

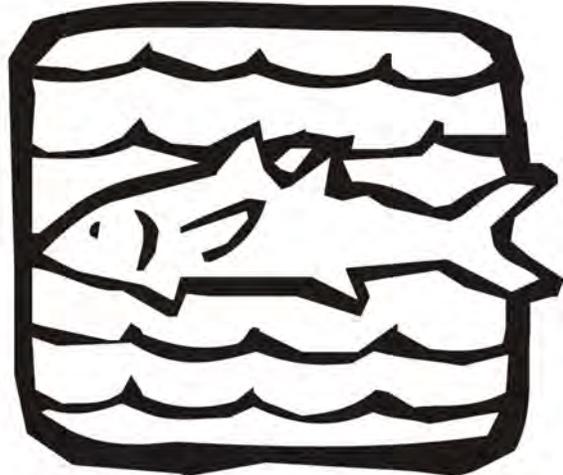
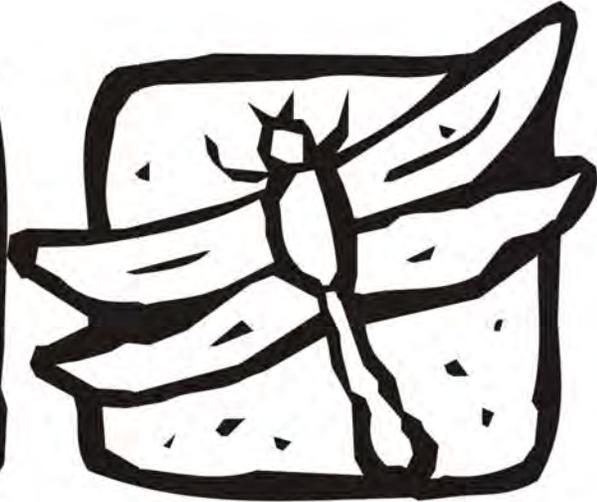


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# Lake Red Rock's Summer Fun Guide

Programs and Activities for Summer 2013

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## May

- 24 - Froggin' Hike**  
9:00 p.m. - South Tailwater
- 25 - Let's Go Paddling!**  
12:00-2:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek
- 25-27-Bobber/Water Safety Dog Cartoons**  
9:30-6 p.m.—Visitor Center
- 31 - Building the Red Rock Dam**  
9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Amphitheater

## June

- 1 - Birdwatching Hike**  
7:00 a.m. - Whitebreast Campground
- 1 - Boater Education Course**  
(preregistration required)  
9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. - Visitor Center
- 1 - Let's Go Paddling!**  
10:00 a.m.-Noon—Whitebreast Beach
- 5 - Young Naturalists - Pond Critters**  
10:00 a.m. - South Tailwater
- 7 - Let's Go Paddling!**  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek
- 8 - Let's Go Fly a Kite!**  
1:00 p.m. - North Overlook Beach
- 12 - Kids' Craft Day**  
1:00-3:00 p.m. - Visitor Center
- 14 - Red Rock: The Town Beneath the Lake**  
8:00 p.m. - North Overlook Picnic
- 15 - Bird Banding**  
7:00-10:00 a.m.—Howell Station
- 15 - Pond Exploration**  
1:00 p.m.—North Overlook Camp.
- 19 - Family Time at the Beach**  
1:00 p.m. - North Overlook Beach
- 20 - Junior Rangers (for kids 8-10 yrs.)**  
9a.m.— 3p.m.—**pre-registration required**  
(call the Corps office for details)

## (June Continued)

- 21 - Survivor: Red Rock** (for kids 11-12 yrs)  
9 a.m.— 3 p.m.—**pre-registration required**  
(Call the Corps office for details)
- 22 - Bike Safety Check and Mini-Rodeo**  
10:00-11:30 a.m. - Howell Station
- 22 - Fish Sampling: A Shocking Demo!**  
10:00 a.m. - Location to be Determined
- 22 - Let's Go Paddling!**  
2:00-4:00 p.m. - Roberts Creek
- 26 - Webelos Activity Badge Day**  
(preregistration required)  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. (Call Corps office)
- 28 - Geocaching Basics**  
7:00 pm.—Whitebreast
- 29 - River Critters (paddling program)**  
9:00 a.m. - location to be determined  
(Pre-registration required, must be at least 16 yrs. Old to borrow kayaks - call Corps office for details)

