


Ranger Programs



These programs run from Sunday, May 31 through Saturday, August 15, 2009

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Badlands National Park is in the Mountain Time Zone. Programs are presented at several locations throughout the park. These locations are identified in the park newspaper and park brochure. You can also find them by watching for white signs announcing programs along the Loop Road.

Geology Walk 8:30 a.m. Daily

Explore the geologic story of the White River Badlands on this 45 minute walk. Meet at the Door Trailhead located at the far north end of the Doors/Windows parking area two miles south of the Northeast Entrance Station on the Badlands Loop Road. Wear a hat and closed-toe shoes. Terrain is varied.



Fossil Talk 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Daily

Explore what fossils can tell us about the story of ancient life in the Badlands and why they should be protected at this 15 - 20 minute talk. Presented at the Fossil Exhibit Trail, 5 miles northwest of the park headquarters/visitor center on the Badlands Loop Road.

Junior Ranger Program 10:30 a.m. Daily

Calling all visitors between 7 and 12 years of age! Meet at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center for a 45 minute adventure into an aspect of the Badlands. Wear closed-toe shoes and a hat. It may be a walk, a game, or another activity. Attendees will be awarded a Junior Ranger badge. Parents are also welcome!

Prairie Walk 5:30 p.m. Daily

Join a park ranger for this easy, 1/2 mile walk into the prairie. Meet at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center for an exploration of prairie life and landscape. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a hat and water.



Night Sky Program or Evening Program 9:00 p.m. Daily (Starting August 1st, the evening program will be given at 8:30 p.m.)

Join a park ranger for a 40 minute presentation at the Cedar Pass Campground Amphitheater. A weekly listing of program topics is available at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center and bulletin boards throughout the park. Program will start when the sky is dark!

Stop by the Ben Reifel Visitor Center and ask about updated program listings, special programs, and events. These will also be posted on the bulletin boards throughout the park.



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Visitors: Be Alert for Construction

During the summer of 2009, there will be work zones throughout the park for road construction and improvement, fencing projects, boardwalk and building repairs. There will be extensive foundation drainage work being performed at the Cedar Pass Lodge. This work will cause some dust, noise, and changes in foot traffic patterns in those areas.

As we go to press, the schedule for these and other activities has not been set. Please check at the entrance stations or the Ben Reifel Visitor Center and White River Visitor Center for information on closures or delays. Use caution around heavy equipment. Please observe all road warnings. Do not enter areas posted as "closed." Our goal is a safe visit for all!



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Scenic Views of Badlands



Badlands at night
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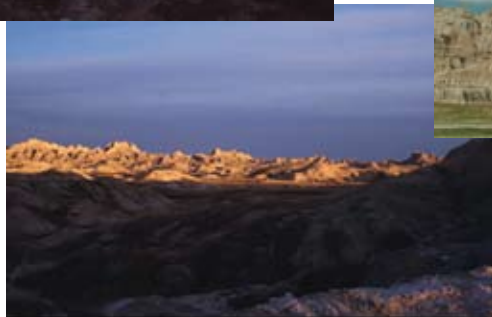
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