

## A Valentine to the elk

**HYRUM** — The staff at Hardware Ranch did something fun last Tuesday they spread the hay they feed the elk at the ranch into a heart-shaped pattern!



With Valentine's Day on its way, the staff at Hardware Ranch decided to give the elk a special valentine: a heart-shaped hay pattern.

*Photo by Marni Lee*

### Great place to spend Valentine's Day

If you're looking for something fun to do with your date or sweetheart on Valentine's Day, consider a trip to Hardware Ranch.

"We have plenty of snow and more than 500 elk at the ranch right now," says Marni Lee, assistant manager at the ranch. "You can take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the middle of the elk herd. Or you can see the elk from the warmth and comfort of the visitor center."

If you already have plans for this weekend, Lee says you can surprise your loved one by making a trip to the ranch later this month. "Depending on the weather, the elk should remain at the ranch until the first week in March," she says.

Hardware Ranch is open during the following days and times:

Fridays noon to 5 p.m.

Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mondays noon to 5 p.m.

The sleigh rides cost \$5 for those nine years of age and older, and \$3 for those four to eight years old. Children three years of age and younger ride for free. The last sleigh ride leaves at 4:30 p.m., so make sure you buy your ticket at the visitor center before 4:30.

### How to get there

The Hardware Ranch Wildlife Management Area is 17 miles east of Hyrum. You'll find the ranch at mile marker 22 on SR-101 in Blacksmith Fork Canyon.

For more information, call (435) 753-6206 or visit [hardwareranch.com](http://hardwareranch.com) on the Web.

### High Five!

The Utah Trail Machine Association (UTMA) is reviving their annual clean-up day at Five Mile Pass. Five Mile Pass is a popular off-road area for dirt bikes, ATVs, and 4 wheel drives. The annual event has not been held for several years due to changes in personnel at UTMA

and the BLM.

The event is co-sponsored by the Utah 4WD Association and is presented in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management and the Utah Department of Natural Resources. This year's event will be held Saturday, May 23 (Memorial Day weekend) from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Expected work projects include general trash clean-up in staging areas and primitive camp sites and maintenance of rustic rock fire pits (clean up debris and restore rock rings).

Anyone who uses or has an interest in this wonderful area is invited to participate. Each participant will be given a free one-year membership or renewal in the UTMA and a UTMA hat.

**SCHEDULE:**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Signups

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Work projects

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Free lunch for

all participants

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Drawing for

great prizes from  
contributing dealers  
and manufacturers

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

One or two  
short rides to local  
points of historic  
interest.

Likely to be  
familiar landmarks,  
but we'll add historic  
insight

The

rides will fun and  
educational

**LOCATION:**

Five Mile Pass  
Recreation Area, about  
15 miles west of Lehi.

**"High Five!"**

**FIVE MILE PASS  
CLEAN-UP DAY**

**"GET OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR SPORT"**

**May 23, 2009**





  
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The High Five! HQ will be north of highway 73 at the main Five Mile Recreation Area sign, near milepost 17.

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

Gloves, water (canteen, Camelbak, water bottle), sun block;  
Shovels and rakes optional  
Something to ride in the afternoon (dirt bike, ATV, 4WD)

This is a family-oriented event. Everyone is welcome! Whether you are an avid OHV rider or just a concerned citizen who wants to help preserve and protect this marvelous area, come out and join us for a rewarding, productive, and fun day!

Contact [desertrat@desertrat.org](mailto:desertrat@desertrat.org) for more information.

### **Tips for the light goose hunt**

Utah's goose hunters have a new opportunity this spring a chance to hunt light geese.

A large flock of snow geese near Delta, Utah.

*Division of Wildlife Resources Photo*

But as Utah's first spring goose hunt gets closer, questions from hunters are increasing.

"Where can I hunt geese? Do the same rules for hunting geese in the fall apply in the spring?" are among the questions the Division of Wildlife Resources is receiving.

Here are some answers:

Utah's spring light goose hunt begins Feb. 18 in the North Goose Zone. Across the rest of the state, the hunt begins March 2. Both hunts end on March 10.

A description of the North Goose Zone is available on page 32 of the 2008–2009 Utah Waterfowl Guidebook. The guidebook is available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks).

All of Utah's fall goose-hunting rules also apply in the spring. For example, you may not use unplugged shotguns or electronic calls in the spring.

There is a daily bag limit and a possession limit. You may take 10 light geese a day. You may not have

more than 20 light geese in your possession at home.





All of Utah's trespass rules apply. That means you can't trespass on private land.

"Most of the light geese are on private land in the spring. That's where they feed and rest," says Tom Aldrich, migratory game bird coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"Before you hunt on private land, you must have written permission from the landowner to hunt there."

With the exception of the Salt Creek, Public Shooting Grounds and Clear Lake waterfowl management areas, all of Utah's waterfowl management areas are closed to spring light goose hunting.

The three federal refuges in Utah are also closed to spring light goose hunting.

### **50,000 light geese**

"We don't see many light geese in the fall, but in the spring, more than 50,000 light geese most of them snow and Ross' geese stop over in Utah," Aldrich says.

"In addition to providing hunters with a unique opportunity, hunting light geese in the spring will reduce agricultural damage," Aldrich says. "Most of that damage is happening in Box Elder and Millard counties. The geese start eating grain and alfalfa crops as soon as the plants start to grow."

### **Helping the geese**

In addition to helping Utah's farmers, the light goose hunt will help the geese.

In the central part of North America, light goose populations have gotten so large that the geese are damaging areas in Canada where they nest and raise their young.

"The population in the western part of North America hasn't become overabundant yet, but it's growing," Aldrich says. "The population exceeded 1 million birds in December 2007."

"We want to help stabilize the population before it gets too large. Once geese become overabundant, it's hard to bring them back."

### **USA All asks to help slow down the Washington County Wilderness Bill**

to contact their elected representatives  
County Wilderness bill pending in Congress.  
Instructions below. Please take action  
NOW.



BRC is asking all OHV users in Utah  
regarding the new Washington

Brian Hawthorne  
Public Lands Policy Director  
BlueRibbon Coalition  
208-237-1008 ext 102

**SITUATION:**

The U.S. House of Representatives is set to "grease through" an omnibus package of over 160 public lands bills this week. Included in the package is the Washington County (Utah) Growth and Conservation Act.

Key recreational access tenets in the bill have been intentionally altered in closed-door proceedings sometime before its insertion into the omnibus package. In addition, a new section was added regarding closure of roads and trails.

For background, our previous action alert is [here](#) and the media release is [here](#).

**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:**

Please call your Utah Representatives today. BE POLITE, Tell whoever answers the phone this:

*I am calling about the Washington County Growth and Conservation Act. I have been informed that key terms regarding roads and trails lack any regulatory definition. I am concerned that this will result in wasteful and unnecessary litigation over OHV use.*

*I am also concerned about a new closure section that was added AFTER senate committee hearing, apparently behind closed doors.*

*I ask that you look in to this issue immediately. The language used in this bill will make OHV management all but impossible. The issue is serious enough to warrant hearings on these and other changes made to this bill.*

**Congressman Matheson: Salt Lake City Office - (801) 486-1236**

**Washington DC Office - (202) 225-3011**

**Congressman Bishop: Ogden Office - (801) 625-0107**

**Washington DC Office - (202) 225-0453**

**Congressman Chaffetz: Provo Office (801) - 851-2500**

**Washington DC Office - (202) 225-7751**



**About Utah Shared Access Alliance**

We are now in our 10th year serving the community. We aggressively defend motorized access to public land in Utah. Contact us if you would like to be more involved or want to make a donation. We are a 501 c (3) non-profit organization. <http://www.usaall.org>. You can also find our contact info below.

**About Blue Ribbon Coalition**

BRC has been around even longer than USA-ALL. BRC is a national organization dedicated to protecting the public's access to public land. BRC & USA-ALL communicate often and are valuable partners. BRC is a much needed national organization that is worthy of your support. Click the flag or their seal above to be taken to their website where you can read more about them.

## **Want to gather shed antlers in Utah? You must complete a free, online course first**

If you enjoy gathering antlers that deer, elk and moose shed in the winter, one of your favorite times of the year is almost here.



This year, you will need to complete a free, online course in order to gather shed antlers.

*Photo by Phil Douglass*

But before you head outdoors to gather antlers, you need to head to this Web page first [wildlife.utah.gov/shedantler](http://wildlife.utah.gov/shedantler).

At the page, you'll find a free shed antler gathering course. You must complete the course and print a course completion certificate before you gather shed antlers in Utah this year.

"Make sure you carry your certificate with you," says Mike Fowlks, Law Enforcement Section chief for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"By law, you must have your certificate with you while you're gathering shed antlers."

## **You can gather antlers across Utah**

Fowlks says if you complete the course, you can gather antlers across Utah. This includes in northern Utah, where shed antler gathering was closed for much of the winter and spring the past few years.

"As you're gathering antlers, please remember that many of the state's wildlife management areas are closed in the spring and the winter to protect wildlife," Fowlks says.

You must complete the course if you want to gather shed antlers before April 15. If you wait until April 15 or later to start gathering antlers, you don't need to complete the course.

## **Helping deer, elk and moose**

The antlers of deer, elk and moose drop off their heads each winter. During the summer, the animals grow a new set of antlers.

"Gathering shed antlers is a fun activity that's very popular in states across the country, including in Utah," Fowlks says.

"The challenge with shed antler gathering is that it happens during the worst time of the year for the animals and the places the animals live in the winter. The animals are stressed at the end of the winter. And the habitat they rely on in the winter is wet and can be easily damaged.

"Fortunately, you can have fun gathering shed antlers without stressing the animals and damaging their habitat. This new online course will show you how."

## **TRIBUNE RECOGNIZES UTAH SHOOTING SPORT COUNCIL SUCCESS**

Everyone of the USSC members and supporters who read these alerts and contacts elected officials when necessary shares in the credit for our success! Thank you all!

The USSC's chairman/ lobbyist Clark Aposhian was featured in a Salt Lake Tribune article [http://www.sltrib.com:80/ci\\_11538746](http://www.sltrib.com:80/ci_11538746). In mentioning the USSC's success and the supporters who call and e-mail legislators the Tribune said :

"It's Aposhian's ability to educate even those who oppose concealed carry that gives him his power at the Legislature. That, and the ready ranks of gun-rights activists who can fill a committee hearing or inundate a lawmaker's e-mail in-box more quickly than just about any group.

The strategy's proof is in the policy. Lawmakers finally forced the University of Utah to allow concealed guns on

campus and they defeated the Appeals Court nomination of Judge Robert Hilder, who made an unpopular ruling in that battle."



## **UTAH LEGISLATURE UPDATE**

We are now on the 15th day of a 45 day session. You can check the latest status of all the guns bills on the USSC website: <http://utahshootingsports.com/>

The deadline has passed for introduction of new bills, so we know that there are 10 gun bills (unless something is hidden in another topic) to deal with. See the list below for details.

You have a chance to make your views heard to Committee members and your



Representatives or Senators. YOUR phone calls and emails or attendance at a Committee hearing may help a bill pass or fail. Politicians like to get re-elected, so they tend to listen when a lot of people want a bill passed or failed.

USSC tries not to bother you if a bill does not need everyone to get involved. But, PLEASE ACT IMMEDIATELY when we send a "USSC URGENT ACTION ALERT" asking you to make calls or send emails, or show up. We know that everyone will need to work really



hard to get SB 78 (the "parking lot" bill) passed in the House this year! Be ready.

