

July – December, 2019 Programs

Lafayette Open Space

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JULY

Sunday, July 7, 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 – Nov. Knowledgeable birdwatchers will be on hand 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! To reach Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, 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. **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, July 13, 9:00 – Noon Educational trailhead station 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! **Subsequent sessions will be held on the 1st Saturday & 4th Sunday of each month, May – Oct. Times vary to avoid summer heat – see listings below for times.**

Wednesday, July 17, 8 p.m. Bats in our Midst; Searching for bats at Waneka Lake Boathouse – Join Professor Rick Adams, a bat expert from University of Northern Colorado, in search of bats that inhabit Lafayette. We'll explore the area around Waneka Lake with the aid of bat finding technology that renders the sounds of bats hearable by human beings. This program is a follow up to a program at Lafayette Library in May, but is open to those who did not attend that program. Space is limited, however, and an RSVP is required. Contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com

Saturday, July 20, 3:30 p.m. – Sounds in Nature program with Lafayette Cultural Arts Committee - for families. This program will begin with Adjei showcasing traditional West African instruments that participants will also have the opportunity to hold and play. We will progress to stations that feature bird song, sound maps, the sounds of trees and even singing bowls! And, naturalist Martin Ogle will lead a short walk through Open Space to listen for birds, wind and trickling water. Our time together ends with a short concert of Ghanaian music and story by Adjei. **“Mate Masie” – the title of our program** – is a Ghanaian term that means “What I hear, I keep.” Come hear Lafayette speak to you, expand your understanding, and take home a beautiful memory! The Outdoor Classroom is located just north of Pioneer Elementary School and the Lafayette Rec Center. Offered at no charge but please RSVP for this program at www.cityoflafayette.com/activities

Sunday, July 28, 9:00 – Noon Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – See July 13 listing, above.

AUGUST

Saturday, August 3, 10 am – Noon Creatures of the Creek – Hands-on Discovery of Life in and around Coal Creek - Be a part of a fascinating morning of discovering the life of Coal Creek! Find the fish, inspect the insects, binocular the birds and mind the mammals! Lots of hands-on exploration as well as expert guidance to help you become familiar with the beautiful Coal Creek corridor! This program is for adults and families with children age 8 and older. We will meet at the entrance for Coal Creek at the end of Elysian Field Drive. Reservations required. **To RSVP** / for more info, contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com

Sunday, August 4, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Lafayette birds!” – An ongoing birdwatching opportunity for beginning birders (families & adults) at Greenlee Wildlife Preserve - See July 7 listing, above, for full details.

Saturday, August 10, 9:00 – Noon Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – – See July 13 listing, above.

Sunday, August 25, 9:00 – Noon Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – See July 13 listing, above.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 8, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Lafayette birds!” – An ongoing birdwatching opportunity for beginning birders (families & adults) at Greenlee Wildlife Preserve - See July 7 listing, above, for full details.

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 – Noon Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – – See July 13 listing, above.

Sunday, September 22, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – In celebration of World Migratory Bird Day: 6th Annual “Celebrating Bird Migration” at Waneka Lake and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve. Explore the wonderful world of birds in a beautiful place! See a live falcon and other birds of prey up close and view birds in the wild through spotting scopes and binoculars. . Learn about migration, marshes and the role avian friends play in our lives. Enjoy games, art projects and a scavenger hunt. These and other activities will be featured at the 6th Annual “Celebrating Bird Migration” at Lafayette’s Waneka Lake and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve Open Space. We will also promote the 2019

World Migratory Bird Day theme Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution. The 1/3 mile walking path between the parking area and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve will feature several local organizations with great activities and displays to offer. This free, public event is suitable for all ages and will also feature an array of fine door prizes. It begins at the Waneka Lake East parking lot, where Emma St. ends at Caria Drive in Lafayette. For more information, contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com or 720-612-0506.

Sunday, September 29, 1-3 p.m. - Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – See July 13 listing, above.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 6, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Lafayette birds!” – An ongoing birdwatching opportunity for beginning birders (families & adults) at Greenlee Wildlife Preserve - See July 7 listing, above, for full details.

Saturday, October 12, 1 – 3 p.m. - Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – See July 13 listing, above.

