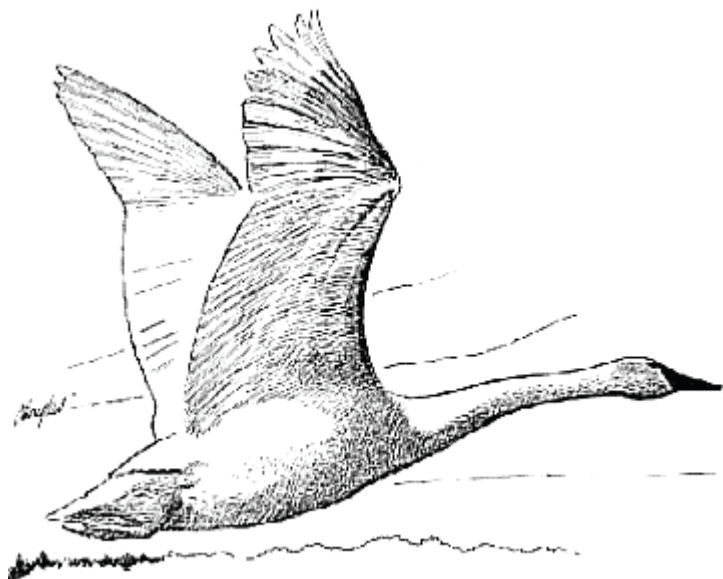


## **Celebrate Tundra Swan Day at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge**

Tundra Swan Day will be celebrated Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Enjoy the early days of spring with a fun and educational outing for the entire family. All activities are free!



Join Refuge staff and volunteers for a day of learning about swans. Begin your adventure at the wildlife education center, where a display will provide interesting information about these birds. Then, take a leisurely drive along our 12- mile long auto tour route, where volunteers will be stationed at various points with binoculars and spotting scopes to aid your swan viewing. Hand-outs on swan and goose identification will be available from staff and volunteers.

The James V. Hansen Wildlife Education Center (visitor center) is at 2155

West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah. (I-15 exit #363, turn west one block) The auto tour route begins 12 miles west of the wildlife education center.

For more information call (435) 723-5887, TTY/Voice: 711 or <http://bearriver.fws.gov>

## **DRIVING IN DEER COUNTRY—TIPS TO KEEP YOU SAFE**

You may have seen them in Utah this winter: deer, moose and herds of elk nipping at salt-covered grass near the side of a road.

Most of the animals you saw were probably alive. But a fair number were probably dead, killed by vehicles flying down the road.

"Roadsides attract big game animals because they're plowed and salted," says Anis Aoude, big game coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"The plowing exposes the grass and other vegetation to the sun. That allows it to 'green-up' quicker than the other vegetation in the area. And the minerals in the salt are also something the animals want."

Deer, moose and elk are usually cautious near roads during the day. But as soon as the sun goes down, everything changes.

"The headlights of the vehicles blind the animals, and they can't see the cars," Aoude says. "They can see the headlights, but they don't know there's a vehicle attached to them."

Aoude provides the following tips to keep both you and the animals safe:

- Slow down.
- Put your cell phone down, keep your eyes open and be alert.

- Instead of looking only straight ahead, scan the side of the road as you drive. "By the time the animals are in front of you, it's too late," Aoude says.
- If you're traveling at night, keep your headlights on high beam as much as possible.
- Watch for deer crossing signs. They'll alert you to areas that have high numbers of deer, moose and elk.

For more information, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.



## **TEMPORARY CLOSURE, CONSTRUCTION AT ROCKPORT STATE PARK**

Peoa - The bridge located at the entrance to Rockport State Park on State Route 302 will be replaced by the Utah Department of Transportation forcing closure of the park from March 31 through April 14. Throughout construction, public access is unavailable and all park facilities will be closed until construction is complete.

For current construction information, please call (435) 336-2241.

## **FOURTH OF JULY IN UTAH'S STATE PARKS**

Salt Lake City - It may be March, but it's almost the Fourth of July to many anxious campers and Utah State Parks and Recreation reservation agents.

Because state park reservation policy allows campers to reserve individual campsites up to 16 weeks prior to their date of departure from the park, campers may begin reserving for the Fourth of July weekend Thursday, March 13.

The Utah State Parks reservation number from within the Salt Lake calling area is 322-3770. Outside the Salt Lake area, call toll-free (800) 322-3770. Customers may reserve up to three campsites per call.

"Though snow is still on the ground, we suggest campers start planning for the upcoming



season,” commented Emily Debois, reservation manager. “During summer months, reservations are always recommended.”



Individual campsite reservations must be made at least two days in advance of arrival date. An \$8 non-refundable reservation fee is charged for each site reserved. Group site reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance. A \$10.25 non-refundable fee, along with a per-person fee is charged for group sites and building rentals.

For more Utah State Park information, please visit [www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov).

## **UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS**

March - April Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Do you have a passion for nature, history or people? If so, join the Antelope Island State Park volunteer staff. The park is currently looking for volunteers to serve at the visitor center, historic Fielding Garr Ranch and to serve as educational docents. These positions require a four hour minimum monthly commitment. (801) 721-9569

March 15                      Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab

Junior Ranger Program: Join the park naturalist at the visitor center amphitheater at 5:30 p.m. to learn more about the wildlife living in the park. Children age six to 12 can earn a Junior Ranger badge. (435) 259-2614

March 15                      Jordanelle State Park - Heber

Track Me If You Can: Join the park naturalist at the Rock Cliff Nature Center from 10 a.m. to noon to learn about the animals living in the park. Meet inside the Nature Center and learn how to identify animal tracks. End with an hour walk in the park practicing the art of animal tracking. Snowshoes are available and day-use fees apply. Registration is required and limited to 20 participants. (435) 649-9540

## **Statewide Fishing Report**

**GENERAL:** Warmer temperatures are deteriorating the ice on lower elevation reservoirs. Anglers are reporting that the ice is unsafe at Echo and Rockport Reservoirs. With the amount of water being held in reservoirs, many have a ring of water around the edge that makes accessing ice dangerous.

**BEAR LAKE:** Bear Lake is frozen with ice thicknesses ranging from 12 to 15 inches and a couple of inches of snow on top of the ice. Ice anglers are catching whitefish right on top of the rockpile off Ideal Beach and off the weedbeds south of Gus Rich Point and between First and Second Points using small jigs or small castmasters tipped with meal worms and salmon eggs. Lake trout and cutthroat action was fair just about anywhere on the lake in waters from 30 to 80 feet deep using tube jigs tipped with cisco.

Nighttime temperatures have been near zero degrees every night and daytime highs are not reaching freezing, so the ice continues to get thicker!!! For real-time weather (wind speed, water temp, air temp, lake elevation) see the [BearLakeWatch.com](http://BearLakeWatch.com). If you want to see what the actual weather conditions and ice conditions in the marina are in real-time, you can click on the link to the [LiveLakeView.com](http://LiveLakeView.com) cams and then click on Bear Lake.

Fishing regulation changes for 2008 include recognizing both Utah and Idaho licenses and the respective state's second pole permits on either side of the lake. What this means is that either a Utah or Idaho license holder can fish on either side of the lake. In addition if an angler also has purchased a second pole permit (two pole permit) then you can fish with two poles on either side of the state line too.

For those interested the GPS coordinates for the new rockpiles using WGS84 datum going from south to north are:

N 41° 58.097', W 111° 23.682'

N 41° 58.187', W 111° 23.728'

N 41° 58.292', W 111° 23.765'



N 41° 58.418', W 111° 23.798'

Submitted by Scott Tolentino.

**CUTLER RESERVOIR:** The channel is mostly open and fishable near the bridge.

**LOGAN RIVER:** The warmer weather was generating midge hatches, so watch for brown trout surface action. If you see fish rising, determine what they are taking and try to match it. Most likely, they are taking small, black gnats. Try a #20-24 Griffith Gnat, or Black Midge. Fish that are rising will also take small nymphs in the film, so a dropper rig can be effective. Action for mountain whitefish continues to be good. Run a small nymph on the bottom, and you can catch them all day long! Submitted by Pavlik Krasnov ([WesternTroutFlies.com](http://WesternTroutFlies.com))

**MANTUA RESERVOIR:** A single fisherman on the southeast part of lake, fishing in about six feet of water had caught approximately 20 fish. He had caught one trout about 10 inches long, two bass about 12 inches, 12 bluegill ranging from six to eight inches and five perch up to eight inches. He was using jigs and mealworms.