### PRO-GUN BILLS

Six of the bills are pro-gun rights bills, reflecting USSC working with sponsors to protect and expand legal ownership and use of guns in Utah:

SB 78 Protection of Constitutionally Guaranteed Activities in Certain Private Venues- Once again this bill is run by our friend, Sen. Mark Madsen. This is USSC's TOP PRIORITY bill for this session. This bill will enforce the right of law abiding citizens to have guns (as well as Bibles, Books of Mormon; bumper stickers, etc) in their vehicles for lawful purposes, even if their employers want to keep them out. (Remember the AOL workers who were fired when these permit holders were seen moving a gun from one car to another to go target shooting after work?) Employers' parking lot gun bans also (unintentionally) render permit holders defenseless all day as they cannot carry their legal self defense weapons to or from work. Critics allege that this would make workplaces more dangerous, but criminals already ILLEGALLY violate employer gun bans, so their rules only disarm victims, not criminals. We applaud Sen. Madsen for getting similar bills through the Senate in the last two sessions, only to die in the House. We expect to get it passed this year, and similar bills have already passed in at least eight other states, with several more working on them. YOUR HELP WILL BE NEEDED TO GET THIS THROUGH THE HOUSE THIS YEAR! Watch for alerts on this.

HB 25 Gun Dealer Penalty Amendments- by pro-gun stalwart Rep. Curt Oda fixes some conflicts between Utah and Federal laws regarding FFL dealer record keeping. This USSC supported bill has already passed both the House and Senate and is on the way to the Governor for his approval.

HB 204 Concealed Firearms Instructor Amendments- also by Re. Curt Oda, requires Utah CWP instructors to be residents of Utah. Reportedly a few out of state instructors are not



teaching the proper course, which will jeopardize recognition of Utah permits, and BCI claims they are unable to properly regulate those instructors. This is necessary to ensure continued widespread recognition of Utah CWP's. USSC supports.

HB 336 Concealed Firearm Amendments by Rep. Carl Wimmer is not yet complete, but USSC is working closely with Rep. Wimmer on this one.

HB 357 Firearms Amendments- also by Rep. Carl Wimmer clarifies possession of firearm on real property and lawful transportation in vehicles by law abiding citizens. USSC Supports.



HB 431- Amendments to General Government Law- by Rep. Stephen Sandstrom is a Public Range Access bill, aimed at ensuring that shooting ranges built with public funds are available for use by the public. USSC strongly supports this.

#### ANTI-GUN BILLS-

SB 96 by Sen. Scott McCoy would prohibit issuing Utah Concealed Weapon Permits to non-residents. That is unacceptable, and USSC believes we have the votes to stop that one.

#### OTHER GUN BILLS

Three bills are not obviously good or bad, and we will follow these closely:

SB 227 by anti-gun Senator Scott McCoy will probably mess with CWP fees. NO WAY! We should not be charged taxes or fees to exercise constitutionally protected rights. Further, the permit holder is paying to prove their innocence. If anything CWP fees should be repealed and background checks funded by fines on criminals caught illegally carrying guns!

HB 162 by Rep. Newbold is probably about permits for non-U.S. citizens. We believe that after discussions with USSC that the sponsor will drop this bill.

SB 45 by Sen. Goodfellow would create a special process for retired cops to get and renew CWP's at no cost with none of the paperwork hassle like other citizens. This bill was based on misinformation provided to the sponsor. USSC OPPOSES this one, and after discussion with USSC it appears that this one is dead.

#### INVISIBLE WORK THAT USSC DOES

USSC works hard in the background to defend and advance gun rights in Utah, not just sending out alerts to tell people what is going on in the Legislature. Here are some examples:

-- Meeting with Senator Bennett's staff to work on securing federal funding for a new shooting range at the University of Utah. And, we asked his support for national reciprocity for concealed weapons permit, which he reportedly agreed to become a co-sponsor.

-- Meeting with the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives to seek his cooperation with getting SB 78 (the "parking lot bill") an up or down vote in the House this year, after the House failed to act on it for the last two years. He noted major opposition from the business community to this bill and we are not sure if he will support us on this or not. More on this later.

-- Meeting with sponsors of gun bills, and working closely with our friends on the drafting and advancement of bills we have requested.

-- USSC board members also met with sponsors of bills we oppose or have questions about. We think that two of the bills which we would not support will be dropped as a result.

-- Meetings and close contacts between USSC leaders and other Utah gun rights activists and the NRA to work together on issues we agree on, and plot strategy to advance our common agenda.



#### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

special "THANK YOU!" to all the volunteers who have worked the USSC table at the gun shows. And, to everyone who helped transcribed the hundreds of new

email addresses to help spread the word among gun owners. Remember, USSC is an all volunteer organization and when everyone pitches in to do whatever they can to help, we can be successful! Let's all keep it up!

### **NEXT GUN SHOW IN ST. GEORGE THIS WEEKEND February 14-15**

Take your spouse to a romantic weekend in warm and scenic St. George, and while there you can attend the gun show and even get "his and hers" Concealed Weapons Permits after taking the class there. It will be a memorable Valentines Day!

Crossroads of the West has a show at the Dixie Center this weekend. Bring along those guns you would like to learn more about, or get an appraisal on, or maybe sell.

Get a \$1.00 off coupon for show admission from

<http://www.crossroadsgunshows.com/guncoupn.htm>

### **CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT CLASS AVAILABLE AT THE GUN SHOW**

One highly respected instructor is Curtis Spain of Concealed Carry Specialists. He will teach four classes at the Crossroads Gun Show, providing the photos and fingerprinting as well as the classroom training. We recommend that anyone even considering applying for a permit take a course like this, to find out about the limits, obligations, advantages and disadvantages of carrying a concealed weapon for self defense. Classes will start promptly at 11:00 AM Saturday and 11:00 AM Sunday, and take about three hours. Registration can be done in person, but be there at least 15 minutes prior to class to take care of the paperwork. Cost is \$50 for complete package with class, fingerprints and photos. This instructor has probably taught more CWP holders than any other instructor in Utah, and does an excellent job. The

classroom near the entrance to the show, and you do not need to get into the show to attend the class. Call (801) 568-0197 with any questions. USSC appreciates the continuing support from Curtis and his classes!

### **Thank you from Utah Shared Access Alliance**

We wanted to report to you on the success of our rally on Friday afternoon and extend A BIG thanks to all those who participated with us in a VERY successful event. That truly was democracy in action and all those who attended should be proud of themselves. USA-ALL believes in the greatness of our country and of it's people. We know as did a wise President Ronald Reagan that Americans, and certainly Utahans are more than government on one hand and helpless individuals on the other. Friday we took an important step in showing elected servants that we can and we will take back control

over our government and the land it is supposed to manage for us not from us. As change has come to Washington D.C. and more unwelcome change on it's way it has never been more important that our community unite and aggressively defend the values and principles that matter to us. We must put aside any differences and focus our energy on this task. It is crucial that we all recommit ourselves to the protection of access to public land and to ensuring that our families and our posterity will have access to the beauty and resources that public land contains. USA-ALL is committed to fight so long as good folks like you will support us.



During the rally we wish we had more opportunity to speak specifically to the concerns of the motorized community, but with the involvement of some pretty high profile folks we chose to give up a little mic time and adjust focus from a motorized rally to one of multiple use. This is a concept that USA-ALL believes in deeply. Our decision proved valuable as a number of influential people talked with us afterwards and offered new assistance on these issues.

Our land use rally was attended by an estimated 300-500 people. We truly had not anticipated such a large showing. Our audio equipment could not broadcast our message to those in the back of the room. Next year we will get the event in the actual rotunda and have better audio equipment. Besides the huge crowd the rally took a few other surprise turns. Carl Malone showed up and said a few words. Lt Governor Herbert spoke to us and later committed to sitting down with USA-ALL to discuss and work through these issues. We had a large number of legislators and government officials present and many spoke to us including Speaker of the House Representative David Clark, and of course Representative Mike Noel, who called for a Sage Brush Rebellion II. The TV show "At Your Leisure" filmed the events and even used the crowd as the backdrop for its opener that will air very soon. There was so much going on that we didn't have time to deliver a powerful message we had prepared, but a powerful message was sent to our elected officials none the less. We truly are sorry we didn't



get to hear from 2 activists Alan Peterson and Dan Jessop, we will invite them to speak at future events. Both of them had a message that the public and politicians alike need to hear.

Trust us when we say the power of that rally didn't go unnoticed. As a direct result of the rally USA-ALL has had a few new doors open to us. To all those that participated and so many who donated cash so generously, "Thank you". Without a doubt this rally has already made a BIG difference, we will now take that momentum and put it to good use. To those who didn't make it this event there will be other opportunities in the near future for you to get involved with USA-ALL and help us protect access to public land.



If you gave us cash at the rally and would like to be added to our database of donors please email us your name and contact info. Also if any of you have pictures of the event please email them to me at [mike@usaall.org](mailto:mike@usaall.org) also go to our [facebook page](#) and post up all your cool photos of this rally and other fun things. We will have a few videos and more on the rally in the coming days. Stay tuned to all the latest

during the session by following our blog at <http://www.usaall.blogspot.com> . You can also voice your opinion on any land use related stuff on our blog or our facebook page, take advantage of it and let your voice be heard.

Plans are already in the works for next year's rally. We will be sure to have a better audio system so the huge crowd that will gather can hear us better. Thanks again to all those such as Chris Brimhall.

### **Big game applications due by Feb. 26**

*Don't wait until the last minute to apply*

If you're going to apply for a permit to hunt big game in Utah this fall, a wildlife official has some advice apply before the last day of the application period.

Applications will be accepted at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov) until 11 p.m. on Feb. 26.

"When you apply depends a lot on how much patience you have," says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "If you apply before Feb. 26, you should get your application in fast."

"If you wait until Feb. 26, it could take longer," she says. "Thousands of hunters wait until the last day to apply. That much traffic can slow our Web site down."

Tutorow says if you do wait until Feb. 26 to apply, make sure you start applying before 11 p.m.

"Even if you haven't finished your application by 11 p.m., the system will let you complete your application as long as you don't log out before you've completed it," she says.

"If you log out after 11 p.m., and then you try and get back into the system, you'll be out of luck."



## **AAA SAVINGS KEEP VALENTINES SWEET IN SOUR ECONOMY**

*Discounts on Flowers, Dinner, Hotels Make Romance Affordable*

SALT LAKE CITY, February 9, 2009 – Given the state of the economy, it's not a bad thing to be a cheap date. AAA Utah encourages its 180,000 members to show their cards and save on everything from flowers to romantic dinners and stays at AAA Four Diamond rated hotels this Valentine's Day.

"Most people are tightening their belts right now, but you can still treat your special someone on Valentine's Day without straining your budget thanks to AAA member discounts," said Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah spokesperson. "Members who use their discounts save an average of \$87 per year."

Just a few romance-enhancing AAA membership discounts include:

- **Send your love a bouquet for 20 percent off** – Roses are red, violets are blue. Choose the perfect fresh floral arrangement at [www.aaa.com/ftd](http://www.aaa.com/ftd)
- **Give her something that sparkles** – AAA members get 10 percent off fine jewelry and ring settings at [www.aaa.com/bluenile](http://www.aaa.com/bluenile) and 20 percent off a special diamond heart pendant in 18K white gold during February.
- **Whisk someone away for 70 percent less** – Somewhere a beach awaits two sets of footprints. Check out last minute deals with AAA Travel. Click on Travel at [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com)
- **Get a room, you two** – Even if you can't go far, get out of the house and into a luxurious hotel room for less. AAA member discounts are available at many hotels,

including the lowest rates available for the Four Diamond-winning Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown, Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel and Salt Lake City Marriott City Center, just to name a few.

