

## UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

### Bird Hikes at Lake Ogallala

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **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 19<sup>th</sup>, providing additional birding knowledge!

### Nature Journaling Walks

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **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](mailto:alison.bleich@nebrasak.gov) or (308) 284-8801.

### Bird Walk through Ash Hollow - Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **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](mailto:alison.bleich@nebrasak.gov) or (308) 284-8801 for more information.

### Pumpkin Carving Nights!

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **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](mailto:alison.bleich@nebraska.gov) or (308) 284-8800

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

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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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**Lake McConaughy Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/LakeMcConaughyNE>

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