Another angler in the same area had caught 15 total fish. He had run out of mealworms and was using power nuggets with success. He caught one trout about 10 inches, two bass about 12 inches, bluegill up to eight inches, and had released several small perch.

A third fisherman was about 50 feet east of second angler. He was using an ice rig with a small boober to indicate strikes. He had about 30 fish scattered all over the ice. They were



mostly bluegill, but had kept two bass, two perch and one trout. Another gentleman caught and released a 2.6-pound trout and a 1.6-pound bass. His special trick was twirling line in his hand to entice strikes. Submitted by Dedicated Hunter Doug Allen.

**NEWTON RESERVOIR:** Lake is surrounded by a three- to four-foot ring of water.

**GENERAL:** It's that time of year when ice fishing safety precautions must be observed.

Fish with one or more of your friends. Each angler should carry his own set of ice picks. The party should bring along a rescue rope tied to a floatation device. Walk in the tracks of other anglers. Drill one or more test holes, before venturing out too far. Last weekend, an ice angler nearly drowned when he fell through the ice at Millsite State Park. Luckily, he was seen and rescued by Kelly Farnsworth of Orangeville.

**HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK:** State Park Manager Dan Richards reports that fishing was good for rainbows up to two pounds with brightly colored jigs, tipped with a

crawler. The reservoir is filling and shoreline ice is thin. Anglers should take along a ladder to help them get on and off the ice pack.

**JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR:** Two weeks ago, Aquatics Manager Paul Birdsey fished with a friend and caught a total of seven fish, all under the slot limit. Paul experimented with a variety of tackle, but found that green and white glow bugs or jigging-style swim baits tipped with chub meat seemed to work best. Paul fished depths ranging from 10 to 30 feet. The shallower water seemed to produce the most action. Most fish were caught within two feet of the ice. DWR Habitat Specialist Duane Swasey fished the same day at Seely Cove in five to 15 feet of water. He had best success with small jigs or spoons tipped with chub meat. His biggest fish was a 17-inch splake. This water has special regulations. Please refer to the Fishing Guidebook.

**LAKE POWELL:** Visit [www.wayneswords.com](http://www.wayneswords.com) for the latest fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

**MILLSITE RESERVOIR:** A near drowning occurred last weekend. Kelly Farnsworth of Orangeville rescued an ice fisherman, who had fallen through the ice. State Park Manager Dan Richards explained that recent warm weather had created some pockets of open water. Please exercise extreme caution! Fishing success was good with jigs and mealworms.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY:** Sergeant J. Shirley reported that ice fishing was good at Blanding #4 with jigs and bait. Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Ken's Lake last weekend. The lake level was rising with only a skiff of ice around the shoreline. Ice off is expected to occur this week.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:** Aquatics Program Manager Paul Birdsey spoke with an angler, who fished last Friday in the dam channel. The man fished in 12 feet of water with green glow bugs, tipped with crawlers. The party of two caught 20 fish in two hours. They quit once the wind came up. Last weekend one angler's thread on [www.bigfishtackle.com](http://www.bigfishtackle.com) reported non-stop action with a small glow-white tube jig, tipped with bait. His catch consisted entirely of rainbows in two size classes: 15 to 19 inches and seven to eight inches. The angler fished in 20 feet of water on the east side about 100 yards from shore.

**BIG SAND WASH RESERVOIR:** Anglers report fair ice fishing for rainbows near the dam/boat ramp. Check ice condition carefully before venturing out, especially the edges as it may be filling.

**BROUGH RESERVOIR:** No new reports. Reservoir has ice. Check ice condition carefully before venturing out, especially the edges as it may be filling. To get to Brough, take State Route 88 south from US Route 40 (Ouray Road). Turn west at the second dirt road past the high power lines, it should be signed. Follow this road approximately two miles following the signs. Road can be quite rutted.

**BROWNIE / SPIRIT LAKE:** Single report of good fishing on both lakes. The area has received several snowstorms and lakes have ice. Check ice condition carefully before venturing out. Roads closed, accessible by skis or snowmobile. Warning: whirling disease was found in this area. Please make sure to clean, dry and sterilize waders, live wells and other fishing gear before venturing to another water. Also do not clean fish or dump fish parts taken from one water into another lake or stream, as this will also move whirling disease.

**BULLOCK / COTTONWOOD RESERVOIRS:** No new reports. Both reservoirs have ice but check conditions carefully before venturing out. Reservoirs are located approximately five miles north of the town of Gusher.

**CALDER / CROUSE RESERVOIRS:** Anglers have reported fair to good ice fishing. No road access, anglers are using snowmobiles from the Jones Hole Road. Snow is beginning to melt so be aware of the mud. Calder regulations include: flies and lures only, no baits; all fish under 22 inches must be released immediately; bag limit is one fish over 22 inches.

**CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR:** Lake has ice, several reports of good fishing. Anglers are going in from the dam and have fished in several different depths with good success for trout. Check ice edge thickness carefully before venturing out. Area received more snow last week. The road was kept open to the dam.

**EAST PARK / OAKS PARK:** No new reports, access by skis or snowmobile. Reservoirs have ice. Check ice edge condition carefully before venturing out as reservoirs are likely being filled.

## **FLAMING GORGE:**

As of earlier this week, launching boats is not possible at Mustang and Cedar Springs ramps but they should reopen soon as they are only frozen with a thin sheet of ice. The canyon up reservoir





is frozen just past Cedar Springs.

All other boat ramps are frozen. Ice is mostly fishable from Sheep Creek north. Ice has formed in Linwood, Antelope and Sheep Creek areas but check conditions carefully since pressure ridges have also formed on many areas of the reservoir. Ice is 16+ inches thick approximately 400 yards off of the Antelope ramp. Most of the snow has melted off of the ice so snow/ice cleats for your boots are recommended.

**Lake Trout Fishing:** Good fishing for 16- to 24-inch lake trout on most areas of the reservoir north of the pipeline. Smaller lake trout will be concentrated in the northern end of the reservoir. Try areas like confluence, Buckboard, Marsh Creek, Current Creek, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and other locations in 30 to 70 feet of water near the old river channel. Use tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown tipped with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons also work. Fishing is usually best early in the morning or later in the afternoon. Use no stretch line to feel strikes and set the hook better. A graph to see suspended fish also helps. Unlike their larger relatives, the smaller lake trout are excellent table fair with orange flesh and taste as good or better than a rainbow when cooked up on the grill. There's an overabundance of lake trout under 28 inches in the Gorge so do your part to help the fishery and keep a limit of eight fish.

Larger lake trout ice fishing should be good from Big Bend south to Anvil Swim Beach. Use larger tube jigs and jigging spoons to target only the bigger fish (smaller jigs will catch both large and small fish). Remember, only one fish over 28 inches may be kept.

**Kokanee Fishing:** Fishing is slow through the ice. If you can find schools of fish, try vertical jigging with buzzbombs or jigging spoons. Tipping it with a mealworm or fish egg may help.

**Rainbow Fishing:** Anglers are reporting good fishing for rainbows on most of the reservoir. Ice fishing for rainbows in Wyoming was good if you can find fish. Jigs, spoons and other typical rainbow gear work well. Look for suspended fish on your graph at 10 to 30 feet. Drop your lure in front of them to entice a strike. Most colors of spoons and minnow lures will work but go with lures in the one to two-inch size.

**Burbot (Ling) Fishing:** Getting reports of burbot being caught in Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and Marsh Creek areas. Now that there is ice, if you catch any in Utah, please let us know. Still good catch rates for burbot from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Locate flats and points near the old river channel. Try fishing with jigs late in the afternoon, early morning or at night on points coming into reservoir. Use glow tubes or curly tail jigs two to three inches in size about 1/8 to 1/4 ounce in weight. Tipping with sucker or crayfish meat will help catch fish. Use of smelly jelly or similar scents in crayfish also seems to help. These fish are fairly shallow (20 to 40 feet) mostly in the Wyoming end of the reservoir. Some recent reports indicate fast catch rates.

If fishing in Utah, try rocky points on Antelope Flat or in Linwood Bay. November netting in the area north of Buckboard has shown a large increase in the number of burbot present. Larger fish are 30 inches and up to four or five pounds. Burbot activity increases under the ice as these fish spawn in winter. These fish must be harvested if caught in Utah to help control their population as they were illegally introduced to the upper Green River drainage and could have a major impact on other fish species.



