

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Cross Ranch Winter Olympics cancelled

With winter seemingly unwilling to cooperate in providing some snow for the Cross Ranch State Park Winter Olympics scheduled for Dec. 31, it was decided to cancel the event which relies heavily on the white stuff.

There are still several events planned for January and February at Cross Ranch State Park, these include

- **Winter Wildlife, Jan. 14:** Sit in on a taxidermy talk or see the beautiful pictures of a winter photographer. After that, take a snowshoe hike looking for winter wildlife in the park. Program runs from noon-5 p.m. Call the park for a more detailed schedule. Vehicle entrance waived!
- **Becoming an Outdoors Woman, Jan. 26-27:** Becoming an Outdoors Women is coming to Cross Ranch! Come for the day or stay the night! There will be basic cross country skiing and evening Dutch Oven treats on Jan. 26 and basic snowshoeing on Jan. 27. All equipment is provided for the event. Registration is required. Visit [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov) to register or for more information.
- **Survivor, Jan. 28:** Learn fire making basics to boil your own water for hot chocolate while sitting in the snow! Build yourself a winter shelter and learn to tie some fool proof knots! Program runs from 1 to 3 p.m.. Registration is required. Call the park at 701-794-3731. Cost is \$5 per person.
- **Winter Festival, Feb. 11:** Join the staff for cross country skiing, including candlelight skiing at dark along a portion of the groomed ski trails. In addition, there will be programming, soup, and beverages available.
- **Guided Snowshoe Hike, Feb. 25:** Head up to The Nature Conservancy with a Park Ranger looking for bison and enjoy the view while you're up there! There will be snacks and warm drinks inside the visitor center afterwards.

For more information call Cross Ranch State Park at (701) 794-3731 or visit its website at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) for a complete schedule of events. You can register early by e-mailing [crsp@nd.gov](mailto:crsp@nd.gov).