

# LAKE RED ROCK'S SUMMER FUN GUIDE

Programs and Activities for Summer 2022



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## May

### **21—Playscape Planting Day**

9:00-11:00 a.m.—Playscape

### **21—Free Vessel Safety Checks**

12:00-2:00 p.m.—Whitebreast boat ramp

### **27—Creatures of the Night Hike**

9:00 p.m.—Howell Station Campground



### **28—Red Rock Hydropower Project Tours**

(9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.—  
preregistration required-see program  
description for details)

### **28—Wetland Exploration**

10:30 a.m.—Ivan's Pond

### **30—Red Rock Hydropower Project Tours**

(9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.—  
pre-registration required– see program  
description for details)

## June

### **3—Geocaching**

7:00 p.m.—Howell Station Landing

### **17—Let's Go Paddling!**

5:00-7:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek

### **18—Owl Pellet Investigation**

10:00 a.m.—Red Rock Visitor Center

### **18—Meet Bobber, the Water Safety Dog!**

1:00 p.m., Whitebreast Beach

### **22—Junior Rangers (for kids 8-10 yrs.)**

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

## June, Continued

### **23—Outdoor Adventurers (for kids 11-12 yrs)**

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

### **24—Wetland Exploration**

7:00 p.m.—Meet at Playscape

### **29—Nature Playtime**

10:00 a.m.—Playscape

## July

### **1—Let's Go Paddling!**

5:00-7:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek

### **2—Meet Bobber the Water Safety Dog!**

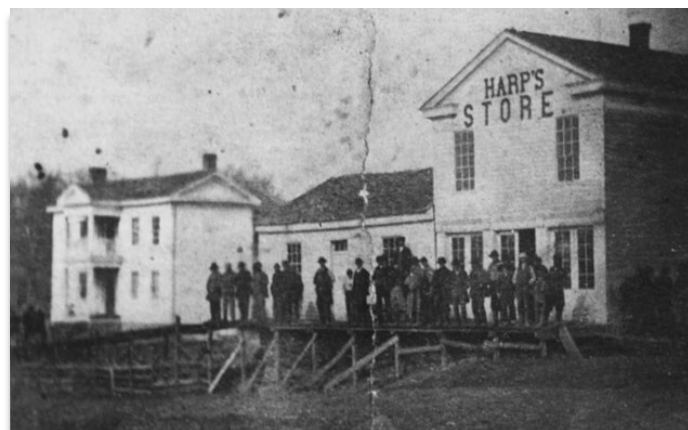
1:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach

### **8-10—Red Rock Balloon Fest**

Visit [www.redrocklakeballoonfest.com](http://www.redrocklakeballoonfest.com)  
for info.

### **13—Nature Playtime**

10:00 a.m.—Playscape



### **15—Red Rock: The Town Beneath the Lake**

9:00 p.m.—Howell Station Campground

### **16—Real Life Dragons and Damsels**

10:00 a.m.—Location To Be Determined

### **19—Red Rock: The Town Beneath the Lake**

1:00 p.m.—Red Rock Visitor Center

### **20—Live Owls!**

10:00 a.m.—North Overlook Picnic Shelter

## July, Continued

- 21—Outdoor Adventurers** (for kids 11-12 yrs)  
9 a.m.— 3 p.m.—pre-registration required  
(Call the Corps office for details)
- 27—Junior Rangers (for kids 8-10 yrs.)**  
9 a.m.—3 p.m.—pre-registration required  
(call the Corps office for details)
- 29— Stargazing 101**  
9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Campground
- 30—Tree I.D. Hike**  
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## August



- 13—Butterfly Safari**  
10:00 a.m.—Playscape
- 13- Meet Bobber, the Water Safety Dog!**  
1:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Beach
- 19- Iowa's Amazing Turtles**  
7:00 p.m.—Howell Station Campground



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## Attention 4th Graders: Get Your Pass for Free Access to Federal Lands and Waters!

Visit [www.everykidoutdoors.gov](http://www.everykidoutdoors.gov) to learn more!



