

## **WATERFOWL HUNTERS: 2007—2008 GUIDEBOOK AVAILABLE ON THE WEB**

*Printed copies should be available by the week of Oct. 1*

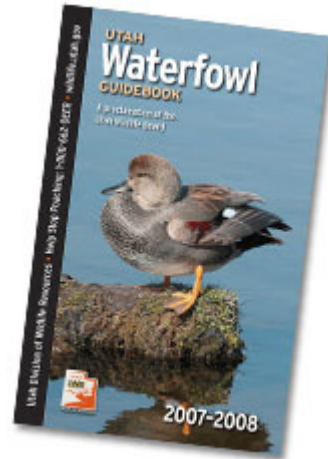
A tool to help you prepare for this year's waterfowl hunt is available on the Web.

The 2007—2008 Utah Waterfowl Guidebook is available at [wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations/2007-08\\_waterfowl](http://wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations/2007-08_waterfowl).

The guidebook will provide you with the major rules for the upcoming season, including shooting times and bag limits. The guidebook also contains informational articles. One of those articles will help you tell when ducks are close enough to shoot. Another article talks about work to control phragmites in Utah's wetlands.

You'll also find illustrations of the most common ducks you'll see in Utah.

In addition to the Web site, printed copies of the guidebook should be available by the week of Oct. 1. You can pick one up at Division of Wildlife Resources offices and at hunting license agent locations across Utah.



### **Sept. 29 and Oct. 6**

Utah's 2007—2008 waterfowl hunting season begins Sept. 29 as the state hosts its annual Special Youth Hunting Day. This hunt is for hunters 15 years of age and younger.

Utah's general waterfowl hunt starts Oct. 6.

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

### **More ducks flying this way**

*Waterfowl hunt opens Oct. 6*

It's been hot and dry in Utah this year. But that wasn't the case on the prairies in southern Alberta last spring.

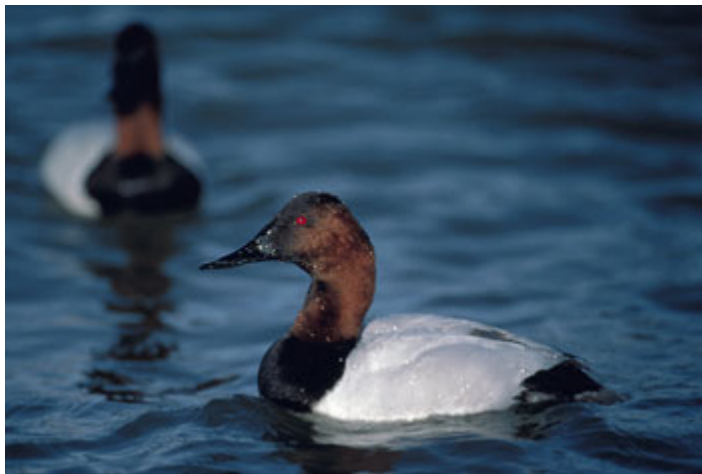
And that's great news for Utah's duck hunters.

"Wetland conditions improved on the breeding grounds in southern Alberta last spring," says Tom Aldrich, migratory game bird coordinator for the Division of

Wildlife Resources. "That means more ducks should be flying through Utah this fall."

Good rainfall in southern Alberta increased the number of ponds available to nesting ducks by 23 percent over 2006. And the number of ponds available last spring was 68 percent higher than the 50-year average.

"I think we'll see a good flight of ducks coming out of southern Alberta this fall," Aldrich says. "As a result, I think hunters should expect a good hunting season this year."



Utah's 107-day waterfowl hunting season begins Oct. 6.

This season is the first season that hunters 12 years of age and younger can hunt waterfowl in the state. To hunt waterfowl, hunters 12 years of age and younger must complete the state's Hunter Education course, buy a hunting or

combination license and be accompanied by an adult while hunting.

### **Canvasback ducks**

One duck that has done especially well are canvasbacks.

In fact, canvasback numbers have reached an all-time high.

"This is truly amazing. Canvasbacks are nearly double their population objective," Aldrich says. "Because they're doing so well, we can allow hunters to take an extra bird this year."

Utah's seven duck bag limit is identical to last season except for one major change: hunters can have two canvasbacks in their daily bag limit.

### **Wetland conditions**

The conditions you'll find at the state's waterfowl management areas will vary depending on where you hunt. At the WMAs where the DWR has good water rights, water conditions should be good within the diked units.

At the WMAs where the DWR's water rights aren't as good, conditions will be drier.

"Farmington Bay and Ogden Bay should have the best water conditions," Aldrich says. "Other WMAs that rely mostly on spring water, such as the Public Shooting Grounds and Salt Creek, will be drier. At Locomotive Springs, only one unit has water in it."

Conditions are also dry at the Clear Lake WMA northwest of Fillmore. Only the main units at the WMA will have water when the season opens Oct. 6.

### **Canada geese**

Aldrich says the situation with Canada geese is similar to

the duck situation. The number of breeding pairs in Utah, and the number of young that were hatched, were up slightly from 2006. But both numbers in Utah were down slightly from their 50-year average.



However, the total Rocky Mountain Population (RMP) of geese, which in addition to Utah includes southern Alberta, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and western Colorado, is up from last year.

That's important if you hunt geese after Nov. 1.

"Many of the geese we hunt after the first of November migrate into Utah from the north," Aldrich says. "Based on how well the geese in the RMP are doing, I think we'll have a good goose season this year."

### **Tundra swans**

Tundra swans are one bird that have definitely increased in numbers. This past spring, biologists counted a record number of tundra swans on their breeding grounds in Alaska.

"The habitat in Alaska doesn't go through the drought cycles that the prairies go through," Aldrich says. "As a result, the swan population keeps growing. It's really exciting."



Aldrich says the tundra swan population in the West has increased 87 percent during the past 50 years. "The swan population has almost doubled through time," he says. "And I don't see an end in sight. I think the population will continue to grow. As a result, I think we can expect a really good swan hunt this year and for years to come."

For more information about this year's waterfowl hunt, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700. Additionally, you can listen to the Division's [Discover Utah Wildlife](#) radio show where we recently discussed this year's waterfowl hunt in greater detail.

## **Lots of bull elk**

*Rifle hunts starts Oct. 6*

If you're new to elk hunting, the Division of Wildlife Resource's big game coordinator has some advice for you.

"The chance you'll take an elk while driving along a road is pretty small," says Anis Aoude. "As soon as the first shots are fired, the elk head into the thickest cover they can find."

"If you want to be a successful elk hunter, you need to do the same thing."

Utah's 2007 general rifle bull elk hunt kicks off Oct. 6.

On Sept. 18, more than 3,800 any bull elk unit permits, and 3,900 spike bull only unit permits, were still available for the hunt.

And plenty of bull elk will be available to hunters this season.

### **Elk are doing great**

"The weather over the past four years has been excellent for elk," Aoude says. "Most of the state's herds are doing great."

Based on surveys this past winter, DWR biologists estimate

Utah's elk population at more than 63,800 animals. That's only 4,800 elk shy of a statewide goal of 68,600 animals.

