



Bill Heddles Recreation Center

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## **OUTDOOR HERITAGE DAY & Youth Fishing Derby**

Bring the whole family to Delta's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **OUTDOOR HERITAGE DAY** Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. This **FREE** event held along the lake southwest of Delta's Bill Heddles Rec Center will also have a **Youth Fishing Derby** for ages 16 & under. **Fishing events start at 8am with Exhibitor activities 10am-2pm.** Outdoor Heritage Day highlights Sports, Recreation, Safety, and Stewardship.

From **8-9:15am the Learn-To-Fish Stations for kids** will be open where they will be taught knot tying, casting, ethics, fish habitat, and ecology. Free fishing poles will be given to kids while supplies last. 300 poles were given out last year! We have Colorado Sportsmen Wildlife Fund and Colorado Parks & Wildlife to thank for this. Then go fishin' and bring your child's fish to the measuring station by 11am to be part of the **Derby** with age categories (2 & under) (3-5) (6-8) (9-12) and (13-16). Anyone can fish for free because during this weekend only, Colorado Parks & Wildlife will not be requiring fishing licenses (June 1-2 only). While all this fishin' fun is going on, our Exhibitors will be busy setting up so they can be ready to start their activities by 10am.

**Exhibitors:** Colorado Parks & Wildlife will bring their Archery equipment and both adults and youth can learn. Their 22 trailer will be on site as well. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will bring their bbgun shooting station. Forest Service will teach GPS and have a nature scavenger hunt; Gunnison Gorge Anglers will teach fly tying and casting; Camp Redcloud will have kids camp activities; Grand Mesa Back Country Horsemen will teach about horses, camps, and trails; Delta County Health Dept & DHS ROTC will provide compass navigation activities. Learn about birds from the best-Black Canyon Audubon Society, and pan for gold with Western Colorado Gold Prospectors. Montrose Muzzleloaders Club will be on hand at Fort Uncompahgre to give you an 1800's fur trapping era experience. There will be lots to do.

At noon while supplies last, a free hot dog lunch will be served by Kiwanis Club of Delta to those participating in these events. This event will be slightly south of the Rec Center adjacent to the lake. Best access to and from the event is from Gunnison River Drive to the lake. During Exhibitor activities, the southern access to the lake will be blocked off for pedestrian traffic but this will not affect the large lot near the lake. For more info call the Bill Heddles Recreation Center at 874-0923.