

Lafayette Open Space Programs, 2019

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FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 20, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Flying WILD Workshop for Teachers / Educators at Ryan Elementary School, 1405 Centaur Village Dr, Lafayette, CO – a hands-on, interactive workshop that's all about birds! This workshop, presented by Jennifer Standlee, the **Northeast Region Education Coordinator for Colorado Parks and Wildlife**, will include avian biology, migratory bird facts, bird identification and more. Participants will receive a [Flying WILD curriculum book](#) and many ideas about how to incorporate bird education into classrooms and beyond. This curriculum is primarily aimed at middle school students, but is very adaptable for students of all ages. Teachers, environmental educators and others are encouraged to attend. Snacks and drinks provided.

This is a free workshop – all costs (\$10/person) are being donated by Lafayette Open Space. The workshop is among many bird related "[Lafayette birds!](#)" activities and programs. Spaces are limited. Register by e-mailing Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com

Sunday, February 24, 3:30 p.m. Stories of the Land – A Family Storytelling Event to Celebrate Lafayette's Open Spaces at East Simpson Coffee Co. (414 E Simpson St, Lafayette) - Enjoy tales celebrating the connection of people to the places they live. Celebrate Mother Nature and the many beautiful Open Spaces of Lafayette. Storytellers, Eric Patterson and Wynn Montgomery will tell folktales, legends, and myths as well as help participants learn about Lafayette Open Space. This program will take place in "The Hive" at East Simpson Coffee Co., a perfect place for wintertime storytelling! This is a free activity for families with kids 7 and up (adults without families welcome, too). Participants are encouraged to come early and get hot chocolate, other drinks or a snack! For more info and to RSVP, contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com

MARCH

Wednesday, March 13, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Put Your Heart into Open Space! A brisk walk & outdoor exploration all in one! Starts at Lafayette Rec Center (111 West Baseline Road) – Get your blood pumping and your brain engaged with a brisk 3 mile walk through the Outdoor Classroom and Rothman Open Spaces. This event, led by naturalist, Martin Ogle, and the Rec Center's Fitness Coordinator, Liz Negrey, will offer moderate exercise (and tips **about** exercise) as well as fascinating stories about our local natural and human history. Come to better know your local surroundings in a healthy and fun way with fellow walkers!

We'll meet in the lobby of Lafayette Rec Center and proceed to the outdoor classroom amphitheater for a warmup. We'll then walk at a moderate pace with just a few stops for stories about the area and refreshment (bring water and a snack). This walk will take place regardless of weather. For more info and to **RSVP (required)** contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com.

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. *Reptiles and Amphibians of Boulder County* at Lafayette Public Library, 775 W. Baseline Road - This program is by local reptile and amphibian expert, Cameron Young, of **My Nature Lab**. Come learn about the "herpetofauna" of our region. Some live specimens will be available for viewing. *No reservations are required for this event*, but contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com with any questions.

APRIL

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. *Bird Watching and Bird Appreciation for Families, Kids and Youth* at Lafayette Public Library, 775 W. Baseline Road – Enjoy a short talk on Ferruginous Hawks by 6th grader Owen Robertson, followed by fun, hands-on activities for kids, youth and families that open up the wonderful world of birds. Activities will include bird ID games, a fun activity on how to use binoculars (by JAX Outdoor Gear), learning about the "Lafayette Birding Passport" and more! This program is part of Lafayette Open Space's year-long initiative called "Lafayette birds!" and will help Lafayette in its quest to be designated Colorado's first "Bird City." No reservations are required for this event, but contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com with questions.

Starting on April 21 and continuing through October! Sunday April 21, 1-3 p.m.

Educational trailhead stations at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) - Join Lafayette Open Space volunteers for an informal display of local natural history and human history located at the Public Road trailhead of Coal Creek, ½ mile south of S. Boulder Road. Show and tell items, interactive activities and other educational materials are featured. Check it out before or during your family walk or bike ride on Coal Creek! The initial session will feature a variety of activities and exhibits especially for Earth Day!

Subsequent sessions will be held on the 1st Saturday & 4th Sunday of each month, May – Oct.

