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NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: April Guided Hikes and Events in Larimer County's Open Spaces

For Immediate Release:

- Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. “Horsetooth Hounds” Join Naturalist Trish to find out the best ways to bring your best friend with you on your hikes at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space, located just west of Fort Collins off of CR38E. Bring your well-behaved pooch along with you and learn about dogs’ special needs and strategies for keeping them trail ready all year long. Approximately 2-hour hike. Program is free; no registration required. \$6 entrance permit per vehicle required. Hike rating: easy. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring along some water (for your dog as well) to drink. Please direct questions to Rob at (970) 679-4561.
- Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. “Moon over My Open Space” Join Naturalist Rob for a moonlit tour of Eagle’s Nest Open Space, located in Livermore, just off of CR74. The program will feature a short moonlit hike and discuss the moon in myth and legend as well as nocturnal critters. Approximately 1.5 hour program. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring along water and a flashlight (just in case). Hike rating: easy. Program is free; no registration required. For easy registration please go to <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/registration/index.cfm>. Limit 25 individuals per hike. Directions for where to meet hike leaders will follow registration via email. For questions, please call Rob at (970) 679-4561.
- Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. “Owls for All Occasions” Join Naturalist Bob for a program in the outdoor classroom at the Devil’s Backbone Open Space, located just west of Loveland, off of Hwy 34. Bob will reveal the mysteries of these secretive birds, and fill you in on their special adaptations for getting around at night and hunting. Approximately 45-minute *stationary* program. Program is free. **No registration required.** Please direct questions to Rob, at (970) 679-4561.
- Saturday, April 11, at 8:30 a.m. “Raven’s Reign” Join Naturalists Jay and Caroline for a program dedicated to ravens at the Devil’s Backbone Open Space, located just west of Loveland off of Hwy 34. This short hike around the Wild Loop will give you insight into these marvelous birds and why they chose to nest at the Devil’s Backbone. Hike rating: easy. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring along water for the trail. Program is free; no registration required. Please direct questions to Rob at (970) 679-4561.

- Wednesday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m. “Here Birdie, Birdie, Birdie” Join Naturalist Carl for an exploration of Fossil Creek Regional Open Space, located just west of Windsor on Hwy 392, to find all manner of birds. Check out the birds as they make their ways back to the reservoir for the spring season. Approximately 90-minute hike. Hike rating: easy. Program is free; no registration required. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring along water for the trail. Please direct questions to Rob at (970) 679-4561.
- Saturday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. “Wildflower Treasure Hunt” A new take on a classic nature walk at the Horsetooth Mountain Open Space, located just west of Fort Collins on CR38E. Join Naturalist Linda for a fun filled morning exploring the beautiful spring flowers and sharing your finds with the group. This program is great fun for all ages. Approximately 2 hour hike. Program is free; no registration required. \$6 entrance permit per vehicle required. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring along some water to drink. Please direct questions to Rob at (970) 679-4561.
- Saturday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. “Wiley Coyotes” Join Naturalist Bob for a program dedicated to the coyotes at the outdoor classroom of Fossil Creek Regional Open Space, located just west of Windsor off of Hwy 392. Bob will teach you the ways of these highly adaptive creatures and what to do if a coyote approaches you. Approximately 1-hour *stationary* program. Program is free; no registration required. Please direct questions to Rob at (970) 679-4561.
- Wednesday, April 22, at 5:30 p.m. “What’s in Bloom at the Backbone” Join Naturalists Caroline and Jay for an evening of wildflowers at the Devil’s Backbone Open Space, located just west of Loveland off of Hwy 34. Welcome wild flower season with a fun-filled hike around the Wild Loop. Hike rating: easy. Approximately 2-hour hike. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water to drink. Program is free, no registration required. Please direct questions to Rob at (970) 679-4561.
- Saturday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m. “Horsetooth Hounds” Join Naturalist Trish to find out the best ways to bring your best friend with you on your hikes at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space, located just west of Fort Collins off of CR38E. Bring your well-behaved pooch along with you and learn about dogs’ special needs and strategies for keeping them trail ready all year long. Approximately 2-hour hike. Program is free; no registration required. \$6 entrance permit per vehicle required. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring along some water (for your dog as well) to drink. Please direct questions to Rob at (970) 679-4561.
- Saturday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m. “Raven vs. Crow – You Decide” Join Naturalist Bob for a program dedicated to ravens, crows, and the differences between them at the outdoor classroom of the Devil’s Backbone Open Space, located just west of Loveland, off of Hwy. 34. Some of what you learn may surprise you! Approximately 1-hour *stationary* program. Program is free; no registration required. Please direct questions to Rob at (970) 679-4561.

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