



(Don't) Look at the Sun!!

**Nebraska Trailblazers
Central Nebraska
Eclipse Weekend**

**Featuring
4 5 Walks & 1 Swim!**

August 18—21, 2017



Friday, August 18

Meet & Greet

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. (Open House Style)

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall

112 S. Cedar Street

Grand Island, NE 68801

\$5

(this fee is included in the full package registration)

Stop by to visit and pick up your event bag, which includes your registration packet, calendar of events with directions to the walks, patch, glow sticks for the after-dark activities, eclipse glasses and other surprise goodies! Light snacks will be served.



Host Club: Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers

For the latest on events and news,
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(Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers)

Please Note: No refunds due to the weather

Friday, August 18

NEW EVENT ADDED!

Historic Grand Island Group Walk

Starting at 7 p.m.

From St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall

112 S. Cedar Street

Grand Island, NE 68801

Grand Island was first settled in 1870 as *La Grande Isle*—on an island between the Wood and Platte Rivers. The Union Pacific Railroad platted the current town in 1870, off the island and onto level ground suitable for commerce and farming. Walk the streets of Nebraska's 3rd largest city and home to the Nebraska State Fair.

Special Programs

Animal Safari (Elks Lodge), Doin' the Louisiana Purchase, Food For Thought, Honoring our Flag, Ice Cream Parlors, Lady Liberty, Make a Wish at a Water Fountain, Points of Reference, Take a Walk in a City Park, U.S. Post Office, Walking the United States

Distance/Trail Rating

5K & 10K. These trails are on city sidewalks. There are NOT any hills. Trail rating 1A Restrooms are available at the start/finish point and along the route.

Fees & Awards: \$3. No award.

Driving Directions to Start/Finish Point

From I-80, take exit 314 north toward Grand Island. The road will be Locust Street. Take Locust Street 6.4 miles. Keep slightly left as the road becomes Walnut St and is divided. Left on Koenig, first right on to Cedar to church.

Comments

This is a newly added event to what is now a 6-event weekend celebrating all things sky, culminating in experiencing a once-in-a-lifetime event during a total solar eclipse in the area of the country known to be one of the very best places to view it.

Contact Sandy Spaulding 712/322-2797 spldngs@aol.com

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Saturday, August 19

Crane Trust Nature Center Walk

Crane Trust Visitor & Nature Center

9325 S Alda Rd, Wood River NE

Start 8:00—11:00 a.m., off the trail by 2:00 p.m.

Event #107373

Welcome to the Crane Trust Nature and Visitor Center! On this walk, enjoy the summer sky while viewing the Platte Valley from the observation tower. Walk over the Platte River on the pedestrian bridge. Skirt the Platte and enjoy the views of the tall grass prairie. Continue on into the wooded areas of the preserve maybe to see turkeys, deer, and other wildlife. The trail will be on uneven mown prairie grass, dirt and wood chip trails. Not suitable for strollers & wheelchairs. No pets. Restrooms available.



Special Programs

Animal Safari, Bridges, Cities in Song-Wood River, Doin' the Louisiana Purchase, Food For Thought, Honoring our Flag, Points of Reference, Walking the United States

Distance/Trail Rating

5K & 10K. These trails are on dirt paths and mowed prairie grass on the tall grass prairie along the Platte River. The rating for these trails is a 1C, because of the unevenness of the prairie paths. There are NOT any hills. Restrooms are available at the start/finish point. Walking sticks are recommended.

Fees & Awards: \$3. No award.

Driving Directions to Start/Finish Point

From I-80, take exit 305 toward Alda from I-80 W, turn left onto S Alda Rd. Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center will be on left side of road just across the overpass. A large parking lot is available for your vehicle.

Comments

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Saturday, August 19

Swim

YMCA, 221 E South Front St, Grand Island NE

Start time 2:00 p.m.—Finish by 4:00 p.m.

Event #107374

Take time to cool off after a warm morning walk. We have reserved two lanes at the YMCA for this event—a swim lane and a walk lane. You will get your event book stamped.

Special Programs: None

Distance: 300 meters

Amenities: Strollers/wheelchairs—no. Pets—no. Restrooms—yes.

Fees & Awards: \$3 for all swimmers. No award.

Start Point/Driving Directions

From Best Western: North on Locust from Best Western Hotel to W 1st St. Turn right on W 1st St. Turn left at 2nd cross street onto N Sycamore. Turn right onto E 3rd St. for short distance then left onto N Sycamore. Turn right onto E South Front St. YMCA is on the right.

From I-80: take exit 314 to Locust St. Turn north on Locust to W 1st St. Turn right on W 1st St. Turn left at 2nd cross street onto N Sycamore. Turn right onto E 3rd St. for short distance then left onto N Sycamore. Turn right onto E South Front St. YMCA is on the right.