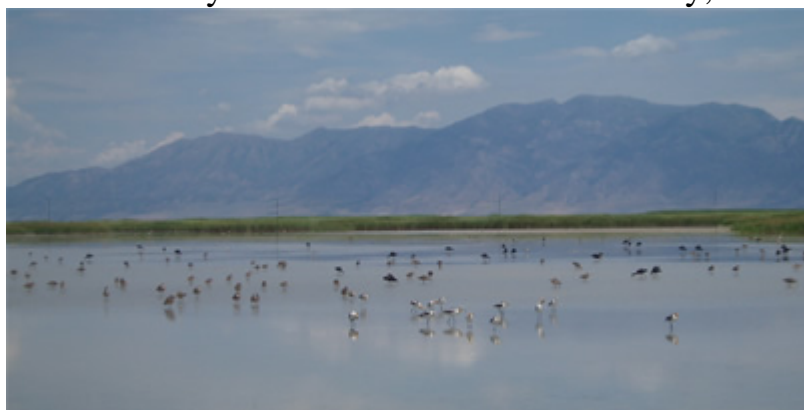
- **Dine in style for 10, 15, even 20 percent off** – Save on that table for two. Many restaurants offer AAA member discounts. Visit [www.aaa.com/save](http://www.aaa.com/save) to find a romantic eatery near you.
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Find out more about these and other AAA member discounts at [www.aaa.com/save](http://www.aaa.com/save).

### Story Time offered at Bear River

"Story Time" has come to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge! The Avocet Corner Bookstore, operated by Friends of the Bear River Refuge, will be conducting a monthly "Story Time." These events will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the bookstore, located inside the Refuge's wildlife education center.

The first Story Time will be held this Saturday, February 14, at 1:00 p.m.



Our next Story Time will be held on Tundra Swan Day, which is Saturday, March 14. Very soon you will receive an announcement and poster for this event.

**Location & Directions:** The Avocet Corner Bookstore is in the James V. Hansen Wildlife Education Center

(Visitor Center), located at 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah. From Interstate 15, take exit #363 (Forest Street) and turn west ONE block. Watch for signs.

**Wildlife Education Center Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; closed Sundays and federal holidays. (435) 723-5887 - TTY /Voice: 711. Website: <http://bearriver.fws.gov>.

### Comments Needed *In SUPPORT of additional access*

From local activist [Wade Allinson](#)

Temple Mountain, San Rafael Swell, Utah- 02/12/2009



The BLM opened up a 30 day comment period on the VJ Trail which is part of the Temple Mountain Trail System. Your comments in support of this decisions is desperately needed. If approved, we will gain about four miles of sweet single track trail to the already existing Temple Mountain Trail System.

Location: The VJ Trail is a cutoff trail that starts at North Temple Wash and goes to the Green Trail. I makes for a great loop.

History: When the 2003 travel plan came out, the travel map did not accurate reflect the true location of the trail. The data that the BLM had obtained was not correct. The Sage Riders met on the ground with the BLM and showed them the problem. The BLM closed the VJ Trail because the data did not completely match the trail. The BLM told us to get the trail open and to correct the data an EA would need to be completed. The BLM stated that they did not have the manpower to complete the EA for this trail. In response to this I wrote the EA for this trail and turned it in to the BLM and finally they are acting on it.

What to say:

Ref: VJ Trail EA UT-07-06-039

1. Tell the BLM your riding background.
2. Tell the BLM you support the VJ Trail being opened to motorized single track use.

Your comments can be e-mailed to:

[UT\\_Pr\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:UT_Pr_Comments@blm.gov)

For more info: Contact [Wade Allinson](mailto:wade.allinson@blm.gov) via email. [allinson2@gmail.com](mailto:allinson2@gmail.com)

## **Montana Musher Wins International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race for the Fourth Time**

February 7, 2009—Park City, Utah—Melanie Shirilla from Lincoln, Mont., won the International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race (IPSSSDR) with an overall time of 23:08:08.

Wendy Davis from Lander, Wyo., was second with an overall time of 24:14:05. Sam Perrino from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories in Canada was third with an overall time of 24:22:42.

This is the fourth IPSSSDR win for 36-year-old Shirilla who was the first woman to win the race in 2002. She won again in 2006 and 2008 before winning today's race to become a four-time winner. Shirilla began her



professional mushing career in 2000. In addition to her IPSSSDR victories, her race resume includes a 2003 win of the Atta Boy 300.



The IPSSSDR, which began on January 30 in Jackson, Wyo., is an eight-day race that travels over 300 miles through 10 Wyoming towns before finishing in Park City, Utah. With its unique “stage stop” racing format, the IPSSSDR stops in a different community each night; stage stops on this year’s IPSSSDR included Lander,

Pinedale/Cora, Big Piney/Marbleton, Alpine, Kemmerer/Diamondville, Evanston, Mountain View and

Lyman. The communities entertain mushers and spectators alike with such festivities as pancake feeds, dog parades, banquets, carnivals and snowshoe softball.

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#### Overall Times

Finish Position	Bib #	Musher	Day 2	Day 3	Day4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Overall Time
1	7	Melanie Shirilla	2:58:38	3:04:13	4:07:35	4:16:35	5:02:42	3:05:49	0:32:36	23:08:08
2	4	Wendy Davis	2:58:04	2:55:19	4:30:33	4:47:55	5:05:50	3:24:46	0:31:38	24:14:05
3	9	Sam Perrino	3:06:12	3:09:49	4:27:04	4:24:16	5:21:58	3:24:06	0:29:17	24:22:42
4	6	Bruce Magnusson	3:02:07	3:11:52	4:40:26	4:16:52	5:19:49	3:23:28	0:31:39	24:26:13
5	10	Jerry Bath	3:07:56	3:14:24	4:42:42	4:18:19	5:25:08	3:17:43	0:35:30	24:41:42
6	3	Ken Josefsen	3:16:53	3:22:48	4:48:49	4:39:16	5:04:22	3:12:24	0:31:52	24:56:24
7	1	Stacey Teasley	3:08:02	3:16:02	4:46:37	4:31:16	5:23:21	3:22:15	0:37:15	25:04:48
8	15	Megan Routley	3:07:53	3:04:45	4:35:42	5:02:14	5:11:40	3:30:52	0:33:02	25:06:08
9	5	Grant Beck	3:10:04	3:09:25	4:30:03	4:31:16	5:55:19	3:20:09	0:31:11	25:07:27

10	8	John Stewart	3:16:55	3:07:54	4:50:33	4:46:22	5:25:29	3:17:10	0:31:20	25:15:43
11	18	Jeff King	3:18:37	3:15:30	5:02:55	4:48:37	5:09:00	3:34:30	0:34:22	25:43:31
12	12	Sean Hard	3:21:08	3:03:15	5:11:05	4:48:14	5:40:47	3:17:39	0:32:02	25:54:10
13	14	Krista Halsnes	3:28:11	4:27:05	4:52:37	4:34:39	5:00:43	3:08:21	0:30:35	26:02:11
14	17	Debbie Moderow	3:18:44	3:11:15	5:01:35	5:07:27	5:16:15	3:47:09	0:34:18	26:16:43
15	11	Sandy Burke	3:06:21	3:11:37	5:04:25	4:48:30	5:57:19	3:41:06	0:30:37	26:19:55
16	16	John Barron	3:19:04	3:12:20	4:44:16	4:49:35	5:36:35	4:06:58	0:37:11	26:25:59
17	13	Dennis Tremblay	3:18:27	3:06:52	4:52:47	5:20:09	5:38:45	3:40:46	0:34:42	26:32:28
18	2	Jean Wise	3:40:26	3:25:23	5:16:10	5:15:03	5:59:49	3:49:33	0:36:58	28:03:22
19	19	Dave DeCaro	3:55:54	3:37:10	5:21:01	5:14:56	6:10:11	4:09:27	0:44:29	29:13:08

## Park City, Final Stage

**2/7/2009 Day 8**

**6 miles**

<b>Position Musher Finished</b>	<b>Bib #</b>	<b>Musher</b>	<b>Elapsed Time</b>	<b>Average MPH</b>
1	9	Sam Perrino	0:29:17	12.3
2	14	Krista Halsnes	0:30:35	11.8
3	11	Sandy Burke	0:30:37	11.8
4	5	Grant Beck	0:31:11	11.5
5	8	John Stewart	0:31:20	11.5
6	4	Wendy Davis	0:31:38	11.4
7	6	Bruce Magnusson	0:31:39	11.4
8	3	Ken Josefsen	0:31:52	11.3
9	12	Sean Hard	0:32:02	11.2
10	7	Melanie Shirilla	0:32:36	11.0
11	15	Megan Routley	0:33:02	10.9
12	17	Debbie Moderow	0:34:18	10.5
13	18	Jeff King	0:34:22	10.5
14	13	Dennis Tremblay	0:34:42	10.4
15	10	Jerry Bath	0:35:30	10.1
16	2	Jean Wise	0:36:58	9.7
17	16	John Barron	0:37:11	9.7
18	1	Stacey Teasley	0:37:15	9.7
19	19	Dave DeCaro	0:44:29	8.1

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Museum of Natural History have been unearthing a new dinosaur from Kaiparowits Plateau in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument that is expected to be over 75 million years old.

The impressive fossils found appear to be the remains of a 40-foot long duck-billed dinosaur skeleton, which was transported out of Grand Staircase by helicopter this spring. Many bones of this enormous dinosaur are currently being prepared by trained volunteers at the fossil preparation lab at Eccles Dinosaur Park in Ogden, as well at the lab at the Museum in Salt Lake City. Learn more about this exciting new dinosaur research and see some of the actual bones. Wednesday, February 18, 7 – 8 pm , 2284 N. Washington Blvd., North Ogden

For more information, call (801) 626-2862

## February Fishing Report

**DUCK FORK RESERVOIR:** (February 10) This reservoir is inaccessible, except by snow machine.

**ELECTRIC LAKE:** (February 10) Use extreme caution, especially on the north end, due to



open water pockets.

**FERRON RESERVOIR:** (February 10) The reservoir is inaccessible, except by snow machine.

**HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVOIR:** (February 10) The ice is melting around the edges. Ice fishing is no longer recommended.

**HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Deep snow and thick ice are making it difficult for anglers to access the reservoir.

**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Fishing success continues to fluctuate between slow and good. The best fishing occurs near the Lowry Water inlet, and the best end tackle consists of a jig tipped with chub meat.

**LOWER FISH CREEK:** (February 10) Fly fishing tackle is necessary for a good catch rate. The creek has limited stretches of open water. The three best fly patterns include a beadhead hare's ear, a beadhead prince nymph, and a San Juan worm.



**MILLSITE STATE PARK:** (February 10) Angler success has been variable, but savvy anglers can limit out at this reservoir.

**RIGHT FORK OF HUNTINGTON CREEK:** (February 10) Fly fishing gear is a must for a good

catch rate. Fish open water stretches with one of the following fly patterns: a beadhead prince nymph, a beadhead hare's ear or a San Juan worm.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Angler success has been uncommonly poor for unknown reasons.

**STRAIGHT CANYON CREEK:** (February 10) Exercise extreme caution while accessing the creek. You'll find icy boulders and steep, treacherous slopes. Fly fishing tackle and nymph patterns will produce the best success.

**WILLOW LAKE:** (February 10) Access is limited to snow machine or ATV.

**WRIGLEY SPRINGS RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Access is limited to OHVs, due to mud and snow.

**BIG SANDWASH RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Anglers report fair to good fishing near the boat ramp for rainbows up to 16-inch. Check the ice carefully before venturing out. The reservoir is now being filled.

**BROUGH RESERVOIR:** (January 28) No new reports from anglers. The reservoir has ice. Check it before venturing out. The road to Brough is snow covered and can be quite rutted.

