

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. There will be a volunteer open house at the park on March 23, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

EVENTS/ PROGRAMS

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

March 16, 2024 2:00 PM Cemetery Tour (reservations required)

March 23, 2024 2:00 PM Volunteer open house

March 30, 2024 1:00 PM Egg Scramble

For more information please visit campfloyd.utah.gov



SALT LAKE MERCUR RAIL LINE

In researching the Salt Lake Mercur rail line that ran from Fairfield through Manning Canyon to Mercur I have been coming across a lot of crazy news stories. This line was built to haul ore to the Manning processing mill at the mouth of Manning Canyon. During the rail line's history, because of the way the rail line was laid out there were many cars that came off the track and even rolled down the hill. This was because the rail grade was steep and had many curves to it. On June 10, 1900 The Salt Lake Herald Republican newspaper had an interesting account. The Campbell Brothers Circus was going to Mercur for a show and because the train cars were so long and heavy with the circus animals the train got stopped on the railroad section with the most curves and steepest sections. They had to unload the animals and walk them up the rail line and into Mercur for the scheduled show. Can you imagine growing up and living in Mercur and seeing elephants and camels being herded into town? The train had to be backed back to the Fairfield train station and wait until the circus animals finished the show and were walked back down the road to be loaded on the train to go to their next destination. The article mentions that there were many of the water tanks and coal chutes along the line that were destroyed as the train was traveling up Manning Canyon.

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