Aoude says some of the largest elk herds are found on the Central Mountains (Manti) and Wasatch Mountains units in central Utah; the South Slope, Yellowstone unit in northeastern Utah; and the Plateau, Fish Lake/Thousand Lakes unit in south-central Utah.

He says there's also plenty of elk on the Morgan, South Rich unit in northern Utah. This unit is almost entirely private land, however. You must obtain written permission from a landowner before hunting on it.



### **Finding the elk**

Most of Utah's elk hunting takes place on units that are called spike-only units. Only spike bulls may be taken on these units. Plenty of spike bulls are available on these units, but once the hunt starts, the animals can be tough to find.

"The success rate on spike only units averages about 18 percent," Aoude says. "Fortunately, there are several things you can do to up your chances."

Unless it gets cold and snowy before the hunt, Aoude says elk will be scattered at higher elevations when the season opens Oct. 6. He says the key to finding them is to get off the roads and into the backcountry.

"Elk are smart, wary and sensitive to hunting pressure," Aoude says. "As soon as the shooting starts, they head into the thickest cover they can find. To find success, you've got to head into the backcountry and find them."

The rut (breeding period), which occurs right before the general rifle hunt starts, can also make it challenging to find spike bulls.

During the rut, mature bulls gather groups of cow elk to breed. These large bulls will chase off any spike bull they see.

Being chased into the cover by the bigger bulls makes the already nervous spike bulls more apt to head back into the cover once the bullets start flying.

"The larger bulls probably scare the spike bulls as much as the hunters do," Aoude says. "Unless you get into the backcountry areas where the spikes are hiding, you're probably not going to see many."

"The good news is, if you do get into the backcountry, there's a good chance you'll be among the 18 percent who take a spike bull this year."

### **OHV maps—don't leave home without one**

The most important reminder Aoude has for elk hunters is for those who will be using off-highway vehicles. "It's critical that you obtain an OHV riding map for the area you're going to hunt," he says. "These maps are available from the agency—usually the U.S. Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management—that manages the land you'll be hunting on."

Aoude says the DWR is receiving more and more complaints every year about OHVs being taken into areas where it's not legal to take them. "Taking OHVs into these areas damages the habitat that the elk rely on, disturbs and scatters the animals, and ruins the hunting experience for other hunters."

Aoude also encourages you to do some preseason scouting and to check the boundary descriptions for the areas you'll be hunting.

Boundary descriptions are found in the 2007 Utah Big Game Proclamation. The proclamation is available at [wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations](http://wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations) and from DWR offices and hunting license agents across Utah.

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

## **Bullfrogs found in the Uinta Basin**

*Biologists also concerned about bullfrogs in other parts of Utah*

ROOSEVELT — Acting on information provided by a local golfer, biologists for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources verified his claim that a population of the American bullfrog had been illegally introduced into the Uinta Basin.



Biologists are concerned about the discovery of American bullfrogs in the Uinta Basin this summer.

*Photo by Ron Stewart*

"This is the first report we've had about bullfrogs in the Uinta Basin," says Trina Hedrick, project leader for the UDWR. "According to individuals associated with the Roosevelt Golf Course, this population was introduced into one of their ponds about three years ago. From there we know some have moved, or have been moved, to other areas near the golf course and around the valley.

"One of our biologists recently found one in the Uinta Mountains, just inside the National Forest Service boundary.

"This isn't good news."

And the Uinta Basin isn't the only place in Utah where bullfrogs could harm the state's native species. Bullfrogs and other animals pose a threat statewide. (\*Please see the section *Other animals also pose a threat* at the end of the news release for information about other animals that pose a threat in Utah.)

## **Why the concern?**

"Bullfrogs are voracious predators. They'll eat almost anything, including snakes, worms, insects, crustaceans, fish, frogs, toads and salamanders," Hedrick says. "They will even eat fish and frog eggs. They've also been known to take small birds and mammals.

"In their native range, the bullfrog can be part of a healthy ecosystem. But they are extremely harmful to native species in areas where they have been introduced," Hedrick says. "For example, they are very harmful to native frog and toad populations, including the northern leopard frog found here in the Uinta Basin. Bullfrogs are very aggressive; besides eating leopard frogs, they out-compete them for food and habitat.

"The decline and elimination of native leopard frog populations due to bullfrogs has been documented in Colorado," she says. "They are also believed to be a significant contributing factor in the decline of many species of leopard frog in Arizona, including the endangered Chiricahua leopard frog. They've also contributed to the decline of many other frogs, toads, and salamanders in California and other Western states."

The American bullfrog is native to the Eastern United States and Canada. Their range used to extend only to the Rocky Mountains, but now it goes well beyond. By the early 1900s, bullfrogs had been introduced into many parts of the Western U.S. and Mexico. They have also been introduced into parts of Europe, South America and Asia.

### **More reasons for concern**

Bullfrogs are aquatic for the first few years of their life. It often takes them two or



three years to metamorphose into their terrestrial phase. It takes another two years before the frog is officially "mature." Most bullfrogs live seven to nine years. But as with most animals, they live even longer in captivity.

*Photo by Ron Stewart*

Another reason they're often more successful than native species is

that they have less palatable eggs. They also produce larger egg masses that are filled with exponentially more eggs than those produced by native frogs. Humans have also altered natural habitats and created areas of warmer water. Bullfrogs thrive in these areas.

"Because of their potential to devastate populations of native species, they are a prohibited species in Utah," Hedrick says. "It is illegal to collect, possess, transport or import a live bullfrog (either an adult, juvenile or tadpole).

"Moving just two bullfrogs could expand their range and increase the risks to our native species through predation, competition and the potential spreading of amphibian illnesses.

"If you see one, please contact me or any division employee," Hedrick says. "Please let us know when and where you saw the bullfrogs.

"Pictures are good, but not necessary."

You can reach Hedrick at (435) 781-5315 or the UDWR's Northeastern Region office at (435) 781-9453.

In other areas of the state, you can call the nearest UDWR office or the UDWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

### **Other animals also pose a threat**

"Bullfrogs are not the only amphibian that has been imported to Utah to the detriment of Utah's native species," says Ron Stewart, conservation outreach manager with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. "Frogs, toads and salamanders are commonly picked up and carried across state lines with the intention of making it a pet or novelty. Other sources include pet shops and the live frog and salamander kits offered by schools and pet supply stores.

"While bought with good intentions or for their educational value, these amphibians can become a major problem because they are often released into the wild," Stewart says.

"The frog kits usually contain the African clawed frog or the southern leopard frog, neither of which is native to Utah. The clawed frog is like the bullfrog it can get quite large, and it has a voracious appetite. It is also a real survivor because it can

retain or change its sex, depending on the sex of the other members of its species that it encounters.

"If these released individuals survive and breed, one or more native species in Utah could be facing increased predation, competition for resources, alteration of the habitat and/or the introduction of new parasites and diseases.

"The kind-hearted person who released them may have just struck the death bell for some of Utah's native species."