## July

- 3 - Young Naturalists: Red Rock Wildlife**  
10:00 a.m.—Visitor Center
- 4 - Let's Go Paddling!**  
10:00 a.m. -Noon—Roberts Creek
- 5 - Nature's Fireworks: Fireflies**  
9:00 p.m. - Wallashuck
- 6 - Pond Exploration**  
1:00 p.m. - South Tailwater
- 6 - The "World's Worst Camper"**  
7:00 p.m. - Howell Station
- 10 - Kids' Craft Day**  
1:00-3:00 p.m. - Visitor Center
- 12-14 - Red Rock BalloonFest** (check [www.lakeredrockballoonfest.com](http://www.lakeredrockballoonfest.com) for details)

**(July Continued)**

- 12 - Let's Go Fly a Kite!**  
1:00 p.m. - North Overlook Beach
- 13 - Let's Go Paddling!**  
9:00-11:00 a.m. - N. Overlook Beach
- 13 - Campground Wildlife**  
1:00 p.m. - Visitor Center
- 13 - Let's Go Fly a Kite!**  
3:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach
- 17 - Family Time Activities**  
1:00 p.m. - North Overlook Beach
- 18 - Junior Rangers (for kids 8-10 yrs)**  
9a.m.— 3p.m.—**pre-registration required**  
(call the Corps office for details)
- 19 - Survivor: Red Rock (for kids 11-12 yrs)**  
9 a.m.— 3 p.m.—**pre-registration Required** (Call the Corps office for details)
- 20 - Amazing Mollusks! Freshwater Mussels**  
10:00 a.m.—Location to be determined
- 20 - Geocaching 301**  
1:00-3:00 p.m. - Visitor Center
- 26 - Creatures of the Night Hike**  
9:00 p.m.—Howell Station
- 27 - Geocaching Basics**  
7:00 p.m.—Wallashuck

**August**

- 2 - "Cold Blooded" Critters: Ectotherms of Iowa**  
1:00 p.m.—Visitor Center
- 3 - Pond Exploration**  
10:00 a.m.—South Tailwater
- 7 - Kids' Craft Day**  
1:00-3:00 p.m. - Visitor Center
- 9 - Evening Paddle to Hickory Ridge**  
**5:15 p.m.—Whitebreast Boat Ramp**  
preregistration required, must be at least 16 yrs. Old)

**(August Continued)**

- 10 - Red Rock: The Town Beneath the Lake**  
10:00 a.m.—Visitor Center
- 10 - Let's Go Fly a Kite!**  
1:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach
- 11- Historic Bridge Weekend: Tour of the Bridges of Marion County**  
2:30-4:30 p.m. - Visitor Center
- 14 - Family Time at the Beach**  
1:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach
- 16 - Let's Go Paddling!**  
6:00-8:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek
- 17 - Geocaching Basics**  
10:00 a.m.—Howell Station
- 23 - Shoreline Rock Walk**  
7:00 p.m.—Whitebreast (meet at the Whitebreast Point shelter)
- 24 - Tree I.D. Walk**  
9:00 a.m.—North Overlook Picnic
- 24 - Butterfly Safari**  
1:00 p.m.—South Tailwater
- 30 - Creatures of the Night Hike**  
9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast
- 31 - Let's Go Paddling!**  
9:00-11:00 a.m.—Roberts Creek

**September**

- 2 - Shoreline Rock Walk**  
10:00 a.m. –Whitebreast (Meet at the Whitebreast Point shelter)
- 13 - Monarch Watch: Butterfly Tagging**  
5:30 p.m.—South Tailwater





Photo Scavenger Hunt Sponsored by  
the Red Rock Lake Association

Here's how it works: Simply spend time exploring the fantastic trails surrounding Lake Red Rock—with your camera in hand! As you explore, search for items on the 'scavenger hunt list' for the trail you are trekking and take a quick photo. Once your adventure is finished, stop by the Red Rock Visitor Center to share your pix with a staff member and track your effort on your Red Rock Trail Trekker Passport.

## What's in it for You?

After you have completed three of the six scavenger hunts, you will earn a 3-in-1 whistle compass thermometer to take out on your next journey, and if you complete all six Trail Trekker Scavenger Hunts, your name will be entered into a drawing for the grand prize: an camel-style backpack! (Program runs Memorial Day-Labor Day weekend. Drawing will take place after Labor Day weekend. Winner will be notified.)

**Passports and Scavenger Hunt Lists Are Available at the Following Locations:**

**Online:**

[www.redrocklakeassociation.org](http://www.redrocklakeassociation.org)

or

[www.lakeredrock.org](http://www.lakeredrock.org)

(click on "Trail Trekkers" link)

**Hard Copies Also Available:**

Red Rock Visitor Center

You can also scan  
the QR Code here:



**Have fun!**



## Lake Red Rock Explorer Cards

Attention all explorers! Pick up a Lake Red Rock Explorer Card at any lake program or from the visitor center and get it stamped at every ranger activity you attend as well as every time you check out "Kids Outdoors" gear this summer. Fill your card with six stamps and get a certificate and your picture on display at the Red Rock Visitor Center!