## August, Continued

- 26—Stargazing 101**  
9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Campground
- 26—Let's Go Paddling!**  
5:00-7:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek
- 27—Tree I.D. Hike**  
10:00 a.m.—Whitebreast Campground
- 27—Stargazing 101**  
9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Campground
- 2—Creatures of the Night Hike**  
8:30 p.m.—Stu Kuyper Nature Trail
- 3—Red Rock Hydropower Project Tours**  
(9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.—  
pre-registration required)
- 3—Monarch Watch: Butterfly Tagging**  
10:00 a.m.— South Tailwater
- 5—Red Rock Hydropower Project Tours**  
(9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.—  
pre-registration required)
- 10—Monarch Watch: Butterfly Tagging**  
10:00 a.m.—South Tailwater

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## **Playscape Planting Day**

**Sat., May 21, 9:00 a.m.—Playscape**

Get your hands dirty planting seeds, flowers and herbs for this season's feast of the eyes and taste buds! Gardeners of all ages are welcome! You can also make a garden craft to take home! Please bring gloves and trowels if you have them. The activity is free of charge, and registration is not needed.

## **Free Vessel Safety Checks**

**Sat., May 21—12-2 p.m.—Whitebreast Ramp**

Ensure you and your vessel are ready for the water! They will check your equipment including: life jackets, registration and numbering, navigation lights, ventilation, fire extinguishers, distress signals, and more. It only takes about 15-30 minutes, depending on the size of your boat, and it's free! No preregistration needed.

## **Creatures of the Night Hike**

**Fri., May 27—9:00 p.m. Howell Station Camp.**

**Fri., Sept. 2—8:30 p.m.—Stu Kuyper Trail**

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!

## **Red Rock Hydroelectric Project Tours**

**Sat. May 28 - 9 and 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.**

**Mon., May 30 - 9 and 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.**

**Sat., Sept. 3— 9 and 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.**

**Mon., Sept. 5— 9 and 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.**

Join staff from Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) for an hour-long tour of the Red Rock Hydroelectric Project. Participants must be at least 16 years old and wear closed-toe shoes. Tours are free of charge, but pre-registration is required. To register for a tour, please complete the electronic form on their website at:

<https://www.mrenergy.com/form-test>

## **Wetland Exploration**

**Sat., May 28—10:30 a.m.—Ivan's Pond**

**Fri., June 24—7:00 p.m.—Playscape**

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.

## **Geocaching**

**Fri., June 3—7:00 p.m.—Howell Station Landing**

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!

## **Let's Go Paddling!**

**Fri., June 17—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Roberts Creek**

**Fri., July 1—5:00-7:00 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 and wind conditions.)

## **Owl Pellet Investigation**

**Sat., June 18—10:00 a.m.—Visitor Center**

Take a closer look at what owls leave behind after they eat! You'll get your own owl pellet to dissect. Search through the bones to figure out what critter became its last meal!

## **Meet Bobber, the Water Safety Dog!**

**Sat., June 18—1:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Beach**

**Sat., July 2—1:00 p.m.—North Overlook Beach**

**Sat., Aug. 13—1:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Beach**

Bobber is a fun loving pup 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!

## **Junior Rangers**

**Wed., June 22—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Wed., July 27—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.

## Outdoor Adventurers

**Thurs., June 23—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Thurs., July 21—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.)

## Nature Playtime

**Wed., June 29—10:00 a.m.—Playscape**

**Wed., July 13—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 activities to investigate the world. Activities will have a different theme and may include stories, hikes, songs, or crafts!

## Red Rock: The Town Beneath the Lake

**Fri., July 15—9:00 p.m.-Howell Station Camp.**

**Tues, July 19—1:00 p.m.—Red Rock Visitor Ctr.**

The town of Red Rock was a thriving, industrious community and home to many 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.

## Real Life Dragons and Damsels

**Sat., July 16—10:00 a.m.—Location TBD**

Join Marla Mertz, Marion County Naturalist, for a quest to find and identify Iowa's many different dragonflies and damselfies! Learn about these winged hunters' fascinating lives and their amazing tools for survival! Program location will be determined closer to the date of the activity—please check the lake's website at [www.lakeredrock.org](http://www.lakeredrock.org) under the Calendar of Events section.

