

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

NEWS RELEASE

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Cross Ranch hosts annual Winter Festival, Feb. 9

Cross Ranch State Park is hosting the annual Winter Festival on Feb. 9 from 1-7 p.m. The park's visitor center will be the base for activities throughout the day.

Jackie Jacobson, Audubon National Wildlife Refuge's Visitor Service Manager, is providing a program on backyard birding which includes having children make bird houses that they can take home. Jacobson will discuss the best bird feed and methods for attracting birds for the best backyard birding experience.

The park will feature the ever-popular horse drawn sleigh rides. Participants can sit back, relax and enjoy the ride as they are swept through the park's scenic views. Sleigh rides will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 5 p.m.

CRSP trails will be groomed allowing cross country skiers to explore the park and take in the amazing views. A portion of the cross country trails will be lighted for those skiers interested in skiing after the sun goes down. Cross country skies and snowshoes (children sizes are not available) are available for rent at \$15.

After the outdoor activity, event participants can warm up next to the Visitor Center's fireplace with a warm bowl of soup or hot beverage.

The CRSP Winter Festival is open to the public and free of charge with CRSP vehicle entrance fees waived for the day. The event may be canceled due to poor weather conditions, for up to date information contact CRSP at 701-794-3731.