



2020 Wildcat Hills Weekend Programs

Wildcat Weekends!

The Wildcat Hills Nature Center is pleased to offer Wildcat Weekends! A variety of programs will be offered at the Wildcat Hills Nature Center one Saturday a month (*unless otherwise noted). Best of all, most programs are FREE! A valid 2020 Nebraska State Park permit is required. For more information about these events or to register (when applicable), contact the Nature Center at 308-436-3777 or ngpc.wildcat.hills@nebraska.gov

January 1, 2020 at 1:00pm MT- First Day Hike

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

February 22, 2020 at 10:00am MT – Winter Wildlife Tracking

Come and investigate tracks and other signs that winter-time animals leave behind.

March 21, 2020 at 10:00am MT- Spring Equinox: Traditions and Celebrations: Explore the traditions and celebrations held to mark the incoming spring. These unusual spring traditions might just spark a new tradition for your family!

April 4, 2020 - Snipe: Reality or Legend

Uncover the myths and realities behind this legendary animal.

May 16, 2020 Wildlands Day/Free Park Entry Day

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

*Friday, June 5, 2020 at 7:00pm MT-Wildflower Walk

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

July 11, 2020 at 1:00pm and 3:00pm MT– Snakes of Nebraska

Dennis Ferraro, a herpetologist for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will give two presentations on Saturday. During each, he will present an up-close-and-personal look at some of the most common snakes of Nebraska.

July 17 at 6pm and July 18 at 8am MT; Wildcat Hills Bioblitz

Join natural resource experts and community volunteers as we discover the biodiversity of the Wildcat Hills! Work together with scientist to get a count of organisms that live in a place.

August 15, 2020 at 8:30pm MT– Night Sky

Bring a blanket and lay beneath the stars! Explore constellations, mythology and much more! This is a great opportunity to watch the Perseids meteor shower, one of the best meteors showers of the year!!

September 26, 2020 at MT– Owl Prowl

Discover our feathered creatures of the night with a guided Owl Prowl! We hope to call in these mysterious creatures of the dark and learn about their fascinating adaptations! Please pre-register by Sept 21, 2020.

October 10, 2020 at 10:00 am MT– Fantastic Fossils!

Come celebrate National Fossil Day at Wildcat Hills. Uncover the prehistoric animals that called this are home.

November 7, 2020 at 10:00am MT–Wildlife and Watercolors

Express your artistic side! Try your hand at watercolor painting, while enjoying nature at the Wildcat Hills. Please pre-register by Oct 30, 2020 for this event at 308-436-3777. Cost for this program will be \$10 to cover the cost of supplies. Light refreshments will be served.

December 14, 2020 at 10:00am MT- Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Flock on over to this family-friendly, birding event. Learn more about the birds that call Wildcat Hills home during the winter while participating in the longest running community science project in the country! Please dress for the weather (warm coats, boots, etc) as we will be going outside hiking for the count.



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