## Live Owls!

**Wed., July 20-10:00 a.m.—N. Overlook Picnic**

Join a naturalist from the Warren County Conservation Board to learn about Iowa owls. Participants will learn the special adaptations of these amazing birds of prey, touch an owl wing & talon, view owl mounts, and listen to their calls. You will even get a chance to meet their live

educational screech owls!

## Stargazing 101

**Fri., July 29 - 9:00 p.m. - Whitebreast Camp.**

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

**Fri., Aug. 26—9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Camp.**

**Sat., Aug. 27—9:00 p.m.—Whitebreast Camp.**

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

## Tree I.D. Hike

**Sat. July 30 - 10:00 a.m. - Stu Kuyper Trail**

**Sat., Aug. 27—10:00 a.m.—Stu Kuyper Trail**

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!

## Butterfly Safari

**Sat., Aug. 13—10:00 a.m.—Playscape**

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!

## Turtles of Iowa

**Fri., Aug. 19—7:00 p.m.-Howell Station Camp.**

Join Pete Eyheralde, professor at William Penn University, for a closer look at some of these amazing reptiles! You'll even get a chance to see live examples of the different species that live in our state!

## Monarch Watch: Butterfly Tagging

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

**Sat., Sept. 10—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.



Lake Association

## Join the Red Rock Lake Association!

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

**Be a partner with the US Army Corps of Engineers in managing recreation, development and stewardship of Red Rock!**

### Past and On-Going Projects:

- Provide funding to print Summer Fun Guide
- Sponsor Red Rock Balloonfest
- Purchased historical signage memorializing the Indian Line Tree
- Assisted with Development of Wallashuck's Fish-Rearing Ponds
- Assisted with Building Playscape Play Area
- Assisted Corps Acquire Life Jacket Loaner Station for North Overlook Beach
- Provide Firewood Sales at Area Parks
- Improved Lake Area Water Trails
- Assisted with Development of Hickory Ridge Primitive Camping Area
- Provided Courtesy Docks at Several Area Boat Ramps

We are always looking for great people and great ideas to make Lake Red Rock even better. Anyone can be a member and get involved!

### Check us out on Facebook!

[www.facebook.com/RedRockLakeAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/RedRockLakeAssociation)

## Church Services



**Non-Denominational Church services are held every Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day at these locations:**

**Fifield Shelter #1 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Coal Ridge Church - 11:15 a.m.**

## Lake Red Rock BalloonFest

**July 8-10 , 2022**

**North Overlook Beach**

Visit [www.redrocklakeballoonfest.com](http://www.redrocklakeballoonfest.com) or more information.



## Check Out the Playscape!

- *Playground Created with Natural Materials*
- *Located off Volksweg Trail west of N. Overlook Campground*
- *Fun Activities Planned for the Family!*



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## Kids Outdoors Outdoor Gear Checkout Program

Available at Red Rock Visitor Center

Open Daily Mon.-Fri. 7:30-4:00 p.m.

& Sat.-Sun 12:00-4:00 p.m. (Mar.-Oct.)

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 the Red Rock Visitor Center free of charge!

Nature Science Pack

Pond Study Adventure Kits

Bird-watching Exploration Packs

Bug Exploration Packs

Animal Track Discovery Kits

Life Jackets (Adult & Child Sizes)

GPS Units (Geocaching Packs)

Disc Golf Sets (Try them at Robert's Creek Course)

Examples of Packs Available:



## Need a Life Jacket? Life Jacket Loaner Stations Available



If you need an extra jacket or forgot your jacket at home, feel free to borrow one from one of Lake Red Rock's loaner stations!

Stations are available at the following locations:

- Whitebreast Beach
- North Overlook Beach
- Howell Station Landing
- Marina Cove (by rigging lane)
- Whitebreast Boat Ramp
- South Overlook Ramp

Jackets are available in infant, youth, child and adult sizes (first-come, first-served). When you're done boating and swimming for the day, please return jackets to the stations for others to use.



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## 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!

## Stop at the Red Rock Visitor Center!

*Lake Information—Helpful Staff—Family Activities—Outdoor Gear Checkout*



### Hours of Operation:

Open Year-Round Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Open Weekends March-October

Saturday-Sunday 12:00-4:00 p.m.

### Questions? Contact Us!

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