## **PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT TERRAIN PARKS NAMED #1 BY TRANSWORLD SNOWBOARDING FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW**

Park City, Utah (September 20, 2007) - Park City Mountain Resort today announced its terrain parks were awarded "Terrain Park(s) of the Year" by the readers of Transworld Snowboarding magazine for the fourth year in a row.

"It is an unbelievable honor to have our four terrain parks recognized as the best for the fourth year in a row, but we aren't resting on our success," said Jim Mangan, director of action sports marketing for Park City Mountain Resort. "We're going to step it up this season with some new features that have never been seen before."

Last season, Park City Mountain Resort transformed its four terrain parks - PayDay, Pick N' Shovel, King's Crown and Joney's - by switching locations on the mountain and adding new features. The terrain parks included a total of 30 jump features and 60 jib features, with more features to be added in the 2007-08 season. Park City Mountain Resort is also home to the Eagle Superpipe, one of the largest superpipes in North America and the site of the World Superpipe Championships for the last five years.

"Park City Mountain has once again lived up to its name and to our reader's high expectations, ranking in as the number one park in the 2008 Resort Poll," said Annie Fast, senior editor for Transworld Snowboarding magazine. "After three consecutive seasons at the top, Park City hasn't been resting on its laurels - the killer parks for all ability levels are constantly evolving and enjoying the highest level of maintenance and an electrified snowboard scene. It all comes together to make Park City an impossible freestyle resort to beat year after year."

Professional snowboarders and skiers, such as Shaun White, Tanner Hall, Erin Comstock, Pep Fugas, Aaron Biittner, Mark Frank Montoya and Ashley Battersby are often seen skiing and riding in Park City Mountain Resort's terrain parks and superpipe. Many of these athletes will appear in Park City Mountain Resort's upcoming ski and snowboard movie, "I Ride Park City," which is filmed entirely at Park City Mountain Resort and will debut in fall 2008.

"I Ride Park City" follows in the success of its movie predecessor, "City. Park City.," which was the first 16 mm snowboard movie to feature only one resort (Park City Mountain Resort) and was nominated in two categories at the 2007 X-DANCE Film Festival. Both movies are directed by Park City Mountain Resort's Director of Action Sports Marketing, Jim Mangan, who designs and implements the award-winning terrain parks.

#### About Park City Mountain Resort

Park City Mountain Resort, celebrating its 45th anniversary, is located in the heart of Park City, Utah and is only 36 miles from the Salt Lake City International Airport. The Resort is spread out over 3,300 acres and offers groomed Signature Runs(tm), bumps, powder, trees, terrain parks, eight peaks, nine bowls, four terrain parks, and the Eagle Superpipe, North America's largest superpipe. The Resort has received numerous accolades, most recently being named a top-ten Resort by the readers of SKI magazine as well as earning the title "Terrain Park(s) of the Year" by Transworld Snowboarding magazine for the fourth year in a row. Park City Mountain Resort is committed to being the leader in environmental sustainability in Utah and reduced its carbon output by nearly 3,800 tons during the 2006-07 season. For more information about Park City Mountain Resort, please visit us online at [www.parkcitymountain.com](http://www.parkcitymountain.com).

#### **Central Region Fishing Report**

**AMERICAN FORK RIVER:** (Sept 19) Getting some pretty fall colors in the canyon. Fair success by using flies or worms. Light fishing pressure.

**BURRASTON PONDS:** (Sept 19) Fair to good fishing success.

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR:** (Sept 19) State Park Ranger reports that boats can still be launched from the island boat ramp but at your own risk. Large boats may want to reconsider since you have to back into the water quite a ways to reach

deeper water. Call State Park for boat launching information at (435) 654-0171. Trout and bass anglers report fair to good success from both shoreline and from boat by using traditional methods and baits. Remember Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit was increased this year to 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

**DIAMOND FORK RIVER:** (Sept 19) Recent electro-shocking surveys show that last year's treatment project had no effect on the lower 10 miles of diamond fork. "Fair" success by using flies, lures or bait on the first 10 miles of stream below the treatment area (beginning at turnoff to Diamond Fork and 10 miles upstream). Remember that first through sixth water creeks were not treated last year (getting a lot of inquiries from anglers) and fishing was great on these tributaries. The DWR treated Diamond Fork River last year with rotenone from Three Forks to its headwaters to remove all fish (mostly browns). Over 20,000 Bonneville cutthroat trout fingerlings were stocked last October into this area to help restore this



sensitive species and to provide anglers a good sport fishery. The restoration

stretch is closed to fishing but the first 10 miles of Diamond Fork (from the turnoff of Hwy 6) is not effected by this treatment and anglers report slow success for

brown trout. Diamond Fork, from Springville Crossing to it headwaters, is artificial flies and lures only, and it is closed to cutthroat trout possession.

**HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN:** (Sept 19) Most anglers report that best fishing on Hobble Creek is in the early morning or evening with flies, small spinners or lures.

**JORDANELLE RESERVOIR:** (Sept 19) Good success is still being reported for small mouth bass near rocky points and submerged vegetation/structure by casting various types of action lures. Some of the bass are large in size (18-plus inches) but most are in the 12- to 15-inch range. Fair to good success for trout from shoreline and fair to good success for trout from boats. Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long.

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

**PAYSON LAKES:** (Sept 19) Fair to good fishing for both rainbow and brook trout.

**PROVO RIVER:** (Sept 19) Success continues to be good for trout by using traditional small surface or subsurface flies or nymphs. This is the prime time of the year to cast out terrestrials such as grasshopper imitations along the surface. The biggest and best strikes often come by using a grasshopper imitation on the surface! 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) in place in some stretches.

**SALEM POND:** (Sept 19) Fair success for catfish this week by using night crawlers. Trout success is considered fair. The park is closed to at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit is 4 fish (Daily bag and possession limit is a total of 4 fish in the aggregate for all species, for example: one trout, 2 channel catfish and 1 bluegill

**SALT LAKE WATERS:** (Sept 19) Good success reported at Cove Pond. Silver Lake (by Brighton) are still catching trout. Anglers report fair to good fishing by using traditional baits at most waters.

**SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR:** (Sept 19) Fishing success is good by using traditional baits and lures.

**SPRING LAKE:** (Sept 19) Fair success for both trout and catfish. Worms and PowerBait work best. Lots of vegetation so cast into the open water pockets.

**STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:** (Sept 19) Some anglers are reporting that they are catching and releasing many cutthroat trout and other anglers report just fair success. Location and technique are the key. White tube jigs or dark wooly bugger imitations are doing well. Flashy lures fished deep are still

catching trout and an occasional kokanee. Shoreline angling is reported to be fair by using traditional techniques and baits. Kokanee are still few in number in the tribs



but plenty of kokanee to see at the fish trap located behind the visitors center (follow the boardwalk). 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!

**THISTLE CREEK:** (Sept 19) Officer Bagley reports "Low Pressure, with fair to good success".

**TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR:** (Sept 19) Fair to good success by using traditional baits.

**UTAH LAKE:** (Sept 19) Catfish and white bass success is fair to good. Try inlets for the white bass or simply cast to different spots until you catch one there are usually more fish to be found in that spot. Walleye limit was changed this year to 10 but only one can be over 24 inches. 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.

