Multiple class registrations will be removed to allow everyone the opportunity to take this class. Once you have completed basic archery you can come to the nature center and check out our loaner equipment between 9am-4pm 7 days a week.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEAA2CA7FE3-46893152-beginning#/>



**Guided Bird Walks**  
**March 23**  
**April 20**  
**9am-10:30am**

Join volunteer naturalists Tammy and Ira for a walk in the park! This walk is to introduce park visitors and birders of all levels of experience to the parks birds and anything else you happen to see. It's a great time to see bald eagles along the ice and a variety of ducks and geese in the open pools. Registration is encouraged but if you want to join us last minute, please feel free to do so!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEAA2CA7FE3-47021649-guided#/>



**LADIES NIGHT OUT**  
**FLY FISHING 101**  
**April 3 - April 17**  
**6pm-8:30pm**



Have you wanted to learn to fly fish? In this ladies-only, hands-on workshop, you will learn about fly fishing equipment, basic casting, knots, and fly selection. No fishing license required as we will not be on the water.

Register:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEAA2CA7FE3-ladies4#/>



**Toddler Story Time**  
**May 28**  
**10am-11am**

Bring your preschooler to the Nature Center and listen to stories about the natural world while learning about plants, animals and our planet. Please only register the child.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEAA2CA7FE3-47022234-toddler#/>





### “Live Life Outside” Mobility Programs

At Barr Lake it is our mission to make the outdoors accessible to all. To achieve that mission we have our two shuttles and two track chairs that are available to anyone who needs them.

The Track Chair program allows wheelchair users and those with varied mobility the opportunity to explore hiking trails and experience the outdoors in an accessible way.

On average, outings range from 2-3 hours depending on the participants desires. Scheduling for the mobility programs is flexible and not limited to weekdays. For more information or to schedule a time please email us at [barrlake.withoutboundaries@gmail.com](mailto:barrlake.withoutboundaries@gmail.com) or call us at 720.520.1876.

### Leave No Trace Scavenger Hunt

**Wanna get out of the house and do something fun without being cold?**

Come in to the Nature Center and pick up a scavenger hunt sheet at the Self Guided Tours Wall! Complete all the questions and get a special prize!

### Volunteers Wanted!

The Barr Lake Volunteer Program began in 1982. The purpose of the volunteer program at Barr Lake is to enhance the visitor experience by providing quality educational, interpretive, and conversational contacts with park visitors. Well-trained and skilled volunteers enable Barr Lake State Park staff to educate many visitors throughout the year. Volunteers also increase visitor safety by providing more eyes and ears on the park and by providing educational contacts that may prevent unsafe behavior. The Barr Lake volunteer program also provides a fun, supportive, and educational place where adults of all ages, abilities, and experience can come together to learn, grow, and share their love of the natural world with others.

Barr Lake offers a buffet of options for earning volunteer service hours. Volunteers may choose to specialize in just one type of work, or they may choose to do a little of each!

#### Volunteer Qualifications

- At least 13 years old or volunteering with a parent
- Communicates well with a range of people and a variety of situations
- Can provide appropriate pants/shorts and shoes while volunteering
- Available to participate in at least two continuous learning opportunities in a calendar year
- Desire to serve in a variety of roles, such as education and outreach, habitat and trail work, maintenance and construction, wildlife projects and customer service.

#### How to get started

All volunteers are required to register on the CPW database [CPWConnect.com](http://CPWConnect.com)

- Sign up to create an account.
- Check all the boxes that apply to you and your interests.
- Select the Get Involved page and under places, type Barr Lake.
- Scroll through the listed opportunities and click on BLSP Volunteer Application.

Once you are done you can call the park or wait to hear back from us to discuss your interests and scheduling.

### Friends of Barr Lake

**Education    Recreation    Conservation**

Friends of Barr Lake is involved in many activities at Barr Lake State Park. We not only raise funds for special events—we work with Rangers and park volunteers to help maintain the park and its structures.

Please consider donating to this organization so we can continue to offer all the programs and services you and your family have enjoyed for years!

Friends of Barr Lake, 501(c)3 organization with the sole purpose of supporting Barr Lake State Park.





