



It is a surprise to come across a small ocean in the middle of the desert and just as astonishing to find a causeway leading to the 28,000 acre island. This is just the start of amazing facts about Antelope Island State Park and the Great Salt Lake, America's Dead Sea.

### ISLAND HISTORY

Explorer John C. Fremont and his guide Kit Carson re-discovered the island in 1845 and while observing several antelope, named it "Antelope Island".

The historic Fielding Garr Ranch is located 11 miles south of the Antelope Island State Park Visitor Center and represents 135 years of western ranching history. The ranch house, built in 1848, is the oldest Anglo-built house still on it's original foundation in Utah.



### AMERICA'S DEAD SEA

Antelope Island State Park is the best place to experience the Great Salt Lake, America's Dead Sea. The Great Salt Lake is the remnant of the prehistoric Lake Bonneville which covered more than 20,000 square miles during the Ice Age. The lake is currently 75 miles long and 28 miles wide. Water flows into the Great Salt Lake via four rivers with no outlet so the evaporation leaves high concentrations of minerals. The lake is generally five times saltier than the ocean. With the high level of salinity, you can easily float in the salty waters (most accessible at the Bridger Bay Beach). Only brine shrimp, brine flies and several types of algae can survive in the lake waters.



### ISLAND ACTIVITIES

Sightseeing and sunset dinner cruises are available on the Great Salt Lake and if you have a canoe or kayak, shove off for a relaxing ride. Be sure to stop by the beach at Bridger Bay for a unique swimming experience.

On the island, there are 36 miles of trails for hiking and mountain biking. The outfitter will tailor a horseback ride to your interests or board the WWII amphibious duck vehicle for the Wildlife Safari and the opportunity to view the island wildlife. More information is available at [www.davisutah.travel](http://www.davisutah.travel).

The Antelope Island Visitor Center provides information on the island's biology, geology, and unique history and offers a souvenir shop. Hours of operation: Apr. – Sept. 9am – 6pm; Oct. – Mar. 9am – 5pm • (801) 725-9263

**Park Entrance Fee (2007):** \$9.00 per vehicle, Open year round from 7:00 a.m. to dusk. • (801) 773-2941

**Camping:** Available at Bridger Bay and White Rock Bay. Reservations required. [www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov) • (801) 773-2941

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## BIRD WATCHING AND WILDLIFE

Nearly 80 percent of Utah's wetlands surround the Great Salt Lake. The lake is habitat for over 250 species of birds and a critical link in the Pacific Flyway between North and South America. Four to six million birds feed and nest on the Great Salt Lake each year. The lake's wetlands host the world's largest nesting population of California gulls and white faced ibis, plus a large concentration of American avocets, black-neck stilts, and newborn pelicans.

Visitors can enjoy viewing mule deer, big horn sheep, pronghorn antelope, coyotes, and over 500 bison who call the Island home.

## ANNUAL ANTELOPE ISLAND SPECIAL EVENTS

**Great Salt Lake Bird Festival** – May

**Moonlight Bike Ride on Antelope Island** – June/July

**Balloon Stampede** - September

**Buffalo Days** - September

**Annual Bison Range Ride and Roundup** – October

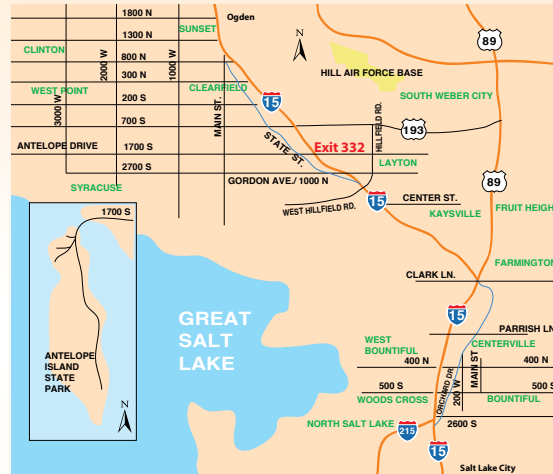
For more information, visit the calendar of events at [www.davisutah.travel](http://www.davisutah.travel).

## NEED VISITOR INFORMATION?

Stop by the Davis Area Visitor Center for brochures and information on other area attractions: Lagoon Amusement Park, Cherry Hill Waterpark, Hill Aerospace Museum, South Davis Recreation Center, nine golf courses, and more.



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