**VERNON, GRANTSVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIRS:** (Tooele Co.) (Sept 12) Fair fishing success at Grantsville and Settlement. Vernon Reservoir is very low!

**YUBA RESERVOIR:** (Sept 19) Slow success for walleye and northern pike. An occasional trout is being caught and of course perch are being caught but they must be immediately released. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

### **Pheasant Season...What to Expect in 2007**

PIERRE, S.D. – October 20, 2007 has been marked on the calendar for a year now. The guns are ready, the bags are packed and the dogs are already in high gear. That familiar feeling of anticipation begins its course through your entire body.

What makes this season even more exciting than the previous ones? Hunters taking the fields this year will be chasing one of the largest populations of pheasants in the history of South Dakota!

Hunters will have a good chance when hitting the fields this fall according to Game, Fish and Parks Wildlife Division Director Doug Hansen. “All signs point toward a terrific pheasant hunting season,” Hansen said.

South Dakota’s pheasant population hit a 40-year high back in 2005. This year’s brood counts predict a population that could be 18% higher than that record setting year. A mild winter, a wet spring and great habitat are all to thank for this dramatic increase.

“South Dakota is known all over the world as the premier

destination for pheasant hunters, and this year is no exception,” said Billie Jo Waara, director, South Dakota Office of Tourism. “Every year, tens of thousands of hunters come to South Dakota and our goal is to make sure that our services and hospitality are ready to meet the needs for those coming to experience the ‘big league’ of pheasant hunting.”



With a pheasant population nearing an all-time-high, it’s hard to imagine not bagging a limit of birds. One thing is for sure though, if you are planning a trip to South Dakota this fall, you picked a great year to do it.

Pheasant hunting in South Dakota is an integral part of Goal 1 of the 2010 initiative to double visitor spending in South Dakota. The Office of Tourism serves under the direction of Richard Benda, Secretary of the Department of Tourism and State Development.

### **Northern Region Fishing Report**

**BEAR LAKE:** Fishing has started to pick up some with the cooler weather. Trolling was producing the most results in 60 to 75 feet of water. Lake trout from three to ten pounds have been reported. Bear Lake Biologist Scott Tolentino says jig fishing will start to pick up as lake trout start to stage and gather for their annual spawning run. The cisco run last winter was productive and Tolention predicted at that time that there would be a good food.

**BUTTERFLY LAKE:** Fly-fishing was very good using bead head nymph patterns. PowerBait has also been effective. Fishing activity has tapered off, yet many anglers are experiencing the best fishing of the year right now in the Uintas

**CAUSEY RESERVOIR:** Anglers near the spillway reported catching small rainbows with rainbow PowerBait tipped with a worm.

**LOGAN RIVER:** The impoundments have had fair fishing for anglers using baits. Some fly activity on the impoundments has also been reported. Adams and bead head patterns can be good. Using a hopper pattern as a strike indicator and attractor is a good combination with nymph patterns.

**LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:** Bait anglers were having good success using gold-glittered Zeek's tipped with worm. Orange PowerBait was also producing good results.

**MANTUA:** Fishing has picked up again with anglers catching good numbers of bass and bluegill. Buzzbaits and poppers have been effective for bass and the "ole standard" mini jig tipped with worm was working for bluegill and perch.

**MIRROR:** Lake One float-tuber had done exceptionally well with a large fly that looked like a dragon fly. He mentioned that he gets up into the Uintas about once every week or so and always does well using fly's and nymphs.



**OGDEN RIVER:** The water is running low and clear and there are lots of brown trout through the canyon. Please respect private property. The Walk-In Access Points by the Oaks is always a good place to start. South Fork anglers are catching browns and splake with spinners.

**PINEVIEW RESERVOIR:** One angler from a float tube reported good success for perch and crappie in the narrows using a yellow mini-jig. This angler and others reported catching smallmouths up to three-pounds, also in the narrows. The water level is very low.

**WEBER RIVER:** Both fly and spinner anglers are having success. Cloudy water was reported from Morgan downstream.

**WHITNEY RESERVOIR:** "Reports from Whitney Reservoir have been the best all year. People have done very well with worms and ok with PowerBait," said Adam Pulley, Operator of the Bear River Lodge.

**RESERVOIR LEVELS:** Hyrum — 14% full, Willard Bay — 27% full, Pineview — 32% full, Causey — 31% full, Lost Creek — 58% full, Echo — 21% full, East Canyon — 55% full, Rockport — 55% full

## **New Cook Book Needs Your Recipes**

**The National Wild Turkey Federation and Lodge and Lodge Cast Iron Cookware have teamed up to produce a publishing first: a comprehensive outdoor cookbook that will be marketed throughout the United States.**



Deadline for entries is fast approaching, but the following criteria are mandatory:

- Recipes must be prepared with Lodge Cast Iron Cookware. Cookware includes skillets, grill pans, griddles, reversible griddles, fryers, kettles, Dutch Ovens and Camp Dutch Ovens.
- All recipes must be prepared over an open fire using charcoal only.
- Ingredients portions must be designated as tablespoons, teaspoons, ounces, cups. No abbreviations will be accepted.
- List your name and the chapter of the NWTF that you are associated with and include any story that may be associated with your recipe i.e. passed down from great grandparent or used during a certain era of time.

Microsoft word is the preferred software if emailing submissions. Also, please put Lodge Cookbook Recipe in the subject line when emailing.

Please submit recipes to Tammy Condrey at [tcondrey@nwtf.net](mailto:tcondrey@nwtf.net) or fax to 803-637-9960, or mail to NWTF, Attn: Tammy Condrey, P.O. Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824-0530, no later than August 27, 2007.

Thank you for your continued support of the National Wild Turkey Federation!

## **Teach Others about Wildlife and the Outdoors**

*DWR is looking for volunteers*

Salt Lake City -- If you like the outdoors and wildlife—and you want to share your enthusiasm with others—the Division of Wildlife Resources wants you in one of its volunteer programs.

You can learn more about the programs at a workshop on Sept. 27. The workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI), 3285 E. 3300 S. in Salt Lake City.

“Not all of our volunteers are hunters, and not all of our projects involve backbreaking work,” says Jill West, volunteer program coordinator for the DWR. “If you have enthusiasm for the outdoors and you like to work with kids, you’re the kind of person we’re looking for.”

Here’s what you can do in the following DWR programs:

Wild Guides Naturalist – this brand new program will give you a chance to get into your community and teach 8- to 9-year-olds about wildlife and the places they live.



The DWR will provide all of the lesson plans you’ll need. You’ll also receive neat items to show the kids (snowshoe hare pelts, elk and deer antlers, etc.).

Community Fishing – teach kids in youth fishing clubs about fish and how to catch them. The clubs meet in the spring at community fishing waters in Utah.