## "Kids Outdoors"

### Outdoor Gear Checkout Program

Available at Red Rock Visitor Center

Open Daily Memorial Day-Labor Day

9:30a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Take the kids (or yourself) outside and spend some quality time exploring nature! Don't have the outdoor gear to do it? No problem...borrow some from us at the Red Rock Visitor Center free of charge!

- Pond Study Adventure Kits
  - Bird-watching Exploration Packs
  - Bug Packs
  - Animal Track Discovery Kits
  - Life Jackets (Adult & Child Sizes)
  - GPS Units (Geocaching Packs)
  - Disc Golf Sets
- (Try them at Robert's Creek Disc Golf Course)

## Froggin' Hike

**Fri., May 24—9:00 p.m.—South Tailwater**

Croaks, chirps, trills, and burps...who's making all that noise? Spring is a great time to enjoy the serenades of native frogs and toads. Join us for a hike to one of Red Rock's wetlands to listen to the concert, identify some of their calls, and maybe catch a glimpse of some of the musicians!

## Bird Banding

**Sat., June 15—7:00 –10:00 a.m.—Howell Station**

Join Nelson Hoskins, area birdwatcher and licensed bird bander, to experience what the science of bird banding

is all about! Mist nets will be set up around the visitor center to capture small birds which will then be fitted with numbered leg bands to track their movements (if recaptured at some point in the future). Come check out the thrill of seeing live birds "in hand" as they are banded for future research!

## Let's Go Paddling!

**Sat., May 25—12:00-2:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek**

**Sat., June 1—10 a.m.-noon—Whitebreast Beach**

**Fri., June 7—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek**

**Sat., June 22—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek**

**Thurs., July 4—10:00 a.m.-Noon –Roberts Creek**

**Sat., July 13-9:00-11:00 a.m.-N. Overlook Beach**

**Fri., Aug. 16—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek**

**Sat., Aug. 31—9:00-11:00 a.m.—Roberts Creek**

Here you will have the chance to experience both canoeing and kayaking in the same day! Give one or both types of watercraft a try and see how much fun paddling can be! (You must be at least 10 years old to use kayaks. Life jackets will be provided. Programs may be cancelled if inclement weather/wind conditions.)

## Building of the Red Rock Dam

**Fri., May 31—9 p.m.—Whitebreast Amphitheater**

In March, 1969, the Des Moines River Valley changed forever as the newly constructed Red Rock Dam closed its gates for the first time, creating the reservoir we know as Lake Red Rock. Join a park ranger to learn how the dam was built and how it changed the Red Rock area.

## Birdwatching Hike

**Sat., June 1—7:00 a.m.—Whitebreast Camp**

Take a journey on the Stu Kuyper Nature Trail on a quest for Red Rock's winged wonders! You will learn how to spot birds and the basics of identifying them by sight and sound. Bring your binoculars and a field guide or borrow these from us. Please wear closed-toe shoes and pants.

## Boater Education Course

**Sat., June 1—9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.—Visitor Center**  
(Preregistration required—call the Corps office for details)

Join the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for this excellent course and brush up on your boating knowledge, safety requirements and general rules of the road. The class is open to beginners as well as experienced boaters of all ages, and it also fulfills the state's boater education requirement for young boaters 12 up to 18 years old. The course fee is \$15.00 for those seeking certification.

## Young Naturalists

**Wed., June 5—10 a.m.—South Tailwater**  
(Theme: Pond Critters)

**Wed, July 3—10 a.m.—Visitor Center** (Theme: Area Wildlife)

Explore nature with your child and enjoy hands-on activities exploring the natural world! Each activity covers a different theme. (Parent/guardian must participate in the program with the child.)

## Let's Go Fly a Kite!

**Sat., June 8—1:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach**

**Fri., July 12—1:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach**

**Sat., July 13—3:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach**

**Sat., Aug. 10—1:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach**

Catch the breeze off lake Red Rock for some great kite flying time! Bring your own kite, or borrow one from us (limited number available). Kites will also be available for purchase at the Red Rock Visitor Center.



## Kids' Craft Day

**Wed., June 12—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Visitor Center**

**Wed. July 10—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Visitor Center**

**Wed., Aug. 7—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Visitor Center**

Got creative kids? Bring your young artists to enjoy make-and-take nature craft activities! Crafts provided by the Red Rock Arts Alliance and Lake Red Rock.

