



NIOBRARA STATE PARK 2011 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE PARK OFFICE AT (402) 857-3373.

HORSE TRAIL RIDES

MAY 28 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

Closed Tuesday, $\frac{1}{2}$ day Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (9:30, 10:45). Full Day Friday, Saturday and Sunday (9:30, 10:45am, 1:00, 2:15 and 3:30 pm). 50-minute ride, NO Doubles. May sign up one-day in advance.

\$15 per person; age 6 and up.

SWIMMING POOL

(402) 857-3710

JUNE 4 - AUG. 7, 2011, DAILY 1 - 6 PM; AUG. 8 - SEPT. 4, 2011 WEEKENDS ONLY SUBJECT TO LIFEGUARD AVAILABILITY. Swimming Passes available for families, adults and children. Adults (13 & older)\$4, Children (3-12)\$3, 2 & under FREE.

BUFFALO COOKOUTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

MAY 28 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

This year Cookouts will be held on selected Saturday evenings, see schedule below for dates. Programs are open to the public. Programs are free and held at the cookout shelter unless otherwise noted. Cookouts are Saturday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Programs will follow immediately after serving approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ hour after listed time; for reservations guests must sign up at the park office by NOON on Saturday, A minimum of 25 persons is required to hold the cookouts. Phone (402) 857-3373; Adults (13 & older) \$9; Children \$6

MAY 27, 2011 (FRI) 5:30 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE will present a RV Campground Program titled "Let Me Go Home". He was just a Nebraska farmer who wanted to go home, but Chief Standing Bear of the Ponca Tribe became the first American Indian to successfully file suit against the United States Government. Experience courtroom drama and discover the long-range effects of this landmark decision.

MAY 28, 2011 2:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FISHING CLINIC Learn about fishing regulations, tackle, bait and how to identify fish.

MAY 28, 2011 6:00 PM AT NIOBRARA STATE PARK GROUP LODGE NEBRASKA HUMANITIES PROGRAM: Grit n Gumption by Cherrie Beam-Clark. This program is a continuation of stories told in "Promise in a New Land" and "The Courage to Continue." Reprising her role as Mariah Monahan, in period attire with Irish brogue, Beam-Clark tells more captivating stories depicting Nebraska life from 1860-1895. Hear about children becoming lost in the prairie, dealing with injuries, lack of women in the country, living on cornmeal, need for music and the endless monotonous labor. Learn how they dealt with schooling, cholera, tornadoes and Indians. Educational and entertaining. This program is appropriate for all ages.

JUNE 4 and 11, 2011 NO COOKOUT

JUNE 16, 2011(THU) 2:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAM

JUNE 17, 2011 (FRI) 5:30 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAM

JUNE 18, 2011 9:00-12:00 2nd ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY FISHING TOURNAMENT
Come and enjoy a morning of fishing with family and friends, prizes will be awarded for biggest fish and most caught. Register your team at the park office. Loaner fishing poles will be available along with tackle.

JUNE 18, 2011 6:00 PM MARK BROGIE FAMILY, Bird enthusiast, bird bander, will be talking about local species of the area and Nebraska. This is an entertaining and educational program for all ages. If you like bird watching or just the great outdoors, this is the program for you. Learn how to identify calls, recognize habitat related to species and tricks of the trade.

JUNE 23, 2011 (THU) 2:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAM

JUNE 23, 2011 (THU) 5:30 PM NEBRASKA HUMANITIES PROGRAM: Michael McDonald through original songs and stories leads a lively celebration of the challenges and adventures faced by the members of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery.

JUNE 24, 2011 (FRI) 5:30 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAM

JUNE 25, 2010 NO COOKOUT

JULY 1, 2011 (FRI) 5:30 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE will present a RV Campground Program titled Smoke, Steam and Snags. What made a Missouri River steamboat special? Discover the unique design of these vessels and share the risk-filled lives of the men who piloted them through the treacherous waters of the Big Muddy.

JULY 2, 2011 2:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HIKE WITH A RANGER

JULY 2, 2011 6:00 PM NEBRASKA HUMANITIES PROGRAM: Theodore Roosevelt: Rough Rider President *By Darrel Draper*. Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, is famous for his energetic personality, range of interests and achievements, leadership of the Progressive Movement, model of masculinity, and his "cowboy" image. Roosevelt's achievements as a naturalist, explorer, hunter, author, and soldier are as much a part of his fame as any office he held as a politician. This living history presentation delves into Roosevelt's life after his presidency and brings this historical icon to life.

JULY 7, 2011 (THU) 2:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM AND HIKE WITH A NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RANGER. Earn a badge and certificate as you explore the park with your family! It's fun and it's free!

JULY 9, 2011 6:00 PM DEAN WAVRANEK, MOUNTAIN MAN storytelling of early fur trapping days, while demonstrating flintlock rifle, tomahawks and knives. The whole family will enjoy this fun and humorous program.

JULY 16, 2011 6:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FUR TRADE PROGRAM

JULY 21, 2011 (THU) 2:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM AGES 7 - 12 YEAR OLDS

JULY 22 - 23, 2011 BECOMING AN OUTDOOR WOMAN ~ KAYAK WORKSHOP. Want to try something new or learn more on kayaking. Take a kayaking trip on the Niobrara and Missouri Rivers, camping at Niobrara State Park. It's a great way to meet new people, enjoy great scenery and make new memories. Contact Julie Geiser (308-530-6722) or Suzanne Ridder Suzanne.Ridder@nebraska.gov (402-471-1623) for more information

JULY 23, 2011 6:00 PM NEBRASKA HUMANITIES PROGRAM: George Drouillard: Hunter, Interpreter and Sign-Talker for Lewis and Clark *by Darrel Draper*. In full expedition costume and voyageur accent, Draper combines history and acting ability to portray the life of Lewis and Clark's most valuable expedition member. Half French and half Shawnee Indian, this expert hunter, Indian sign talker and wilderness woodsman was called upon by the two captains whenever they needed a nearly impossible task to be completed. The audience will relive the humor, dangers, miracles and hardships of the expedition and receive a rare glimpse of how Shawnee spirituality contributed to the success of this amazing story of human perseverance and voyage of western discovery.

JULY 30, 2011 6:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Interpretive Program titled Smoke, Steam and Snags. What made a Missouri River steamboat special? Discover the unique design of these vessels and share the risk-filled lives of the men who piloted them through the treacherous waters of the Big Muddy.

AUGUST 4, 2011(THU) 2:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FISHING CLINIC

AUGUST 6, 2011 6:00 PM PONCA CULTURAL NIGHT ~ Ponca Warrior Society Dancers, Buffalo Skinners, tools and story telling. Great Program for the whole family to learn about Native Americans.

AUGUST 13, 20, and 27, 2011 NO COOKOUT

SEPT. 2, 2011 (FRI) 5:30 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAM WHERE'S THE PARK?

SEPT. 3, 2011 5:00 PM AT NIOBRARA STATE PARK GROUP LODGE

NEBRASKA HUMANITIES PROGRAM: Nebraska's Musical Smorgasbord: Music From Various Ethnic Groups in Nebraska *By Chris Sayre*. This program explores the rich diversity of folk music that has been a part of Nebraska's history from the time it was a territory to the present day. Performing on the button accordion, concertina, dulcimer, guitar, mandolin, musical saw and zithers, Sayre invites his audience to experience the music of the ethnic groups that have called Nebraska home.

SEPT. 3, 2011 9:00 PM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Night Sky Program