Comments

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Area Lodging

(Hurry, motels are filling fast in anticipation of the Big Event!)

Registration Central!

Best Western Plus Grand Island Inn & Suites 2707 S Locust St., 308/381-8855

We have reserved 20 rooms, each with two queen beds \$136.73 per night, including tax.

MainStay Suites 3051 S Locust St., Grand Island , 308/382-9280

We have reserved 10 rooms w/1 queen bed (\$125.70 tax included) and 10 rooms w/2 queen beds (\$137.13 tax included). Includes full breakfast and full kitchens in each room.

Other Grand Island hotels:

Boarders Inn & Suites	308/384-5150	3333 Ramada Rd
Days Inn	308/384-8624	2620 Diers Ave
Fairfield Inn	308/381-8980	805 Allen Dr
Holiday Inn	308/384-1330	2503 S Locust
Quality Inn	308/384-7770	7838 S Hwy 281
Rodeway Inn	308/646-3709	3205 S Locust St
Sleep Inn	308/381-8111	1716 N Diers
Super 8	308/384-4380	2603 S Locust

Other area hotels:

Super 8	402/463-8888	2200 N Kansas Ave, Hastings
Quality Inn	402/461-4076	203 W 33 rd St, Hastings
Rodeway Inn	402/463-1422	2424 Osborne Dr E, Hastings
Rodeway Inn	308/946-5055	1701 31 st St, Central City
Ken's Motel	402/694-3141	1515 11 th St, Aurora

Area Camping

State Fair Campgrounds	308/382-1620
E Fonner Park Rd, Grand Island NE	
Hall County Park (no reservations; first come, first served)	
3658 W Schimmer Dr, Grand Island NE	
Adams County Fairgrounds	402/462-3247
947 S Baltimore Ave, Hastings NE	
Hastings Campground & RV Park	402/462-5621
302 E 26 th St, Hastings NE	
Hastings RV Park	402/469-2173
901 S Hastings Ave, Hastings NE	
Mormon Island State Recreation Area	308/385-6211
7425 US-281, Doniphan, NE	
Streeter Park Aurora	402/694-6992

Package Registration is NOW CLOSED.

But we encourage you to pre-register for events and activities by using this form, to ensure that we have enough supplies on hand. We must have this form in hand, postmarked by **August 8, 2017**, to help you enjoy our great events!

REGISTRATION FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

(Please indicate # attending)

Meet & Greet ___ x \$5 = _____
NEW! Historic Grand Island Walk ___ x \$3 = _____
Crane Trust Walk ___ x \$3 = _____
Grand Island Swim ___ x \$3 = _____
Star Party ___ x \$1 = _____
Aurora Walk ___ x \$3 = _____
Dark Island Walk ___ x \$4 = _____
 includes glow stick)
Eclipse Walk ___ x \$5 = _____
 (includes eclipse glasses
 & Stuhr admission)

TOTAL ___ _____

Name _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

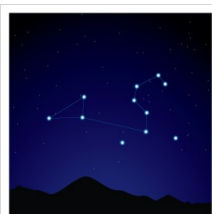
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(so we can send you updates!)

Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers
P.O. Box 8147
Omaha, NE 68108

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What is a Star Party?



A Star Party is an event where people with telescopes and laser pointers set up under the stars and let other people look through their telescopes or listen to them talk about subjects in astronomy or about constellations. It is being held Saturday night at 9 p.m. at a site yet to be determined about 1/2 hour away from Grand Island, away from all the lights of the "big city". Saturn and Jupiter should both be visible by telescope and the Milky Way will be visible with the naked eye. Since this involves telescopes and stars, people should arrive around 9 p.m. Most people will stay about an hour but you are welcome to stay longer. You must pre-register for this event, as we need to send a head count to the organizer. You will be provided with a glowstick (flashlights will not be allowed). Carpooling is encouraged and sign-up will be available at Registration Central.

More about Moonlight Ridge Wine Tasting 8150 U.S. 281, Grand Island, NE 68803



The wine tasting is on
Saturday
afternoon,

Sold Out! and is limited to three groups of 10: one each at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. There is a \$5 tasting fee payable at the winery. Souvenir glasses are \$3. This is a very small

Sunday, August 20

Aurora Walk

Explorit Center, 208 N 16th St, Aurora NE
Start 8:00—11:00 a.m., off the trail by 2:00 p.m.
Event #107375

You won't see any Northern Lights, but this walk does visit Streeter Park and The Leadership Center. After the walk, use your volkswalk discount to explore the Edgerton Explorit Center (opens at noon) to learn more about our relationship to the stars and the solar eclipse.