## Red Rock: The Town Beneath the Lake

**Fri., June 14—8:00 p.m.—N. Overlook Picnic**

**Sat., Aug. 10—10:00 a.m.—Visitor Center**

The town of Red Rock was once a thriving, industrious community and home to many colorful, pioneering people. Once hopeful that the Red Rock Dam would save them from the Des Moines River's frequent flooding, it eventually sealed their fate. Join a Park Ranger to catch a glimpse of this historic settlement now lying beneath the waters of the lake!

## Pond Exploration

**Sat., June 15-1:00 p.m.—N. Overlook Camp.**

**Sat., July 6—1:00 p.m.—South Tailwater**

**Sat., Aug. 3—10:00 a.m.—South Tailwater**

Go "mucking" at one of the lake area's wetlands! Dip nets and tubs will be available for you to try and catch some of the critters swimming and crawling in and around the area! Mucking can be messy, so please wear old shoes and clothes.

## Family Time at the Beach

**Wed., June 19 -1:00 p.m.— N. Overlook Beach**

**Wed., July 17—1:00 p.m.—N. Overlook Beach**

**Wed. Aug. 14—1:00 p.m.—N. Overlook Beach**

Bring the kids out to the beach for some fun crafts and other activities in and on the sand! All ages welcome.

## Junior Rangers (pre-registration required)

**Thurs., June 20—9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Thurs., July 18—9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Attention boys and girls! If you are between the ages of 8 and 10 years old and would like to learn what it's like to be a Park Ranger at Lake Red Rock, sign up for one of these day camps. For more information, contact the Corps office.

## Survivor Red Rock (pre-registration required)

**Fri., June 21—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Fri., July 19—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Boys and girls ages 11-12 years old: Have fun learning how to build a fire, make an emergency shelter, perform basic wilderness first aid, learn basic compass and GPS skills, and paddle a kayak! Group size is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Corps office. (Kayaking will be dependent on wind/weather conditions.)

## Bike Safety Check and Mini Rodeo

**Sat., June 22-10:00-11:30 a.m.-Howell Station**

Is your bike ready for summer? Members of the Pella Cycling Club are offering a free bike safety check for all bicyclists. Kids, "saddle up" and test your biking skills through the mini rodeo course after your safety check, and make sure your bike is ready for action!

## Fish Sampling: A Shocking Demo!

**Sat., June 22—10:00 a.m.—Location to be Determined—Call Corps Office for Info.**

Biologists from the University of Iowa Hygienic Lab will demonstrate how shocking fish is used to assess the health of lakes, rivers and streams. See the equipment, demonstrate the process, and show you the fish species caught. Location of the activity will depend on lake conditions.

## Cub Scout Activity Badge Day (for Webelos)

**Wed., June 26—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

(preregistration required—call the Corps office) Attention Webelos: Spend the day at the lake working on requirements for your Naturalist badge. If time permits, participants may also work on tasks for the Outdoorsman badge too.

## Geocaching Basics

**Fri., June 28—7:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Camp.**

**Sat., July 27—7:00 p.m.—Wallashuck Camp.**

**Sat., Aug. 17—10:00 a.m.—Howell Station**

You're never too old for hide-and-seek. Have some fun and give geocaching a try! This sport uses the technology of GPS (Global Positioning Systems) to hunt for caches hidden in the area. Bring your own GPS or borrow one from us for

the activity. Learn some of the basics and then try it on your own when you travel anywhere.

## River Critters (paddling program)

**Sat., June 29—9 a.m.—Location to Be Determined** (preregistration required—must be at least 16 years old to borrow a kayak—call Corps office) Join Dr. Jim Pease, wildlife and interpretive specialist, for a paddling tour to find birds, mammals, trees and shrubs and help you understand them and their relationship with the river. Depending on conditions, participants will paddle for 1-3 hours, stopping frequently to watch and learn what the river has to teach us.

## Nature's Fireworks: Fireflies

**Fri., July 5—9:00 p.m.—Wallashuck**

Ooh! Aah! The brilliant flashes of fireflies brighten the warm summer nights and offer a wonderful display! Take a hike in search of “nature’s “fireworks” and learn a bit about the insects that create the show!

## The “World’s Worst Camper”

**Sat., July 6—7:00 p.m.—Howell Station**

The “World’s Worst Camper” enjoys spending time in Lake Red Rock’s parks, but he needs a little help understanding the rules! Join a Park Ranger to meet him and help explain the error of his ways!

## Campground Wildlife

**Sat., July 13—1:00 p.m.—Visitor Center**

Join staff and “special guests” from the Pella Wildlife Company for an up-close look at some of furry critters that live around the lake and may even visit campers during their stay!

