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Lake Red Rock's Summer Fun Guide

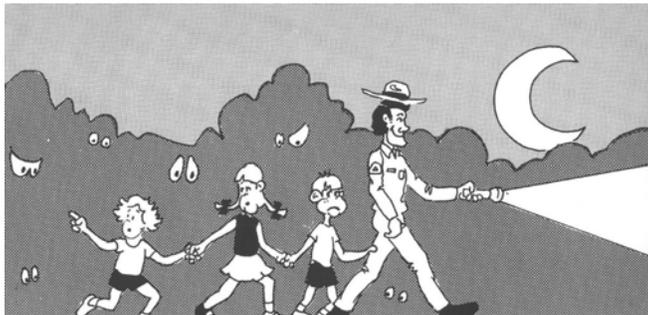
Programs and Activities for Summer 2015



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May



- 22—Creatures of the Night Hike**
9:00 p.m.—Wallashuck Campground
- 23—Geocaching 101**
10:00 a.m. - Howell Station Camp.
- 23-25—Bobber/Water Safety Dog Cartoons**
9:30-6 p.m.—Visitor Center
- 23 - Meet Bobber, the Water Safety Dog!**
1:00 p.m.— North Overlook Beach
- 24 - Birdwatching Hike**
8:00 a.m.—Whitebreast Campground
- 24—Meet Bobber, the Water Safety Dog!**
1:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Beach
- 25—Playscape Craft Time**
10:00 a.m.—Playscape
- 29—Froggin' Hike**
8:00 p.m.— South Tailwater
- 30—Water Lab**
10:00 a.m.—Howell Station Landing
- 30—Mystery Skulls**
1:00 p.m. - Playscape
- 30 - Build a Mini-Boat!**
3:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach

June

- 5 - Shoreline Serendipity Walk**
7:00 p.m. - Whitebreast Point
- 6—Pond Exploration**
10:00 a.m.— Playscape
- 6 - Let's Go Paddling!**
1:00-3:00 p.m. - Roberts Creek east ramp

(June, continued)

- 10 - Kids' Craft Day**
1:00-3:00 p.m.- Red Rock Visitor Center
- 12 - Creatures of the Night Hike**
9:00 p.m. - North Overlook Campground
- 13—Nature's Treasures Scavenger Hunt**
10:00 a.m.—Playscape
- 13—Let's Go Paddling!**
3:00 –5:00 p.m.-Roberts Creek east ramp
- 13- Creatures of the Night Hike**
9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Campground
- 17—Coffeetime Program: Meet the Manager**
10:00 a.m.—Red Rock Visitor Center
- 18—A "Little Walk"**
10:00 a.m.—Playscape
- 19—Geocaching 101**
7:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Campground
- 20—Bird Banding Experience**
7:00-10:00 a.m.—Playscape
- 20—Let's Go Paddling!**
1:00-3:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek east ramp
- 24—Call of the Wild!**
10:00 a.m.—Playscape
- 25—Junior Rangers (for kids 8-10 yrs.)**
9a.m.– 3p.m.—pre-registration required
(call the Corps office for details)
- 26—Roberts Creek Paddling Tour**
(Preregistration required—must be at least
16 years old to borrow kayak for activity)
5:30-7:30 p.m.—Roberts Creek
- 27 - Bike Safety Check**
10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. - Howell Station
- 27—Iowa History: Just Dig It!**
10:00 a.m.—Playscape
- 27—Meet Bobber, the Water Safety Dog!**
2:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach
- 27—Red Rock's Hydropower Project**
9:00 p.m.—Howell Station Campground

July

2—A “Little Walk”

10:00 a.m.—Playscape

3-5- Bobber/Water Safety Dog Cartoons

9:30-6 p.m.—Visitor Center

3—Nature’s Fireworks: Fireflies

9:00 p.m.—Wallashuck Campground

4—Birdwatching Hike

8:00 a.m.—Playscape

4—Pond Exploration

10:00 a.m.—South Tailwater



4—Let’s Go Paddling!

1:00-3:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek

8— Kids’ Craft Day

1:00– 3:00 p.m.—Red Rock Visitor Center

10-12- Lake Red Rock Balloonfest

Visit www.redrocklakeballoonfest.com for details.

11—Bird Banding Experience

7:00-10:00 a.m. —Playscape

11—Let’s Go Paddling!

9:00-11:00 a.m.—North Overlook Beach

11 - Butterfly Safari

2:00 p.m. - South Tailwater Rec. Area

15—Coffeetime Program: Lake Red Rock of Yesteryear

10:00 a.m.—Red Rock Visitor Center

16 - A “Little Walk”

10:00 a.m. - Playscape

(July, continued)



16—Junior Rangers (for kids 8-10 yrs.)