There is no limit on burbot but you cannot waste the burbot in the Wyoming end of the reservoir and they can be released there. However, please don't release any of these fish as they have been eating large amounts of crayfish and are also consuming kokanee salmon, smallmouth bass and other critical food sources for other fish species. They could have an extreme impact on the reservoir fishery and should be removed by fishermen. Burbot are an excellent eating fish with white, flaky flesh that is similar to a perch. They can be breaded and fried or boiled and dipped in melted butter. You can use six lines on the ice in Wyoming so take advantage of tip-ups and harvest some burbot. By law, be sure you have your name on your tip-ups and tend only your lines if you are fishing in a group.

**Smallmouth Bass Fishing:** Smallmouth fishing is slow, as smallmouth tend not to bite well at temps near or below 50 degrees. Use twist tail grubs on lead head jigs or small plastic worms, sinkos, twitch and crankbaits in about five to 30 feet of water off rocky shorelines and points. Crayfish imitation colors will work the best. Drop shot techniques will also work.

**GREEN RIVER:** (upper) The flows on the river are currently 800 cfs. Due to low inflows into the reservoir in 2007, flows should remain steady at 800 cfs throughout the winter to conserve water. Visit the [Bureau of Reclamation Web site](#) for the latest information on flows.

Fishing on the river slows a bit during the winter, as water temps are low. Dry fly fishing is typically slow during the winter. Nymphing action was good. Watch for hatches to occur starting in April. Please remember the slot limit size range has changed from 13 to 20 inches to 15 to 22 inches to make regulations more consistent statewide. Nymphing with glo-bugs and San Juan worms with smaller nymphs trailering was the workhorse. Also try small midge patterns. Streamers are working well and have been extremely good on some days, try size 2-4 buggers such as Goldilox and patterns in olive, pink and white. Spin fishermen should try small rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); small spinners; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and other small jigs. Please check to see that your tube jigs contain no fish attracting scents, as they are illegal to use in the river.

New Zealand Mudsail densities have dramatically increased in several localized areas near Little Hole, and have been documented in most areas of the river. Please thoroughly clean mud and vegetation from waders, boats and fishing gear; and if possible, completely dry equipment before leaving the area. A hot water bath (120° F) will kill mudsnails, and spraying equipment with 409 or a similar soap solution before drying will increase effectiveness.

**GREEN RIVER:** (lower) Water level is low and the river is frozen, much more so than normal but as the currents move and undercut the ice—it is unsafe.

**MATT WARNER RESERVOIR:** A few anglers have reported good to excellent trout fishing. They have been accessing the reservoir using snowmobiles as the roads are impassible due to deep snow and large drifts.

**MOON LAKE:** No new reports. Should be good fishing as observed at lakes at similar elevations. Check the edges carefully as the water level should be rising.

**PELICAN LAKE:** Ice is beginning to melt but last report was ice still over a foot thick with the exception of those areas close to shore, which get exposed as reservoir fills. Anglers report spotty fishing for bluegill and bass in shallow waters, active fish are hard to find. One group reported watching blue gill under the ice for several hours before they finally started hitting. Try small brightly colored jigs tipped with bait such as a mealworm or piece of a night crawler. To locate the schools, try several areas including in or near the reeds in three to seven feet of water, deep water and inlet-outlets.



**RED FLEET RESERVOIR:** Reservoir has ice and we've gotten several reports of good fishing for rainbows with a few browns being taken. Watch the edges as the reservoir is filling.

**STARVATION RESERVOIR:** Reservoir is iced over; some ice fishing activity was noted but few reports on success rates. Starvation Perch Search: on Thursday January 31, biologists, park personnel and anglers saturated the ice in an attempt to locate the yellow perch. This excellent summer fishery seems to disappear under the ice so we tried to find out where they go. A few fish were located in several areas including Saleratus Wash, under the bridge and in Indian Bay in 20 to 45 feet of water. Another expedition did not find fish in Rabbit Gulch but two more recent angler groups reported finding yellow perch in Rabbit Gulch and off Rabbit Point in 45 to 65 feet of water. Check ice conditions carefully as the ice along the edges will be thinner due to water filling the reservoir also expect thinner ice in the deeper areas near the inlet or along the main channel.

**STEINAKER RESERVOIR:** Reservoir has good ice and we've been getting numerous reports on the good fishing for rainbows and a few nice browns. Anglers should check ice conditions carefully before going out. Reservoir is being filled which will make the ice edge thinner and some area froze almost a month before other areas.

**UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS:** No new reports. Lakes and streams have ice but check it carefully before venturing out. Area has received several snowstorms. Ice fishing on high elevation lakes and reservoirs is also almost always good. Fishing success on mountain lakes and streams can be spotty so if one isn't producing try moving to another. With over 400 managed fisheries on the South Slope alone, it's easy to find a new place to fish. Always go prepared for serious weather, as the Uinta Mountains are well known for frequent unexpected storms and high winds. Note: The Uinta Mountains have a four-trout limit with a bonus of four more brook trout—see proclamation for details.

### **Larger lakes & reservoirs**

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR:** (March 5) Warning: Questionable ice conditions (especially around the edges). Use ice at your own risk. Please remember that the trout limit is four statewide unless otherwise noted in the proclamation. Yellow perch limit is 10 but you must keep all perch you catch from January 1 through April 30. Remember that the bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit is 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

**JORDANELLE RESERVOIR:** (March 5) State Park Ranger reports that anglers are still using both sides of the reservoir and that edges don't appear too slushy yet due to continued cold temps. About 15 ice anglers were seen on Rock Cliff side and several anglers on the Hailstone side as well. Most anglers report about a foot of ice still, and are having fair to good success for both perch and trout. However, use ice at your own risk. Though bass fishing is very slow during winter, bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches

long. Perch limit is 50! Please remember not to fillet bass or remove heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes).

**STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:** (March 5) There is still plenty of thick ice reported by anglers. In fact, ice is very thick and drilling one hole can be a chore. Anglers report drilling all the way to the handle of the auger before breaking through to water. Slush is making ATVs and snowmobiles get stuck. Fishing success is reported as fair but several large fish reported over the 22-inch slot limit. Vehicles can't drive on the West side of the reservoir beyond the turnoff to the Strawberry Marina.



Regulations for the reservoir include an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of which may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches long. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released (any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat). Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish!

**UTAH LAKE:** (March 5) State Park Ranger recommends staying off the ice at this time. There is no limit on white bass. Largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, but immediately

release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

**YUBA RESERVOIR:** (March 5) Several feet of open water along the edges now stay off the ice and wait for more open water before fishing Yuba. New regulations on perch began on January 1 which now allow anglers to keep 10 perch. However all perch must be kept from January 1 through April 30. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

### **Smaller lakes, reservoirs & ponds**

**BURRASTON POND:** (March 5) Open water. Slow to fair fishing success using traditional baits and lures.

**MILL HOLLOW:** Drained! No fishing until 2009!

**PAYSON LAKE:** (March 5) Gate to Payson Canyon (Nebo Loop) is now locked, therefore no access to the lakes.

**SALEM POND:** (March 5) Open water. Slow to fair success for trout. Slow success reported for catfish and bass. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit is four fish (Daily bag and possession limit is a total of four fish in the aggregate for all species, for example: one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.

**SALT LAKE COMMUNITY WATERS:** (March 5) Several animals and people have fallen through the ice at Oquirrh Lake (Daybreak Community) and other ponds so please stay off the ice. Light pressure and slow to fair fishing success in the open water.

**SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR:** (March 5) Gate closed and City states that it's closed for the season.

**SPRING LAKE:** (March 5) Slow success for trout and catfish in open water.

**TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR:** (March 5) Hazardous ice. Ice fishing is not encouraged.

**VERNON, GRANSTVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR:** (Tooele Co.) (March 5) Some open water now at Granstville and a few nice brown trout have been reported. Settlement canyon is ice covered but hazardous ice. No report from Vernon Reservoir, but expect unsafe ice.

### **Rivers & streams**

**AMERICAN FORK RIVER:** (March 5) Fair fishing success reported by using worms or small flies.



**DIAMOND FORK RIVER:** (March 5) Light fishing pressure and fair success by using flies, worms or lures. Most cutts are similar in size on the newly-opened stretch (about 10 to 12 inches). The previously closed area above three forks opened up to angling on January 1.

**HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN:** (March 5) Fair fishing success. Worms are bait of choice. Don't ice fish on the catch basin ice is unsafe.

**PROVO RIVER:** (March 5) Midge hatches are occurring so keep an eye open and match the hatch with an midge imitation. Hares ear, sow bugs, and other small surface flies and bottom bouncing nymphs are producing Fair to good success. Read the fishing proclamation for the different regulations on the river some areas allow bait and others do not. Size restrictions and reduced limits ("two brown trout under 15 inches") are in place in some stretches.

