

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Bird Hikes at Lake Ogallala

Wednesday, October 12th, 19th, 26th

7:45 am Meet at the Lake McConaughy Visitors Center

Bring your walking shoes and prepare for about a 2 mile hike. Binoculars, bird guides, and checklists will be provided. Dates are subject to change and additional days may be added. A guest Naturalist from Pennsylvania will attend October 19th, providing additional birding knowledge!

Nature Journaling Walks

Sunday, October 16th and 23rd

1:30-4:00pm Meet at Ash Hollow State Historical Park Picnic Area

Bring your walking shoes, water, and favorite journal out to the lake for a nature walk with the park naturalist. The first 30 minutes will be instruction on the basics of nature journaling, and then a 2 hour hike will follow. Using our journals, we can observe and record the changes during the fall season! If you would like to craft a journal, or have any questions, contact Alison Bleich at alison.bleich@nebrasak.gov or (308) 284-8801.

Bird Walk through Ash Hollow - Sunday, October 16th

7:45 am Meet at Ash Hollow State Historical Park Picnic Area

Come out and enjoy a bird walk with a guest Naturalist, Margaret Rohde, from Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association in Pennsylvania. She is a certified bird bander with extensive bird research experience! Bring your walking shoes and water. Binoculars, bird guides, and checklist will be provided. Nebraska State Parks Vehicle Permit Required. Contact Alison Bleich at alison.bleich@nebrasak.gov or (308) 284-8801 for more information.

Pumpkin Carving Nights!

Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st

5:30-7:30pm Lake McConaughy Visitors Center

All ages welcome! Come out to the visitors center and join the Park Naturalist for her favorite seasonal activity, pumpkin carving! Use a provided stencil pattern and surprise yourself with a masterpiece! Various stencils, all the tools, and guidance will be provided. Prize going to the award winning pumpkin of the night. BYOP (bring your own pumpkin). For more information, contact Alison Bleich at alison.bleich@nebraska.gov or (308) 284-8800

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Snakes, Turtles, and Lizards... Oh My!

Saturday, October 22nd

Lake McConaughy Visitors Center

1:00-1:45 pm Kids crafts

2:00- 3:00 pm Presentation

Celebrate National Reptile Awareness Day!

You're invited to join the Park Naturalist out at the lake for a family fun event celebrating these amazing critters! Kid's crafts will start at 1pm, followed by a presentation all about reptiles at 2pm. Learn the basics on reptiles, species you can see Nebraska, and how you can identify them.

Paint a Pumpkin

Saturday, October 22nd

5:00-7:00pm Lake McConaughy Visitors Center

Express your creativity through a night spooky pumpkin painting! Paints and painting tips will be provided, BYOP (Bring your own pumpkin). Come up with a creative idea, or follow a instructed painting!

Keep up to date on upcoming events:

Nebraska Game and Parks Calendar:

Outdoornebraska.gov

Lake McConaughy Website:

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