**BROWNE LAKE:** (February 10) Anglers report fair to good ice fishing. Check the ice carefully before venturing out. The road gates are closed.

**BULLOCK RESERVOIR:** (February 04) The reservoir has ice, but there haven't been any recent reports from anglers. Check ice conditions carefully before venturing out.

**CALDER RESERVOIR:** (February 10) The reservoir has good ice, and anglers have been using snowmobiles and four-wheelers to access the area. Reports indicate slow to fair ice fishing. Check the ice before venturing out.



**COTTONWOOD RESERVOIR:**

(February 04) The reservoir has ice, but there haven't been any recent reports from anglers. Check ice conditions carefully before venturing out.

**CROUSE RESERVOIR:** (February 10)

The reservoir has good ice, and anglers have been using snowmobiles and four-wheelers to access the area. Reports

indicate slow to fair ice fishing. Check the ice before venturing out.

**CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Anglers report 12 to 18 inches of ice, depending on where they placed holes. Fishing has been spotty by the dam, even though fish were visible in the fish finders. Anglers who walked farther have been having better success, but the fish still weren't always active. You'll have to travel through snow and ice to access the dam. The road to the dam is maintained regularly, but at this time of year, a storm can quickly make roads treacherous and impassable.

**EAST PARK RESERVOIR:** (January 28) East Park Reservoir is ice covered, with no new reports of ice fishing success. Winter road gates have been closed, so access is now by skis or snowmobile.



**FLAMING GORGE:** (February 10) As of Feb. 10 only Lucerne, Antelope Flat, Mustang and Cedar Springs boat ramps remain open. Sheep creek and all Wyoming ramps are frozen.

Sheep Creek Bay ice just formed and is not safe. Watch for free floating ice sheets in the Utah portion. In Wyoming, check the ice carefully as anglers report a wide range for ice thickness. In general, ice has formed from the river arms down past Anvil Draw. All of the ice is irregular so anglers need to take precautions and be aware of what they



are standing on. In two separate reports, anglers who fished the southern ice drilled holes in eight or more inches of ice. Then, they took a few steps and realized the ice had changed, so they drilled again to find only three inches below them. Anglers have fallen through the ice as far north as Firehole. Water temperatures remain in the mid to upper 30s in the lower end of

the reservoir. Note the regulation changes for ice fishing and spearfishing for the Utah portion of the

reservoir as of Jan. 1. See the *Utah Fishing Guidebook* for details.

**Lake trout:** Anglers report good fishing for 12- to 24-inch lake trout in the Canyon, Antelope and Lucerne areas. Ice fishermen report good catches in the Confluence area. Try points next to deep water in Red Canyon, the Skull Creeks, Jarvies Canyon and in the Antelope Flat/Lucerne area. Fish are scattered from 50 to 120 feet, with most in the 80- to 100-foot range. Smaller fish are suspending off the bottom while feeding on zooplankton. If you are jigging, try tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown. Tipping it with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat may increase interest. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons are also working well. Using no-stretch line will help you feel strikes and set the hook better. Use a graph to see where fish are located and place the jig at the same depth. When trolling, check your graphs and use

downriggers to get lures like needlefish, other spoons and Rapalas down near the bottom. Long lining near the surface with small or large fish-imitating lures may produce large fish trying to fatten up on prey near the surface. Let out a couple hundred feet of line behind the boat or use planer boards to get lures out to the side of the boat.



### **Kokanee salmon:**

Fishing for kokanee is typically slow this time of year. A graph helps in locating fish. You can find fish throughout the water column, so try a range of depths. Downriggers, long lining, lead weights and planer boards can get the small spoons (like needlefish, triple teasers or other erratic-moving lures) down to the right depths. Try trolling at speeds from 1.5 to 2.5 miles per hour. If you are ice fishing, watch for schools of fish on the graph and try to put jigging spoons like Crocodiles and Kastmasters in front of them.

**Rainbow trout:** Boat fishing is good in Utah, and ice fishing is good in Wyoming. There have been reports of larger fish (in the four-pound range) being taken as well as fish in the 12 to 18 inch range. If you are ice fishing, look for fish from 10 to 30 feet deep and use typical rainbow gear. If you are fishing from a boat or shore, try casting lures or baits like a



worm/marshmallow combination or PowerBait. Fish can be deep or shallow, so try different depths. Don't be afraid of harvesting some rainbows. They are really tasty from the cold waters of the Gorge.

**Burbot:** Anglers report good fishing with jigs in 10 to 40 feet of water over areas with a rocky and shale bottom. Try fishing at night or early in the morning off the points in areas like Antelope Flat, Linwood Bay in Utah (with boats) and Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and Marsh Creek in Wyoming (ice fishing). Use glow tube or curly tail jigs that are two to three inches in size and about 1/8 to 1/4 ounce in weight. Lures that glow like jigging spoons and jigging Rapalas also work well. Tipping your lures with sucker or crayfish meat and using smelly jelly or similar scents in crayfish also seems to help. Make sure you recharge your glow lures often. During the day, these fish will move deep (70–100 feet), so jigging in deep water may produce better daytime



success. Anglers can now use up to six lines to fish through the ice on the Utah

portion of the reservoir. Anglers will not need a two-pole permit to fish with more than one line. Please see the [Utah Fishing Guidebook](#) for more details.

### **Smallmouth bass:**

Smallmouth fishing is typically slow during the winter months. Try fishing the rocky areas where crayfish will be and adjust depth until you find the fish, likely 20 or more feet down. Crayfish-colored grubs on leadhead jigs or small plastic worms, senkos, twitch and crankbaits may work if you can get the lure right in front of the fish. If you're fishing in the canyon, keep a limit of 10 fish smaller than 10 inches to help thin out the population and increase growth on the remaining fish.

**GREEN RIVER BELOW FLAMING GORGE DAM:** (February 10) Average daily flows on the river are 1,100 cfs for February. The double-peaking flows requested by Western Power Administration will continue. Starting March 1, flows will probably be at a constant

800 cfs until high spring flows in May or June. Try fishing scuds, egg patterns and attractor nymphs during periods when no hatches are occurring. Watch for midge hatches to occur during the warmer parts of the day. Streamer fishing is a good technique to use during the winter months. Spin fishermen should try Rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); spinners; spoons; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and plastic jigs.

**MATT WARNER:** (February 10) The reservoir is ice covered; anglers have been getting in on snow machines. The last report was fair fishing.

**MOOSE POND:** (February 10) The Moose Pond is now being refilled, and the surface is frozen. It was drained to make some needed enhancements. If everything goes as planned, the pond should be ready and stocked by early next summer.

**PELICAN LAKE:** (February 10) Pelican Lake is frozen and the ice is over a foot thick, except for the edges. Anglers report fast fishing again for bluegill. It seems that the fish are moving around, so try moving to new areas if you don't locate them under your first hole. Largemouth bass fishing has started to slow down, but anglers can still find some near the good bluegill areas. The reservoir is being filled, so check the ice conditions carefully, especially around the edges.

**RED FLEET RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Anglers report fair to good success rates. Most fish were in the 12-inch range, with a few larger rainbows being taken. Fish seem to be either



near the bottom or about 10 to 15 feet down. Ice thickness is generally over a foot thick, except around the edges. The reservoir is being filled, so check the ice conditions carefully before venturing out.

#### **STARVATION**

**RESERVOIR:** (February 10) The main channel has frozen and thawed multiple times this winter. You should consider all of the ice unsafe. If you do venture out, check the ice very carefully.

#### **STEINAKER RESERVOIR:**

(February 10) Anglers report fair to good ice fishing for rainbows. The reservoir is being filled, so there is new ice near the shore and over 12 inches further out. Check the ice carefully before venturing out.



**BEAR LAKE:** (February 03) Biologist Scott Tolentino reports that the cisco are still running at Cisco Beach. This year was unique in that the run was rather spotty. Some days the fish are "in," but others they are few in numbers. In most years, the run typically winds down by Feb. 1, but this year the run started late and, judging by the number of cisco still spawning, will continue for a few more days. The open water conditions this year have been tough too. If the wind is blowing the cisco will move away from the shore, whereas on calm days they are right along the water's edge.

Whitefish fishing has improved, while cutthroat and lake trout fishing has tapered off. Last weekend some anglers caught good numbers of whitefish off the rockpile. Other anglers did very well fishing the weed beds south of Gus Rich Point and off the pump house. Some cutthroat trout were also taken, but the fishing will not improve for another week or so



because most cutthroat are stuffed with cisco right now. Launching boats in the state park marina is day-to-day. There is some ice, but the lake is mostly open water. The ramp at Cisco Beach is open and launching is available, but there is no courtesy dock in the water at this time.

**CAUSEY RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Conservation Officer Dave Beveridge reports slow fishing.

**EAST CANYON RESERVOIR & STATE PARK:** (February 10) Josh Gibson reports that the ice is 12 to 13 inches thick, and that people are catching medium- to small-sized trout. To catch rainbows, try wax worms, mealworms and shrimp. Some anglers are catching brown and tiger trout using those same baits along with green power bait. Note: You can only launch an OHV from the boat ramp. Anyone caught launching an OHV elsewhere will receive a citation.

**ECHO RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson reports increased fishing pressure. The ice is 12 to 15 inches thick in some locations.

**HYRUM RESERVOIR & STATE PARK:** (February 10) Park Ranger Floyd Powell reports the ice is 8 to nine inches thick, but be careful, there is open water by the inlet. Anglers have had fair success for perch by the wrecked cars. One angler reported catching a nice 21-inch rainbow trout by the inlet.

**JENSEN POND:** (February 10) Conservation Officer Keith Fullenkamp reports that Jensen Pond is completely ice-free. Angler's are having moderate success catching the large, recently-stocked brood stock brook and lake trout. Try an artificial lure.

**KAYSVILLE POND:** (February 10) Conservation Officer Keith Fullenkamp reports Kaysville Pond is completely ice-covered. Anglers are having good success catching rainbow trout on worms and Powerbait.

**LOGAN RIVER:** (February 03) Dedicated Hunter Chris Grenda interviewed an angler who had caught seven rainbows at second dam. All of the fish were around 10 inches. The angler was using a pheasant tail with a small sinker on the bottom. He caught most of his fish on a #18 black pheasant tail.

**LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:** (February 03) Conservation Officer Jonathan Moser reports slow fishing, although one group reported great success. Try a Kastmaster or Swedish pimple as an attractor and a ratfinky with a wax worm as bait. Fish are hitting very lightly, so diligence is the key. Most hits were approximately five feet from the bottom in 40 feet of water. The ice was 8 to 10 inches thick.

**MANTUA RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Dedicated Hunter Chris Grenda reports good success for blue gill, perch, large mouth bass and rainbow trout. Try wax worms, rat finkies, mealworms and ice flies. The ice is 10 inches thick.

**OGDEN RIVER:** (February 10) Conservation Officer Dave Beveridge reports slow fishing. Water flows seem to be just right for fishing.

**PINEVIEW RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Mike Bolinski reported 12 inches of ice on Feb. 8. Fishing success has improved, however, some anglers still report slow fishing. Fishing pressure is heaviest on the north side of Cemetery Point and Browning Point. Fishing in the Narrows has improved, so anglers are moving back into that area. The most successful anglers were fishing in water 28 feet or deeper.

Most anglers were using a combination of lures and bait, including assorted jig colors and ice flies tipped with a meal worm, wax worm, perch meat or perch eye ball. Try a combination of 1/8 or 1/4 oz. Kastmaster blade, Swedish Pimple or similar hardware, with a jig or ice fly as a dropper, tipped with mealworms or wax worms.

