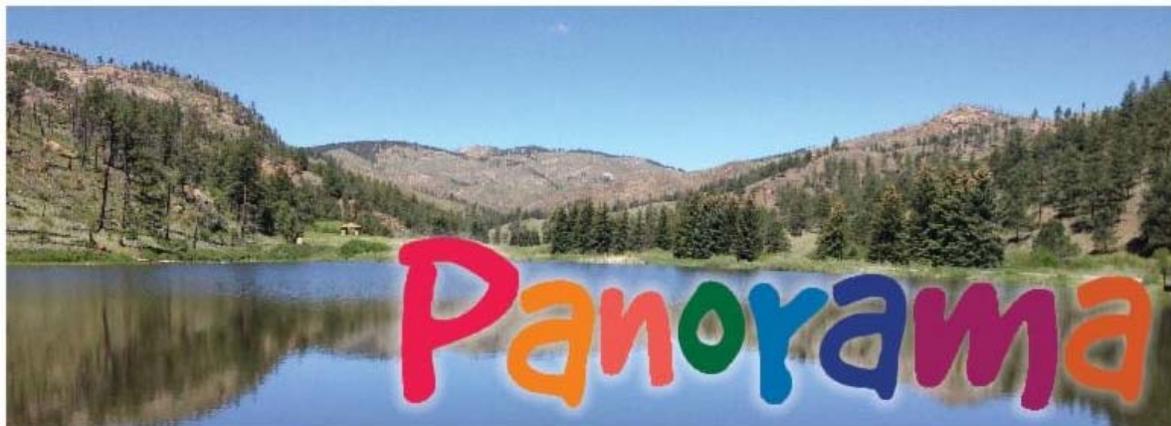


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Summer Is Swingin' at Hiwan

This summer things are hoppin' at Hiwan! The series of summer events and exhibits at Hiwan Homestead Museum are sponsored and funded by Jefferson County Historical Society, with the help of many local donors.



John Steinle
Hiwan Homestead Museum

Opening July 1, the dynamic "Remembering Our People: Camp Neosho Through Hiwan Ranch" exhibit traces the life stories of the many family members, servants and friends who made Hiwan Homestead Museum the home that it was for two prominent families, the Douglasses and the Buchanans. This exhibit will be showing until late November.

Hiwan is also a favorite for local youngsters, whether its our Hiwan Kids Craft Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays or the Children's Old West Party coming up July 28. Craft classes include "Slime Time," "Dig It! Archaeology for Kids," "Colorado Pioneer Cooking," "Suminagashi! Japanese Paper Crafts" and "Native Americans."

Outdoor movies are a classic summer tradition, and Hiwan cranks it up a notch with our Movie in the Grove series. Join us for "Lassie

Come Home" July 26. The silent film classic "Steamboat Bill, Jr." on August 9 will be accompanied by music from famed pianist Hank Troy!

Hiwan will wrap up the summer with two major events: a free bluegrass concert from 3-5:30 p.m. August 2 and the Evergreen Fine Arts Festival, a juried show featuring artists from all over the country from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. August 27-28. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, weavings, jewelry, photography and much more are offered to the public in more than 100 booths.

For more information or to register for an event, please visit the [Hiwan Homestead Museum website](#) or call us at 720-497-7650.

Happy Trails,

John Steinle
History Education Supervisor
Hiwan Homestead Museum

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"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

News & Information

Crown Hill Wildlife Refuge Reopens -- The Crown Hill Park Wildlife Refuge opened June 30 following a seasonal closure to protect brooding waterfowl.

Apex Update -- Following an earlier-than-expected opening of Phase 2 at Apex Park on May 23, Jeffco Open Space reopened the lower Apex Trail triangle (Argos Trail to Pick 'N Sledge Trail to Apex Trail, and out to the trailhead) for recreation on Friday, June 13. To date, 8.8 of 9.5 trail miles (93%) have been reopened. For more information, please see our latest [news release](#).

