



Ponca State Park

June 13—June 19, 2016



Monday, June 13

9:00 am — 11:00 am Introduction to Archery and Shotguns— Introductory courses on Archery and Shotguns with all equipment provided. Archery participants must be 5 years old and shotgun participants must be 12 years old. **Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. Cost \$1/6 arrows for archery; \$7 per box.**

1:00 pm Dinosaur — Ponca State Park is famous for two plesiosaurus. One was discovered in 1873 and the other in 2001. Learn about this amazing creature and other dinosaurs that roamed the earth during the Jurassic and Cretaceous time periods. **Meet at the riverfront boat dock. Free.**

3:00 pm Bird Hike — Take a morning bird hike with a naturalist! Learn the basics of birding while identify birds commonly spotted at Ponca State Park. We will hike Old Oak Trail (1 mile) and visit the new bird viewing blind along the trail. **Meet at the West Shelter. Free.**



Tuesday, June 14

9:00 am — 11:00 pm Introduction to Pellet Rifles — Join us for an introductory course on pellet rifles. Participants must be 8 years of age or older to participate. All equipment is provided. **Meet and pay at Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. Cost is \$1/4 clips.**

11:00 am; 1:30 pm; 3:30 pm Backwater Kayaking — Learn the basic skills of kayaking in an “off-river” backwater area. Fine-tune your kayaking skills while touring our backwater area and viewing wildlife. Preregister at the Resource and Education Center. **Meet and pay at the Resource and Education Center. Must be 12 years of age or older and the cost is \$12.00/person.**

1:00 pm Forest Faces — A variety of tree species call Ponca State Park their home. Learn how to identify trees by their unique characteristics. We will even get a little crafty by creating our own forest face using materials found in nature. They will be magical characters along our trails. **Meet at the Whitetail Trail. Free.**

3:00 pm Turtle Hurtle — Learn about turtles, tortoises, and terrapins of Nebraska and what characteristics make them unique. In order to avoid predators while searching for food each of these reptiles have hurtles to overcome. Participants will also have the opportunity to interact with live turtles. **Meet at the Riverfront Campground. Free.**



Wednesday, June 15

9:00 am — 11:00 am Introduction to Pellet Rifles and .22 Rifles — Join us for an introductory course on pellet rifles and .22 rifles. Pellet rifles participants must be at least 8 years of age, and .22 rifle participants must be at least 12 years to participate. All equipment is provided. **Meet and pay at each range located in the shooting complex. Cost is \$1/4 pellet rifle clips and \$3/ 10 rounds of .22 bullets.**

1:00 pm Spider, the Bug Catcher— Spiders are amazing creatures that will weave a web or lying in hiding for their prey. Learn about spiders and bugs in our park, while building a giant yarn spider’s web to catch a big bug (You!). **Resource and Education Center. Free.**

3:00 pm Campfire Cooking for Kids — Learn how to cook over an open fire including S’mores, campfire toast, popcorn, and much more. **Meet at the West Shelter House. Please pre-register at the Resource and Education Center. Cost is \$3.00/person and limited to 20 people.**

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 **1:00 pm Outdoor Survivor** — Learn how to survive in the outdoors – just in case! Learn skills related to providing food, water and shelter in the outdoors. Participants will be able to try a variety of fire starting methods. **Meet at the Turkey Ridge Campground. Free.**

3:00 pm What's in our river?— The Missouri River is full of many different and interesting critters. Come Join us as we seine for fish and explore the backwater area of the Missouri River. Wear old shoes and clothes because we will be wading into the water to see and touch the fish in our nets. **Meet at the Riverfront Campground. Free.**

Friday, June 17

9:00 am — 11:00 am Introduction to Archery — Introductory courses on Archery with all equipment is provided. Archery participants must be 5 years old or older. **Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. Cost \$1/6 arrows for archery.**

1:00 pm Sneaky Snakes— Learn about several species of snakes found in Nebraska along with myths vs. facts about this slithery group of reptiles. Participants will have the opportunity to touch several different snakes. **Meet at the East Shelter House. Free.**



Saturday, June 18

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11:00 am; 1:30 pm; 3:30 pm Backwater Kayaking — Learn the basic skills of kayaking in an “off-river” backwater area. Fine-tune your kayaking skills while touring our backwater area and viewing wildlife. Preregister at the Resource and Education Center. **Meet and pay at the Resource and Education Center. Must be 12 years of age or older and the cost is \$12.00/person.**

11:30 am Critter Corner — Critter Corner is a very popular program for all ages. It provides a snapshot of the wildlife found along the Missouri River. Participants will be able to see, and touch live critters, furs, feathers, shells, skulls, etc. **Meet at the Resource & Education Center. Free.**

1:00 pm Bee Bots — Learn the importance Honeybees have on our food supply, how they communicate, and build a bee bot. (a bee bot is a motorized bee) Then participate in a Honeybee Challenge where you compete against others to see who can get their bee bot to travel to multiple food plots and back to it's hive. **Meet in the Resource and Education Center. Free.**

3:00 pm Aquatic Bug Program— The insect world is incredibly vast. In this program, we hope to shed light on some of the insects commonly found in rivers and streams. Nets and bug jars will be provided. Be prepared to get wet! Old shoes are recommended. **Meet in the Resource and Education Center. Free.**

5:00 pm; 6:15 pm; 7:30 pm Hayrack Tour — Learn everything you wanted to know about Ponca State Park, but were scared to ask. Great for groups new to the park. **Meet and pay at the Resource and Education Center. Please pre-register at front desk. Cost is \$4.00 for Adults, \$2.00 for Kids (5 years old and under are free). Maximum of 25 people allowed, minimum of 10.**

8:30 pm Firefly Frolic— Learn all about these unique little beetles that light up our nights! Bring your flashlight and join in the fun. Please pre-register at front desk. **Meet at the Riverfront Campground. Free.**

Sunday, June 19

9:00 am – 11:00 am Atlatl and Slingshots— The shooting complex will offer introductory courses on Atlatl and Sling shots. All equipment is provided. Atlatl and Slingshot participants must be 5 years old. **Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. Cost \$1/6 throws.**

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Father's Day Fish Fry — Treat dad to a made from scratch fish fry. Serving fish, chicken strips, pork N' beans, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, and brownies with ice cream. **At the Resource & Education Center. Adults \$10, Children ages 3-12 \$5 and Children ages 2 and under free**

2:30 pm Beginning Fishing Clinic — Tying knots, fish cleaning, safety concerns, fish ID, casting and other hands-on demonstrations will be presented. **Meet at the Resource & Education Center. Free.**