



## Flathead Lake State Park

### 2018 Spring/Summer Special Events and Programs

For more information on any of Flathead Lake State Park's Programs, please call Assistant Park Manager Aletheia McCurry at 406-837-3041 ext. 2.

***In addition to the programs below, ranger-led hikes and evening campground programs will be occurring around the lake in June, July, and August. Check our Guided Hikes and Evening Campground Programs Guide for dates and locations!***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saturday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Flathead Lake Community Mussel Walk-</b> Join the Flathead Lake Lakers, the Flathead Lake Bio Station, and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes on a shoreline mussel walk to learn how to identify invasive mussels, report something suspicious, and how to spread the message, not the mussel!	2:00pm	Free	Wayfarers: Birch Grove Picnic Shelter
Saturday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Earth Day Volunteer Event and Guided Hike-</b> Come celebrate Earth Day by joining together to get Wayfarers ready for summer! Spend the day enjoying the outdoors. There will be multiple projects including picking up trash, sealing trail signs, and cleaning picnic tables. Snacks will be	10:00am	Free	Wayfarers: Birch Grove Picnic Shelter

	provided, and you are invited to join us on a ranger-led hike after the volunteer event!			
Saturday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Birds of a Feather-</b> Flock together! Join a ranger on a short, 1.5 mile hike to look for birds around the park and learn about some common and interesting species. A water bottle, sturdy shoes, and weather appropriate clothing are suggested. Binoculars and field guides will be provided.	10:00am	\$4/Person	Wayfarers: Flathead Lake Ranger Station
Thursday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Birds of a Feather-</b> Flock together! Join a ranger on a short, 1.5 mile hike to look for birds around the park and learn about some common and interesting species. A water bottle, sturdy shoes, and weather appropriate clothing are suggested. Binoculars and field guides will be provided.	6:00pm	\$4/Person	Wayfarers: Flathead Lake Ranger Station
TBD May	<b>Medicinal/Edible Plant Hike-</b> Join local expert Thomas Tracey and learn about some of the many uses for all the plants blooming around us.	TBD	\$4/Person	Wayfarers: Flathead Lake Ranger Station
Saturday and Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Flathead Lake State Park Paddlefest-</b> Come celebrate paddlesports in this family friendly park festival! Try out some kayaks and SUPs, participate in fun events and races, and learn about Flathead Lake!	Saturday 10:00am- 5:00pm, Sunday 10:00am- 2:00pm	Free	Wayfarers: Beach Area
Saturday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>National Trails Day-</b> Meet new people in your area and give back to your local parks by helping to beautify and protect our trails! This year will focus on maintaining the habitat and trails of Wild Horse Island.	TBD	Free	Wild Horse Island (Contact 406-837-3041 for transportation and meeting location)
TBD June	<b>Medicinal/Edible Plant Hike-</b> Join local expert Thomas Tracey and learn about some of the many uses for all the plants blooming around us.	5:30pm- 7:00pm	\$4/Person	Wayfarers: Flathead Lake Ranger Station

Friday June 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>New Innovations in Environmental Sciences and Conservation-</b> Join Flathead Lake Biological Station's Dr. Cody Youngbull to explore his research in trace DNA sensors. This is the first in a three-part speaker series.	7:00pm	Free for registered campers, \$4/visitor	Wayfarers: Birch Grove Picnic Shelter
Saturday June 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Junior Ranger Day-</b> Drop by to chat with a ranger, learn about the park and Flathead Lake, and earn your junior ranger badge!	12:00pm-3:00pm	Free	Wayfarers: Flathead Lake Ranger Station
Saturday June 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>New Innovations in Environmental Sciences and Conservation-</b> Join Flathead Lake Biological Station's Diane Whited to explore the world of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and their applications in science and conservation. If weather allows, see a drone demonstration over the park! This is the second in a three-part speaker series.	7:00pm	Free for registered campers, \$4/visitor	Wayfarers: Birch Grove Picnic Shelter
Wednesday July 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Little Park Explorers-</b> This one hour program designed for children ages 4 through 7 gives kids a chance to get outside and learn about the great outdoors! This is the first in a four-part series, although participants need not attend all four. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.	11:00am	\$4/child or \$10/family	Wayfarers: Flathead Lake Ranger Station
Friday July 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>New Innovations in Environmental Sciences and Conservation-</b> Join local expert Ky Zimmerman to explore the world of Unmanned Underwater Vehicles (UUVs) and their applications in science and conservation. If weather allows, see a drone demonstration in Flathead Lake! This is the third program in a three-part speaker series.	7:00pm	Free for registered campers, \$4/visitor or \$10/family	Wayfarers: Birch Grove Picnic Shelter
Wednesday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Little Park Explorers-</b> This one hour program designed for children ages 4 through 7 gives kids a chance to get outside and	11:00am	\$4/child or \$10/family	Wayfarers: Flathead Lake Ranger Station

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Friday July 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Raptors Around Us-</b> Rescued ospreys, hawks, kestrels, and falcons from Montana Wild Wings will help us explore the adaptations these remarkable animals have that allow them to thrive in Flathead Valley.	7:00pm	Free for registered campers, \$4/visitor or \$10/family	Wayfarers: Harry Horn Picnic Shelter
Wednesday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Little Park Explorers-</b> This one hour program designed for children ages 4 through 7 gives kids a chance to get outside and learn about the great outdoors! This is the first in a four-part series, although participants need not attend all four. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.	11:00am	\$4/child or \$10/family	Wayfarers: Flathead Lake Ranger Station
Wednesday, August 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Little Park Explorers-</b> This one hour program designed for children ages 4 through 7 gives kids a chance to get outside and learn about the great outdoors! This is the first in a four-part series, although participants need not attend all four. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.	11:00am	\$4/child or \$10/family	Wayfarers: Flathead Lake Ranger Station
Friday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Something to Hoot About-</b> Join a ranger and explore the amazing adaptations that allow owls to thrive in diverse ecosystems, and discuss threats to their habitat today. After the program, Montana Wild Wings Recovery Center will introduce visitors to several live owls. Visitors may even learn to hoot hello to an owl!	7:00pm	Free for registered campers, \$4/visitor or \$10/family	Wayfarers: Harry Horn Picnic Shelter
Saturday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fish of Flathead Lake-</b> Make your own fish prints, or <i>Gyotaku</i> art, and learn about some of the species of fish that make their home in Flathead Lake. Reservations are required as space is limited.	7:00pm	\$4/visitor or \$10/family	Wayfarers: Harry Horn Picnic Shelter

Friday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Guest Speaker-</b> Chris Hammond, wildlife biologist for Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks will discuss some of his research on the remarkable non-game species that make their home in the Flathead Valley.	7:00pm	Free for registered campers, \$4/visitor or \$10/family	Wayfarers: Harry Horn Picnic Shelter
Saturday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Art in the Park-</b> Enjoy an evening along Flathead Lake at this park fundraiser featuring the work of several local artists. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.	TBD	Admission is Free	Wayfarers: Birch Grove Picnic Shelter
Saturday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>National Public Lands Day-</b> Love your parks? Join us on National Public Lands Day to help improve park lands! Projects will include litter pickup along the shores of Flathead Lake, weed pulling, and refinishing picnic tables. Tools will be provided. Bring your own work gloves and sunscreen, and dress for outdoor work. A free lunch will be provided to volunteers in celebration of National Public Lands Day!	10:00am	Free	Wayfarers: Birch Grove Picnic Shelter

*\*Schedules are subject to change, please check back frequently. For current information, call the Flathead Lake Ranger Station at 406-837-3041.*