On average anglers spent 4.4 hours fishing per day. From Feb. 4 to Feb. 8, the average catch rate was approximately 2.37 fish per angler per day, and 98.3 percent of those fish were harvested. On average, anglers caught 2.12 yellow perch per day and 0.23 black crappie per day. Harvested yellow perch were 8.34 inches on average, and harvested black crappie were 8.95 inches.



**ROCKPORT RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Joseph Donnell reports that a few anglers had caught large rainbows two pounds and larger. The perch fishing continues to be spotty, but a few are being caught. The best trout fishing seems to be in water that's about 10 feet deep. The perch are in deeper in the water, around 40 feet.

**WEBER RIVER:** (February 10) Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson reports that fishing success along the Weber River is increasing, but that fishing pressure is also increasing. Please remember to respect private lands.

**WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Dedicated Hunter Chris Grenda reports ice over the whole reservoir except in the North marina where there is a small pocket of open water. Docks in North marina are in the water, water levels increasing. Anglers had not caught anything at the time of interview.

**STRAIGHT CANYON CREEK:** (February 10) Exercise extreme caution while accessing the creek. You'll find icy boulders and steep, treacherous slopes. Fly fishing tackle and nymph patterns will produce the best success.

**WILLOW LAKE:** (February 10) Access is limited to snow machine or ATV.

**WRIGLEY SPRINGS RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Access is limited to OHVs, due to mud and snow.



**BAKER RESERVOIR:** (February 12) No recent reports. Should have plenty of open water. Fall and winter are good times to target nice browns at Baker. Try rapalas or other crankbaits, streamers, frozen minnows, or jigs tipped with cutbait (like chub or sucker).

**BARKER RESERVOIRS (NORTH CREEK LAKES):** (February 12) Access by snowmobile or ATV. All lakes except

Barker and Lower Barker Reservoirs are closed to fishing until April 18.

**BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES:** (February 12) Access by snowmobile. All lakes are iced-over.

**BEAVER RIVER, LOWER:** (February 12) Some of the ice has melted in recent weeks.

**BEAVER RIVER, UPPER:** (February 12) Anchor ice is making fishing difficult.



**BOULDER MOUNTAIN:** (February 12) Most Boulder Mtn. lakes are closed to fishing until April 18. Check the Utah Fishing Guide (proclamation) for which lakes are still open. Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV.

**CLEAR CREEK:** (February 12) Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

**CORN CREEK:** (February 12) Access may be difficult. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

**DUCK CREEK POND / ASPEN MIRROR LAKE:** (February 12) Closed January 1 to April 18.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER IN KINGSTON CANYON:** (February 12) The river has opened up in recent weeks. Should be fishable until another deep freeze. Water is a little turbid.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER, BLACK CANYON:** (February 12) The river in Black Canyon generally does not freeze over. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER, UPPER:** (February 12) Enter this week's fishing report on this line

**ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR, UPPER:** (February 12) The upper reservoir was not stocked in 2008 due to continued repair work on the dam. It will be stocked in spring 2009.

**FISH LAKE:** (February 12) The ice is generally solid, but use caution near pressure ridges. Lots of pressure on weekends. Best fishing is often in the morning. Fair to good fishing for splake. Use jigs or Kastmasters tipped with perch, sucker, or chub. Smaller splake, along with perch and a few rainbows are caught just outside the weeds. Fair success for larger splake (16–18 inches) at 50–60 feet. Get away from the crowds for best success. For lake trout, try larger white jigs tipped with sucker or chub in 50–60 feet.





**FORSYTH RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Generally slow fishing. Ice fishing is a good way to target splake. Try light-colored jigs or Kastmasters tipped with cutbait.

**FREMONT RIVER:** (February 12) The road above Mill Meadow is not plowed, so access can be difficult. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

**GUNLOCK RESERVOIR:** (February 12) The reservoir was drained in fall 2008 for dam repairs. Bass and bluegill will be stocked in spring 2009, but it will take a few years for populations to re-establish.

**JOHNSON RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Musky fishing will be slow until late spring.

**KOLOB RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Access by snowmobile. Not much ice fishing pressure due to access.

**KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR:** (February 12) It is not certain how many fish survived low water this fall. Ice fishing will likely be slow at best this year.

**LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV.



Ice fishing is usually good if you can get there.

**MAMMOTH CREEK:** (February 12) Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

**MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Ice is 10–12 inches. Fast fishing for perch in 10–15 feet. A few browns and splake are also being picked up. Best success with jigs tipped with perch meat.

**MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Little pressure lately due to poor fishing and weakening ice. Recent mild weather resulted in thin edges and open water. Though it has frozen again, edges are still weak. The ice may not last for many more weeks.

**MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES:** (February 12) Snow limits access. These lakes typically don't get much ice fishing pressure.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** (February 12) Plenty of ice but the gate is closed and access is limited to snowmobile or ATV. Not much pressure because of access, but ice fishing can be very productive here. Ice fishing is a good way to target splake. Try light-colored jigs or Kastmasters tipped with cutbait.

**NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Watch for thin ice and/or open water around the edges. Ice out in the middle is 12–14 inches. Slow to fair fishing for most anglers. Try to get away from the crowds at the most popular spots.

**OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR & STATE PARK:** (January 29) The recent warm weather has weakened the ice, and there is one to two feet of open water around the edges. The ice in the middle of the reservoir is 12 to 14 inches. Pressure has dropped off with slow fishing and weakening ice. Slow to fair fishing for most anglers. Try to get away from the crowds at the most popular spots.



**PANGUITCH LAKE:** (February 12) New fishing regulations. Please see the Utah Fishing Guide for more details. Ice is 18–20 inches. Slow to fair fishing for most anglers though a few report good success. Better success for those who get away from the crowds at the popular spots. Try light-colored jigs tipped with mealworms or cutbait in 8–12 feet. Some fish are caught on the bottom, while others are suspended halfway up.

**PARAGONAH RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Access by snowmobile, trucks and ATVs are not recommended. Ice fishing can be productive if you can get there.

**PINE LAKE:** (February 12) Safe ice. Remember the road is not plowed, so access may be difficult. Ice fishing should be good if you can get there.

**PIUTE RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Watch for thin ice and/or open water around the edges. Ice out in the middle is 12–14 inches. A few anglers report good success. Try to get away from the crowds at the most popular spots. Try same techniques as Otter Creek.

**QUAIL LAKE:** (February 12) Shore anglers are doing fair to good for rainbows near the inlet and the dam. Powerbait in shallow water has produced best, slower action for trollers. Bass fishing slows down during the colder months though it is still possible to catch fish. Make sure you fish during the warmest part of the day. A very slow retrieve is key, even

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**SEVIER RIVER IN MARYSVALE CANYON:** (February 12) Ice has melted in recent weeks. Should be fishable until another deep freeze.

**THOUSAND LAKE MOUNTAIN:** (February 12) Access is limited by snow. Ice fishing is usually good in Solomon Basin, if you can get there.

**TROPIC RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Recent snow may limit access. Winter is a good time to target brown trout. The local favorite bait is frozen minnows.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FISHERIES:** (February 12) Catchable-sized rainbow trout, including albinos, have been stocked in all the ponds and fishing is good with any technique. Adults are encouraged to use lures and flies.



**WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Thin ice around the edges.

**YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Access is limited to snowmobiles and ATVs. Ice fishing is usually good if you can get there.

**BURRASTON PONDS:** (February 13) There's light fishing pressure, and anglers are catching fish occasionally.

**CANYON VIEW PARK**

**POND:** (February 13) Closed for the season.

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR:** (February 13) I saw about a dozen anglers yesterday near the island. They were catching a few rainbows with bait-tipped jigs and with worms. The ice edges get soft, so bring a plank just to be safe.



**JORDANELLE RESERVOIR:** (February 13) Most anglers are using small, bait-tipped jigs. Anglers are catching mostly rainbow trout and an occasional brown trout or perch. The Rock Cliff arm of the reservoir is the most popular.

**PAYSON LAKE:** (February 13) Closed for the season.

**PROVO RIVER, LOWER:** (February 13) There's only light fishing pressure due to weather this week. Hardy anglers that brave the elements are doing well with small, dark nymphs. Lures are producing some nice browns as well, especially in the deeper pools.

**PROVO RIVER, MIDDLE:** (February 13) Anglers are doing well when they fish standard small nymphs. There's light fishing pressure.

**SALEM POND:** (February 13) There's light fishing pressure, but anglers are only catching the occasional trout. Worms and Powerbait are your best bet.

**SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR:** (February 13) Closed for the season.

**SPRING LAKE:** (February 13) The few anglers who recently visited the lake reported slow success.

**STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:**  
(February 13) There's a lot of snow and slush, but most anglers have had fair success. Some have reported good success with bait-tipped jigs. If success is slow, drill a different hole in a different location. There are special regulations here, so read the [Utah Fishing Guidebook](#). Please know the difference between rainbow trout and Bear Lake cutthroat trout.

**TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR:**  
(February 13) There are several patches of thin ice at Tibble—don't fish here.

**UTAH LAKE:** (February 13) Fishing success is slow. Some anglers report thin ice in areas, so use extreme caution.

**VIVIAN PARK POND:** (February 13) There's unsafe ice on the pond.

**WILLOW POND:** (February 13) The ice is very thin—fish the open water only.





**YUBA STATE PARK:** (February 13) The ice edges are soft, so you might want to bring a plank on warmer days. Success varies for perch, but most anglers report slow fishing.

### **BLM to Reduce Risk of Fire on Parowan Front**

Cedar City, Utah- The Cedar City Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Color Country District is working to reduce the risk of potentially catastrophic wildfire to the communities of Red Canyon and Parowan located in Iron County, Utah. Agency fire personnel will burn approximately 10 acres of federal land to complete hazardous fuels reduction work and remove slash piles from mechanical thinning efforts conducted in 2007. The burn will complete phase two of the fuel break located just north of the Red Canyon subdivision. Fire crews will be using hand ignition techniques to ignite the fire as weather conditions permit throughout the month of February 2009.

“This project, like many others provide fuel breaks to communities bordering federal



lands and may provide firefighters with an opportunity to make a stand in the event of a wildfire,” said Chris Henrie, Cedar City BLM Fuels Module Leader. “Our agency efforts along with individual community fire plans produced by community fire councils will provide our best defense against catastrophic events,” Henrie added.

Ignition operations may be postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions and/or lack of firefighting personnel. Smoke will be visible from Interstate 15 and all major



road systems surrounding Enoch, Summit, and Parowan. No road closures will be implemented due to the location of the project site. Prescribed fire signs will be posted to notify motorists along, I-15 and frontage roads on days that ignitions take place.

Prescribed fire projects will be conducted in a manner consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations, and approved prescribed fire plans. Smoke may be present for several days after ignition takes place and could potentially reduce visibility along public use roads in this area.

For additional prescribed fire information please visit website [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).

## **UTAH STATE PARKS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED**

**Salt Lake City** – The Board of Utah State Parks and Recreation meets from 10:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 26 at the Department of Environmental Quality located at 168 North 1950 West, Building #2 in Salt Lake City. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting.



Topics for discussion include resource management plans for Anasazi State Park Museum and Antelope Island State Park, an update from the Friends of Utah State Parks group, review of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), approval of Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, fee increase for Wasatch Mountain Golf Course, and new member approval for the Recreational Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle advisory councils.