Agriculture on Jeffco Open Space -- The newest edition of Outdoor Insights provides information about agriculture on JCOS land. What's allowed, and what are the benefits? View the [newsletter PDF](#) online .

Jeffco Open Space Celebrates Year of the Horse -- 2014 marks the Year of the Horse on the Chinese calendar. Help celebrate with two more special Share the Trail events involving Volunteer Equestrian Patrollers, Park Rangers and equestrian clubs. Fun and educational displays will center around trail etiquette between equestrians, bikers and hikers. Participants will take away an understanding of horses and how safety is a rider's primary concern. The remaining events are Sunday, July 20 at White Ranch Park and Saturday, September 13 at North Table Mountain Park.

Upcoming Native Plant Master Offerings -- Ready to renew your love of Colorado wildflowers, or how about participate in a Plant Treasure Hunt? It's a great time to get out and enjoy the outdoors while learning about the flowers you see blooming along the trails through the Native Plant Master® Program. We also offer indoor classes on plant families, basic botany and other plant-related topics. For a complete list of upcoming courses, please visit the CSU Extension [Eventbrite page](#). Register soon as offerings fill quickly. If you would like to receive notices of future openings, contact npmassistant@jeffco.us.

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Beautiful Boettcher



The Summer Garden at Boettcher Mansion

The garden at [Boettcher Mansion](#) is in full bloom, welcoming in visitors for weddings, meetings and tours during the mansion's busy event season.

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Stewardship Central

Summer Solstice Flood Recovery at Van Bibber Park

Jeffco Open Space hosted an extremely successful volunteer project at Van Bibber Park in celebration of the Summer Solstice on Saturday, June 21. Nearly 20 volunteers turned out to repair a flood-damaged trail with 50 tons of fill material. JCOS staff and helpers also closed and revegetated 400 feet of social trails. Once the work was completed, volunteers enjoyed ice cream (courtesy of King Soopers) and an informative presentation on coyotes. Many thanks to JCOS staffers Eric Fields, Tony Auciello, Duke Rowland, Kelly Bowser, Bob Eriksson and Mary Ann Bonnell for their hard work in making this volunteer event go-round.

Alderfer/Three Sisters Turnpike Completed!

The turnpike on the Wild Iris Loop is now completed, thanks to the dedicated work of staff and volunteers.

Remaining Flood Recovery Work

- **Apex Park** - Switchback work on Bonanza and Grubstake trails; tread cleanup on Sluicebox Trail; reroutes on Pick 'N Sledge, Grubstake and Poco Calle trails
- **Matthews/Winters Park** - Village Walk bridge abutment
- **North Table Mountain Park** - Reroute on Mesa Top Trail
- **Van Bibber Park** - Trail repair
- **White Ranch Park** - Finish treat work on Mustang and Wrangler's Run trails

For more information about ongoing volunteer opportunities in Jeffco Open Space Parks, please visit our [Eventbrite page](#).

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Summer Solstice Volunteer Event at Van Bibber Park



Goldenrod

Nature Notes

2014 Wildflower Festival: A Bloomin' Success!

Thank you to all of those who joined us on Sunday, June 8 at Lookout Mountain Nature Center for our annual Wildflower Festival.

This event would've not been possible without numerous volunteers and staff members from

Lookout Mountain Nature Center and Jefferson County Open Space. We had over 600 visitors throughout the day! If you weren't able to join us in 2014, we hope you'll consider visiting us next summer. We'll give you some reasons why...

Beautiful wildflowers dotted the preserve's hiking trails, which made for great naturalist-led wildflower hikes. Seasoned educational stations made their return from previous years including "Worrisome Weeds", "Drawing Wildflowers" and "Phenomenal Plant Parts". Return visitors also discovered new educational stations including "Beauty by Beetle" and "Plant Uses". Our native plant sale was also a great success and we were happy to see a variety of native plants heading home with our visitors. Visitors had the chance to become a flower with photo cut-out boards and receive a temporary face tattoo of their favorite wildflower.