Special Programs

Animal Safari, Bridges, Cities in Song, Doin' the Louisiana Purchase, Food For Thought, Honoring our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Points of Reference, Take a Walk in a City Park, United States Post Offices, Walking the USA A-Z, Water Towers, You'll Never Walk Alone

Distance/Trail Rating: 5K & 10K. Trail rated 1A

Amenities

Strollers/wheelchairs—yes with some difficulty with curbs.
Pets—yes (on trail only). Restrooms—yes.

Fees & Awards: \$3. No award.

Driving Directions to Start/Finish Point

From Best Western: south on Locust from Best Western Hotel ½ mile to Hwy 34. East on Hwy 34 20 miles to 16th St. (Hwy 14). South on 16th St to Edgerton Explorit Center on left.

From I-80: take exit 332 to Hwy 14. North on Hwy 14 to Edgerton Explorit Center on the right. Pets are welcome on the trail, but not in the Explorit Center.

Comments

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Sunday, August 20

Dark Island Trail Evening Walk

Central City High School, 1510 28th St, Central City NE

Start 6:30—7:30 p.m., off the trail by 10:00 p.m.

Event #107377

The 5 K loop goes into town to visit the Wright Morris boyhood home. The city and the house played a significant role in his literary works and photography. The 6K loop is an out and back on the Dark Island Trail. You should reach the bridge just in time to see the sunset over the Platte River. The trail's unique name derives from a local Pawnee legend. The legend holds that there are five lodges of the Nahurak (animal deities), with La-la-wa-koh-ti-to—the dark island lodge—supposedly located near Central City in the Platte River. Dogs are welcome on the trail, but not in the Wright Morris home.

Special Programs

Bridges, Cities in Song, Doin' the Louisiana Purchase, Food For Thought, Honoring our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Points of Reference, Walking the USA A-Z

Distance/Trail Rating: 5K, 6K & 11K. Trail rated 1B

Amenities

Strollers—yes with some difficulty with curbs. Wheelchairs—no. Pets—yes. Restrooms—yes.

Fees & Awards: \$3. No award.

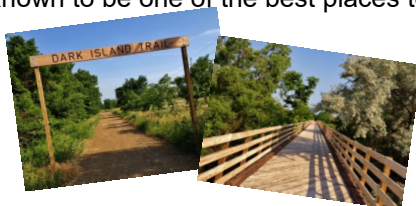
Driving Directions to Start/Finish Point

From Best Western: north on Locust from Best Western Hotel 2 miles to Hwy 30. Right on Hwy 30 20 miles to high school on the right.

From I-80: take exit 314 to Locust St. North on Locust to Hwy 30. Right on Hwy 30 20 miles to high school on the right.

Comments

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Monday, August 21

(Don't) Look at the Sun Eclipse Walk

Hall County Park, 3658 W Schimmer Dr, Grand Island

Start 9:00—12:00, off the trail by 3:00 p.m.

Event #107376



The Big Event: This trail leads into the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, an amazing open air museum with lots of examples of Pioneer life. There will be many activities on the grounds relating to the eclipse, which will occur from 12:58:34—01:01:09 p.m. We will provide special glasses so that you actually can look at the sun during this once-in-a-lifetime event—nowhere in the US will you have a

chance at a better view! Leashed dogs are welcome on the grounds of the museum, but not in the buildings. A hot dog lunch will be available back at the start point.

Special Programs

Animal Safari, Bridges, Doin' the Louisiana Purchase, Food For Thought, Honoring our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Points of Reference, Take a Walk in a City Park, Trekking with the Trees, Walking the United States, Walking the USA A-Z, You'll Never Walk Alone

Distance/Trail Rating: 5K & 10K. Trail rated 1A

Amenities: Strollers/wheelchairs—yes with some difficulty. Pets—yes. Restrooms—yes.

Fees & Awards: \$10 (includes admission to Stuhr and eclipse glasses)
Commemorative patch available for \$6 (limited quantity)

Driving Directions to Start/Finish Point

From Best Western: south on Locust from Best Western Hotel 2 miles to Schimmer Dr., right on Schimmer Dr. to Hall County Park, Red Shelter #2.

From I-80: take Exit 314 to Locust St., North on Locust to Schimmer Dr. Left on Schimmer Dr. to Hall County Park, Red Shelter #2

Comments

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Solar Eclipse 2017

On August 21, 2017, American skywatchers will witness the first total solar eclipse visible from the continent in nearly 40 years. The 70 mile wide path will stretch from Oregon to the Carolinas. While everyone in the United States will be able to see a partial eclipse, the main event is an experience not to be missed and will occur along the path in the picture below. Here in Grand Island, the partial eclipse begins at 11:34:20 a.m.; the total eclipse will begin at 12:58:34 and end at 1:01:09 p.m. This is the area with one of the longest periods of total eclipse with the best chance of clear skies. We hope you will join us for this weekend full of sky and prairie!

See you in the shadow!

