

Activities at Ponca State Park

Monday, July 20

9-11 am Introduction to Archery; Shotguns—Introductory course for beginners 5 years and older for archery, 12 years and older for shotguns.. Participants will learn basic archery or shotgun skills—all equipment is provided. Shotgun participants will be able to shoot clay targets. Meet and pay at the archery or shotgun range in the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. **Cost is \$1/6 arrows, \$7/box of shells.**

1 pm Beginners Fishing Clinic- Tying knots, fish cleaning, safety concerns, fish ID, casting and other hands-on demonstrations will be presented. Meet at the Resource & Education Center. Bait and equipment provided. **Free.**

3pm Water & Wings- Participants will be introduced to aquatic macroinvertebrates by doing a hands-on learning activity and sorting through a bucket of bugs captured by our Naturalist staff on the Riverfront. **Free.**

Tuesday, July 21

9-11 am Introduction to Pellet Rifles -The shooting complex will offer introductory courses on Pellet Rifles, all equipment is provided. Must be 5 years or older to participate. Meet and pay at the pellet gun range located in the shooting complex. **Cost \$1/ 4 clips with pellet gun.**

10:30am;12:00 pm Backwater Kayaking – Learn the basic skills of kayaking in an “off-river” backwater area. This a great place to fine-tune your kayaking skills while viewing wildlife. Meet and pay at the Resource and Education Center. Please pre-register at front desk. **Must be 12 years of age or older and the cost is \$12.00/ person.**

2:30 pm Critter Corner – This is a very popular program for all ages. This program provides a snapshot of the different types of fish and wildlife found in and along the Missouri River. Participants will be able to see, touch, and sometimes smell live critters, furs, feathers, shells, skulls, etc. Meet at the Resource & Education Center. **Free.**

4pm Hayrack Park Tour (45min) - Learn everything you wanted to know about Ponca State Park! Meet and pay at the Resource and Education Center. Please pre-register at the front desk. **Cost is \$4.00 for Adults, \$3 for 3-12 years.** Maximum of 25 people allowed per tour, minimum of 12 people.

Wednesday, July 22

9-11 am Introduction to Archery; Muzzle-loader – Introductory archery for ages 5 and older and muzzle-loader for 12 years and older. Participants will learn basic skills of the event of their choice – all equipment is provided. Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. **Cost is \$1/6 arrows and \$1.00 per shot.**

1 pm Animal Adaptations – Learn how animals have adapted to their environment, their food source, protection from predators, and more. A short overview of adaptation will be provided followed by a hands-on adaptation exercise. Meet at the Resource & Education Center. **Free.**

3 pm Shark Tooth Necklace— Did you know that sharks used to live in Nebraska? Learn about ancient sharks and make a necklace to take home. Meet and pay at the Resource & Education Center. Please pre-register at front desk **Cost is \$2.00/craft.**

Thursday, July 23

9 am-11am Introduction to Pellet Rifles– Participants will learn the basics of pellet rifle shooting. Participants must be 5 years or older, all equipment is provided. Meet and pay at the pellet rifle range located in the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. **Cost is \$1/4 clips.**

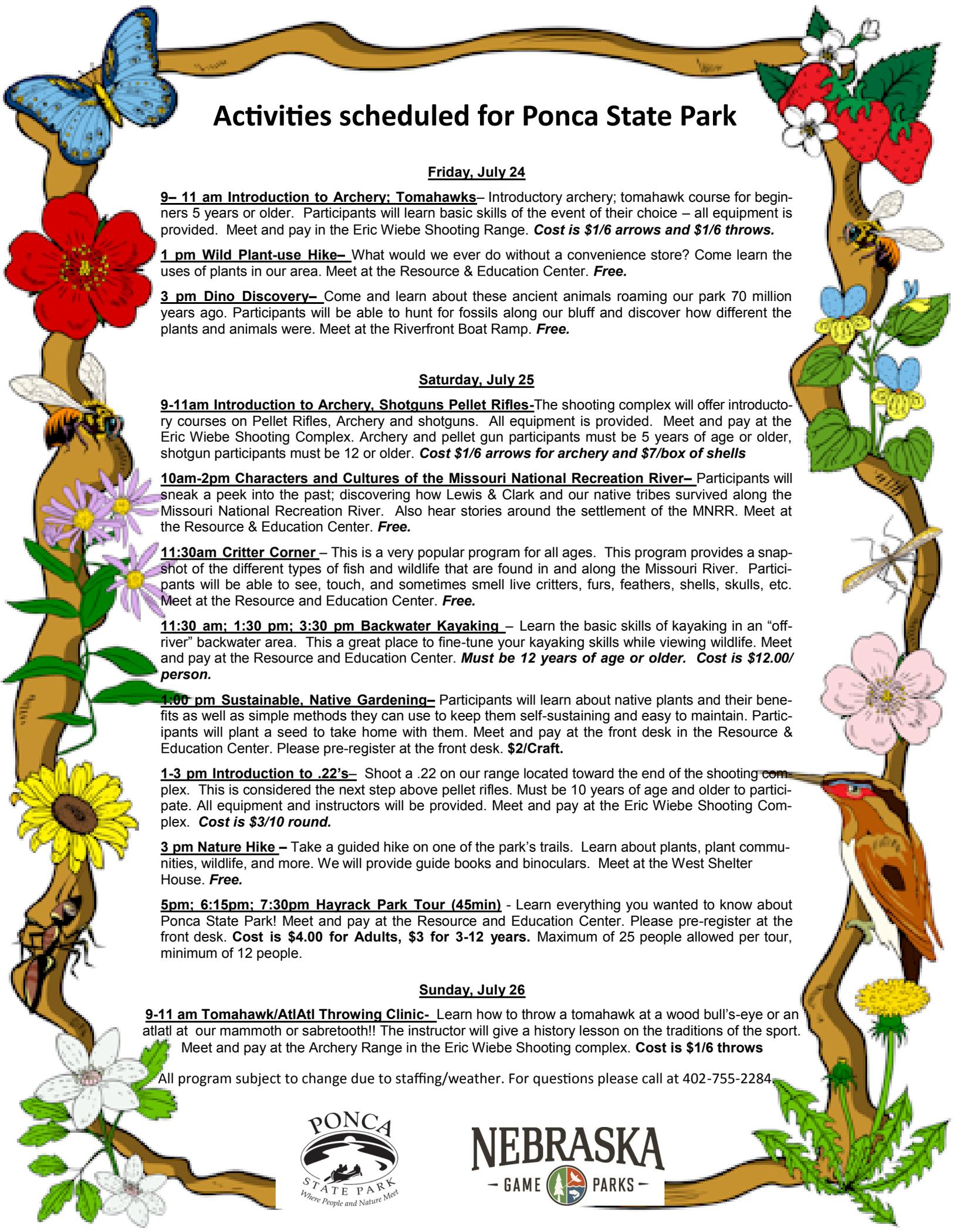
1-2:30 pm Introduction to .22's – This is considered the next step above pellet guns. Shoot a .22 on our range located toward the end of the shooting complex. Must be 10 years of age and older to participate. Meet at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. **Cost is \$3/10 rounds.**