Watchable Wildlife – staff booths at wildlife festivals in Utah. You’ll learn more about Utah’s wildlife, and then you’ll get to share your enthusiasm for that wildlife—including peregrine falcons, mountain goats, bald eagles and bighorn sheep—with those who attend the festivals!

Hunter Education – teach the next generation of Utah’s hunters how to

be safe, responsible and ethical.

At the workshop, West will provide additional information about the programs. She'll also answer any questions you have.

The workshop is free, and everyone is welcome.

For more information, call West at (801) 538-4717.

## **Elected Leaders Show Bipartisan Support of National Hunting and Fishing Day**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. -- Saturday is National Hunting and Fishing Day, and as the annual celebration nears, America's elected leaders are expressing bipartisan support of hunters, anglers and conservation.

Wonders of Wildlife museum, the official home of National Hunting and Fishing Day, has received a congratulatory message from President Bush, as well as word of a Congressional resolution now making its way through the U.S. House of Representatives.

The president's message reads:

I send greetings to those observing National Hunting and Fishing Day.

From our beaches and mountains to our oceans and woodlands, America is blessed with great natural treasures. These magnificent landscapes are places where families and friends can learn, have fun, and create great memories. On National Hunting and Fishing Day, we celebrate the joy of hunting and fishing in the great outdoors, and we remember our responsibility to preserve America's splendor for future generations.

I appreciate Wonders of Wildlife and all those who worked to make National Hunting and Fishing Day a success. Your efforts help more people discover the wonders of nature and advance the values of good stewardship.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

**George W. Bush**

U.S. Rep. Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), along with 51 co-sponsors, anticipate action next week on House Resolution 634, a measure "encouraging participation in hunting and fishing, supporting the goals and ideals of National Hunting and

Fishing Day and the efforts of hunters and fishermen toward the scientific management of wildlife and conservation of the natural environment."

The resolution was introduced Sept. 5 and sent to the House natural resources committee.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) founded and fostered the National Hunting and Fishing Day concept in the early 1970s. Comedian Jeff Foxworthy served as honorary chairman in 2007, joining a long list of sports and entertainment celebrities who have volunteered to help publicize the conservation benefits of traditional outdoor sports.

Wonders of Wildlife, located in Springfield, Mo., is the only hunting- and fishing-focused facility that's both affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution and accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

National Hunting and Fishing Day 2007 sponsors include Wonders of Wildlife, NSSF, Realtree, Baron Technology, National Wild Turkey Federation, Smith & Wesson, Bass Pro Shops, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, GunBroker.com, Field & Stream and Outdoor Life, Woolrich, The Sportsman Channel, Cabela's and Outdoor Channel. A host of partners also lend support.

### **Lake Powell Fish Report**

By: Wayne Gustaveson  
Lake Elevation: 3601

September 19, 2007  
Water Temperature: 75-78 F

After months of water temperatures in the 80's significant cooling has dropped surface temperature to 75. That's a very active temperature for warm water sport fish. Larger fish that do not like the warm surface layers were forced to stay deep. They can now go anywhere they desire.

That's timely because dropping lake levels are stranding weed beds which house the main food source. Sunfish hiding in the weeds are now forced into deeper water making them vulnerable to predation as they leave the drying weeds for the next deeper spot. Find a weedy cove for good



fishing. That's not always easy with Powell's steep rocky shoreline. Weeds will be in flat-bottomed sandy coves.

Largemouth bass are in the shallow weeds with the sunfish. A surface popper slowly retrieved with many pauses will draw strikes from bass up to 5 pounds. Smallmouth bass wait on the rocky edge of the cove for sunfish to venture beyond the safe limits of the weeds. Plastics baits that are rigged in a weedless fashion that can penetrate the weeds without hanging up are needed to fish the shallows, but grubs on jigheads can be worked at the edge and in open pockets with good success.

Striped bass are aware of sunfish in the weeds but they are clumsy when chasing prey there. In weed beds stripers end up with salad as the main course. Look for stripers near weed beds but holding further out on the second terrace. The weedy cove will often have a flat that extends from shore to near 15 feet. Depth will drop quickly at the edge of the weeds to 20 or 25 feet. Stripers will be found at the next break where depth falls to 30 or 40 feet.

Position the boat over the breaking edge and cast toward shore for bass and toward the channel for stripers. Spoons are the best choice for stripers since they fall quickly from surface to deep water. Active stripers can be found by reeling the spoon quickly off the bottom. Pause the spoon a time or two during the retrieve to entice following fish to bite.

When stripers stop hitting spoons they can be reactivated by using anchovy chum and bait to catch more fish resting on the bottom. Trolling the 30-foot contour with deep diving plugs is another effective method of locating striper schools.

Boils are still happening morning and evening but not every day. There is enough inconsistency that finding a boil is a very special event. Boils have been very good when located with numerous schools feeding on top from dawn to 8 AM. A return to the same spot the next day does not mean the stripers will repeat the event. Circumstances have to be just right for stripers to find a large shad school when the forage fish are scarce and hiding.

**Hunter's Specialties Game Cleaning System Takes The Mess Out Of Field Dressing Chores**

Hunter's Specialties Game Cleaning System is a handy, take-anywhere kit that helps hunters quickly and cleanly field dress their animals.

The kit contains a pair of latex field dressing gloves and a pair of shoulder-length poly gloves to protect your hands and clothing from unwanted bloodstains and contact with harmful contaminants. A Butt Out Field Dressing Tool is included to quickly and easily disconnect the anal alimentary canal, reducing the chance of

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Wild Gamekeeper Spray inhibits bacterial growth, which can cause spoilage, ensuring the quality of

harvested game.

The Hunter's Specialties Game Cleaning System can take the mess and worry out of field dressing your next animal.

Suggested retail price is \$19.99. For more information, log onto the Hunter's Specialties website at [www.hunterspec.com](http://www.hunterspec.com), write to 6000 Huntington Court NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402, or call a Consumer Service Specialist at 319-395-0321.

## **Fishing Dinosaurs at the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm**

St. George, Utah -- Meat-eating dinosaurs fed on fish along the shores of an ancient lake near St. George, Utah, approximately 198 million years ago. The valuable fossil evidence was found in the vicinity of the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm (SGDS) in southwestern Utah. Much of the area used to be covered by the Lower Jurassic Lake Dixie which provided food for the theropod or meat-eating dinosaurs. The story of these fossils was just published in Utah Geological Survey's September 2007 issue of *Survey Notes* (Volume 39, Number 3). The article is entitled, *The Case for fishing dinosaurs at the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm* by Andrew R. C. Milner (St. George City Paleontologist and SGDS Curator) and Dr. James I. Kirkland (State Paleontologist, Utah Geological Survey), with art work by Russell Hawley and Brad Wolverton.

