



2018 Wildcat Hills Weekend Programs

Wildcat Weekends!

The Wildcat Hills Nature Center is pleased to offer Wildcat Weekends! A variety of programs will be offered at the Wildcat Hills Nature Center on the second Saturday of the month (*unless otherwise noted). Best of all, most programs are FREE! A valid 2018 Nebraska State Park permit is required. For more information about these events or to register (when applicable), contact the Nature Center at 308-436-3777 or ngpc.wildcat.hills@nebraska.gov

***January 1, 2018 at 1:30pm MDT-First Day Hike**

Start the new year off right with a First Day Hike at the Wildcat Hills. Discover rocky buttes, ponderosa pine woodlands and the animals that call this area home. Join us after the hike for hot chocolate and cookies.

***February 3, 2018 at 10:00am MDT – Badger Day!**

Or should I say Happy Groundhog Day! Come along to learn the history to this fun holiday and about its animal ambassador.

March 10, 2018 at 10:00am MDT-Wildlife and Watercolors

Come along and show your artistic side! Try your hand at watercolor painting, while enjoying nature at the Wildcat Hills. Please pre-register by March 3, 2018 for this event at 308-436-3777. Cost for this program will be \$10 to cover the cost of supplies. Light refreshments will be served.

April 14, 2018 at 10:00am MDT- Powerful Pollinators!

Search for pollinators of the Wildcat Hills in our new pollinator garden. Learn about their amazing adaptations and interesting life cycles!

***May 19, 2018-Wildlands Day/Free Park Entry Day**

Take part in several great activities going on throughout this day-long celebration! Join us for a bird hike, wildflower walk, kids crafts and much more! Park permits are not required for this event!

***Friday, June 8, 2018 at 7:00pm MDT-Wildflower Walk**

Celebrate Nebraska Wildflower week with a Wildflower Walk. Uncover many of the area flowers in bloom and discover key characteristics for identifying. Please bring water and hiking shoes for this 1 mile long hike.

July 14, 2018 at 9:00am MDT- Bighorn Sheep Hike

Let's find these secretive creatures of the Wildcat Hills, the Bighorn Sheep. Come along and learn about their amazing adaptations and research being conducted. This may be a long and hot hike. Please bring water and hiking shoes for this 1-3 mile hike.

***August 4, 2018 at 8:00pm MDT– Going Batty!**

Tag along as we explore the winged mammals of the night, bats! Let's glide over and uncover their adaptations, dispel myths and even learn what we can do to help these nocturnal critters!

September 8, 2018 at 7:00-11:00am MDT– Birds and Bagels

Uncover the birds that call the Wildcat Hills home! We will learn about research being done in the area, common migratory birds and even take a short .57 mile hike. Bring your hiking shoes and be prepared to take flight!

October 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm MDT-Howl in the Hills Night Hike

Experience the Wildcat Hills like never before, at night! Discover all the creatures that go bump in the night during our .57 mile hike! It is sure to be a 'howling' good time! Please bring a flashlight, hiking shoes and a sense of adventure. Please pre-register by October 5, 2018 for this event.

***November 3, 2018 at 10:00am MST– Turkey Trot**

Gobble, gobble, wibble wabble! Come along on a short Turkey Trot and search for clues about this fascinating bird. Bring your hiking shoes for a short hike (weather permitting) and be ready to strut!

December 8, 2018 at 10:00am MST-

Nature's Gifts: Decorations from the Great Outdoors

Come and help us create garland feeders, bird feeders and fun nature ornaments that will dress up the Nature Center and your own homes for the winter season!



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Staff reserves the right to cancel or reschedule programs due to unforeseen circumstances.