

SANDSTONE RANCH VISITORS CENTER

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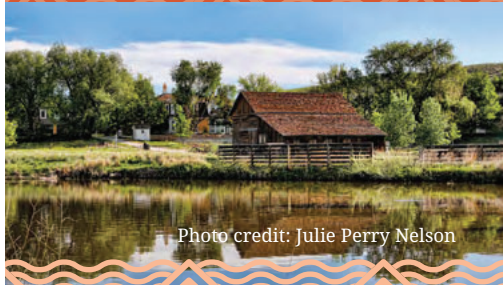


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SANDSTONE RANCH VISITORS & LEARNING CENTER

3001 Sandstone Drive | Longmont, CO 80504 | 303-651-8404

Visitors Center Hours:

Wednesdays, 9am to noon, May 1 through Aug 28,

Saturdays 10am-2pm, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Mar 9 through Oct 26

No pets allowed at the center or on trails due to wildlife.

Discover a treasure of nature & history, just outside your door.

The Visitors Center includes hands-on displays on environmental features of the area, as well as history of the Coffin family who homesteaded the site, and other early Longmont history. There is no admission fee to the Visitors Center. A nature trail from the Visitors Center takes you past several historical buildings, near the sandstone bluffs, and includes a scenic overlook.

Directions to Sandstone Ranch Visitors Center:

The Visitors Center is located on Sandstone Drive, east of County Line Road and just off Highway 119. Turn south on Sandstone Drive, past the ball fields and follow the signs for the Visitors Center/Trailhead Parking Lot. If you park at the upper parking lot, the trail on the west side takes you down the hill to the Visitors Center. Handicapped parking is available next to the Visitors Center.

Volunteering at Sandstone Ranch:

Sandstone Ranch depends on volunteers to run our programs! We need volunteers for open house hours, gardening, school field trips, and nature and history programming. If you love nature, gardening and/or history and enjoy working with the public, this is a great volunteer opportunity. For more information, contact Kirsten at sandstone.ranch@longmontcolorado.gov

Group Tours:

Schedule a group tour or program for your organization, class, or camp. Topics include Longmont History, natural history, Front Range ecology and more. For more information, contact Kirsten at sandstone.ranch@longmontcolorado.gov

PROGRAMS AT SANDSTONE RANCH

Limited house-adjacent parking is available. Thank you for parking in the upper parking lot. Handicap parking available in front of the Visitors Center. Pre-register each person attending online or by calling 303-774-4700. A suggested donation of \$4/person exists for all programs unless otherwise noted. Registration is required.

Educational Programs with Longmont Rangers

Come explore the ecosystem of Sandstone Ranch with the Longmont Ranger Team! These educational programs will bring out the outdoor naturalist in you!

8 & up: **"SSRVLC"** 306104

Wildlife Detectives

Aug 10, Sat, 10-11:30am

In Full Plume!

Sept 21, Sat, 11am-12pm

Location: SSR Visitor Center

Fee: \$4 suggested donation

Guided Bird Walks

Local birder, Carl Starace, guides you around the loop trail as you explore the variety of birds that pass through or call Sandstone Ranch home. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet up at the upper parking lot.

10 & up: **"SSRVLC"** 306206

Aug 20, Tue, 7:30-10:30am 306206

Sept 24 or Oct 8, Tue, 8am-12pm 406206

Oct 26, Sat, 8am-12pm 406206

Location: SSRVC upper parking lot

Fee: \$4 suggested donation

Astronomy Night & Star Party

A night with the stars! Includes a presentation from members of the Longmont Astronomical Society on the scale of the solar system. Take a journey through our solar neighborhood and learn about the planets and beyond. Once it gets dark, we head outdoors to take a look at the sky. Members of LAS will be there with telescopes for viewing. **"SSRVLC"**

All ages: **Aug 17, Sat, 7-9:30pm** 306401

Location: SSR Visitor Center

Fee: \$4 suggested donation.

Registration is required.

Guided History Tour

Enjoy a 90-minute guided history tour inside and outside the Sandstone Ranch Visitors Center. Learn about the Coffin family and their role in the history of early Longmont. **"SSRVLC"**

Aug 24, Sat, 10:30am-12pm

or 12:30-2pm 306403

Location: SSR Visitor Center

Fee: \$4 suggested donation

Geology Walk

Join volunteer naturalist Roger Myers as he guides you from the scenic overlook and along the loop trail to explore the geology of Sandstone Ranch. Outdoor event; wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. Meet in the upper parking lot. **"SSRVLC"**

14 & up: 406507

Sept 28, Sat, 10-11:30am

Location: SSRVC upper parking lot

Free: \$4 suggested donation.

Registration is required.

The Library @ Sandstone

Join Ms. Lili from the Longmont Public Library for a family fun day full of singing, dancing, crafts and more. Bilingual Family Program, please register. **"SSRVLC"**

Grandparents' Day: 306686

Aug 21, Wed, 10am-2pm

Dia de Muertos: 406686

Nov 2, Sat, 10am-2pm

Location: SSR Visitor Center

Fee: \$4 suggested donation.

Registration is required.

Community Night with Legendary Ladies

Bring a picnic dinner, chairs & blankets to travel back in time to hear the stories of real women who made a significant impact on the West.

Aug 20, Tue, 5:30-7:30pm,
show starts at 6:30pm

Free, no registration needed