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SANDSTONE RANCH VISITORS & LEARNING CENTER

3001 Sandstone Drive | Longmont, CO 80504 | 303-651-8404

Visitors Center Hours:

Tuesdays 9am to noon, May 21 through Aug 27
Saturdays 10am-2pm, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, May 11 through Oct 26
Closed Aug 10, Sat

No pets allowed at the center or on trails due to wildlife.



Sandstone Ranch Group Tours

Nature, explore, and more!

Classes, organizations, families....

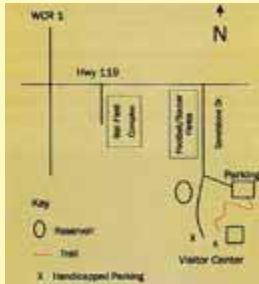
Call 303-774-4694 to schedule.

1Hr: \$3/person 2Hr: \$4/person

How to Get to Sandstone Ranch Visitors Center

Sandstone Ranch Visitors Center is located just east of Longmont on Highway 119.

The turn-off for the District Park and Visitors Center is one mile east of the Intersection of Highway 119 and Weld County Road 1. Drive south on Sandstone Drive (next to the football and soccer fields) and follow the directional signs to the Visitors Center/ Trailhead parking lot. Follow the walking trail down to the Visitors Center. Handicapped parking is available in front of the Visitors Center.



Discover a treasure of nature & history, just outside your door.

The Visitor Center includes hands-on displays on environmental features of the area, as well as history of the Coffin family who homesteaded the site, and other early Longmont history. There is no admission fee to the Visitor Center. A nature trail from the Visitor Center takes you past several historical buildings, near the sandstone bluffs, and includes a scenic overlook.

PROGRAMS AT SANDSTONE RANCH

The following workshops and programs have limited seating. Pre-registration for each person attending is encouraged either online at LongmontColorado.gov/vec or by calling 303-651-8404 a week in advance. Suggested donations, \$2 per child and \$4 per adult collected at the event, unless otherwise noted.

Guided Bird Walks

Local birding guide, Carl Starace, guides you around the loop trail to look & listen for local birds that migrate through or call Sandstone home. Please bring your binoculars and water. **These walks will start at the covered picnic shelter at the Southeast corner of the soccer field. No registration required.

May 7, Jun 4, Jul 9, or Aug 20, Tue, 8:30am

Night Sky Revealed:

Evening Astronomy Event

The Longmont Astronomical Society gives a short presentation and provide telescopes. View craters, rills & valleys on the moon: enjoy seeing Jupiter and its moons, take a summertime tour of globular clusters, nebulas & galaxies. Come explore some of the wonders in the night sky this summer at this outdoor event held near the historic barn. This is open to all ages. FREE

All ages: **May 10, Fr, 9-11pm** 347920

Tuesdays @ Sandstone

Drop in during open hours to explore the self-guided theme tables with information, examples, and activities relating to weekly themes related to Sandstone and its surrounding area (history, geology, nature, wildlife, etc). All ages welcome. Enjoy a walk out to the new bridges to see the beautiful views. **Please note: this is not a workshop or class.

May 21-Aug 27, Tuesdays, 9am-12pm

Fun Fridays

Come enjoy indoor & outdoor play with weekly themes & crafts, and Storytelling in the main room at 11am. Parking near house is limited, so use upper parking lot, & try to carpool. Bring sunscreen, water, snacks & washable clothes. *No July 5

2-10 yrs w/parent:

Jun 7-Jul 26*, Fridays, 9am-12pm

\$2 per child suggested donation for craft supplies

SATURDAYS @ SANDSTONE

Beginning Bird Watching

Learn the basics about bird watching: from how to use binoculars more efficiently, tips on identifying birds, to the most common ones you might find at Sandstone. This will start indoors and end with a walk around part of our loop trail, so dress for the weather. Bring binoculars if you have them.

10 & up: **May 11, Sat, 10:30am-12pm** 306205.A

Reptiles Talk

Do slimy or slithering critters get you exited? They do for volunteer Naturalist Roger Meyers who has been chasing after reptiles and amphibians for over eight decades. Meet Bobby the bull snake as Roger talks about the scaly denizens that call Sandstone Ranch their home.

10 & up: **Jun 8, Sat, 10:30am-12pm** 306112

Beginning Plants: Workshop & Walk

Join us for a fun morning of plant identification. Learn about the different parts of a flower and how to use a basic plant key. Weather permitting, we'll head out for a walk to practice keying out native flowers and shrubs. Dress for the weather, bring a sun hat, water, & a plant key or guide (if you have one). No prior plant knowledge is required.

16 & up: **Jun 22, Sat, 8:30am-12:30pm** 306223

Backyard Wildlife – A Family Workshop

Join volunteer naturalists for a fun, hands-on, outdoor program to learn about some of the animals that call Sandstone Open Space and your backyard home. After the program, visit the historic ranch house to learn about some of the interesting human history associated with this site. Best suited for children with adult companions.

Jul 27, Sat, 10:30am-12pm 306107.A

Rent the Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center

Whether you are looking to book a business retreat, a holiday potluck, a memorial of life or an outdoor wedding, come see what Sandstone Ranch has to offer!
Call 303-651-8443 to talk to our rental specialist.