The fossils, which are on display and stored at the SGDS in St. George, Utah, were discovered in rocks made of sediment deposited in and around an ancient lake system called "Lake Dixie." Fossils are rare from these rocks, called the Moenave Formation, but are relatively abundant in the St. George area. As a result, what life was like in this time period in western North America have been poorly known. Fossils from slightly older and slightly younger rocks in the southwest are well known in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, so these discoveries fill in an important gap. "The quality of preservation is much higher than at most Early Jurassic sites in western North America," according to Adrian Hunt and Spencer Lucas from the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque, New Mexico. "The [St. George] collection is going to be the most important in the world for the researchers working on early Jurassic footprints." (Quote by Dr. Gerard Gierlinski, Polish Geological Institute, Warsaw, Poland). "This is the most significant dinosaur tracksites in western North America," by Dr. Jim Kirkland, Utah Geological Survey.

A combination of important fossil finds at the SGDS, including the best preserved and largest collection of dinosaur swim tracks in the world, abundant fossil fish (semionotids, coelacanths, freshwater sharks, and lungfish), and rare theropod dinosaur remains all provide important clues into the feeding behavior of these carnivorous dinosaurs. Semionotid fish are the most common body fossils at the site, and they have enamel-coated scales forming a "chain-mail" armor covering. The larger theropod teeth and a well-preserved thoracic vertebra suggest this dinosaur was a close relative of *Dilophosaurus*, and was probably responsible for producing the larger *Eubrontes* tracks at the site. The tall, slender, and cylindrical

teeth exhibit extensive wear patterns along the front and back serrated ridges. The authors hypothesize they may be the result of enamel-on-enamel wear produced by the dinosaurs biting through semionotid fishes. This *Dilophosaurus*-like dinosaur and *Dilophosaurus* itself share similarities to modern crocodiles and spinosaurid dinosaurs from the Early Cretaceous of North Africa that point to fish-eating habits. These fossils also explain the abundance of dinosaur swim tracks found at the SGDS.

The St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm is located at 2180 East Riverside Dr. in St. George; visitor information is available at [www.dinotrax.org](http://www.dinotrax.org). Phone number: (435) 574-3466.

## **Certify your Backyard Wildlife Habitat**

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Need help? Call 1-800-822-9919 or email [info@nwf.org](mailto:info@nwf.org)

## **CAMP FLOYD DAY - FREE STATE PARKS DAY**

Fairfield - Camp Floyd State Park, in conjunction with the Utah Civil War Association and the Town of Fairfield, hosts Camp Floyd Day Saturday, September 29 at Camp Floyd State Park and Museum. This event is free as part of Free State Parks Day.

Enjoy activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events include reenactments, encampments, storytelling, stagecoach rides, firearm and cannon demonstrations, marches, drills, period games, and photos in period uniform. (Some special fees apply.)



Camp Floyd Day celebrates the history of Johnston's Army and the influence it had on Utah and Civil War history. Established in 1858, Camp Floyd was the largest military installation then in the United States. The army was sent to Utah to control a Mormon Rebellion, which never took place. The army was recalled in 1861 with the outbreak of the Civil War.

Camp Floyd State Park is located in the town of Fairfield, Utah, 22 miles

southwest of Lehi on Highway 73. For more information, call (801) 768-8932.

## **MILLSITE TO GREEN RIVER OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RIDE**

Millsite - Join off-highway vehicle (OHV) and golf enthusiasts for a 100-mile ride September 28 through 30 beginning at Millsite State Park and ending at Green River State Park.

Golf and stay overnight at Millsite Friday, September 28. On Saturday, ride your OHV 100 miles across southeastern Utah. Riders should bring their own lunches, however, Green River melons and ice water will be provided. Camp at Green River State Park Saturday evening, then, play another round of golf Sunday morning.

Cost is \$80 per group (up to six machines per group) and includes one night stay at Millsite and Green River state parks, and vehicle/trailer shuttle from Millsite to Green River. Riders may opt to play one round of golf at both Millsite and Green River for an additional \$30 per person.

Registration is required. Please call (435) 687-2491 for more information.

## **FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH**

**ABAJO MOUNTAINS** Rapalas or spoons are recommended for Recapture pike. Fishing has been good at Monticello and Foy reservoirs with spinners and artificial flies. Conservation Officer Paul Washburn described fishing as “hot” at Blanding #3 and #4 reservoirs with worms.

**BENCHES RESERVOIR** Try a worm & bubble or nightcrawler/PowerBait combination.

**BOULGERS RESERVOIR** A worm/ marshmallow or worm/PowerBait combo is recommended.

**CLEVELAND RESERVOIR** Morning fishing is best with a worm/PowerBait combo.

**DUCK FORK RESERVOIR** Fishing was slow over the weekend, due to inclement weather. Tigers get up to 17-inches. Special regulations apply. Refer to the proclamation.

**ELECTRIC LAKE** Try a nightcrawler/salmon egg combo on the north end.

**FAIRVIEW LAKES** Try floating PowerBait floated off the bottom with a slip sinker. A red crystal bugger on sinking line has been good for fly casters.

**FERRON RESERVOIR** Fishing was slow over the weekend, due to rain and windy weather.

**GREEN RIVER** Cast pieces of nightcrawler into eddy pools for lots of 12-inch catfish.



**HUNTINGTON CREEK** Good fly patterns include a: #10 beadhead Montana, #12 beadhead hare's ear, or #12 beadhead ugly. Special regulations exist on Huntington Creek. Please consult the proclamation.

#### **HUNTINGTON NORTH**

**STATE PARK** For trout, try a worm/PowerBait combo. Catfish are biting on nightcrawlers or chicken livers. Two record catfish, weighing 25 and 27 lbs. apiece were taken in August.

**HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR** (also known as **MAMMOTH RESERVOIR**) Fishing has been slow in the past month but is expected to improve with cooler weather. Special regulations apply. Please refer to the proclamation.

**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR** The best year-round bait is a Utah chub, which can be caught at the reservoir with a small hook and piece of worm. Special regulations apply. The limit is two fish. Only one may be over 22 inches. All trout from 15-22 inches must be immediately released.

**LAKE POWELL** Visit <http://www.wayne@wayneswords.com> for the fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

**LASAL MOUNTAINS** Conservation Officer Tj Robertson reports that smallmouth bass action is

improving on the northwest side of Ken's Lake. Robertson recommends a brown Yamamoto doubletail plastic grub with green speckles. Trout are biting on worms and PowerBait. Robertson says there has been a lot of fishing pressure at Hidden and Dons lakes. Trout have been taking just about anything. In the early morning, fly fishermen have had good luck at



Dons. Try worms or PowerBait at Dark Canyon. A black wooly bugger or PowerBait is recommended for Warner Lake.

**PETES HOLE** Good fishing is expected. Try worms and salmon eggs.

**POTTER'S PONDS** Try a PowerBait/crawler combo.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR** Most boaters continue to still-fish with a crawler/PowerBait combo. Trollers have been using needlefish or triple teasers among other types of hardware. Fly fishermen should try dark-colored wooly buggers or leeches on sinking line.

**WILLOW RESERVOIR** Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen reported good fishing with worms, flies and PowerBait. Rainbows are around 10-12 inches.