## Amazing Mollusks! Freshwater Mussels

**Sat., July 20—10:00 a.m.—Location to be Determined**—Call the Corps office for info.

Join DNR Biologist Jennifer Kurth for a closer look at these “one-footed” creatures roaming the many rivers and streams of Iowa. Freshwater mussels play an important role the health of freshwater ecosystems, helping keep the water clean by acting as Mother Nature’s water filters. For something that looks like a living rock, they have a unique life cycle and interesting adaptations to the environment in which they live. Come learn more!



## Lake Red Rock

## Balloon Fest

July 12-14, 2013

Visit [www.lakeredrockballoonfest.com](http://www.lakeredrockballoonfest.com)  
for more information.

## Geocaching 301

**Sat., July 20—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Visitor Center**

Join seasoned geocacher Jeff Goodson (nicknamed “Super Goober” in the geocaching world) for a more in-depth look at how to play this “techy” sport. Topics covered will be related to basic use of the Geocaching Swiss Army Knife (GSAK), planning your geocaching day using GoogleEarth Tweaker, working with GPS .gdb files and more.

## Creatures of the Night Hike

**Fri., July 26—9:00 p.m.—Howell Station**

**Sat., Aug. 30—9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast**

Hike along a woodland trail in search of the night shift. Follow the tracks left behind by the critters of the night and listen for owl calls and other lurking creatures!

## “Cold-Blooded” Critters: Ectotherms of Iowa

**Fri., Aug. 2—1:00 p.m.—Visitor Center**

Join the Pella Wildlife Company for a look at some of Iowa’s “cold blooded” animals (scientists call them “Ectotherms”) that depend on nature to adjust their body temperature!

## Evening Paddle to Hickory Ridge

**Fri., Aug. 9 - 5:15 p.m. - Whitebreast Ramp**

**(preregistration required)**

Join a park ranger for a leisurely paddle to the Hickory Ridge Wilderness Campground. Bring your own kayak or borrow one from us free of charge! A limited number of kayaks are available, so pre-registration is needed if you want to borrow one. **(Must be at least 16 years old to borrow kayaks for the activity, and adults must accompany minors.)** Activity may be cancelled if inclement weather/ lake conditions. Call the Corps office to register or for more information.

## Historic Bridge Weekend- Tour of the Bridges of Marion County

**Sun., Aug. 11 - 2:30-4:30 p.m. - Visitor Center**

Many key structures were built along the Des Moines River and other tributaries to ensure that traffic flows from point A to point B. The Horn's Ferry Bridge was the very first bridge to cross the Des Moines River when it was built in 1881. Join the Rural History Buffs of Marion County to learn about this bridge and talk about its history, its tragic demise, and the courage of the county to save what's left of it for generations to come. A tour of the county's bridges will follow this gathering.

## Shoreline Rock Walk

**Fri., Aug. 23—7:00 p.m.—Meet at Whitebreast Point Shelter**

**Sun., Sept. 2-10:00 a.m.— Meet at Whitebreast Point Shelter)**

Take a stroll in search of unique rocks and discover the geology of the Lake Red Rock area. Learn how ancient seas, glaciers, and the Des Moines River have influenced how our shoreline looks today.

## Tree I.D. Walk

**Sat., Aug., 24—9 a.m. -North Overlook Picnic**

Come see the forest for the trees! Take a look at some of the different species growing along the Stu Kuyper Trail and pick up a few tips how to identify them on your next outing!

## Butterfly Safari

**Sat., Aug. 24—1:00 p.m.—South Tailwater**

Take a "safari" through a tallgrass prairie to stalk monarchs, fritillaries, wood nymphs and other butterfly species. We'll use some of the butterfly nets available for free checkout at the visitor center!

## Monarch Watch (Butterfly Tagging)

**Fri., Sept. 13 —5:30 p.m.—South Tailwater**

Join the Monarch Watch volunteer effort! We'll attempt to tag some of these unique butterflies as they pass through the Red Rock area during their fall migration. Data from tagged butterflies may be used to help researchers track the monarchs' journey to Mexico.

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## *Stop at the Red Rock Visitor Center!*

*Lake Information - Helpful Staff - Books/Gifts -Equipment Checkout*

January.....	Closed (open by appointment only)
February/March.....	Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
April .....	Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
May.....	Mon. - Fri. 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. & Sat.- Sun. 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Memorial Day - Labor Day.....	Everyday 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
September/October.....	Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
November.....	Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
December.....	Closed (open by appointment only)

### *Questions? Contact Us!*

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