**BOARD OF UTAH STATE PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2009  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
168 NORTH 1950 WEST, BUILDING #2  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
AGENDA**

**February 26, 2009**

9:00 a.m.	Executive Session	
10:30 a.m.	1. Welcome, Review and Acceptance of Agenda - Board Chair Scott Parson	<b>ACTION</b>
10:35 a.m.	2. Review and Acceptance of October 9, 2008 Minutes - Board Chair Parson	<b>ACTION</b>
10:40 a.m.	3. Board Member Reports - Board Members	<b>INFORMATION</b>
11:10 a.m.	4. Director's Report - Director Mary Tullius	<b>INFORMATION</b>
11:40 a.m.	5. Anasazi State Park Museum Resource Management Plan - Planning Coordinator Rock Smith	<b>ACTION</b>
12:00 p.m.	6. Special Recognition of former Board Member Gael Hill - Board Chair Parson	<b>INFORMATION</b>
12:45 p.m.	7. Antelope Island State Park DRAFT Resource Management Plan - Planning Coordinator Smith and Park Manager Ron Taylor	<b>INFORMATION</b>
1:45 p.m.	8. Friends of Utah State Parks Update - Dan McConkie or Barbara Riddle	<b>INFORMATION</b>
2:05 p.m.	9. Budget Reductions and Legislative Action - Director Tullius	<b>INFORMATION</b>
3:10 p.m.	10. Vision 2010 Strategic Plan Update - Planning Coordinator Smith	<b>INFORMATION</b>
3:40 p.m.	11. Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) - Planning Coordinator Smith	<b>INFORMATION</b>
4:00 p.m.	12. Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Approval - Land and Water Conservation Fund Coordinator Seth McArthur	<b>ACTION</b>
4:15 p.m.	13. Fee Increase for Wasatch Mountain Golf Courses - Deputy Director Mark Forbes	<b>ACTION</b>
4:25 p.m.	14. Zion National Park License Plate Fund Rule - Deputy Director Forbes	<b>ACTION</b>

4:40 p.m.	15. Recreational Trails Advisory Council Member Approval - Deputy Director Bruce Hamilton	<b>ACTION</b>
4:50 p.m.	16. OHV Advisory Council Member Approval - Deputy Director Hamilton	<b>ACTION</b>
5:00 p.m.	17. 2009 Board Meeting Schedule - Board Chair Parson	<b>INFORMATION</b>
5:15 p.m.	18. Other Business	<b>INFORMATION</b>
	19. Adjournment of Public Meeting	<b>ACTION</b>

## **Traveling Trophies Promote Elk Foundation Habitat Message**

MISSOULA, Mont.—Massive antlers are a product of age, genetics and habitat. Encouraging habitat stewardship and conservation is the goal of a 2009 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation traveling exhibit of trophy-class elk.

The RMEF Great Elk Tour, themed “Great Elk Need Great Habitat,” is appearing across the U.S. at sports and outdoor shows, retail locations, Pro Bull Riders events and more.

Continually updated schedules, photos of the mounts and other details are available at [www.greatelktour.org](http://www.greatelktour.org)

Sponsors include Blaser, Brunton, Hunter’s Specialties, Realtree, Sitka and Trijicon.

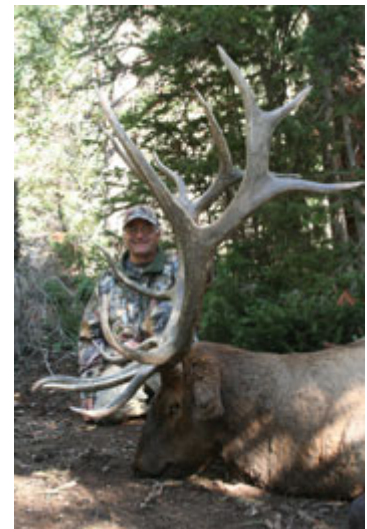
The tour features six monster bulls:

Arizona—Specimens for 2009 include two bulls from Arizona. One is a unique three-antlered non-typical elk that gross scores 341. Hunter Troy Pfennigs took the bull from the White River area in 2006. The second Arizona bull has typical antlers grossing 402-2/8. P.T. Carter found one of the sheds and then acquired the mate from an antler dealer.

Montana—Two bulls from Montana are included for 2009. The first is a set of non-typical sheds with a gross score of 404-6/8. Kyle Libsack found the sheds last year in Park County. The second Montana elk is a unique winterkill bull found in 2008 by Tom Benedict in southwest Montana. The bull gross scores 311.

North Dakota—This 397-1/8 gross-score bull from Billings County was taken by Terry Doll in 2007. Doll hunted for two months without seeing an elk. His luck changed one evening when this monster stepped out just before sundown.

Wyoming—This 363-1/8 gross non-typical, droptine bull was found dead on the Jackson





Hole elk refuge. Wild West Designs purchased the antlers, helping to fund operations for the refuge and local Boy Scout troops.

## Two-for-One Project FeederWatch Deal

We know you like watching birds--so here's a special **two-for-one offer** to make the

enjoyment last all winter long:



New U.S. participants joining [Project FeederWatch](http://ProjectFeederWatch.org) in February will automatically be signed up for next season too. Join now for the rest of the 2008-2009 season (through April 3), and you will **receive the 2009-2010 season at no charge!** Project

FeederWatch takes place from November to early April each year, collecting information about feeder birds from thousands of bird watchers across the country.

To learn more and sign up for this special offer, visit [www.feederwatch.org](http://www.feederwatch.org) or call the Lab toll-free at (800) 843-2473. In return for the \$15 fee (\$12 for Lab members) new participants receive the *FeederWatcher's Handbook*, an identification poster of the most common feeder birds in their area, a calendar, complete instructions, the FeederWatch annual report, *Winter Bird Highlights*, and the Lab's quarterly newsletter, *BirdScope*. Plus you'll be signed up to participate for the entire 2009-2010 season for no additional charge.

## Let's keep counting the birds!

*The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a membership institution interpreting and conserving the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds*

## Polar Bear Ride: March 22nd, 2009

The Salt Lake Motorcycle Club's 32nd annual Polar Bear Ride will meet at Harley Davidson of Salt Lake (2928 S State St) at 9:00 am for sign-up and ride leaves at 10:00 am. Go to

www.slmc1.com for more details.



### **Dune Ride and BBQ: April 5th, 2009**

Join Honda World at the base of Sand Mountain (Just look for the Honda World trailer) for FREE Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks, and a Day of FAMILY FUN. Contact Lynn or Alex for more details at 801-572-9800.

## **UTAH STATE PARKS SNOWMOBILE GROOMING REPORT**

Please find below, current grooming conditions as of February 10. Utah State Parks encourages all riders to carry appropriate avalanche gear and get an avalanche advisory at 1-800-OHV-RIDE or [utahavalanchecenter.org](http://utahavalanchecenter.org).

BEAR RIVER SERVICE/ WHITNEY – No new report

BEAR LAKE/ LOGAN CANYON– Sinks, Amazon, Beaver Creek, Franklin Basin, Tony Grove, Garden City, Temple, Swan Flat

HARDWARE RANCH – Hardware Ranch, Danish Dugway, Saddle Creek, the Gorge, Elk Valley Road, Hell's Hollow

MONTE CRISTO - Ant Flat, Highway 39, Curtis Creek Loop, Arbs Basin, Wasatch Ridge

WASATCH – Alpine Loop, Snake Creek Canyon, the Narrows

MIRROR LAKE/MILL HOLLOW – North Fork Trail, Soapstone Basin Road, Highway 35 from Noble's to Hanna Trailhead, Wolf Creek Summit, Mill Hollow to Lake Creek Summit, Mirror Lake Highway, Soapstone to Noble's, Highway 150 to warming hut, Highway 35

STRAWBERRY – Co-op Creek, Lake Creek Summit, Strawberry River, Lew's Cutoff, Clyde Creek, Mud Creek, Strawberry Marina, Indian Creek, Sheep Creek, Trail Hollow

NOTE: Sheep Creek is private property; day-use fee required



SCOFIELD COMPLEX – Fairview Trailhead, Fish Creek Ridge, Miller's Flat, White River, Joe's Valley, Pondtown

EPHRAIM – Snowcat under repair

MT. NEBO – Nebo Loop

FISH LAKE – Beaver Mountain from City Creek to Kent's and Puffer lakes



CEDAR MOUNTAIN - Cedar Breaks, Brian Head, Lava Beds, Strawberry Point

UINTAH BASIN – No new report

**Heber Valley Trap & Skeet Club will be open on Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm through May 2009.**

Winter League Pricing

\$20 one-time Entry Fee (prize money)

\$15 per week target fee for non-members



\$13 per week target fee for members  
\$10 per week target fee for youth (12th grade or younger)

The Heber Valley Trap & Skeet Club is open every Thursday at 6:00 pm for trap and skeet shooting. We will be closed on the Thursdays of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Winter League will begin Thursday, January 8th, 2009.

The club is open year round and hosts a variety of leagues, tournaments, shotgun lessons, group events and sponsors a youth SCTP team. For complete schedule, please click on the Upcoming Events link in the box on left.



For information about the rifle and pistol ranges, under management of Wasatch County, please contact Mike Kohler at 801.420.6158 or email [mkohler@co.wasatch.ut.us](mailto:mkohler@co.wasatch.ut.us). For information about the local rifle and pistol club, please contact Scott McGregor at [scottmcgregor92067@yahoo.com](mailto:scottmcgregor92067@yahoo.com)

The Heber Valley Trap & Skeet club is a registered domestic non-profit corporation in the State of Utah. The club is operated and maintained by volunteers. We accept donations and sponsorships for a variety of projects and programs. For more information on how you can support the Heber Valley Trap & Skeet Club, please contact Wendy Mair at 435.671.2365 or send an email to [hebervalleygunclub@earthlink.net](mailto:hebervalleygunclub@earthlink.net)

Utah State Parks is the state off-highway vehicle authority, providing access, education, and search and rescue on Utah's trails.

### At the Garden in 2009:



The end of April will bring the opening of our long awaited [Rose Garden](#). Designers Rob MacFarland, Lauren Springer Ogden and others helped to decide on the best plants to include for hardiness and resistance to disease. A unique blend of roses and companion plants have been chosen and placed to insure full sun for our new beautiful garden.

Join us this spring and summer as we offer programs for the

whole family. Again we will feature our popular [Garden Adventures for Kids](#), which will include a Dr. Suess Celebration, Earth Day Mural project, and Handmade Flower Seed Cards. Our popular week-long [Kids Camps](#) are back with a new partner, Bad Dog Rediscovered America. Look for new overnight adventures in the Garden coming this summer!

This year promises to be another exciting year at Red Butte Garden's Summer Concert Series. Tickets go on sale in April. Last year 9 of the 14 shows sold out; the fastest in 36 hours! Be sure to watch our website for updates. Remember members get sneak peaks of the line-up before the general public and 2 weeks of members only ticket sales at a discounted rate. See you on the lawn!



Thanks to our generous donors we have realized many plans for the future development of the Garden. These donations have allowed us to begin the renovation of our Visitor Center and Gift Shop to better serve our growing number of

members and visitors. Come visit this spring to see our expansion as it progresses.

## **What's Happening**

### [Residential Landscape Design \(LLHG 512\)](#)

March 4 - April 8    Wednesdays                      6 PM - 9 PM

### [Tomato Propagation Workshop](#)

March 7, 9 AM – NOON                      March 7, 1 PM - 4 PM

### [Winter Pruning Workshop](#)

March 14, 10 AM - 1 PM

March 28, 10 AM - 1 PM

### [Education Volunteer Training](#)

March 17 – 26            Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM - Noon

## **5th Southwest Rare Plant Conference**

We are proud to announce the 5th Southwest Rare Plant Conference March 16-20 in Salt Lake City! In a partnership with the Utah Native Plant Society, Red Butte Garden is a proud

sponsor and co-host of the conference. The conference provides a forum for both professionals and concerned citizens to participate in discussions and learn about breakthrough research concerning rare plants in Utah and the Southwestern US. Conference themes will include climate change, biogeography, genetics, management policies, and a special Utah session.



