

Barr Lake Boating and Bird Banding, Tentative date October 1, 2022
(subject to participant preferences and 2022 banding schedule)

Barr Lake State Park, located north of Denver International Airport (13401 Picadilly Rd., [Brighton](#), CO 80603), is known as a premier bird-watching area. A trail circles the lake, offering prime wildlife viewing and lots of fishing access. Birders can also enjoy the lake's calm waters (unless we get gale force winds) as powerboats are limited to electric trolling or gasoline motors of 10 horsepower or less. Spring and summer, the wildlife refuge south end of the lake is not accessible to boaters. In the fall, the restriction is lifted to allow full access although the lake is smaller due to draw down for summer irrigation. For more detail on the park, see the brochure and map at <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/barrlake/Documents/BarrAreaBro.pdf>

Each fall, the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies staffs a bird banding station and offers clinics to the public – by reservation only, limited to 12 participants in any clinic. Last year, from late August to late October the weekday clinics started at 7:30 am. Weekend clinics were scheduled at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00. See the Conservancy's bird banding introductory video at <https://www.birdconservancy.org/what-we-do/education/bird-banding/>

As fall approaches and the Bird Conservancy schedules their clinics, we will finalize an event date for those interested in attending the bird banding and/or boating. Bird banding fans will meet at the clinic location about a quarter mile north of the Visitor's Center (follow the signs). Boaters will meet at the boat ramp (follow a different set of signs) to unload watercraft and then park. Note that you can drive all the way down to the boat ramp to unload, but you have to park up a short ways above it while paddling. There are restrooms at the parking area.

Meeting times will be determined based on our reservation for the bird banding clinic and whether we boat before or after the clinic.

Entrance to the park is \$9 or with an annual CO State Parks pass. The bird banding clinic was \$6 in 2021. This is not ACA trip, so no ACA event fee will be required.

Contact Kathryn Mutz (gvmutz@gmail.com) with questions or if you want to be contacted when we are scheduling the date/time. If you expressed interest

on the online Trip Interest Survey, I already have your contact info and will get back to you as fall approaches.