**THISTLE CREEK:** (March 5) Low pressure due to the snow and cold weather. No report this week but expect fair success. Snowy conditions, so wear waders and stay dry.

## **ANTLER HUNTERS— PLEASE STAY ON ROADS AND TRAILS**

**PRICE, UTAH--**The Division of Wildlife Resources reminds shed antler hunters to stay on approved roads and trails this season. In early spring, at the time deer and elk are losing their antlers, the ground is muddy and vulnerable.



Vehicles leave deep tracks, causing erosion and reducing the land's productivity. Scars left on muddy terrain take years to heal. In the meantime, the tracks are eyesores that drive political opposition to OHV use and shed antler hunting.

Once you arrive at your shed antler hunting area, please park your vehicle

and hunt on foot. Pack your sheds to the nearest road for later pick-up. Please leave the area as good as you found it. Don't be responsible for more land closures and vehicle restrictions.

In northern Utah, a season has been established for shed antler hunting. This year, it runs from April 12, 2008 to January 31, 2009. Elsewhere in Utah, the season is open year-round. Seasonal restrictions were imposed to reduce stress to big game animals in their struggle to survive. A closure also serves to reduce damage to wet roads and rangelands.

Please be reminded that the practice of collecting antlers with the skull plate attached is illegal. This restriction was enacted after conservation officers found that unethical individuals were shooting trophy animals on their winter range. In the spring, they would return and retrieve the heads and antlers of the animals they had poached. If stopped and questioned, they would simply explain that they had been very lucky.

## **A REDROCK COUNTRY GETAWAY TO THE MOAB MUSIC FESTIVAL**

### **Three Weekends of Adventurous Programs Featuring Mini Operas, A Rarely-Heard French Piano Masterpiece, and Tango with Paquito D’Rivera**

Moab, Utah, March 5, 2008 --- The getaway, the retreat - time out is a necessity, but what do you require from your trip? Allow us to propose this brief checklist: natural beauty, cultural enrichment, and good company. Now throw in an opportunity to hear world class music, including a Western premiere in historic Star Hall, a fabulous spa, some of the country's best hiking, biking and 4X4 trails, and charming shops and restaurants, and you’ve got the makings of the perfect sanctuary: the **MOAB MUSIC FESTIVAL**.

For its 16<sup>th</sup> season, August 28 to September 13, the 2008 Festival truly presents “music in concert with the landscape,” as many of the performances take place in spectacular outdoor venues along the Colorado River and in other indoor and spectacular outdoor sites. As *CBS Sunday Morning* raved, “it’s a perfect way...of combining music with the land’s ancient beauty.”

In planning for the season ahead, co-founder and Music Director Michael Barrett is calling upon the talents of over 30 world-class artists to perform works ranging from the classical masters to contemporary surprises, from Latin instrumentals to the magic of the fiddle and pipes. According to Barrett, “The quality of our artists creates a musical experience that truly rivals the splendor of our surroundings. Everyone who loves music of any kind will find something to savor in our 16th season.”

### **LABOR DAY WEEKEND (August 29 - September 1):**

Weekend 1 highlights include the first of three of the Festival’s signature Colorado River benefit concerts on Thursday August 28, when piano virtuoso **Christopher Taylor** will perform the mighty *Vingt Regards sur l'enfant Jésus* by Olivier Messiaen, a work which the

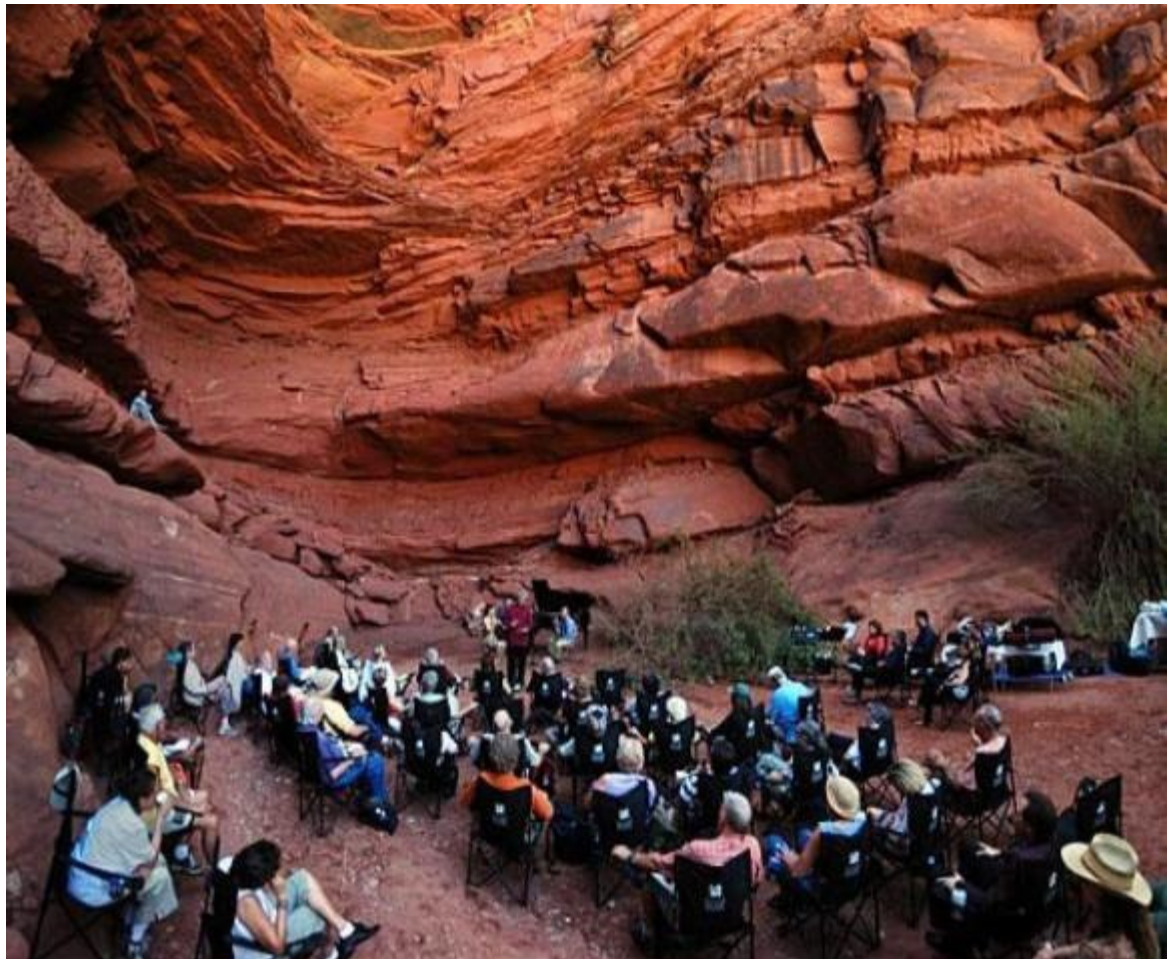
composer described as “a joy which is for me an ecstasy, an intoxication in the most liberated sense of the term.”

The next night, Friday, August 29, on the stunning grounds of Red Cliffs Lodge on the banks of the Colorado River, the Festival officially opens with an evening of chamber music by George Frideric Handel and Bohuslav Martinu performed by an all-star MOAB MUSIC FESTIVAL ensemble including violinists **Tim Fain and Karen Gomyo**, violist and Festival co-director **Leslie Tomkins**, cellist **Edward Arron**, and pianist **Christopher Taylor**.

Red Cliffs is also the location on Saturday, August 30, when Latin jazz great **Paquito D’Rivera** will lead his stellar ensemble in an exhilarating tango concert. The weekend wraps up on Labor Day, with a festival favorite -- the free Rocky Mountain Power Family Picnic concert in Old City Park, on Monday, September 1, where picnickers will hear Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Popular Songs, piano rags, Latin selections and more, featuring D’Rivera and the dazzling team of pianist **William Bolcom** and mezzo-soprano **Joan Morris**.

## **WEEKEND II (September 4 - September 7):**

The second Colorado River Benefit concert, launching Weekend 2 on Thursday, September 4, features Cesar Franck’s towering *Quintet for Piano and Strings f minor* and the honeyed clarinet of the “brilliant” (*New York Times*)



**Derek Bermel** in his own *Thracian Sketches for solo Clarinet* and Johannes Brahms’ *Clarinet Sonata Op. 120 No. 2 in E-flat Major*.