Wildflowers still abound in the Jefferson County Open Space Parks. Pick your park and plan your visit. There's no doubt that you'll discover a beautiful wildflower along the trail. To help you identify some of these wildflowers, delve into the "Wildflowers of Lookout Mountain Nature Center" at:

- <http://jeffco.us/Parks/Documents/Lookout-Mountain-Nature-Center-Programs/Wildflowers-of-Lookout-Mountain-Nature-Center/>

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Your Health

The Four Ds of West Nile Virus Prevention

by Nancy Braden

Jefferson County Public Health

The recent rains followed by warm weather have increased the number of tiny flying insects in the county. At this time the majority of these insects are nuisance species like midges or gnats but the mosquito season is here and their numbers will increase in the coming weeks along with possible exposure to West Nile Virus. The best way to protect yourself, your family and your community from mosquito bites and the potential of contracting [West Nile Virus](#) is to follow the **Four Ds: Drain, Dusk/Dawn, Dress, DEET.**



Protect Yourself from Mosquitos
(photo courtesy Colorado Fight the Bite)

- **DRAIN:** Even the smallest containers like coffee and soda cans can be enough water for mosquitoes to lay eggs so everyone should thoroughly inspect all areas around their home and work for standing water and drain or empty all standing water.
- **DUSK/DAWN:** Take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing during evening and early morning (dusk and dawn) or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times when mosquitoes are most active.

- **DRESS:** Dress in long sleeves and pants during dusk and dawn or in areas where mosquitoes are active. Wearing light-colored clothing may also help prevent being bitten.
- **DEET, Picariden or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus:** Wear insect repellent containing either DEET, Picariden or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
 - Follow label instructions
 - Apply repellents to exposed skin and/or clothing.
 - Never use repellents over cuts, wounds or irritated skin
 - If using DEET, choose the concentration that best fits the amount of time spent outside. 25 percent DEET lasts up to 5 hours, 5 percent lasts 45-90 minutes. Use a concentration of 30 percent or less for children.
 - DEET should not be used on children less than 6 months of age. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children less than 3 years of age.

For more information about West Nile Virus, please visit the [JCPH website](#) or the [Colorado Fight the Bite](#) website.

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Hildebrand Ranch Park

Feature of the Month

Hildebrand Ranch Park

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Visitors enjoy diverse terrain at Hildebrand Ranch Park, whether they're down on the plains or high on the hogback. They also find greater solitude

here than in other Open Space Parks.

A nearly five-mile loop includes a wide-open experience on the Two Brands Trail, with gentle grades in the shadow of the Dakota, Lyons and Niobrara hogbacks. A 1.1-mile, hard-surface connector managed by South Suburban Park and Recreation District completes the circle.

The picturesque valley was once Native American hunting grounds. In 1866, Frank Hildebrand settled to graze cattle. Today the 1,450-acre park abounds with wildlife, including burrowing owls, prairie dogs, mule deer, and elk, with bears and mountain lions occasionally sighted.

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Events and Classes

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a hyperlink. The list has recently been updated to include the categories of Youth Events, Family Events and Adult Events.

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Colorado State University Extension - Jeffco
[\(full schedule\)](#)

Hiwan Homestead Museum

Jeffco Fairgrounds
[\(full schedule\)](#)

Lookout Mountain Nature Center
[\(register here\)](#)

Jeffco Open Space
[\(website\)](#)



Youth Events

Preschool Nature Nuts: Stinkers and Stickers

10:15 or 11:15 a.m. Thursday, July 3 (Lookout Mountain Nature Center)

What Colorado creatures come to mind when you hear STINKY and PRICKLY? Skunks and porcupines! Learn all about these fascinating forest friends, including why they do what they do (and what they DON'T do), and what you should do if one visits your neighborhood. (Ages 3-5, with an adult.)

Preschool Nature Nuts: Stinkers and Stickers

10:15 or 11:15 a.m. Saturday, July 5 (Lookout Mountain Nature Center)

What Colorado creatures come to mind when you hear STINKY and PRICKLY? Skunks and porcupines! Learn all about these fascinating forest friends, including why they do what they do (and what they DON'T do), and what you should do if one visits your neighborhood. (Ages 3-5, with an adult.)

