

Throughout the week during the summer, visitors can get involved in naturalist programs. Such programs can involve: photography, archery, learning how to fish, or how to cook in a cast iron pot over an open fire. There are programs — like one involving how to identify animal tracks — for kids.

To learn about programming, call the office at 402-727-2922.

The lakes have other offerings.

For instance, hungry visitors — who don't want to cook for themselves — can stop by the Tow Line Lakeside Grill.

Park permits are good from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. For an updated cost for a permit or people ages 16 and older who are in need of a fishing permit, folks are asked to visit the website www.outdoornebraska.gov for costs and fishing regulations. Questions can also be answered by visiting the office at the lakes.

Typical fish stocked at the lakes include: bluegill, catfish, bass and crappie. Trout is stocked in the fall and spring on Lake No. 2.

A free park entry and fishing day is usually held some time in mid-May. Visitors are not required to have a fishing license or a park permit statewide on that day.

A calendar of events for state recreation areas along with places to make reservations for campsites is available on the www.outdoornebraska.gov website.



EVAN NORDSTROM, FREMONT TRIBUNE

A bald eagle leaves a roost overlooking Lake 20 at the Fremont State Lakes.



Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area



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Wildlife lovers have new a viewing area at Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area near Lake 17.