Twin concerts featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning composer-in-residence William Bolcom make up the electrifying center of the weekend. The Western Premiere of a pair of charming



“pocket” operas in English based on Italian farce takes place on Friday, September 5. *Lucrezia* by Bolcom and *Bastianello* by Festival favorite John Musto will be sung by an outstanding cast of New York Festival of Song artists: **soprano Lisa Vroman, tenor Paul Appleby, baritone Patrick Mason, and bass Matthew Boehler.**

A lively evening on Saturday, September 6 at the Festival Tent at Onion Creek at the stunning Fisher Towers features rags by Scott Joplin, Darius Milhaud’s *Saudates do Brazil* and Derek Bermel’s *Soul Garden* for String Sextet featuring violist Leslie Tomkins, and Bolcom’s own *Sonata No. 2 for Violin and Piano “In Memory of Joe Venuti,”* and *Clarinet Concerto* performed by clarinetist Bermel. Other artists for the weekend include **pianist David Shimoni, violinists Maria Bachmann and Ayano Ninomiya, and cellists Alexis Pia Gerlach and Tanya Tomkins.**

Rounding out the weekend is what has become a much-loved event at the Festival, one of our intimate House Concerts, offering a night of luminous chamber music with a Castle Valley sunset for a backdrop on Sunday, September 7, featuring Johannes Brahms Trio in a minor for Clarinet, Cello and Piano and Felix Mendelssohn’s Quintet in A Major for Two Violins, Two Violas and Cello for Strings with **violinists Maria Bachmann and Ayano Ninomiya, cellists Alexis Pia Gerlach and Tanya Tomkins, violists Leslie Tomkins and LP How and clarinetist Bermel.**

On Wednesday, September 10 Pianist and Professor **Paul Hersh and masterful violinist Axel Strauss** team up at Star Hall to share with audiences their inimitable, in-depth insights before they perform Beethoven’s first and last Sonatas for Violin and Piano

### **WEEKEND III (September 11 - 13):**

The final weekend of the MOAB MUSIC FESTIVAL begins with the last of the three glorious grotto concerts, on Thursday, September 11. Audiences cruise to the wilderness grotto by jet boat and delight in the pleasure of Ludwig van Beethoven’s *Sonata Op. 102 in D-Major for Cello and Piano* and Maurice Ravel’s *Trio in a minor for Violin, Cello and Piano* performed by violinist Strauss, cellist Tomkins and pianist Eric Zivian

On Friday morning, September 12 at 10AM, is the sold-out event that made its debut last season and was a hit with audiences -- the free “Musical Walk.” Hikers will be taken down a trail to a “secret location concert hall” and be treated to the unaccompanied violin and cello sonatas of Bach performed by violinist Jesse Mills and cellist Tanya Tomkins on September 12 at 10am.

Completing the weekend are two evenings at Sorrel River Ranch Resort & Spa. Friday, September 12 features a rollicking evening of fine traditional artistry with long-time Festival favorites fiddle player Paul Woodiel and Christopher Layer on pipes and flutes. And on Saturday, September 13, watch the sun set over the red rock landscape as the 16<sup>th</sup> Season of the Moab Music Festival closes with an evening of spectacular chamber music including

Mozart's *Sonata in D Major for two pianos*, Mendelssohn's *Piano Trio in d minor*, and Antonin Dvorak's beloved *Quintet for piano and strings* performed by **violinists Axel Strauss and Jesse Mills**, **violists Paul Hersh and Leslie Tomkins**, **cellist Tanya Tomkins**, and **pianists Michael Barrett and Eric Zivian**.

For tickets or more information, go to the Moab Music Festival's website [www.moabmusicfest.org](http://www.moabmusicfest.org). Purchase tickets by phone at (435) 259- 7003 or at the Festival office at 58 East 300 South, Moab, Utah 84532.

## **SylvanSport Introduces the "Coolest Camper Ever"**

### **'GO Mobile Adventure Gear' Offers Multi-mode Transformations: 'GO' Travel + 'GO' Transport + 'GO' Camping**

**Cedar Mountain, NC**— When National Geographic Adventure saw SylvanSport's "GO Mobile Adventure Gear," they named it the "Best of Adventure Gear 2008," calling this newly introduced multi-mode trailer "the coolest camper ever." If you love the outdoors and want to get after it while leaving no trace, then this precision-engineered "backpack on wheels" enables you to haul all your gear and indulge in every adventure without compromising what gets left behind. The 'GO' can comfortably sleep four and carry all your kayaks, canoes, bikes, ATVs, motorcycles and other toys. As Tom Dempsey, founder of SylvanSport, says, "'GO' is designed by gear heads for gear heads."

'GO' easily morphs from a low-profile high-capacity trailer, to a rugged hefty-toy-hauler, to a comfortable camper that can be pulled behind almost any vehicle. This super spacious camper, with its Hyper-Engineered aluminum frame, weighs only 700 lbs. and can haul up to 800 lbs. of gear. And if your 'honey-do' list gets ahead of your next outdoor adventure, 'GO' can handle full sheets of plywood and yard workloads like any full-size pickup.

### **Travel Mode**

In the compact Travel Mode, 'GO' is a sleek, you-hardly-know-it's-there trailer, easily towed behind most any vehicle. Engineered for minimum drag and super-fuel efficiency, the 'GO' will get you and your gear to your destination without maxing out your BP card. Featuring 24 cubic feet of waterproof gear storage (9 cubic feet lockable), 'GO' cruises with kayaks and canoes stowed securely, plus racking systems for bikes, boards and other fun gear. With its huge capacity, 'GO' frees up space inside and on the roof of your tow vehicle. Its enhanced



torsion suspension provides smooth load control to help protect your stuff during the journey. If that's not enough, Travel Mode offers up to 13" of ground clearance and high flotation tires, making off-road use not just possible, but desirable.



### **Transport Mode**

In Transport Mode, 'GO' redefines "carrying the load," transforming from the low-profile trailer to a heavy-duty toy hauler in minutes, thanks to its convenient easy-to-raise roofing system. One built-in cranking system does it all; no extra tools required. The proprietary Control-Tilt™ cargo deck with hydraulic damping system makes it simple to angle down the deck (no

ramps required!) and load all your moto-machines—ATVs, go carts, dirt bikes—and more kayaks and canoes, too, with the Travel Mode's roof racks and enhanced torsion suspension still in play. With diamond-plate flooring for heavy loads and the 800 lbs. load capacity, hauling serious adventure gear has never been more efficient and secure.

### **Camping Mode**

Feeling bonked after a full day of fun on the trail, water or mountain? 'GO' offers a relaxing oasis for you to rest your tired bones. In minutes, 'GO Mobile Adventure Gear' converts from Transport Mode to Camping Mode, thanks to its built-in innovative tent-deployment and bedding-pod systems. 'GO' easily deploys its Kelty tenting system with all components already on-board—no extra tools, no PhD in physics required. And you choose from multiple sleeping configurations—all of which feature spaciousness and all-weather protection. You'll really enjoy the safety and ease of the overhead camping pod with gas struts, as well as the versatility of the custom mattresses from Pacific Outdoor Equipment. The removable bed panels can be reconfigured as tables when its chow time or stowed in the overhead compartment for more open space.



'GO' is made in the USA from recyclable materials and will be available at select retailers beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> with a suggested retail price of \$7,995.



For more information, visit [www.SylvanSport.com](http://www.SylvanSport.com).

## **Magazine Names Two Utah Towns to Top 20**

Salt Lake City — *American Cowboy* magazine named Ogden and Heber City, Utah, two of the Top 20 Places to Live in the West. The first annual list for the popular national Western lifestyle magazine claims that these towns are the “places to live if you are an active Western lifestyle enthusiast.” The selections were based on criteria for what makes for a great Western community: authentic cowboy culture and charm, a healthy respect for history and heritage, abundant recreational, leisure, and outdoor activities, and a strong sense of community coupled with a free-spirited, rugged independence.

"The places we chose embody the magic and spirit that *is* the great American West, and we're thrilled to recognize each town for its commitment to honoring, celebrating, and preserving their Western history and heritage," said Bill Garrels, publisher of *American Cowboy*.

"Whether you're looking for a new place to settle or the perfect place to vacation, these communities deliver top value in the form of adventure, culture, charm, natural beauty and unspoiled wilderness, and frontier history and tradition. This year's selections really offer something for everyone."

Sarah Toliver, CEO of the Ogden/Weber Convention and Visitors Bureau, says the designation is one of several ways the area is garnering national recognition. "We are honored to be included on this list. This recognition, in conjunction with similar honors received this year by SKI and Sunset magazines, shows how much the Ogden area has to offer people of many different interests," says Toliver.