For more information Click Here.

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=549fa0a2-ee97-4fab-81b4-288ff73aac78> If you are interesting in volunteering, contact Rita Dodge at 585-5853 or [Click Here. rita.dodge@redbutte.utah.edu](mailto:rita.dodge@redbutte.utah.edu)

## UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

February 16            Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Animals in Winter Program: During long winter months, animals must learn to adapt to harsh conditions to survive. Join the park naturalist and learn more about these adaptations. Meet at the visitor center at 1 p.m. (801) 721-9569

February 17            Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

Perishable Artifacts from Southeast Utah: Archeologist and researcher Lori Webster presents a slideshow at 7 p.m. looking at textiles, basketry, and sandals from the Wetherill, Lyman-Lang, and McLloyd-Graham collections. (435) 678-2238

February 21            Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum -Fairfield

Ladies of Camp Floyd Camp: Take a step back in time to learn about the life and times of women at Camp Floyd. Participants dress is period attire, play 19<sup>th</sup> century games, learn etiquette of the period, make rag dolls, and more. Program is geared towards girls ages eight to 11. This camp completes the requirements for the Girl Scouts Folk Arts badge. Each camp is limited to 24 participants, including adults, and runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations and \$15 camp fee per participant are required. (801) 768-8932

February 21            Jordanelle State Park - Heber

Animal Adaptations: Join the park naturalist from 10 a.m. to noon to learn about animals living in the park. Learn how to identify animal tracks, and snowshoe through the park



practicing the art of animal tracking. Bring snowshoes or borrow a pair from the park. Registration is required. Day-use fee is \$7 per vehicle with up to eight people or free to Utah State Parks Pass holders. (435) 782-3030 or (435) 649-9540

February 21      Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Lava Tubes Tour: Join park staff at 10 a.m. for a two-mile round trip hike and the chance to explore the unique formations of a lava tube! Registration is required. (435) 628-2255

February 21      Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Basic Snow Cave Class: Join park staff at 9 a.m. to learn the basics of building a snow cave. Knowing how to build a snow cave is not only fun, but can also be vital in any winter survival situation. Come dressed in layers with a waterproof outer layer. Meet at the Educational Yurt. (435) 654-1791

February 26      Utah Lake State Park - Provo

Fiberglass Boat Repair: Join Brett Bingham, president of the Utah Sailing Association and owner of Icarus Sports USA, for a presentation on fiberglass boat repair. Meet at the Utah Lake State Park conference room at 7 p.m. (801) 375-0731

February 27 – 28   Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

Hopi Braided Sash Belt Weaving Workshop: Master Weaver Clotilde Barrett teaches the art of weaving the braided sash belt Hopi style. Class is limited to eight participants and tuition fee is \$100 and covers all materials. Registration is required. (435) 678-2238

## **DEER VALLEY RESORT 2008/09 WINTER CALENDAR LISTING**

### **FEBRUARY**

**Everyday, conditions permitting, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Snowmobiling.** Summit Meadows Adventures offers a variety of guided snowmobile tour options for individuals as well as groups. Located on the beautiful Garff Ranch and operated by Deer Valley Resort, Summit Meadows Adventures is just a five mile, ten minute drive from Main Street in Park City. Beautiful scenic views of the Wasatch mountain range and canyons make this an adventure you won't want to miss. Complimentary transportation from Park City is available. For more information or reservations please call 800-424-DEER (3337) or 435-645-SNOW (7669). Guided tours use single or double capacity machines.

**Everyday, conditions permitting, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: NASTAR Medalist Challenge.** Race against the daily time posted by Deer Valley's NASTAR pacesetter on our mid-mountain race course. Deer Valley's Ambassador of Skiing Heidi Voelker, who is also a three-time Olympian and 12-year U.S. Ski Team veteran, sets the pace on Saturdays (schedule permitting). Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze or Participant medals are awarded based on time, gender and age. \$6 for one chance to medal or \$10 for two chances to medal. Racers can pre-register at [nastar.com](http://nastar.com) or at the Race Hill start building. Children under 18 must be

accompanied by a parent or guardian for the initial registration. Check race results and rankings throughout the season at [nastar.com](http://nastar.com). For information call the Race Hill at 435-645-6876 or 800-424-DEER (3337).

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**Friday - Sunday, February 6 - 8: Mahre Training Center Ski Camp.** This three-day (\$685) session, conducted in part by Olympic medal winners Phil and Steve Mahre, provides fundamentals to all ability zones. It includes six hours of daily instruction by Deer Valley's top Ski Instructors, indoor sessions, unique Mahre Training Center progression, video and other amenities. Participants must be 12 years or older. Lift tickets are included in the price. Please call 888-SKI-TIPS (754-8477) or 435-645-6648 for details and reservations.



**Saturday & Sunday, February 7 - 8: USSA Intermountain Freestyle Tour.** Mogul and Dual Mogul competitions will be held on Champion ski run. Participation is restricted to USSA members. For

registration or additional information, visit [www.usfreestyle.blogspot.com](http://www.usfreestyle.blogspot.com) or call 800-500-9875.

**Friday - Sunday, February 27 - March 1: Women's Weekend.** Enjoy the excitement and camaraderie of skiing with other women of the same ability, while improving your skills. These clinics are specifically designed for women and are conducted by Deer Valley's top female Ski Instructors. The cost is \$495, and does not include lift tickets. Advance reservations are necessary; please call 888-SKI-TIPS (754-8477) or 435-645-6648 for details.

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**Sunday, April 12: Easter Bunny visits Deer Valley Resort.** The Easter Bunny will be at Snow Park Lodge from 9 to 11 a.m. Guests are invited to bring a camera and have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. For more information please call 435-649-1000 or 800-424-DEER (3337).

**Sunday, April 12:** Deer Valley Resort closes for 2008/09 winter season (conditions permitting).

## **GAS PRICES ON RISE DESPITE ECONOMIC DECLINE**

*Utah Prices Near Lowest in the United States*

SALT LAKE CITY, February 10, 2009 – Despite continuing reports of economic decline, the latest report from AAA Utah finds gasoline prices are moving upward, with 10 states reporting average prices over the \$2 mark.

AAA Utah, which tracks gas prices on behalf of consumers, finds the average cost for a gallon of regular, self-serve gasoline in Utah is \$1.71. This is 8 cents higher than last month’s report on January 13 and \$1.28 lower than a year ago. Only the price in Wyoming, which averages \$1.64, is lower than Utah’s right now.

“It is all about supply and demand,” said Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah spokesperson. “Demand for gasoline products continues to be weaker as the economy continues to falter so refiners are cutting back on production in an effort to match output to demand as well as decrease the surplus inventories of the past few months. In addition, OPEC is moving toward full implementation of the production cuts it announced last year. These efforts are designed to strengthen oil prices and may push gasoline prices higher.”

The national average price for regular, self-serve is \$1.93. This is 14 cents higher than last month’s report and \$1.02 lower than a year ago. Alaska’s average, \$2.52, is the highest in

the country. California's average, \$2.23 is the highest in the lower 48 states. Ten states – Alaska, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, New Mexico, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Washington and Oregon – have average prices of \$2 or more.

All of the Intermountain West states report higher prices than last month. Idaho's price jumped 15 cents to the current average, \$1.79. Montana's motorists saw an increase of 29 cents this past month, bringing the current average price to \$1.78. Wyoming's current average price, \$1.64, is 18 cents higher than a month ago. Colorado's price increased 25 cents. Today's average price in Colorado is \$1.83. Arizona's average price, \$1.99, is 25 cents higher than last month's report. Nevada's motorists saw a 21-cent jump in the price of gasoline. Today's average price in Nevada is \$2.14. California's price increased 22 cents to the current average price of \$2.23.

“As the economy continues to struggle and fuel prices rise, AAA does not see convincing evidence that gasoline demand will increase soon,” said Fairclough. “If the national average price of gasoline moves past the \$2 per gallon level, there will be even less of a reason to expect a rebound in the number of miles Americans drive this spring.”

All of the Utah cities monitored by AAA report increased average prices from January's report. Moab's price jumped 17 cents to the current average, \$1.75 for regular, self-serve. Both Provo and St. George saw their average prices increase 9 cents. The average price in St. George is \$1.70. The average price in Provo is \$1.69. The average price increased 7 cents in Salt Lake City and Ogden. Salt Lake City's average price is \$1.67. Ogden's average is \$1.66. Vernal's price rose 6 cents to \$1.76. Logan saw the smallest increase, 2 cents. The average price in Logan is \$1.65.

Increasing costs at the pump are putting a strain on budgets as families are concerned about the economic forecast. To get the best mileage possible, AAA recommends keeping tires at proper pressure, performing routine maintenance, and making sure fluids are clean and belts and hoses are in good repair. The way you drive can also impact fuel economy. Smooth driving to avoid sudden stops and starts, planning errands and lightening your load also help conserve gasoline.

Despite the economy, the cold, long days of winter remain a good reason for a get-away. For those motorists looking for a break, the gasoline prices in the most popular destination cities are: Los Angeles, \$2.19; Phoenix, \$1.96; Las Vegas, \$2.13; San Francisco, \$2.23; Reno, \$2.23; and Denver, \$1.79.

As fuel prices drop, now is the time to shop aggressively for the lowest price. AAA has a tool that can help. Located online at [www.aaa.com/gasprices](http://www.aaa.com/gasprices), the AAA Fuel Finder has real time information on gas prices at more than 85,000 gas stations throughout the United States.

AAA's Fuel Gauge Report is the most comprehensive retail gasoline survey available, with over 85,000 self-serve stations surveyed everyday nationally. Data is provided in cooperation with OPIS Energy Group and Wright Express, LLC.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance, DMV, financial services and consumer discounts to more than 180,000 members. AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago.

### **TACM3 "LiteStalker II AL" Camouflage Flashlight**

PALM BAY, FL - TACM3 Inc. is proud to announce the debut of the newest flashlight in the TACM3 line, the "LiteStalker II AL," offered in Mossy Oak® Treestand®.

Specifically designed by hunters for the most demanding of hunters, the "LiteStalker II AL" is manufactured in America by Americans out of solid bar stock aerospace grade aluminum. Using state-of-the-art machining processes and equipment, each "LiteStalker II AL" flashlight is manufactured with precision tolerances and O-Ring sealed to prevent water intrusion. Take it from us, this is one strong flashlight.

The "LiteStalker II AL" is powered by two CR123 3-volt Lithium batteries, which provide you, the sportsman in the field, with an extremely focused 105.5 lumens of blinding white light while still projecting a tremendous flood light of the surrounding area. The "LiteStalker II AL" will never leave you in the dark.



When designing the exterior of the "LiteStalker II AL" flashlight, we wanted to ensure that the light was protected from accidental activation, so you'll find that we've recessed the switch button into the end cap. With this guarded switch feature, you can rest assured that your "LiteStalker II AL" is ready when you are. As for the gripping surface, we blended the features found on the legendary Marine Corps fighting knife along with diamond cut knurling. With the "LiteStalker II AL" flashlight, you'll definitely "get a grip!"

During these financially challenging times, we at TACM3 Inc. take great pride in offering the world great products at fair prices. Paying less does not mean you're getting less. Our family owned and operated company platform has always been straight forward, "Keep it Simple" and make durable products that work. Premium quality, lightweight, high-intensity flashlights, and the worlds most effective camouflage patterns by Mossy Oak. It doesn't get any better than that.

