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(Neb)-Chadron State Park Celebrates 98th Birthday [Listen](#)

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CHADRON - Chadron State Park, Nebraska's first state park, celebrates its 98th birthday today with a wide range of activities including one that's always been held during Fur Trade Days, the Chadron Kiwanis Club Regatta canoe race.

Always something of a lost child, taking place on Sunday afternoon miles away from the rest of the Fur Trade Days activities, the race is now part of the birthday celebration. Registration begins at the park pond at 2:00.

Also new to the Birthday celebration are the Run For The Hills foot races, put on by the Pine Ridge Trails Race Series. Spokesman John Morford says the group held its 100-mile Pedal Grinder bike race as part of last year's celebration, but had a low turnout because of a scheduling conflict.

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Run For The Hills has 3 events: 5k and 10k races plus a shorter fun run-walk, all over the rugged Pine Ridge terrain. They all start at 8:00 am in the park at the turnoff to the Black Hills Overlook.

The Chadron State Park Birthday Celebration also has a classic car show on the baseball field, an opportunity for kids to dive for money at the park pool, free paddle boat rides, and discounted horseback rides.

The newly-renovated Trading Post - with a new floor, new counters, and other features - will host a wide variety of displays and activities as well as a buffalo sloppy joe or hot dog lunch for 98-cents.

Just outside will be live music, archery and pellet gun shooting, and nature and blacksmithing displays along with a Nebraska Game and Parks trailer housing taxidermy mounts confiscated because of game violations.

The 98th Anniversary Celebration is open to the public free of charge, but a Nebraska Park Entry Permit is required for vehicles.

Following is the schedule:

Run for the Hills races, 8 a.m.; Free paddle boat rides 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Free pellet gun shoot, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Classic car show, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Naturalist activities, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Buffalo sloppy joe and hot dog lunches, Noon- 2 p.m.; Live music by Cheap Date, Noon-2 p.m.; Free archery card shoot (with prizes) 1-3 p.m.; Kiwanis Regatta, 2 p.m. registration, 2:30 p.m. race; Dive for money at the pool (ages 14 and under), 5 p.m.