9a.m.– 3p.m.—pre-registration required
(call the Corps office for details)

17 –Outdoor Adventurers (for kids 11-12 yrs)

9 a.m.– 3 p.m.—pre-registration
required(Call the Corps office for details)

17—Stargazing 101

9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Campground

18 - Tree I.D. Hike

10:00 a.m. - Whitebreast Campground

18—Let’s Go Paddling!

1:00-3:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek east ramp

18—Snake Lunchtime

1:00 p.m.—Red Rock Visitor Center

18—Stargazing 101

9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Campground

24—Pond Exploration

7:00 p.m.—Playscape

25—Tree I.D. Hike

10:00 a.m.—Whitebreast Camp.

25—Call of the Wild

1:00 p.m.—Playscape

30—Little Walk

10:00 a.m.—Playscape

31—Outdoor Adventurers (for kids 11-12 yrs)

9 a.m.– 3 p.m.—pre-registration required
(Call the Corps office for details)

August

- 1— Shoreline Serendipity Walk
10:00 a.m.—Wallashuck Campground
- 1 - Snake Lunchtime
1:00 p.m. - Visitor Center



- 1 - Butterfly Safari
2:00 p.m. - Playscape
- 7—Let's Go Paddling!
3:00-5:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek east ramp
- 8 - Geocaching 101
10:00 a.m. - Playscape
- 12—Kids' Craft Day
1:00-3:00 p.m.—Red Rock Visitor Center
- 13 - A "Little Walk"
10:00 a.m. - Playscape
- 14—Paddle to Hickory Ridge*
5:30 -7:30 p.m.— Whitebreast Ramp
(*preregistration required:call Corps office)
- 15—Shoreline Serendipity Walk
10:00 a.m.—Fifield (Shelter #1)
- 15—Let's Go Paddling!
1:00-3:00 p.m.— Roberts Creek east ramp
- 19—Coffeetime Program: Red Rock: The Town Beneath the Lake
10:00 a.m. - Red Rock Visitor Center
- 20—A "Little Walk"
10:00 a.m.—Playscape
- 21—Mystery Skulls
7:00 p.m.—Wallashuck Campground
- 22—Butterfly Safari
10:00 a.m.—South Tailwater Rec. Area
- 22—Snake Lunchtime
1:00 p.m.—Red Rock Visitor Center

(August, Continued)

- 27—A "Little Walk"
10:00 a.m.—Playscape
- 28—Red Rock: The Town Beneath the Lake
9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Campground
- 29—Call of the Wild!
10:00 a.m. - Playscape
- 29—Let's Go Paddling!
2:00-4:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek east ramp
- 29—Lake Red Rock of Yesteryear
9:00 p.m.—Howell Station Campground



September

- 4—Creatures of the Night Hike
8:30 p.m.—Whitebreast Campground
- 5-7- Bobber/Water Safety Dog Cartoons
9:30-6 p.m.—Visitor Center
- 5—Monarch Watch: Butterfly Tagging
10:00 a.m.—South Tailwater Rec. Area
- 5 - Let's Go Paddling!
1:00-3:00 p.m. - Roberts Creek east ramp
- 7—Pond Exploration
10:00 a.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 assortment of great wildlife field guides! (Program runs March-Labor Day. 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.lakeredrock.org
(click on "Trail Trekkers" link)

Hard Copies Also Available:
at the Red Rock Visitor Center

You can also scan
the QR Code here:



Have fun!



2015 Lake Red Rock Explorer Card



Get this card stamped at each lake program you attend and every time you borrow "Kids Outdoors" gear this year.

Get six stamps to receive a certificate and your picture on display at the visitor center!

Program information available online at www.lakeredrock.org



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 year. 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 Course)
- Volleyball Equipment (Nets at N. Overlook Beach)

Creatures of the Night Hike

Fri., May 22—9:00 p.m.—Wallashuck
Fri., June 12—9:00 p.m.—North Overlook
Sat., June 13—9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Camp.
Fri., Sept. 4—8:30 p.m.—Whitebreast Camp.
Hike along a woodland trail in search of the night shift. Follow the tracks left behind by critters of the night and listen for owl calls and other lurking creatures!

Geocaching

Sat., May 23—10:00 a.m.—Howell Station
Fri., June 19—7:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Camp.
Sat., Aug. 8—10:00 a.m.—Playscape
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 System) to hunt for caches hidden in an area. Bring your own GPS unit or borrow one from us. Learn some of the basics, then try it on your own anywhere you travel!

Meet Bobber, the Water Safety Dog!