Naturalist for 90 Minutes for Homeschoolers

1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 (White Ranch Park)

We choose the hike location, you choose the subject(s) to be discussed. (Ages 6-10, with an adult.)

Gross! Why do animals do that?!

10-11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 13 (Pine Valley Ranch Park)

Prepare to be grossed out! Find out why yucky things are important in nature and go on a hike with a naturalist to look for gross stuff out in the forest. (Ages 6-10, with an adult.)

Junior Rangers: Leave No Trace

10 a.m. Sunday, July 13 (Lair o' the Bear Park)

Junior Rangers are invited to this dynamic interactive program to learn the seven principals of Leave No Trace outdoor ethics. Kids who complete all stations during this self-paced program earn a badge. Registration not required. (All ages.)

Preschool Nature Nuts: Stinkers and Stickers

10:15 or 11:15 a.m. Thursday, July 17 (Lookout Mountain Nature Center)

What Colorado creatures come to mind when you hear STINKY and PRICKLY? Skunks and porcupines! Learn all about these fascinating forest friends, including why they do what they do (and what they DON'T do), and what you should do if one visits your neighborhood. (Ages 3-5, with an adult.)

Junior Naturalists: Insects

1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 20 (Lookout Mountain Nature Center)

From grasshoppers to mosquitoes, insects are everywhere. Join us for an afternoon of hiking and bug hunting to discover just how these little guys help everything grow and thrive. (Ages 6-10, with an adult.)



Family Events



Summer Wildflowers

9-11 a.m. Monday, July 14 (Flying J Ranch Park)

Walk with a Native Plant Master along easy trails. Explore various ways that native plants and wildlife interact. (Ages 10+.)

Campfire: Shh...Did You Hear That?!

6:30-8 p.m. Friday, July 18 (Lair o' the Bear Park)

Who makes noises in the night and why? Explore nighttime sounds as you walk with a naturalist. Enjoy s'mores after the program. (All ages.)

Campfire: Shh...Did You Hear That?!

6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 24 (Lair o' the Bear Park)

Who makes noises in the night and why? Explore nighttime sounds as you walk with a naturalist. Enjoy s'mores after the program. (All ages.)

The Universe from Mt. Falcon

9-10:30 p.m. Saturday July 26 (Mt. Falcon Park)

Why look up at the night sky? Discover night sky wonders through interactive stories and activities. This is a non-telescope evening. (All ages.)



Adult Events



Baehrden Historic Lodge Tours

11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Every Sunday through August (Pine Valley Ranch Park)

After being closed to the public for decades, this historic lodge is now re-open to the public! Built in 1927, Baehrden is a classic representation of the rustic Colorado Alpine style of architecture. Marvel at the newly restored Grand and Dining Rooms. Multiple tours will be offered. See website for more information. (Ages 10+.)

Vegetarian Trade Show

9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6 (Fairgrounds)

Master Gardeners in Courage Garden

9-11 a.m. Wednesday, July 9 (CSU Extension)

Colorado Gay Rodeo

8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 11-13 (Fairgrounds)

Sunrise and Moonset Full Buck Moon Yoga and Meditation

5:30-6:45 a.m. Saturday, July 12 (Windy Saddle Park)

Be awed by the power of the rising sun as well as the setting Full Buck Moon as we enjoy a peaceful yoga practice and meditation. Discover why Native Americans named it the Full Buck Moon and develop a new perspective on our foothills deer population. (Ages 13+.)

Jeffco Open Space Nature Journal Club: Sketching Wildflowers

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19 (Reynolds Park)

Strengthen your personal connection with the natural world by keeping a sketchbook nature journal. Develop basic drawing skills. After a quick potluck dinner, we will head outdoors to write and draw. (All ages.)

Military Collector's Show

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday, July 20 (Fairgrounds)

Wild Wild West Used Car Sale

8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 24-26 (Fairgrounds)

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