## **Call for Nominations for National Wildlife System Awards**

*Have you ever admired the dedication and talent of a coworker? Have you ever wanted to recognize a colleague for outstanding work? Here's your chance!*

The National Wildlife Refuge Association announces that we are now accepting nominations for the 2008 National Wildlife Refuge System Awards. Think back over the past year, consider what has been accomplished for the Refuge System, and take this opportunity to recognize the dedicated people whose achievements were instrumental in strengthening our national wildlife refuges.

Nominations are due no later than November 15, 2007. Forms and other contest details can be found on our website at <http://www.refugenet.org/new-events/callfornom2008.html>. Please contact Claire Stoker at 202-333-9075 or [cstoker@refugenet.org](mailto:cstoker@refugenet.org) for more information.

Openings are still available for \$69.00 for the Hands on the Sun Conference for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5th and 6th, 2007. This will include two Symposiums, two days of solar viewing, a dinner, star party, imaging training, breakfast and a factory tour.

**Hurry! Send me your registration today!**

**HOTS 2007 REGISTRATION**

## **REI Special Programs for October**

**SANDY CITY** - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Sandy City REI store. REI is located at 10600 South & 230 West in the northwest corner of the South Towne Mall property. For more information, please call (801) 501-0850 or visit our website at [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com) and click on the *stores & events* link.

## **INTRODUCTION TO CLIMBING FOR WOMEN**

**Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Join Laurie Normandeau, from Momentum Climbing gym for this fun and interactive introductory class on climbing for women. We will start out at REI then head next door to Momentum for a demonstration by Laurie. Laurie is the founder of the WERC program, Women Experience Rock Climbing, at Momentum. Along with being a rock climber for 20 years, Laurie has summited numerous mountains, served in the military and is a mother to one daughter. Come out to learn new skills and meet other women who like to climb!

## **GPS 101**

**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

A Global Positioning System is a fun and accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI navigation experts, as they unveil the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of GPS receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions. An excellent primer for people looking to get started with GPS use.

## **HIKING THE WASATCH & BEYOND**

**Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Join outdoor enthusiast, Sheryl McGlochlin, as she discusses several fall and winter activities that are scheduled. You are invited to join her on any or all of these events! Benefits include meeting lots of fun people who want to be active in the outdoors year round in activities like hiking, snowshoeing, skiing, camping, staying in yurts, and even kayaking! There is something for every level and ability. This group is very diverse - young and old, strong and not-so-strong, locals and those who have just moved to Utah, etc. A wide variety of hikes are offered which include dog-friendly, kid-friendly, adults only, weekday, weekend, evening, holidays, short, long, easy, moderate, hard, international, local, etc. To get you excited about these activities join her as she presents a photo slide show of some of her past outdoor activities and see how beautiful the fall and winter seasons are in the Wasatch Mountains!

## **UTAH BACKCOUNTRY VOLUNTEERS**

**Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Utah Backcountry Volunteers Director, Dave Pacheco, presents an hour in service of Utah's public lands. Attend a slideshow and presentation on the dire need for volunteerism, the kinds of service projects conducted, the fun and spectacular

places you can visit, and how you can get involved through a week-long volunteer vacation.

**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 click on the *stores & events* link and select Salt Lake City.

### **ASCENDING MOUNT LOGAN**

**Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm**

In the cold and remote expanse of Canada's Yukon Territory within the St. Elias Range lies Mount Logan. Possessing the second highest elevation in North America after Mount McKinley, as well as some of the coldest recorded temperatures on earth, climbing Logan is a daunting task. This evening, follow the tracks of four local mountaineers who attempted a summit of this peak in May 2007 on ski and foot up the King Trench Route. Sam Schroyer, Mike Darling, George Jan, and John Cooper will share stories of severe storms and temperatures down to -20 Fahrenheit as well as show photographic images from Canada's highest mountain.

### **FALL PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE WASATCH**

**Tuesday, October 9th, 7pm**

Join local photographer Adam Barker for a fantastic evening of fall photography.



Barker will be presenting a slideshow of diverse images from several Wasatch Front locations including Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon, American Fork Canyon, Wasatch Mountain State Park and more. Learn how, where and when to capture stunning images of northern Utah's finest fall foliage. Adam will discuss photographic

technique, prime shooting times and locations, and offer general insight into

capturing dynamic fall images. The instruction will be geared towards photographers of all levels and ability.

### **ADVENTURE TRAVEL ADVICE**

**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Join Chris Newton and Jerry Fuller from the Travel Advice Show podcast. This show is one of the fastest growing travel shows on the web. Take the evening to explore adventure travel options such as over landing, mountain climbing, and exotic destinations including Uzbekistan and central Africa. Bring your travel inquiries and Chris and Jerry will use 55 combined years of travel experience around the world to answer your questions. Come out and learn new ways of traveling and learn about unique destinations around the world. The world's best adventures are prepared with knowledge.

### **THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: A WORLD WITHIN ITSELF**

**Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm**

In the Pacific Ocean, 650 miles off the coast of Ecuador is situated an archipelago of desolate volcanic islands. Exceptionally remote yet not difficult to access, the Galapagos are populated by a fascinating array of anomalous birds, mammals and reptiles that possess virtually no fear of humans. This evening, enjoy up-close shots of specially-adapted animals, plants and terrain that inspired Charles Darwin on his first theories of evolution. Join REI's Eric Spreng for images and accounts of his ten day tour to these isles that are home to unique species such as equatorial penguins, flightless cormorants, marine iguanas, giant tortoises and much more!

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AT REI:**

#### **OUTDOOR UTAH & REI PRESENT "WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION"**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> through October 8th**

Boys and girls ages eight through twelve can pick up entry forms at REI stores in Salt Lake or Sandy. The form has a colorful cartoon Utah Recreation Map showing many of the state's famed locations for outdoor activities - National Parks and Monuments, rivers, State Parks, national forests and wilderness areas. Entrants are asked to write a short essay on what they did, such as hiking, cycling, camping, river running etc., where they did it and why they enjoyed the adventure. When completed, the entry is returned to REI and all contestants are rewarded with a free 18 x 24 poster of the Utah Recreation Map, suitable for framing. REI and OUTDOOR UTAH will judge all entries and award prizes for the winners and

runners-up in the five age groups. One Grand Prize Winner will receive an all expense paid family trip for four to one of Utah's premier adventure destinations. The five winning entries will be reprinted in a feature story in the 2008 Outdoor Utah Recreation Guide, distributed throughout the west by the Utah Office of Tourism and available at Utah REI stores.