Sat., May 23—1:00 p.m.—N. Overlook Beach
Sun., May 24—1:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Beach
Sat., June 27-2:00 p.m.—N. Overlook Beach
Bobber is a fun loving dog that likes to meet new people and help them learn how to be safe around the water. Come meet him and pick up some great safety tips!

Birdwatching Hike

Sun., May 24—8:00 a.m.—Whitebreast Camp.
Sat., July 4—8:00 a.m.—Playscape
Take a journey on a quest to discover Red Rock's winged wonders! Learn some of the basics of spotting birds and identifying them by sight and sound. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair from us. (Closed-toe shoes and long pants recommended)

Playscape Craft Time

Mon., May 25—10:00 a.m.—Playscape
Artists of all ages: join us for some make-and-take creative fun at the Playscape! Supplies will be provided. All you need to bring is your imagination and creativity!

Froggin' Hike

Fri., May 29—8:00 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. Learn how to identify Red Rock's amphibians and identify them by their calls.

Water Lab

Sat., May 30-10 a.m.-Howell Station Landing
Scientists of all ages: join us for some mini experiments to learn more about our area water bodies. We'll also look for invertebrates that can give us clues about the health of this important natural resource!

Mystery Skulls

Sat., May 30—1:00 p.m.—Playscape
Fri., Aug. 21— 7:00 p.m.—Wallashuck
You're walking through the woods and you spot an animal skull laying among a pile of leaves. Could you figure it out? Play detective and check out common skulls of Red Rock area wildlife, and try to solve the mystery of the "unknown" skull!

Build a Mini-Sailboat!

Sat., May 30-3:00 p.m.-North Overlook Beach
Boat builders of all ages: test your design skills and build a tiny sailboat, then check its "seaworthiness" and speed on the shores of Lake Red Rock! Boat building supplies will be provided. (Adult supervision required for youngsters.)

Shoreline Serendipity Walk

Fri., June 5—7:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Point
Sat., Aug. 1—10:00 a.m.—Wallashuck Camp.
Sat., Aug 15—10:00 a.m.—Fifield (Shelter #1)
Enjoy the sights and sounds of Lake Red Rock as you take a leisurely stroll along its shores. Look for animal tracks, cool rocks and plant life, and learn some interesting tidbits about Red Rock's area history!

Pond Exploration

Sat., June 6—10:00 a.m.—Playscape

Sat., July 4—10:00 a.m.—South Tailwater

Fri., July 24—7:00 p.m.—Playscape

Mon., Sept. 7—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.

Let’s Go Paddling!

Sat., June 6—1:00-3:00 p.m.— Roberts Creek

Sat., June 13—3:00-5:00 p.m.— Roberts Creek

Sat., June 20—1:00-3:00 p.m.— Roberts Creek

Sat., July 4—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek

Sat., July 11—9-11 a.m.—N. Overlook Beach

Sat., July 18—1:00-3:00 p.m.— Roberts Creek

Fri., Aug. 7—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek

Sat., Aug. 15—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek

Sat., Aug. 29—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek

Sat., Sept. 5—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek

Enjoy 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.)

Kids’ Craft Day

Wed., June 10—1:00-3:00 p.m.-Visitor Center

Wed. July 8—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Visitor Center

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

Got creative kids? Bring your young artists to enjoy make-and take nature craft activities!

Nature’s Treasures: Scavenger Hunt

Sat., June 13—10:00 a.m.—Playscape

Join the search for clues about the hidden world of plants and animals around Red Rock. Use your mind and your hide-and-seek skills to help you in your quest!

Coffeetime Program: Meet the Manager

Wed., June 17— 10:00 a.m.— Visitor Center

Meet Brett Call, Operations Manager with the Corps of Engineers. Enjoy a cup of coffee and learn about current projects underway and future plans for the lake area.

A “Little Walk”

Thurs., June 18 - 10:00 a.m. - Playscape

Thurs., July 16 - 10:00 a.m. - Playscape

Thurs., July 30 - 10:00 a.m. - Playscape

Thurs., Aug. 13 - 10:00 a.m. - Playscape

Thurs., Aug. 27 - 10:00 a.m. - Playscape

Nature is full of great adventures and new things to see, hear, smell, and touch! Young children and their families can join us for short “little walks” to investigate the world. Each walk will have a different theme, and may include a story, song, craft or other activities!

Bird Banding Experience

Sat., June 20—7:00-10:00 a.m.—Playscape

Sat., July 11th—7:00-10:00 a.m.—Playscape

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 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!

Call of the Wild!

Wed., June 24—10:00 a.m.—Playscape

Sat., July 25 - 1:00 p.m. - Playscape

Sat., Aug. 29 - 10:00 a.m. - Playscape

Do you have to yell to get your voice to be heard at home? Imagine how hard it is for animals to communicate across a forest, prairie or lake! Using primitive musical instruments, try your luck sharing “messages” with other participants and see how far your “calls” carry over the Playscape!

