

WHAT IS A MOON WALK?

The Moon Walks purpose is to provide a family-oriented activity that introduces community to cultural and natural history of our area trails and lakes.

Through this introduction, we hope to foster an understanding and appreciation for these resources that will lead others toward stewardship of public lands.

A TYPICAL MOON WALK PROGRAM

Moon Walks are held on Wednesday evenings close to the official full moon and begin at 7:30 p.m. Most Moon Walks last from 1-2 hours.

We usually walk an average of 1 mile round trip. Each Moon Walk starts with a short introduction to the night's program, then we hike to a designated area where we enjoy presentations. Presenters are experts in their field and are from our local community. The evening wraps up with FREE smores!



The Moon walk evening experience includes traveling to the site. There is limited restroom availability. Dress in layers because the weather at the location may be different than it is in town. Pack water and snacks for the return trip.

Bring a flashlight for cloudy nights and don't forget the bug spray!

All Moon Walk times and places are subject to change due to the weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

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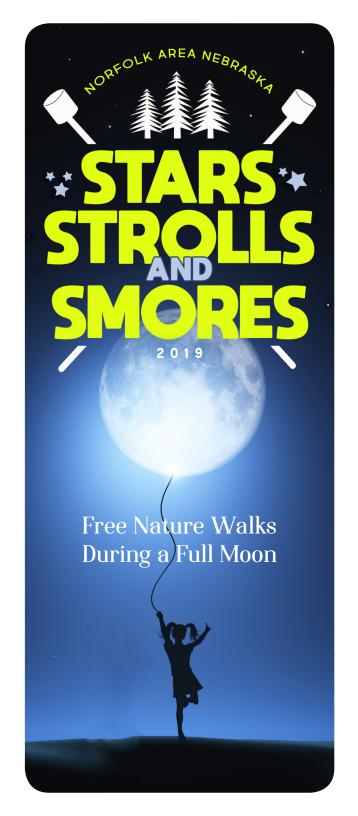












WEDNESDAY

MAY 22, 2019

7:30pm

WILLOW CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA

Pierce

Northwest Entrance: 852 1/2 Road & 547 Ave.



Jeremy A. White – Department of Biology, University of Nebraska at Omaha

BAT MIST NETTING

Mist nets will be set up, in the hopes of capturing and getting a close-up view of these flying mammals. We will also learn bat facts and the important role they play in a healthy ecosystem.

Jamie Bachmann – Wildlife Education Assistant, Northern Prairies Land Trust

MOON PHASE CRAZE

Better understand the moon's phases and why they repeat themselves about once every 29.5 days.

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 19, 2019

7:30pm

SKYVIEW LAKE

Norfolk

1900 West Maple Avenue: North side of park



Todd Young – Professor of Physics & Astronomy, Wayne State College

TELESCOPE 101 - STARGAZING APP

Beginner telescope tips and uses as well as identify stars, planets and constellations with your smartphone.

*RECOMMENDED: FREE DOWNLOADABLE APPS - SKY VIEW, NIGHT SKY OR SKY SAFARI.

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SNAKES OF NEBRASKA

Learn about different types of snakes that call Nebraska home.

WEDNESDAY

JULY 17, 2019

7:30pm

OAK VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Battle Creek

Heading West from Norfolk on Hwy 275, turn south on Hwy 121 towards Battle Creek. Approximately 2 miles south of the town of Battle Creek, turn West on 836 ½ Road. Follow 836 ½ Road as it curves south. Turn West on the marked service road to find our event. Roads will be marked with event signs.



Russ Hamer – Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Nebraska Games & Park Commission

NIGHT FISHING

Common tools, tricks of the trade and probably a story or two of the 'big one' that got away.

Patrick Cowsert, Resource Soil Scientist with Dan Gillespie & Marty Marx, Natural Resources Conservation Service

SOILS

Come explore the soil! Our most important natural resource but also the most overlooked. We will explore it at night. From origins to development to what lives there, we will take a close look at the resource that feeds us.