## **REI EMPLOYMENT OPEN HOUSE**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am at REI SLC**

When FORTUNE magazine measured REI against a broad spectrum of organizations across the U.S., we were saluted! In 2007 REI placed #27 among the "100 Best Companies to Work for in America." This is the tenth consecutive year REI has made the list of the 100 Best. We also top the list of companies acknowledged for encouraging employees to balance their work and personal life, and received the "Pride" award thanks to REI employees' community involvement and the company's commitment to stewardship. REI is a leading retailer of outdoor gear and clothing, dedicated to inspiring, education, and outfitting our members, customers, and the community for a lifetime of outdoor adventures. What drives our business is our employees' passion for the outdoors. If you would like to work for a leader in the industry, be rewarded for initiative and creativity, and balance working smart with time off to play, come join us! You are invited to attend our job fair where you can learn about the retail jobs at REI and growth opportunities. You can also take this time to fill out an application as we will be hiring following this event. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## **CLASSES:**

### **STAY SAFE IN THE OUTDOORS: BASIC WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT CLASS**

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am at REI SLC**

Created for all outdoor enthusiasts, the Basic Wilderness Life Support® certification is a one day course designed to help you prevent and treat injuries and illnesses common in outdoor activities. Developed at the University of Utah, School of Medicine the course will teach you to prepare for your outing, assess injuries and scene safety, decide whether to evacuate or treat a patient, and methods of evacuation. The curriculum was developed from our advanced course used to train medical professionals and will be taught by one of our certified instructors. The course includes morning lectures at REI Salt Lake City and an afternoon outdoors (weather permitting) participating in hands on scenarios. At the end of the day you will receive your BWLS certificate. Cost is \$95 per person.

Please register by calling REI's customer service department at (801) 486-2100.  
<http://www.bwls.org>

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

**Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am**

Spend a day outdoors and an hour indoors with REI & National Geographic GPS experts 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. Tuition is \$15 REI members, \$30 non-members. Call REI Sandy at 801-501-0850 or register in person. Class takes place at REI Sandy/Dimple Dell Park.

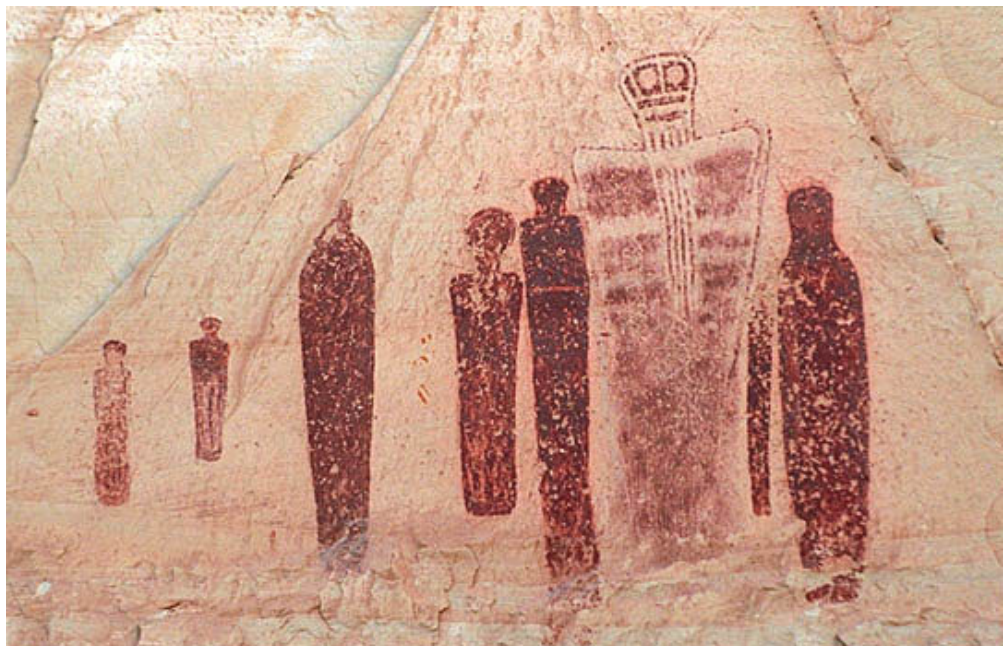
## **COMMUNITY GROUP MEETINGS & TALKS**

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

**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at REI SLC**

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. Meetings and presentations are free of charge and open to the



public. This evening, USAS presents Dr. David Chapman of the University of Utah, who will be speaking about global warming and climate change. Visit [www.utaharchaeology.org](http://www.utaharchaeology.org).

## **UTAH WHITEWATER CLUB**

**Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at REI SLC**

The UWC is a small but dedicated group of enthusiastic paddlers dedicated to promoting the sport of canoeing, kayaking, and rafting. Formed in Salt Lake City in 1991 by a small but persistent group of local paddlers, the UWC now has membership into the hundreds. Activities and interests of the club include instruction, safety, organized trips, river issue advocacy, and having fun. Meetings and presentations are free of charge and open to the public. Check out [www.utahwhitewaterclub.org](http://www.utahwhitewaterclub.org) for more information.

## **FLYING HIGH AT ANTELOPE ISLAND BALLOON STAMPEDE**

Syracuse - Visit Antelope Island State Park for a hot air balloon festival - the Antelope Island Balloon Stampede Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22. This largest island in the Great Salt Lake will be a spectacular setting for this event.

Activities begin Friday evening at 5 p.m. Enjoy good food and stroll through vendor booths, then, watch as balloonists fly above Antelope Island and the Great Salt Lake. Family entertainment continues through 10 p.m. with a balloon glow at dusk and a performance by Mid-Life Crisis.



State park gates open at 5:30 a.m. Saturday. A flag raising ceremony by the Clearfield High Cadets/Smoke Jumpers is at dawn, followed by breakfast by the Layton Rotary Club from 7 to 11 a.m. Balloons are expected to launch between 7 and 8 a.m.

Enjoy the island throughout the day visiting vendor booths, and enjoying live music, dancers, the Kids' Corral, and the Historic Fielding Garr Ranch. A balloon glow will be held at dusk, followed by the music of Full Circle. Activities continue until 10 p.m.

All balloon events depend on weather conditions. The cost is \$10 per vehicle. For more information, call (801) 593-2200 or visit [www.antelopeballoons.com](http://www.antelopeballoons.com).

### **Burn Planned at Bear River Refuge in October**

The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge will be conducting a prescribed burn the first week of October. Just over 1,000 acres will be burned in two wetland management units - 2B and 2C.

These units are adjacent to the Refuge's auto tour route, and are part of the area open to hunting. Burning is expected to be completed in one day with monitoring by staff to follow until the fire is declared out. The objectives of the prescribed burn are to control an invasive wetland plant species and reduce hazardous fuels.

The Refuge is attempting to decrease the number of wetland acres occupied by an invasive plant species known as Phragmites. It has little value to wildlife and often displaces more desirable plant species that provide food and cover to wild birds.



The strategy to control this plant is to apply an herbicide in the fall when the plant is drawing resources to the roots and rhizomes and follow up with a prescribed burn. The use of prescribed fire following herbicide application has several benefits.

- 1) Fire removes prior years growth, allowing for better visual inspection of the effectiveness of the treatment. Areas needing follow-up treatment are also more accessible.
- 2) Open areas created by fire allow for easier seed germination by desirable wetland plants, whose seeds are already present in the soil.
- 3) Open space desired by migratory birds is created.

During the burn, the public will not be allowed in the units due to the hazardous nature of the activity. Adjacent units may also be closed during the burn to avoid any possible risk to the public.

Please contact Greg Mullin at (435) 734-6435 or the refuge at (435) 723-5887 for further information. You may also visit the Refuge web site at <http://bearriver.fws.gov> for more detailed information on Phragmites control.