Heber City and the surrounding Heber Valley is known for its rich history steeped in Western American culture. Jason Giles executive & marketing director of the Heber Valley Chamber/Convention & Visitors Bureau feels that it is this authenticity that brings accolades like the Top 20 designation. "The Heber Valley is truly one of the most genuine Western towns in Utah. Being named one of the 20 best places to live in the West validates why many live here and what many others work hard to retain – a true western lifestyle," says Giles.

For more information on American Cowboy's Top 20 Places to Live in the West, visit [www.americancowboy.com](http://www.americancowboy.com). For more information on travel in Utah, contact the Utah Office of Tourism, an agency of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, at Council Hall, 300 N. State, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114, (801) 538-1900, (800) 200-1160 or by visiting [www.utah.travel](http://www.utah.travel).

## **AAA STUDY: STAGGERING COST OF TRAFFIC DEATHS**

*\$164 Billion Annual Price Tag More Than Twice That of Congestion*

SALT LAKE CITY, March 6, 2008 – When American motorists talk about transportation problems, congestion is generally their main complaint, but a new study from AAA finds the staggering cost of traffic fatalities is more than double the cost of congestion.

“Nearly 43,000 people die on the nation’s roadways each year. That’s nearly five people each hour,” said Rolayne Fairclough, spokesperson for AAA Utah. “Yet the annual tally of motor vehicle-related fatalities barely registers a blip in most people’s minds. It’s time for motor vehicle crashes to be viewed as the public health threat they are. If there were two jumbo jets crashing every week, the government would ground all planes until we fixed the problem. Yet we’ve come to accept this sort of death toll with car crashes.”

The first-of-its-kind study found that the national cost of crashes is \$164 billion a year, nearly two-and-a-half times greater than the \$67 billion price tag for congestion. Costs measured include medical, emergency and police services, property damage, lost productivity and quality of life.

AAA’s study examined costs in most major metropolitan areas throughout the United States. Total crash costs correspond to the size of a metropolitan area. Larger cities have more traffic and a greater likelihood of crashes, hence, increased total costs simply due to a multiplier effect. However, on a per person basis, smaller cities generally have higher costs. Salt Lake City’s crash costs ranked in about the middle compared to other medium metropolitan areas, at about \$1.2 million per year. That equates to approximately \$1,147 per person. In comparison, congestion costs Salt Lake City area residents about \$258 per person, per year.

AAA hopes the study will raise awareness among lawmakers and the public on the importance of transportation safety investments. AAA advocates making traffic safety a priority in transportation planning at federal, state and local levels and working to pass legislation and enforce laws related to seat belts, drunken driving and graduated driver licensing systems.

“We know the kinds of things that work, said Fairclough. “Tough laws, consistent and certain law enforcement, strict penalties, performance-based behavioral programs and targeted messaging. But we also need greater collaboration between the traffic safety community and the public health/behavior change community to develop more effective ways of getting people to understand the consequences of their driving behavior and change it for the better.”

## **PRICE AREA POACHING CONTINUES**

PRICE, UTAH—During this particularly difficult winter, wildlife have been stalked by both starvation and the poacher’s gun. In the Price area, senseless killing of deer continues, as they



huddle together on snowbound winter ranges, trying to survive freezing temperatures and belly-deep snow.

The Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) just received a report, coming from gas workers in the Coal Creek area northeast of Price. Two does and a buck were found shot to death near a well. The carcasses had been left to waste. The killing presumably occurred in mid-February. DWR officers found evidence at the scene and are currently pursuing leads.



In another case, conservation officers are also seeking information about the senseless killing of a fawn deer in the Wattis area, less than 10 miles south of Price. This deer was shot sometime during the last week of February and was likewise left to waste.

Wanton slaughter of deer, when they are the most vulnerable, contributes to the decimation of local deer herds. Wildlife belongs to us all, and we are the guardians of this resource and heritage. Please join us in stopping the reckless waste of animal life. If you have any information about the above-mentioned shootings, please contact Sgt. Stacey Jones at 435-820-6445 or 1-800-662-DEER. A \$1000 reward is being offered for the arrest and conviction



of the person(s) responsible. The caller's identity and all other information received will be held in the strictest confidentiality.

## Midland Launches Nine New Products Featuring Mossy Oak® Break-Up®

KANSAS CITY, MO – Midland Radio Corporation, a world leader of consumer and commercial communication products, meets the demand of the outdoor enthusiast by expanding its popular Mossy Oak Break-Up product line. Midland has been promoting Break-Up camouflage with its GMRS two-way radios since 2003 and recently added the widely recognized camouflage to its other products.

Midland has launched nine new radios in Break-Up for 2008. The Waterproof GXT950\* (also available in gun metal silver) is the top-of-the-line, two-way

GMRS radio which includes up to 30-mile range, all-hazards weather alerts, 42 channels, 142 privacy codes and five bonus animal call alerts – turkey, duck, crow, cougar and wolf.



At the 2007 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Midland launched its first model in the new category of Emergency Crank radios, the ER102, an all-hazard weather alert radio with Dynamo crank power, AM/FM, alarm clock, flashlight with visual alert and USB connector to charge devices such as cell phones. The XT511 Basecamp is a two-way GMRS radio with Dynamo crank power. It includes a hand microphone and hands-free capability with the added bonus of all the dynamic features of the ER102. Each new model is available in silver or Mossy Oak Break-Up for 2008.

Midland Radio Corporation is the leading manufacturer of NOAA all-hazard weather alert radios and continues to promote public safety and weather awareness through government programs and retailers. The Midland model WR100 is the number-one selling weather alert radio in the industry. Midland has added more of a selection to their weather radio line up by creating the pocket weather alert radios, HH50

(black) and the HH51 (Break-Up), along with the Break-Up version of the existing WR301.

## **HEY TEENS! WIN A FREE FISHING TRIP!**

PRICE, UTAH—Junior high and high school students are invited to enter an essay contest to win a free fishing trip to Flaming Gorge Reservoir. The trip includes an overnight stay and meals with conservation officers and Utah's top fishing pros. Winners will also receive a gift package of fishing tackle and one day of special instruction.

To qualify, submit a 200-300 word essay on-line about what you would do to protect Utah's future fishing resources. Tell us why fishing is critical, special, and an important part of your life, and what you would do to protect its future! In May, one winner in each grade from 7 to 12 will be selected. The contest is sponsored by the Utah Conservation Officer's Association. For more information, visit:

<http://wildlife.utah.gov/essaycontest/>



## **Participate in Bird House Building Workshop**

Join Bear River Refuge staff and volunteers for "Moving In & Moving On" a bird house building workshop on Saturday, March 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Refuge volunteers Dick Hurren and Dorothy Egan will tell you all about bird migration, as well as area birds that live in nest boxes. Then participants will have a chance to build their own nest box for either a wren or bluebird. (one box limit per family - cost is \$3.00).

Please see the attached poster for more information. PRE-REGISTRATION is required, as there are a limited supply of kits available.

Pre-registration is required. Call 435.723.5887 for reservations. Thanks to Stock Building Supply for assistance with materials. This event is Sponsored by Friends of the Bear River Refuge.

The James V. Hansen Wildlife Education Center (visitor center) is located at 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT. (I-15 exit #363, turn west one block). For more information visit <http://bearriver.fws.gov>

## **Lake Powell Fish Report**

By: Wayne Gustaveson  
Lake Elevation: 3590

March 3, 2008  
Water Temperature: 49-53 F

Lake elevation has been stable for a month. That will end March 4th when a spike flood from Glen Canyon Dam will lower the lake by 3-4 feet in a short time. The water is cold making smallmouth fishing slow, with largemouth and striper fishing only fair. Fish don't like a quick drop in lake level so the flood event further compounds fishing success. But after the lake drops this week and the temperature and day length increase, fishing will be ON at Lake Powell.

Muddy water from early snow melt has slowed fishing to a standstill from Hite to Trachyte. Muddy water reaches all the way down the San Juan to Neskahi Canyon.

Here is what to expect in the near future: Largemouth bass are the first fish to respond in the spring. They will seek warmer water which is often provided by vertical cliffs with southern sun exposure. The rock picks up solar heat and transmits that into water of calm coves. Check for temperature spikes and fish around brush in the warmest water found. Bass like spinner baits that can probe the brush without sticking. When the reaction bite stops, pull out the plastic grubs and drag them slowly along the bottom at 15-25 feet.



