

Camp Floyd Gazette



SPONSORSHIPS

Camp Floyd State Park is currently seeking sponsorships to help with the costs of our school groups and historic day camps. If you can help in any way please stop by the office or email campfloyd@utah.gov

VOLUNTEER

Camp Floyd State Park is currently seeking volunteers. Email campfloyd@utah.gov if interested

EVENTS/ PROGRAMS

April 6, 2024 2:00 PM Junior Ranger Program (reservations required)

April 12, 2024 2:00 PM Campfire Program (reservations required)

April 13, 2024 9:00 AM Driving Tour (reservations required)

April 20, 2024 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Artisan Day

April 27, 2024 9:00 AM Historic Hike (reservations required)

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Photo of Sheep Shearing on Antelope Island. Other than the barn it would have been a similar setup in Fairfield.

Sheep shearing began in Fairfield next to the Fairfield train station in 1903. Two large corrals were built to accommodate between 100,000 and 200,000 sheep annually as they moved off of their winter range and onto their summer range. With the Union Pacific rail line Fairfield was a great spot to shear and ship wool all over the country. This allowed sheep ranchers to get a better price than what they could sell wool locally.

Shearing of Sheep in Fairfield – (SLT) 04-08-1903. “Sheep shearing was commenced at Fairfield yesterday and will be commenced in other camps between there and Salt Lake within the next few days. Most of all the wool-buyers who operate in Utah have arrived from the East and are preparing to go out to the shearing camps.

The consensus of opinion from the wool men is that the price of wool this year will be in the neighborhood of 14 or 15 cents to commence the season, with possibly slight raise as the season advances.”

To learn more about Camp Floyd State Park please visit Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. campfloyd.utah.gov