Bike Safety Check

Sat., June 27-10:30 a.m.-noon - Howell Station

Is your bike ready for summer? Members of the Pella Cycling Club are offering a free bike safety check for all bicyclists. Stop by and make sure your wheels are trail-ready!

Iowa History – Just Dig It!

Sat., June 27—10:00 a.m.—Playscape

Learn about the history of Iowa! From glaciers carving the land to prehistoric fossils to Native American history, there is a lot to discover! Get hands-on as we dig for fossils and artifacts!

Junior Rangers (pre-registration required)

Wed., June 25—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Thurs., July 16—9:00 a.m.-3:00 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.

Roberts Creek Paddling Tour

Fri., June 26- 5:30-7:30 p.m. (must be 16+ years old, pre-registration required)

Enjoy a leisurely paddle around a portion of Roberts Creek and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature! Bring your own kayak or borrow one from the Corps for the activity - preregistration required - Call the Corps office for details.

Red Rock's Hydropower Project

Sat., June 27—9:00 pm.—Howell Station

Vern Cochran, representative from Missouri River Energy Services, will present an overview of the Red Rock Hydropower Project. Learn more about the construction of the facility and how it will impact the Midwest as a new source of green energy!

Nature's Fireworks: Fireflies

Fri., July 3—9:00 p.m.—Wallashuck

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

Lake Red Rock of Yesteryear

Wed., July 15—10:00 a.m.—Visitor Center

Sat., Aug. 29—9:00 p.m.—Howell Station

Ah, the good old days! Travel back in time to Red Rock's early years. We're dusting off and sharing some old photos of the lake and parks taken over the last 40+ years. Feel free to share stories and memories!

Lake Red Rock

Balloon Fest

July 10-12, 2015



Visit www.redrocklakeballoonfest.com
for more information.

Butterfly Safari

Sat., July 11 - 2:00 p.m. - South Tailwater

Sat., Aug. 1—2:00 p.m.—Playscape

Fri., Aug. 22 - 10:00 a.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!

Snake Lunchtime

Sat., July 18—1:00 p.m.— Visitor Center

Sat., Aug. 1 - 1:00 p.m. - Visitor Center

Sat., Aug. 22—1:00 a.m.—Visitor Center

It's feeding day at the visitor center! Stop by and join the center's resident snakes as they have a bite to eat!

Outdoor Adventurers (pre-registration required)

Fri., July 17—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fri., July 31—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 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.)

Stargazing 101

Fri., July 17—9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Camp.

Sat., July 18 - 9:00 p.m. - Whitebreast Camp.

Join Dr. Lee Wymore, amateur stargazer and biology teacher at Indian Hills Community College, to learn to identify some stars and constellations in our galaxy, the Milky Way. We'll also use an 8" Dobsonian reflector telescope to observe the wonders of the night sky. (cancelled if cloudy/raining).

Tree I.D. Hike

Sat., July 18 - 10:00 a.m. - Whitebreast Camp

Sat. July 25 - 10:00 a.m. - Whitebreast Camp.

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

Paddle to Hickory Ridge

Fri., Aug. 14 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Whitebreast Ramp

(preregistration required - call Corps office)

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.

Red Rock: The Town Beneath the Lake

Fri., Aug. 28—8:30 p.m.—Whitebreast Camp.

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!



Monarch Watch: Butterfly Tagging

Sat., Sept. 5—10:00 a.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 searchers track the monarchs' journey to Mexico.



Check Out the Playscape!

- *Playground Created with Natural Materials*
- *Located off the Volksweg Trail west of North Overlook Campground and Beach*
- *Lots of Fun Activities Planned for the Family!*



Meet "Bobber," the Water Safety Dog!

Hey Kids! Bobber will be stopping at Lake Red Rock's beaches, boat ramps and other parks throughout the summer to make sure you know how to be safe around the water! Bobber wants you to use the buddy system



and wear your life jacket! If you see him, stop by and say hello - he might even be handing out a few water safety goodies during his visits! Keep your eyes open - you never know where or when he'll turn up!

Can You Find the "Big Lunker?"



The Des Moines River has some pretty big fish, but this one might be a new record! Be on the lookout for this big catfish below the dam on your next visit. He's great for photo opportunities....and for your next fish tale!

Stop at the Red Rock Visitor Center!

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

January/February.....	Closed (open by appointment only)
March/April.....	Sat. and Sun. 12:00 - 4:00 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.....	Sat. and Sun. 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
October.....	Sat. and Sun. 12:00-4:00 p.m.
November/December.....	Closed (open by appointment only)

Questions? Contact Us!

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