Times vary to avoid summer heat: **Saturdays May 11 (1-3 pm), June 8 (9 a.m. – Noon), July 13 (9 a.m. – Noon), August 10 (9 a.m. – Noon), September 14 (9 a.m. – Noon), October 12 (1-3 pm) / **Sundays**, May 26 (1-3 pm), June 23 (9 a.m. – Noon), July 28 (9 a.m. – Noon), August 25 (9 a.m. – Noon), September 29 (1-3 pm) and October 27 (1-3 pm).**

MAY

Starting on Sunday, May 5 and continuing through November! Sunday, May 5, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. "*Lafayette birds!*" **An ongoing birdwatching opportunity for beginning birders (families & adults) at Greenlee Wildlife Preserve - Beginning birders are invited to experience the fun and discovery of birdwatching at Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, **1-3 p.m. on the first Sunday of each Month May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3.** Knowledgeable birdwatchers will be on hand each Sunday with binoculars, spotting scopes and learning tools to bring the world of birds alive. View ducks, herons and other water birds as well as a variety of songbirds. Learn how to use binoculars and field guides and even how to recognize birds by sound! Enjoy show and tell items to enrich the understanding of birds for people of all ages. "Birds" is a verb . . . come join in the fun!**

Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, a marsh adjacent to Waneka Lake, is a property of Lafayette Open Space. To reach the site, park at the east parking lot for Waneka Lake (where Emma St. ends at Caria Dr. in

Lafayette) and walk 1/3 mile around the N.E. side of the Waneka Lake trail. Signs will direct participants to the viewing platform at the marsh. **Please note:** Children and youth must be accompanied by parents. No RSVP required; drop in at any time. If you have questions, please contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com

Saturday, May 11, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) - See April 21 listing above, for other details., This May 11 session will provide an opportunity for grandparents who want to learn tips and information on how to be outdoor mentors for their grandchildren! No RSVP needed.

Sunday, May 12, 2 p.m. Mothers Day Outing on Coal Creek – Meet at Public Road trailhead – Celebrate Mothers' Day with a walk along Coal Creek. This family walk, led by naturalist, Martin Ogle is a great opportunity to enjoy a spring day, learn about the natural and human history of Coal Creek and thank Mom all at the same time! This free, public program is for adults and children age 6 is a program of Lafayette Open Space. RSVP is required. To RSVP and for more information, contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com.

Wednesday, May 15 6 p.m. Bats of Boulder County at Lafayette Public Library, 775 W. Baseline Road – Although seldom noticed, bats are all around us. These furry flyers are an important part of our landscape and a wonderful way to appreciate life and further understand our place! Join bat expert (and University of Northern Colorado Professor) Rick Adams, to learn about the wonderful and secretive world of bats including big brown bats, little brown bats, silver haired bats and even Townsend's big-eared bats! The ecology and behavior of these and other bats will be explored, so echolocate your way to Lafayette Library and be a part of this special Open Space program! No reservations are required for this event, but contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com with any questions.

Saturday, May 25, 2:00 p.m. Discover a hidden Open Space in Lafayette; Public tour of Open Space and Three Leaf Farm – Come tour the most recent Lafayette Open Space acquisition – a 6 acre property along Coal Creek adjacent to Three Leaf Farm. Although small in size and bordered by Highway 287, this Open Space is a little gem, offering excellent wildlife habitat, flood control and other values. This public tour will offer Lafayette Citizens an opportunity to discover the site's natural history and also receive a look at Three Leaf Farm to learn about the farm's operations, the vegetables and herbs grown, and more. Space is limited; RSVP early to Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com.

Sunday, May 26, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – See April 21 listing above, for other details.,

JUNE

Sunday, June 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Lafayette birds!” – An ongoing birdwatching opportunity for beginning birders (families & adults) at Greenlee Wildlife Preserve - See Lafayette Birds! Listing in May for full details

Saturday, June 8, 9:00 – Noon Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – See April 21 listing above, for other details.,

Sunday, June 23, 9:00 – Noon Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – See April 21 listing above, for other details.,

Saturday, June 29, 4 p.m. Hidden Stories of Waneka Lake; Guided Tour of the Waneka Lake Area. Starts at Waneka Lake Boathouse – Waneka Lake and nearby Open Spaces have an amazing story to tell – one of pioneers and power plants; wildlife and waterways; farming and families . . . and much more. This leisurely 1.5 mile will be led by naturalist, Martin Ogle, and build off of a self-guiding pamphlet and Activate Lafayette smartphone app. It begins at the Lake Waneka Boathouse on the Waneka West Parking Lot off of Caria Dr. in Lafayette. For more information and to **RSVP (required)** contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com.