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SANDSTONE RANCH VISITORS & LEARNING CENTER
3001 Sandstone Drive | Longmont, CO 80504 | 303-651-8404

Visitors Center Hours:

Mondays 9am to noon, May 4 through Aug 31
Saturdays 10am-2pm, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, May 9 through Oct 24
Closed: May 25, Mon, Jul 3, Fri & Aug 8, Sat

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

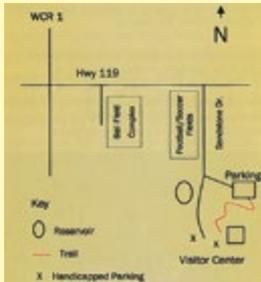


Sandstone Ranch Group Tours
Nature, explore, and more!

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 Visitors 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 Visitors Center. A nature trail from the Visitors 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/rec or by calling 303-651-8404 a week in advance. Suggested donations, \$2 per child and \$4 per adult, are 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 11, Jun 8, Jul 13, & Aug 17, Mon, 8:30am

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 9, Sat, 10:30am-12pm 306205.A

Amazing Insects

Join Russ Lambert, "The Bug Man", for this hands on & interactive talk about the insect & arachnid world. Learn about the value & importance of these sometimes misunderstood critters, as well as get to see part of a 600 specimen collection from butterflies to some spiders, & scorpions, including some from foreign nations.

10 & up:
May 23, Sat, 10:30am-12pm 306112

Mammals

Join volunteer naturalists for a fun, hands-on, outdoor program to learn about the mammals 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.

Jun 13, Sat, 10:30am-12pm 306107.A

Art Class: Card Making

Learn how to make your own greeting cards. Supplies to make 3-5 cards provided. Bring personal photos, if desired, to use as part of your projects. Class limited to 12.

10 & up:
Jun 27, Sat, 10:30am-12pm 306353

Draw from Nature: Nature Journaling

In this introduction to nature journaling class, a local artist guides you through the process of capturing what you see and putting it onto paper in your own unique style. Art supplies provided. Teens must be accompanied by an adult. Class limited to 10.

15 & up: **Jul 11, Sat, 10:30am-12:30pm 306354**

Mondays @ 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. *No May 25.**

May 4-Aug 31, Mondays, 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 3**

2-10 yrs w/parent:
Jun 5-Jul 31*, Fridays, 9am-12pm
\$2 per child suggested donation for craft supplies

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.