Registration is required for all Bird Conservancy of the Rockies programs. Go to their website [BirdConservancy.org](http://BirdConservancy.org) and click on News and Events. Binoculars, field guides, and adaptive equipment will be available to borrow. We believe the world needs birds. Our mission at Bird Conservancy of the Rockies is the conservation of birds and their habitats through an integrated approach of science, education and land stewardship. We envision a future where birds are forever abundant, contributing to healthy landscapes and inspiring human curiosity and love of nature. Our work radiates from the Rockies to the Great Plains, Mexico and beyond. Our efforts are advanced by sound science, achieved through empowering people, realized through stewardship and sustained through partnerships. Together, we are improving native bird populations, the land and the lives of people.

## **March Events**

### **Birding for All**

**Date: Mar 12, 2024**

**Time: 10:00am - 11:30am**

**Ages: All Ages (registration is required)**

**Cost: \$7/person ages 3+**

**Location: Bird Conservancy of the Rockies  
(Environmental Learning Center)**

Join Bird Conservancy of the Rockies for monthly accessible outings in 2024! We want to include people of all abilities, including those with seen and unseen disabilities. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

Registration:

<https://www.birdconservancy.org/events>

Scholarships are available:

[birdconservancy.org/scholarship-birdingforall](http://birdconservancy.org/scholarship-birdingforall)

### **Family & Homeschool Event: Bird Song**

**Date: Mar 21, 2024**

**Time: 9:00am - 11:00am**

**Ages: All ages (registration is required)**

**Cost: \$7 per child (Ages 1-17) & \$1 per adult (18+)**

**Location: Bird Conservancy of the Rockies  
(Environmental Learning Center)**

From the call of an eagle to the rhythmic chirp of a backyard bird, bird songs and calls are something many of us have come to know. In this program we'll learn more about bird songs and the important role they play in the world of birds.

Scholarships are available:

[birdconservancy.org/scholarship-familyprograms](http://birdconservancy.org/scholarship-familyprograms)

### **Bird Conservancy Bird Walk**

**Date: Mar 30, 2024**

**Time: 9:00am-11:00am**

**Ages: Ages 10 & up (registration is required)**

**Cost: \$7 per person**

**Location: Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (Environmental Learning Center)**

Join Bird Conservancy of the Rockies in this opportunity to get out and go birding around Barr Lake, seeing what different birds stop over throughout the year. This program is intended for ages 10 & up but all skill levels are welcome to attend. Binoculars and field guides will be available to borrow for the duration of the program.

Registration: <https://www.birdconservancy.org/events>

Scholarships: [birdconservancy.org/scholarship-communityevents](http://birdconservancy.org/scholarship-communityevents)

## **April Events**

### **Birding for All**

**Date: Apr 9, 2024**

**Time: 10:00am - 11:30am**

**Ages: All Ages (registration is required)**

**Cost: \$7/person ages 3+**

**Location: Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (Environmental Learning Center)**

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Registration:

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Scholarships are available:

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### **Bird Conservancy Bird Walk**

**Date: Apr 27, 2024**

**Time: 9:00am-11:00am**

**Ages: Ages 10 & up (registration is required)**

**Cost: \$7 per person**

**Location: Barr Lake State Park (meet in front of the Nature Center)**

Join Bird Conservancy of the Rockies in this opportunity to get out and go birding around Barr Lake, seeing what different birds stop over throughout the year. This program is intended for ages 10 & up but all skill levels are welcome to attend. Binoculars and field guides will be available to borrow for the duration of the program.

Registration:

<https://www.birdconservancy.org/events>

Scholarships: [birdconservancy.org/scholarship-communityevents](https://www.birdconservancy.org/scholarship-communityevents)

### **Camp Open House**

**Date: Apr 27, 2024**

**Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm**

**Ages: All Ages (registration is required)**

**Cost: Free**

**Location: Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (Environmental Learning Center)**

Join the Bird Conservancy's camp staff for an open house at our Environmental Learning Center where we have camp! This is your opportunity to see the grounds, ask questions, connect with other camp families and get excited for camp!

Registration: <https://www.birdconservancy.org/events>