

Barr-Milton Fast Facts

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Young eagles at Barr Lake.

BMW Calendar

Click [here](#) for calendar of events, agendas and meeting summaries.

Barr Lake Events

Barr Lake State Park features many events during the year for sportsmen and sportswomen, and for families and children. To learn more, click [here](#).

A Brief History of Barr Lake State Park

- 150 years ago, the lake was a bison wallow
- 1860s, cowboys driving steers on the Goodnight-Loving Trail rested at the bison wallow
- 1886 construction began on the Burlington Canal, bringing South Platte water to Oasis Reservoir
- 1908, Farmer's Reservoir and Irrigation Company increased the size of the oasis and renamed it Barr Lake
- 1909, sugar beet farming prospered
- 1950s and '60s, for 70 years, untreated water flowed downstream to the lake from Denver
- 1965, a flood flushed Barr Lake clean
- 1977, Barr Lake becomes a State Park
- 2005, BMW was formed
- 2010, BMW submitted its TMDL
- 2011, technical studies to improve water quality at the lake

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BMW Partnering on River Cleanup

BMW is partnering with the Greenway Foundation to publicize its annual Spring South Platte River Cleanup on April 23. A BMW team will start from the Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant and work northward to meet volunteers working south from Alameda.

Cleanup for BMW volunteers will begin at 9 a.m. at the Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant and end at the same place, where lunch will be provided for volunteers with the BMW team.

To pre-register, contact Tina.Romero@denvergov.org. Be sure to say you are on BMW team! Please forward this information to others who care about water quality and the South Platte River.

Presentation to State Parks Managers

Laurie Rink, chair of BMW, and Board member Steve Lundt will make a presentation to 14 State Parks managers on March 23. They will report on BMW's TMDL, studies to be done to clean Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir, and the need for funding for future studies. The presentation will soon be available at www.Barr-Milton.org.

Dr. Larry Roesner Presentation to BMW

In February, Dr. Larry Roesner of CSU presented to the BMW Stakeholder's meeting. He described his involvement in a national effort to get different water quality models to talk to each other. He also provided "lessons learned" during aeration of Fossil Creek Lake to reduce pH. Click [here](#) to view Dr. Roesner's Power Point presentation.

Healthy Rivers Fund Check-Off Program

During this tax season, please remember to check-off and donate to the Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund. The fund supports citizen watershed groups in Colorado working to protect, conserve and enhance the water resources in their communities. The Fund must generate more than \$75,000 to stay on the tax check-off program. **Please help spread the word about the tax check-off on state income tax forms.**

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