

CITY OF AURORA

NATURE NEWS

SPRING 2019



MORRISON NATURE CENTER AT STAR K RANCH ◀◀

STAR K KIDS *Ages 5 and younger*
Discover Aurora's true nature through puppets, interactive activities and discovery time on the trail. No registration required.
Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

NATURE PLAY DATE *Ages 6 and under*
Meet fellow nature-loving families while the little ones build, climb, explore, play, socialize and get a little messy!

7118 March 23
7120 April 27
7119 April 6 Sand Creek Park, meet at the parking lot
Saturdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

JR RANGERS *Ages 6-12*
Learn about different Aurora's true nature as you explore Star K Ranch.

7246 Wild Dogs March 10
7249 Owls April 14
7250 Gardening 101 May 12
Sundays, 1:30-3 p.m.

NATURE AT NIGHT *All ages*
7190 Nocturnal Wildlife Friday, March 15, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
7191 Owls Friday, April 14, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
7192 Night Sounds Friday, May 17, 8-9 p.m.

BIRD WALK *Ages 8 and older*
7226 Saturday, May 11. 8:30-10:30 a.m.

WILDSKAPING WORKSHOP *Ages 18 and older*
Learn how important native plants are for native birds and pollinators and how to create an inviting garden for them.
7478 Saturday, March 2, 10-11 a.m.

SENAC CREEK NATURE CENTER AT AURORA RESERVOIR ◀◀

SUNSET STROLL *All ages*
7169 Friday, March 1 5:45-6:45 p.m.

BIRD WALK *Ages 8 and older*
7223 Saturday, March 9, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

SPRING RAPTORS WITH HAWKQUEST *All ages*
Discover which raptors come through Aurora in the spring with LIVE birds from Hawkquest.
13754 Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m.

SPRING BREAK NATURE FUN *Ages 6-12*
Spend spring break with us exploring the water and wetlands!
9 a.m. to noon
7112 Tuesday, March 19

AURORA NATURE CENTERS

Morrison Nature Center at Star K Ranch
16002 E. Smith Road • 303.326.8445
Wednesday-Friday noon—4:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Senac Creek Nature Center at Aurora Reservoir
5800 S. Powhatan Road • 303.326.8429
Wednesday-Friday noon—4:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Plains Conservation Center
21901 E. Hampden Ave. • 303.326.8380
Wednesday-Friday noon—4:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

7113 Wednesday, March 20
7114 Thursday, March 21

ROMPIN ROUND THE RESERVOIR *All ages*
Join us for a series of early morning walks to get some exercise and see what's out and about at the reservoir.
Saturday's 7:30-9 a.m.

7154 March 2	7258 April 20
7252 March 9	7259 April 27
7264 March 16	7260 May 4
7253 March 23	7261 May 11
7254 March 30	7262 May 18
7255 April 6	7263 May 25
7257 April 13	

ADULT NATURE SERIES *Ages 21 and older*
Birds and Blooms
7466 Sunday, May 19, 7-9 a.m.

PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER ◀◀

All programs at PCC require registration through the Denver Botanic Gardens web site. Go to BotanicGardens.org, click education registration Plains Conservation Center.

PRAIRIE BIRDING *Ages 6 and older, \$5 per person*
Enjoy the open prairie and its diversity of plant and animal life as you search for resident birds. Whether you're new to birding or a seasoned pro, this is a great opportunity to meet other bird enthusiasts.
Saturday, March 30, 9-10:30 a.m.

ASTRONOMY NIGHTS *Ages 6 and up, \$8 per person*
Explore the night sky through a presentation, telescope viewing, and s'mores!
Splendors of the Spring Night Sky Friday, March 8, 6-8 p.m.
The Life and Death of Stars Friday, April 12, 6-8 p.m.
Exploring the Summer Night Sky Friday, May 10, 7-9 p.m.

PRAIRIE HOMESTEAD SELF-GUIDED TOUR *All ages, \$3 per person*
Join us at the Plains Conservation Center for a self-guided tour of our historical sod village and tipis. Immerse yourself in a replication of an 1880s prairie homestead village with authentic artifacts and, depending on the season, real farm animals. Available every day during open hours.

OPEN SPACE PROGRAMS ◀◀

NATURE SUBMERSION FRIDAY'S *Ages 6 and older*
Appreciate the important roles topography, plants, and animals play in our environment with this guided hike. Friday's from 10-11 a.m.
7131 March 29 @ Ponderosa Preserve
7132 April 19 @ Jewell Wetlands
7143 May 17 @ Pronghorn Natural Area

ADULT NATURE SERIES *Ages 21 and older*
Animal Track and Sign
7442 Wednesday, April 17, 6-7 p.m.
Pronghorn Natural Area

BIRD WALK *Ages 8 and older*
7225 Saturday, April 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Ponderosa Preserve

NATURE WALK *All ages*
7245 Saturday, May 4, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Pronghorn Natural Area

FULL MOON HIKE *All ages*
7170 Saturday, May 18, 7:45-8:45 p.m.
Quincy Reservoir

HISTORICAL USES OF EDIBLE and MEDICINAL WILD PLANTS OF THE PRAIRIE GRASSLANDS *Ages 8 and older*
Take a hike and learn about what some of the plants you see daily once did for the Native Americans and western colonizers.
7121 Sunday, May 19, 10-11:30 a.m.
Pronghorn Natural Area

Registration is required for all programs, except for Star K Kids.

To register for nature programs, call 303.326.8650 or go online at AuroraGov.org/Recreation. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult for all programs except Junior Rangers and school break camps. Programs may be canceled due to low registration or poor weather.
For information, call 303.326.8445 or nature@auroragov.org.