Smallmouth bass need a bit more warming before taking off. They increase activity about 10 days after largemouth start. Smallmouth are more numerous and will be found in a wider range of habitats. Again the 15-25 foot bottom contour will be the favored depth. Smallmouth will be on rock points and ledges without regard to the occurrence of brush. Brush only becomes important when it harbors the food source. If shad are present over the submerged creek channel then fishing location will be the rocky drop-off at the canyon edge. If bluegills hiding in brush are the forage target then bass will be around brush. It will be two more weeks minimum, before smallmouth fishing picks up.

Striped bass are scattered in the backs of the canyons. Fat two-pounders are present in good numbers but temperatures do not favor activity. A school may be located but the fish are flighty and hard to corner. Slow trolling may offer the best strategy to cover ground in search of stripers.

Walleye are just beginning to spawn. The males are ripe and off feed but the females are still eating and gearing up for spawning. Target clean rock structure to find spawning walleye aggregations. There are more walleye in the northern lake.

Other species are still huddled up looking for something warm. My advice is to wait one week and then come



give it a try.

## **Women in the Outdoor Event now taking reservations**

The “Wasatch Wilderness Women” invite all ladies 14 years and up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women in the Outdoors Event!!

**May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>** East Canyon Resort and Reservoir (approx. 30 miles from Salt Lake City)  
(website: [www.eastcanyon.com](http://www.eastcanyon.com) )

The National Wild Turkey Federation's “Women In The Outdoors” program provides new opportunities for women to learn new skills, meet other ladies with similar interests and obtain a greater appreciation of the outdoor world. (website: [www.womenintheoutdoors.org](http://www.womenintheoutdoors.org) )

**Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** (Optional): Arrive anytime after 4pm for early check-in (must be pre-registered)

6:00 p.m. Dinner is served

8:00 p.m. Bunco (optional - must pre-register)

Get together with friends old and new for our outdoor Bunco playoff.

Prizes awarded for: Most and Least Buncos; High Score and Low Score.

Limited to first 32 registrants. (\$5 fee)

## **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Check-In (must be pre-registered)

1:30 p.m. Classes resume

Breakfast

6:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 a.m. Outdoor educational classes begin

6:30 p.m. Raffles/Auctions\*

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Group Photo

**Directions:** From I-15, take I-80 East up Parley's Canyon. Take the Highway 65 exit and head north. This highway will take you right to East Canyon Resort. Registration will be in the loft upstairs from the main office.

\*If you would like to participate in the raffles and/or auctions, we accept cash, checks and credit cards.

**FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT Christine Prows:** [wasatchwito@comcast.net](mailto:wasatchwito@comcast.net) or (801) 282-4708

## **LIST OF CLASSES**

(All classes are 2 hours unless specified below. Please note classes may be cancelled due to low participation)



**22 Rifle and Gun Safety** To safely learn to shoot a 22 rifle. Learn different shooting positions, how to aim and hit your target with these light weight 22 rifles, with little or no kick! You may bring your .22 rifle from home if you would like.

**Archery** Class will cover safety, gear, tips on shooting, and hands on shooting at targets. Bows are lightweight and easy to pull back. Safety gear and other necessary equipment will be provided. Instructor from TSI Outfitters in West Jordan.

**ATV Extreme** (4 hours) Bring your own ATV and take a scenic ride through the surrounding area. **Must** be an experienced rider. ATVs must be brought Friday night for registration/inspection and an additional \$5.00 fee will be collected upon registration.

**Backpacking & Hiking** Learn what you need to take for 2 hr or 5 day trip. Class will cover packs, gear, sleeping bags, stoves and all else that makes life on the trail fun and achievable. Come ready to take a short nature hike around the area.

**Bass Fishing** (4 hours) Learn the techniques of bass fishing and get some time out on a boat on the reservoir with the pros! Instructors from the Utah Bass Federation. *(Fishing license needed)* **(Limited to first 24 participants)**

**Canoeing** Learn strokes, equipment involved, basic safety procedures, develop skills necessary for efficient travel and what to do if the canoe tips over. Class will be on the reservoir. Instructor will be Dave Fulghum from REI in Salt Lake.

**Dutch Oven Cooking** Sample great food while learning how to use and care for your dutch ovens.

**Fly Fishing** (4 hours) Learn techniques of fly-casting, fly fishing terminology and selection of proper equipment. You may bring any of your own equipment (not required) *(Fishing license needed)*. Instructors are professional (female) fly fishing guides!

**Geocaching** This is an entertaining adventure game for GPS users. Learn the basics about GPS units and participate in a cache hunt. Bring your own GPS (if possible) or a limited number of GPS units will be available to borrow. (No experience necessary) Instructor will be John Higgins from REI in Salt Lake.

**Growing Herbs** Tasty, fragrant, nutritious, medicinal, beauty aids!! Herbs do it all, come learn how to enjoy them in your garden. Instructor will be Joy Bossi from “Joy in the Garden.”

**Hand Gun Basics & Gun Safety** Whether for protection or for recreational use, this course on handguns can get you started in the sport. The instructor will provide a range of information about the operation and fundamentals of shooting handguns. You may bring your own handgun from home if you would like to shoot it at the end of class. Ammo provided will be 22LR, 9mm, 38 special, and 45 acp.

**Horseback Riding** Learn to halter, lead, saddle and tie your horse and how to check for equipment safety. Participants will then take a scenic ride. **(Limited availability – class will be filled on “first come first served” basis.)**





**Outdoor Photography** Learn how to take great outdoor photos and what to use to make them spectacular. You may bring your own digital camera (not required). Instructor will be Leah Hogsten from the Salt Lake Tribune.

**Self Defense/Personal Protection** Learn how to watch your surroundings as well as protect yourself.

**Shotgunning** Learn safety and how to hit your target using 12 gauge and 20 gauge shotguns with the lightest load possible for a limited “kick.” Instructor is Sue Igo, Utah State and Western Zone trap champion and an NRA-Certified instructor.

**Wilderness Survival Skills** Learn how to face challenging situations and stay alive.

**Wilderness First Aid** Learn basic first aid and what to do in case of an emergency in the wilderness.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Drinking water (either water bottle or refill bottle), fishing licenses for fishing classes, your own class equipment if you would like, folding camp chair (you will carry from class to class), clothes for rain or shine, comfortable durable walking or hiking shoes, insect repellent, camera, sunscreen and hat. If staying overnight, bring over night gear.

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## **EVENT FEES**

**Early Registration** (before May 16, 2008) \$65.00 per person    **Regular Registration** (after May 16, 2008) \$75.00 per person

**Mother/Daughter Discount:** \$65.00 for mother and \$55.00 for each daughter under the age of 18 (must register at the same time and by May 16<sup>th</sup> to receive discount)

*Fee Includes: 1 year subscription to the quarterly Women In The Outdoors National Magazine, Professional instruction, All materials and use of equipment, T-shirt, All meals, Goodie Bag, and a **GREAT TIME!!!!***

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**Due to the planning involved in this event, we will need everyone to pre-register by May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**No refunds or cancellations after May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rain or shine, the event will proceed.**

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ and Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Participants 14 –17 must have a parent/guardian sign a release form for them and be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.**

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**Event Fee: Early Bird \$65      Regular \$75 or special Daughter Discount \$55**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will be staying over Friday night and in: Tent (no extra charge) \_\_\_\_\_  
(check if applicable)

Trailer/RV (no extra charge) \_\_\_\_\_

(no hook-up: limited availability)

Group Housing in Condo (add \$25 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(6-8 per condo; limited availability)

I would like to play BUNCO for fun prizes and great company. (add \$5)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will be coming on Saturday only: \_\_\_\_\_ (check if applicable)

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to “**Wasatch Wilderness WITO**” or fill in **Credit Card** information below:

**Credit Card (Circle one):** No Discover    **VISA**    **Master Card**    **American Express**

**Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Lodging:**

There are public campgrounds available for lodging (East Canyon State Park Campground which is on the opposite side of the reservoir (Reservations: 800-322-3770); Rivers Edge Campground and Big Rock Campground are located very close to East Canyon Resort and all sites are first come, first serve. **If you are a member of East Canyon Resort or will be attending the event with a member of the Resort, making your own lodging arrangements with the Resort will be less expensive.**

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All participants can take 8 hours of instruction. Most are 2-hour classes. All classes will be assigned in advance in order received. Please list eight classes you are most interested in. List your preferences below from **1, being your favorite to 8, your least**. Every effort will be made to place you in your preferred classes.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE (registration must be received by MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to receive a T-Shirt)**

**RETURN THIS FORM AND FEES TO:**

**Attn: Christine Prows**

## UTAH STATE PARKS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

Topics of discussion include an update on the Friends of State Parks Group, Utah State Parks miscellaneous fees, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant approval, and the Flight Park State Recreation Area Management Plan.

