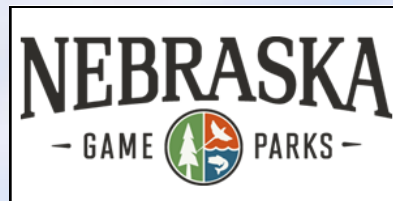




# Ponca State Park

## May 20, 2023



### **Saturday, May 20 - Free Fishing & Park Entry Day + Bill Morris Fishing Derby!**

#### ***Visit the Resource & Education Center for Tournament Rules***

Free Fishing and Park Entry Day is held annually in Nebraska's State Parks. It means anyone can fish without a permit or visit a state park area without a park entry permit that day only. Even though fishing and park entry permits are not required, anglers must observe all fishing regulations. The **Bill Morris Memorial Fishing Derby** is also a great opportunity to participate in the *Take 'em Fishing* challenge, in which anglers pledge to take new or inexperienced anglers fishing.

**10:00am-11:00am Pond Macroinvertebrates** - We all know there are fish in the pond, but what do the fish feed on? Join a naturalist for water quality measurements and to see if you can catch and identify the small creatures that live in the pond. **Meet at the Elk Cabin Pond Area. Free.**

**11:45am-12:45pm Backyard Bass Casting** - New to fishing? Want to get better at casting? Hone your skills in a safe environment while you try to fish for backyard bass. **Meet at the Whitetail Lawn. Free.**



**1:30pm-2:15pm Make your own Fishing Lure** - Colors, shapes, and sizes react differently under water. Learn how lures work to catch different species of fish. We'll make our own lures out of every day materials. Pre-register and pay at the Resource & Education Center 8:00am-1:00pm. Recommended for ages 6+ with adult supervision. **Meet behind the Resource & Education Center. Cost: \$2/kit.**

#### **Full Moon Hike!**

Saturday, June 3, 2023 @ 8:45pm

**Meet at the Riverfront Playground**

Dress for the weather, bring water and a flashlight, trails may be muddy!

#### **More To Do at Ponca State Park!**

- ◆ **Bingos/Scavenger Hunts/Passports**  
Pick up at the Resource & Education Center.
- ◆ **Search for Sasquatch**  
Look around each week for Sasquatch's new hiding place. Share your photos with us!
- ◆ **Ponca Packs**  
Themed education backpacks for all ages. Find out more at the Resource & Education Center.
- ◆ **Old Oak Trail Self-guided Hike**  
Interpretive signs are posted around the trail. Don't forget to pick up a brochure at the Resource & Education Center or at the trailheads.
- ◆ **Fishing Tackle Loaner Program**  
Borrow a fishing pole from the Resource & Education Center. Worms available \$3/dozen.
- ◆ **Beginner Mountain Bike Trail**  
Bring your bike and a helmet to explore the jumps and turns on our beginner course. Located behind campsite G8.

Visit our Facebook Page, **Ponca State Park NE**, for more activities and information.

Recreate Responsibly. For questions please call **(402)-755-2284**.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission does not discriminate based upon any protected status.