3 pm Beginners Fly-Fishing Clinic– Participants will learn the basics in fly-fishing including knot tying, casting technique, reading the water, fly presentation, etc. Meet at the Resource & Education Center. Participants must be 10 years or older, maximum of 8 participants. Bait and equipment provided. **Free.**



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Activities scheduled for Ponca State Park

Friday, July 24

9– 11 am Introduction to Archery; Tomahawks– Introductory archery; tomahawk course for beginners 5 years or older. Participants will learn basic skills of the event of their choice – all equipment is provided. Meet and pay in the Eric Wiebe Shooting Range. **Cost is \$1/6 arrows and \$1/6 throws.**

1 pm Wild Plant-use Hike– What would we ever do without a convenience store? Come learn the uses of plants in our area. Meet at the Resource & Education Center. **Free.**

3 pm Dino Discovery– Come and learn about these ancient animals roaming our park 70 million years ago. Participants will be able to hunt for fossils along our bluff and discover how different the plants and animals were. Meet at the Riverfront Boat Ramp. **Free.**

Saturday, July 25

9-11am Introduction to Archery, Shotguns Pellet Rifles–The shooting complex will offer introductory courses on Pellet Rifles, Archery and shotguns. All equipment is provided. Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. Archery and pellet gun participants must be 5 years of age or older, shotgun participants must be 12 or older. **Cost \$1/6 arrows for archery and \$7/box of shells**

10am-2pm Characters and Cultures of the Missouri National Recreation River– Participants will sneak a peek into the past; discovering how Lewis & Clark and our native tribes survived along the Missouri National Recreation River. Also hear stories around the settlement of the MNRR. Meet at the Resource & Education Center. **Free.**

11:30am Critter Corner– This is a very popular program for all ages. This program provides a snapshot of the different types of fish and wildlife that are found in and along the Missouri River. Participants will be able to see, touch, and sometimes smell live critters, furs, feathers, shells, skulls, etc. Meet at the Resource and Education Center. **Free.**

11:30 am; 1:30 pm; 3:30 pm Backwater Kayaking – Learn the basic skills of kayaking in an “off-river” backwater area. This a great place to fine-tune your kayaking skills while viewing wildlife. Meet and pay at the Resource and Education Center. **Must be 12 years of age or older. Cost is \$12.00/ person.**

1:00 pm Sustainable, Native Gardening– Participants will learn about native plants and their benefits as well as simple methods they can use to keep them self-sustaining and easy to maintain. Participants will plant a seed to take home with them. Meet and pay at the front desk in the Resource & Education Center. Please pre-register at the front desk. **\$2/Craft.**

1-3 pm Introduction to .22's– Shoot a .22 on our range located toward the end of the shooting complex. This is considered the next step above pellet rifles. Must be 10 years of age and older to participate. All equipment and instructors will be provided. Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. **Cost is \$3/10 round.**

3 pm Nature Hike – Take a guided hike on one of the park’s trails. Learn about plants, plant communities, wildlife, and more. We will provide guide books and binoculars. Meet at the West Shelter House. **Free.**

5pm; 6:15pm; 7:30pm Hayrack Park Tour (45min) - Learn everything you wanted to know about Ponca State Park! Meet and pay at the Resource and Education Center. Please pre-register at the front desk. **Cost is \$4.00 for Adults, \$3 for 3-12 years.** Maximum of 25 people allowed per tour, minimum of 12 people.

Sunday, July 26

9-11 am Tomahawk/Atlatl Throwing Clinic- Learn how to throw a tomahawk at a wood bull's-eye or an atlatl at our mammoth or sabretooth!! The instructor will give a history lesson on the traditions of the sport. Meet and pay at the Archery Range in the Eric Wiebe Shooting complex. **Cost is \$1/6 throws**

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