**BOARD OF UTAH STATE PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MARCH 14,**

March 14, 2008

9:30 a.m. 1. Welcome, Review and Acceptance of Agenda ACTION

9:35 a.m. 2. Review and Acceptance of December 11, 2007 Minutes ACTION

9:45 a.m. 3. Director's Report INFORMATION

- Deputy Director Bruce Hamilton

- Deputy Director Mark Forbes

- Director Mary Tullius

10:35 a.m. 4. Budget and Legislative Report INFORMATION

- Director Mary Tullius

11:05 a.m. 5. Update on Friends of State Parks INFORMATION



- 11:25 a.m. 6. Land and Water Conservation Grant Approval ACTION  
- Director Mary Tullius
- 11:35 a.m. 7. Flight Park Area Management Plan ACTION  
- Planner Jamie Fields
- 12:00 p.m. 8. State Parks Miscellaneous Fees ACTION  
- Deputy Director Mark Forbes
- 12:10 p.m. 9. Recognition for Gael Hill's Service to the Board INFORMATION  
- Board Chair Scott Parson
- 12:20 p.m. 10. Set Dates for 2008 Meetings INFORMATION  
- Board Chair Scott Parson
- 12:30 p.m. 11. Adjournment of Public Meeting ACTION

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) should contact Wendy Griffith at (801) 538-7418 at least five working days before the meeting.

### **Sundance Resort Women's Retreat scheduled**

This year's retreat features a "Happiness Day" with Rima Rudner discussing "Choose to be



Happy: A Guide to Total Happiness". Rima looks forward to enjoying lots of discussions, insights and revelations about your Happiness IQ, as well as providing "Happiness Tools". Please visit Rima at [www.choosetobehappy.net](http://www.choosetobehappy.net).

In addition to Rima, we will enjoy a wine-tasting dinner in the acclaimed Tree Room, daily yoga and Pilates classes, hikes, Art Classes, the Spa at Sundance and workshops on aromatherapy, and more. A special luncheon devoted the concept of Slow Food will offer guests a discussion on the return to life's natural rhythms rather than

America's present fast-paced model.

### **DEER VALLEY RESORT'S JULIE WILSON RECEIVES "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" AT SALT LAKE MAGAZINE DINING AWARDS**

DEER VALLEY RESORT, PARK CITY, UTAH (March 3, 2008) – Deer Valley Resort Director of Food and Beverage Julie Wilson was honored at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual *Salt Lake Magazine Dining Awards* by being presented the Lifetime Achievement Award. Wilson received the award at a banquet celebrating all Dining Award recipients, held February 19th at Salt Lake City's Grand America Hotel, with over 200 food lovers, restaurateurs and guests in attendance.

The *Salt Lake* Magazine Dining Awards are selected by an independent panel of local food/restaurant experts. Of Wilson, staffers at *Salt Lake* magazine wrote, “Julie Wilson has been working to elevate Utah food and wine for years, and in the process, she has helped make Deer Valley a world-recognized dining destination. Wilson is an expert in service, atmosphere, food, wine, quality control and all that goes into making dining a pleasure. The uncommon longevity of her staff is testament to the quality of her leadership.”

Wilson has been employed at Deer Valley since the Resort opened in 1981. She was initially hired as Silver Lake Lodge manager, and promoted to assistant food and beverage director two years later. Within five years, at age 27, Wilson became Deer Valley’s food and beverage director.

“I am both completely surprised and profoundly honored to have received this award,” says Wilson. “I have to say, though, that I accept this award for all of the food and beverage staff at Deer Valley. It’s a wonderfully talented group of people, many of whom have also been working at the Resort for decades. We’re able to create the fresh, innovative fare that our guests love because we get support from management to be creative, educate ourselves and strive to be our best, every day.”

For more information on Julie Wilson’s Lifetime Achievement Award at the *Salt Lake* magazine Dining Awards, or information on Deer Valley’s ten on-mountain restaurants, please view the Resort Web site at [www.deervalley.com](http://www.deervalley.com) .

### **Fishing icon Ray Scott sells invention to Kasco Marine**

PINTLALA, AL — You can add inventor to Ray Scott’s list of accomplishments. Noted conservationist and founder of the half-million-member BASS sport fishing organization, Scott has inked a deal to sell his own Lake Life Pump design to Kasco Marine of Prescott Wisconsin. ( [www.kascomarine.com](http://www.kascomarine.com) ) According to Scott, it was a tragedy that prompted his invention.

“They say necessity is the mother of invention,” says Scott. “I think about that every time I look out at the peaceful trophy bass lake in my back yard in Alabama. It didn’t look that way 35 years ago when I had a fish kill on another prize lake. I looked out my window that morning and there they were – all my fish – belly up. My big bass, bream, crappie, everything. It was a horrible sight and I vowed it would never, never happen again.”

That’s when necessity – and fear – drove him to invent the water-circulating and aerating device he invented and called the Lake Life Pump.

“I knew exactly what had happened,” recalls Scott. “We had had several days of hot, still, cloudy weather. The bass were all hemmed up in a couple of feet of top water where the oxygen was. Then an unseasonable cold wind swept in and churned up the oxygen-rich top

layer with the deep zero-oxygen water. After all the mixing, what was left was water without enough oxygen to sustain fish life. Everything died. Even the turtles climbed out.”



When Scott consulted with fisheries biologists he found there were actually any number of common causes for oxygen depletion, including over fertilization, but that it was

most often a natural phenomenon like his – one that lake and pond owners dreaded every year, never knowing when a fish kill could strike.

Scott figured his mission was clear: he needed to invent a device of some sort that could mix the water so that oxygen levels would remain adequate throughout the lake to sustain the life of his fish.

“I’m no engineer,” says Scott, “but I do understand basic physics. I concocted an electrical fan, called an axial flow pump that would circulate pond and lake water to increase oxygen content and to prevent the layering or stratification I had experienced. It worked great and really increased my usable fish habitat. Fishing was notably better at all depths.

“I like to compare my invention to a heart. It pumps life-giving oxygen to the whole body – in this case the lake. That’s why I always referred to it as the Lake Life Pump.

According to Scott, his first prototype was crude, but it worked. “I spent the next 30 years improving and modifying it when I had the chance and using it on my lakes of course. I’ve never had an oxygen kill since and biologists and professional lake managers who saw it, said it worked better than any device known to them. I applied for a patent, just in case.

“In the back of my brain, I always had a dream of making it available to other small water managers. But like I said, I am no engineer and know nothing about manufacturing. By



happy coincidence I was shopping for a decorative floating fountain for my lake and was directed to Kasco Marine in Prescott, Wisconsin. I was told they were the best. I saw they also manufactured a whole range of lake and pond products including aerators, water circulators and De-Icers.

“That’s when the light went on. These were the people who could manufacture my Lake Life Pump. I approached them; they liked what they saw; and the rest is history. Their engineers took my pump, refined it further and tested and re-tested it. It looks great now and works better than ever. They’re a first-rate company.”

Scott explains the new pump unit, powered by a one-horsepower motor, is now contained in a floating fiberglass cylinder that surrounds a fan which pushes oxygenated water through the propeller blades down to the depths, creating a current pattern that mixes the entire volume of lake water top to bottom. The temperature and the dissolved oxygen is virtually the same at all depths.

Speaking for Kasco, Bob Robinson says, “We’re delighted to be working with Ray on his Lake Life Pump. His theory and basic design were absolutely sound and we look forward to putting Lake Life Pumps in ponds and lakes around the country through our distributors.

“It’s interesting to me that we both got our start at almost the same time four decades ago. Ray’s BASS organization is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and so is Kasco. Ironically, we were both on parallel paths to improve fishing in our own way. It’s a natural partnership.”

Scott is anxious to get his invention out to the public. “It’s a win-win for everyone,” he says, “especially for the tens of thousands of pond and lake managers across this country who deal with fish kills or potential fish kills every year. It’s an ever-present threat.

### **News from Clay Egan**

Many of you have asked about the script I’ve been working on for the past couple of years about my life story. Well it’s finally done. We are beginning to shop it now with producers. So now the long battle begins. But as you know I don’t give up to easy. I’m very confident that this film will see the light of day soon. I was able to get my script in the hands of Henry Winkler today. Many of you know him as the Fonz on Happy Days. So will see what happens. We have quite of few contacts to make this happen. I will keep you posted. I have attached a picture of the Fonz and I from today. Thanks for all your encouragement and support. Take care, Clay Egan

