



Nebraska Writing Project

Platte River State

Writing Marathon & Retreat

September 21-23, 2018



Platte River State Park Writing Marathon

September 22, 2018 at Owen Landing

The writing marathon kicks off at 12:00 and will end at 3:30 with a read around at Chokecherry Cabins. A potluck and campfire will follow that evening.

Potluck

Please bring a dish to share! If you are bringing one that needs to be kept warm, there are outlets in the cabin. Remember to bring a serving utensil. Paper plates, plastic ware, and napkins will be furnished. Iced tea and lemonade will be provided, but you may bring other beverages. If you would like to participate in “Pick a passage,” please bring a piece of your own writing to share or a passage from a favorite book that you would like to read to the group after the potluck.

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Options for participating

- 1. Retreat with your own accommodations:** Reserve your own cabin, pitch your tent at nearby Mahoney State Park, or commute from your home, and then join us for the writing retreat and writing marathon activities. This option would work well for families, couples, or groups who might want their own space. Check cabin availability and prices at 402-234-2217 or check online at <http://nebraskastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>. The cabins closest to our NeWP Chokecherry cabins are the Goldenrod and Bur Oak cabins (these are housekeeping cabins with a shared bathhouse but they rent for only \$60-70/ night and sleep 8). The Owen Cabins are also available and are more modern. They are on the other side of the lake.
- 2. Reserve a space in the NeWP-reserved cabins, Chokecherry #1 and #2:** We still have a few spaces left in these cabins, mostly bunk beds, and the cost per person for the weekend would be \$60. To hold your space, send a \$60 check to the Nebraska Writing Project Fall Retreat, 202 Andrews Hall, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588-0333.
- 3. Come for the Marathon on Saturday, September 22:** Join us for the Fall Writing Marathon, starting with lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Platte River State Park's Owen Landing (bring a picnic or buy something from the concession stand). We will launch the writing marathon around noon from the dock. Enjoy writing in the park's beautiful, rustic setting and wrap up your day with snacks and a read-around at our NeWP Chokecherry Cabins starting at 3:30 and wrapping up around 4:00. You're welcome to stay for the Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the campfire, too.

Tentative Retreat Schedule

Friday, September 21

- 5:00 p.m. Check in at Camp NeWP (Chokecherry)
- 6:30 p.m. Pizza Party (Bring \$3/slice)
- 7:30 p.m. Campfire, S'mores, and Storytelling

Saturday, September 22

- 9:30 a.m. Unconference
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Owen Landing (bring a picnic lunch or buy something from the concession stand) - Organize Writing Marathon Groups
- 12:00 p.m. Platte River Writing Marathon
- 3:30 p.m. Marathon Read-Around in Chokecherry Cabins 1&2
- 5:30 p.m. Writing Retreat Potluck
- 7:00 p.m. Campfire, S'mores, and Socializing

Sunday, September 23

- 9:00 a.m. Optional Coffee Klatsch Groups (bring 4 copies of writing to exchange with others)
- 11:00 a.m. Check-out

About Platte River State Park

Nature-lovers delight in the variety of flora and fauna found at the park and its environs. Typical species include those common to the eastern hardwood forests, the tall-grass prairies, and the Platte River flood plain woodlands. This overlapping makes the park a rare treat for visitors interested in the world of nature. Activities range from swimming at the supervised pool to guided horseback trail rides through the timbered hills. For more info, visit <http://outdoornebraska.gov/platteriver/>.