Sunday, October 13, 1 p.m. Hidden Stories along Coal Creek; A guided tour - As we walk or bike along Coal Creek in Lafayette, we often pass natural wonders and subtle signs of our area’s human history without even knowing they are there! But, this stream corridor has an amazing story to tell – one of pioneers and coal mines; wildlife and ancient rocks; waterways; farming and stage-coach stops . . . and much more. This guided tour will be led by naturalist, Martin Ogle and feature stories that will be part of a self-guiding pamphlet. This leisurely 3 mile walk begins and ends at the Public Road trailhead on Coal Creek. For more information and to **RSVP (required)** contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com.

Wednesday, October 23, 6:00 p.m. Nature's Ark: The Endangered Species Act A presentation at Lafayette Public Library, 775 W. Baseline Rd. – In 1973 Congress authorized the Endangered Species Act (ESA) – perhaps the most important piece of environmental legislation ever passed in the United States. Forty-six years later this law has saved over 90 percent of all species that were listed as endangered. To celebrate this milestone, attend this evening lecture by Jeff Maugans, retired Rocky Mountain National Park naturalist. Success stories as well as continuing issues and concerns will be discussed during this audio-visual event. Despite the many positive achievements, it is more important than ever that wildlife organizations, governments and the general public work together to protect the future for our nation’s rich wildlife legacy.

Sunday, October 27, 1 – 3 p.m. Educational trailhead station at Coal Creek (Public Road Trailhead) – See July 13 listing, above.

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 3, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Lafayette birds!” – An ongoing birdwatching opportunity for beginning birders (families & adults) at Greenlee Wildlife Preserve - See July 7 listing, above, for full details.

Thursday, November 7, 6:30 p.m. **Energy & Life! A fun, informative program for adults and youth on how energy works at Lafayette Public Library, 775 W. Baseline Rd.** Everybody is talking about energy these days . . . what’s it all about? This program is a fun, hands-on, and substantive introduction to energy basics. How does energy flow through and enable life on Earth? How have humans used energy in the past and present? We’ll explore photosynthesis, renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation, the history of energy in our community and much more in ways that will engage both adults and older children! This program will feature the “**Energy Bike,**” a bicycle hooked up to a generator and various electrical loads – from light bulbs to a hairdryer – for a fun, “hands and feet on” exploration of energy. This program is co-sponsored by Lafayette Open Space and the Lafayette Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee. For more information, contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com or 720-612-0506.

DECEMBER

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m. **Geology of Colorado; A Firm Foundation of History and our Lives Today at Lafayette Public Library, 775 W. Baseline Rd.** The opening line for Professor, Lon Abbott’s University of Colorado webpage states that he “fell in love with mountains during his Boulder youth.” He brings that love of the mountains - and the rest of Colorado - to bear in this fun and accessible talk on Colorado geology. Rocks, landforms and Earth’s mighty forces are the subjects of exploration, but this talk is also about people. How has the geology of our state affected our lives through all of history as well as today? This program, sponsored by Lafayette Open Space, will help you appreciate both the human and natural history of our home! This program is for adults and teens. Questions? Please contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com .

Sunday, December 8, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Holiday Ornaments from Open Space Make your own ornaments from seedpods, willow and more!** At [The Collective – Lafayette’s Community Arts Center](#). Bring Open Space into your home for the holiday season! Make a milkweed mouse, a willow star, a grass wreath or anything else you can imagine from materials from Lafayette Open Spaces! This program, for adults and accompanied children age 8 and older, will be a holiday favorite! Spaces are limited and the cost is \$10. RSVP to Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com

Saturday, December 14, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Sounds of Nature - Family Nature Outing on Coal Creek** - Take a break from the holiday rush with a family outing on Coal Creek Trail in Lafayette! Slow down to enjoy the winter scenery and explore the sounds of nature with naturalist, Martin Ogle. This walk is for adults and children age 8 and older. Adults without kids welcome too. (Because of the nature of the program, limited spaces and potentially cold

weather, please adhere to the age limit). Meet at the Entrance to Coal Creek just south of Ryan Elementary School where Centaur Village Drive ends at Centaur Circle. RSVP Required: Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com

T.B.A. - Community forum activity