### **ECOTOURSIM COSTA RICA**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at REI Sandy**



Far beyond the commercial buses and lines of tourists exists a Costa Rica that few have seen. From rivers that are pristine in their untouched splendor to locals who have no pretense, only hearts of gold and open arms, adventure traveler Andrew Taylor will show images and share experiences from his five years in the rapidly growing ecotourism industry. Attendees this evening will leave with a better understanding of the fragile beauty of the rainforests, the many positive benefits of eco-tourism, how it works, and how to find these types of tours.

## **ULTIMATE ADVENTURES**

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at REI Sandy**

Consider this a workshop in active living. Its purpose: to expand your world, rattle your cage, enlarge your soul, and inspire you to undertake the greatest outdoor adventures on earth. These are uncommon adventures for the common man. You'll explore canyons, mountains, deserts, and oceans, bike down rutted roads, and charge down foamy rivers. Author Greg Witt takes you on a thrilling and inspiring world adventure tour based on his most recent book Ultimate Adventures: A Rough Guide to Adventure Travel. He'll fire your imagination and lead you to explore, discover, and get your heart pumping and your mind aroused.

**SALT LAKE CITY** - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Salt Lake City REI store. REI is located at 3285 East & 3300 South. For more information, please call 486-2100 or visit our website at [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com) and use the store locator feature.

## **SEE DANE RUN**

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm REI Salt Lake City**

In 2006, Dane Rauschenberg, went from a relative novice in marathon running to one of the more recognized names in the sport by the end of the same year. While working a full-time job, Dane ran 52 consecutive weekly marathons, all to benefit the Mobile, Alabama chapter of L'Arche, an organization which benefits the mentally and physically handicapped. Dane stresses that the lessons he learned are not meant for runners only, but rather, can be applied to every facet of our lives.

## **ALF ENGEN SKI SCHOOL CELEBRATES 60 YEARS AT ALTA**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm REI Salt Lake City**

Come learn more about the school's history and the evolution of teaching skiing techniques over the years, and celebrate the ski school's 60th anniversary. Founded in 1948 the Alf Engen Ski School has been celebrated in SKI Magazine's "Best of the Century" as one of the Top Ten Ski Schools in North America. Alta instructors are some of the most experienced powder, mogul and steep terrain coaches in the USA. Alta Ski Area also has the finest and most experienced group of Telemark "free-heel" instructors found anywhere.

## **HISTORY OF SKIING IN THE WASATCH, CELEBRATING ALTA'S 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm REI Salt Lake City**

Alexis Kelner is a noted ski historian and one of the modern pioneers of backcountry skiing in Utah. He is the author of Skiing in Utah, A History and co-author with David Hanscom of the backcountry skiing guides Wasatch I, Wasatch II and Wasatch III. Alexis is an avid conservationist committed to protecting the beautiful mountains of Utah. He has a keen knowledge of the Wasatch and brings us a unique perspective of skiing in Utah and its interesting history. Among his many interesting pursuits, Alexis is a founder of Save Our Canyons and has been on an active board member of the Wasatch Mountain Club.

## **DOWN & DIRTY: AN INTRO TO BICYCLE MAINTENANCE**

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm REI Salt Lake City**

Maintaining your road or mountain bike can be a daunting task when you don't know where to begin. Tonight's demonstration by a member of the Bonneville Cycling Club and an REI shop tech will help to demystify the challenge of keeping your bicycle in good working order. By the end of the evening participants will be acquainted with the arts of flat tire repair, fine tune brake adjustment, and degreasing & lubrication.

## **ULTIMATE ADVENTURES Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm REI Salt Lake City**

Consider this a workshop in active living. Its purpose: to expand your world, rattle your cage, enlarge your soul, and inspire you to undertake the greatest outdoor adventures on earth. These are uncommon adventures for the common man. You'll explore canyons, mountains, deserts, and oceans, bike down rutted roads, and charge down foamy rivers. Author Greg Witt takes you on a thrilling and inspiring world adventure tour based on his most recent book Ultimate Adventures: A Rough Guide to Adventure Travel. He'll fire your imagination and lead you to explore, discover, and get your heart pumping and your mind aroused.

## **CLIMBING KILIMANJARO**

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm REI Salt Lake City**

Carol Masheter, a local mountaineer, summited this iconic mountain for the second time on Christmas Eve Day, 2007. Climbing Kilimanjaro is like passing through all four seasons in six days. Near the start of the climb, colobus monkeys swing through the verdant rain forest. Higher on the mountain, iridescent bee eaters dart among giant lobelia and giant groundsel after the mid morning sun has melted the previous evening's snow. The summit is ice and snow with a fantastic view of the plains below, teeming with wildlife. Carol has been climbing big, glaciated peaks since 1972, including Everest in Spring, 2008, Kilimanjaro in December, 2007, Aconcagua in January, 2007, Cho Oyu in 2005 and over a dozen glaciated peaks in Bolivia, Ecuador and East Africa.

## **COMMUNITY & REI SPONSORED EVENTS:**

### **WASATCH POWDER KEG**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am, Alta**

Mark your calendar for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Wasatch Powder Keg backcountry ski race. The Powder Keg is a test of strength and endurance for any backcountry skier. The race division

will travel just over 8 miles and have 4 climbs for close to 6,000' of climbing. The Recreational division will have only 3 climbs for around 4,000' of climbing. Within each division there will be categories for male/female and AT/Tele. The race will begin at Alta at 7:30 am and end back at Alta. There will be a BBQ, awards ceremony, and raffle following the race. For registration or more details see



[www.wasatchpowderkeg.com](http://www.wasatchpowderkeg.com)

### **BEND-IN-THE-RIVER WILLOW PLANTING AND JORDAN RIVER CLEAN UP**

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am-Noon**

Come out to Bend-in-the-River for willow planting and a river bank clean-up in partnership with Utah Rivers Council and REI. We'll provide you with some breakfast, then we'll split into teams and work on making the Jordan River corridor a healthy and thriving place. Please bring your own mug and/or water bottle to help us cut down on waste. For more information, visit our website at [www.bend-in-the-river.org](http://www.bend-in-the-river.org). Register with Tara Poelzing at [tpoelzing@sa.utah.edu](mailto:tpoelzing@sa.utah.edu) or 801-587-9027.

### **KELLY PERKINS- "THE CLIMB OF MY LIFE"**

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm at Bryant Middle School Salt Lake City**

Kelly Perkins, a veteran climber, received a heart transplant in 1995. After a long recovery, coached by her husband, Craig, Kelly regained her strength. She shocked the medical world by becoming the world's first heart transplant recipient to reach the peak of some of the world's most challenging mountains, including Mt. Kilimanjaro. In 2003, Kelly and Craig returned to the Swiss Alps to climb the Matterhorn. Their remarkable comeback story is a testament to courage, commitment, and the relentless desire to live.

At 3:30 pm, Kelly will climb REI's climbing wall with several transplant recipients. At 7:00 pm at Bryant Middle School, 40 South 800 East, SLC, Kelly will share her climbing experience as a heart transplant recipient and offer lessons in courage, overcoming obstacles, and attaining your dreams. Advance tickets will be available for \$5.00 at REI SLC Customer Service. Call 486-2100 to check availability. Kelly will sign her book, The Climb of My Life at both events. For more information please visit [www.theclimbofmylife.com](http://www.theclimbofmylife.com)

**CLASSES:** *The following educational opportunities are hosted by REI and available for a fee.*

### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC/REI GPS NAVIGATION DAY**

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at REI Sandy**

Spend a day outdoors and an hour indoors with National Geographic GPS expert Jeff Caulfield and REI navigation specialists to learn how to use your GPS unit in the field. Participants should have some familiarity with GPS and/or have attended REI's GPS 101 evening clinic. You'll practice finding your way from point A to point B, first establishing where you are, and then where you want to go. Learn route-finding skills such as how to transfer waypoints from your PC to your GPS unit, how to use the U.T.M. grid system vs.



latitude and longitude coordinates, and how to create your own custom maps. Pre-registration is required in person or by phone at our REI Sandy location at 801-501-0850. Tuition is \$25 REI members, \$35 non-members

### **MEETINGS:**

*The following organizations offer presentations that are free & open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. Location is REI Salt Lake City's Wasatch Conference Room.*

#### **UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**

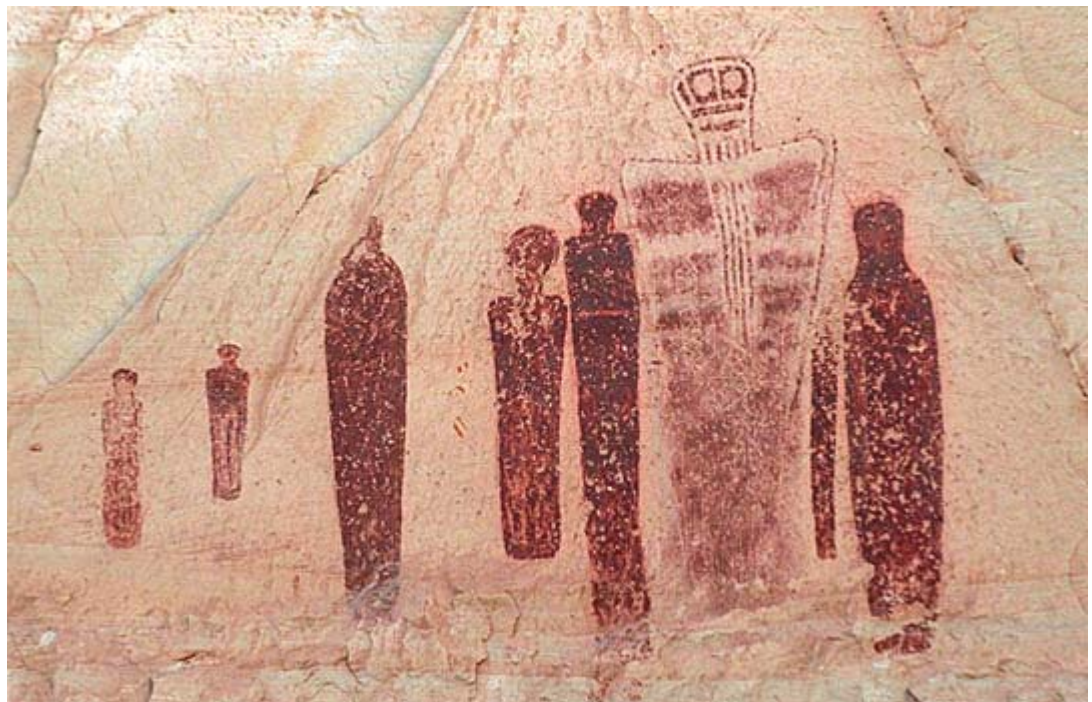
**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm REI Salt Lake City**

Dr. Wayne Whaley, Professor of Zoology at Utah Valley University and a member of the Utah Lepidopterists Society, will speak about his research which concerns the Indra Swallowtail Butterfly, a beautiful and highly variable species which occurs in Utah and other parts of the western US. Butterflies tend to be very picky about where they lay eggs because plants produce many chemical deterrents. As a consequence serious lepidopterists necessarily become very familiar with our native plants. The Utah Native Plant Society is dedicated to the appreciation, preservation, conservation and responsible use of the native plant and plant communities found in the state of Utah and the Intermountain West. Their goal is to foster public recognition of the spectacularly diverse flora of the state – natural treasure to be valued, respected and protected. <http://www.unps.org/index.html>

#### **UTAH STATEWIDE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Wednesday,  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00  
pm REI Salt  
Lake City**

The Utah Statewide Archaeological Society (USAS) is an organization conceived for the individual who is curious about or wants to learn more about archaeology and the state's prehistoric



cultures. It is dedicated to the study and preservation of Utah's past.

<http://utaharchaeology.org/>