



## Ranger-led Programs Summer 2009



### Sunday, August 9

10:30 AM *Wild About Bears!*  
11:45 AM *Discover the Blue Oak Woodlands*  
2:00 PM *Hospital Rocks!*

### Monday, August 10

10:30 AM *Wild About Bears!*  
11:45 AM *Discover the Blue Oak Woodlands*  
2:00 PM *Food For Thought*

### Tuesday, August 11

10:30 AM *Wild About Bears!*  
11:45 AM *Discover the Blue Oak Woodlands*  
2:00 PM *People, Places, & the Past*

### Wednesday, August 12

No Programs – Seasonal Training

### Thursday, August 13

10:30 AM *Wild About Bears!*  
11:45 AM *Discover the Blue Oak Woodlands*  
2:00 PM *Hospital Rocks!*  
3:30 PM *Investigation Station*

### Friday, August 14

10:30 AM *Wild About Bears!*  
11:45 AM *Discover the Blue Oak Woodlands*  
2:00 PM *Food For Thought*  
5:00 PM *America's Greatest Idea*  
7:00 PM *A Walk in Paradise*  
7:30 PM Potwisha Evening Program:  
*Impact Begins with "I"*

### Saturday, August 15

10:30 AM *Wild About Bears!*  
11:45 AM *Discover the Blue Oak Woodlands*  
2:00 PM *People, Places, & the Past*  
5:00 PM *America's Greatest Idea*  
7:00 PM *A Walk in Paradise*  
7:30 PM Potwisha Evening Program:  
*What Big Eyes You Have*

## Program Descriptions

### Patio Talks: *Wild About Bears!*

Intelligent and opportunistic, the American black bear may be found at a variety of elevations throughout Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Meet near the flagpole at the Foothills Visitor Center to learn more about the bears that make their home throughout the parks. 20 minutes.

### *Discover the Blue Oak Woodlands*

From the deep greens of spring to the golden hues of summer the flora of the blue oak woodlands have adapted in unique ways to the boom and bust of rainfall. Meet in the native plant garden in front of the Foothills Visitor Center to learn more about this interesting ecosystem. 20 minutes.

### Indian Head: *America's Greatest Idea*

While Sequoia may be best known for its big trees and high mountains, the incidental protection of the Foothills Blue Oak Woodlands is a story that begins with the birth of this 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest National Park. Join a ranger near the Indian Head sign and discover why the National Parks have been called the greatest idea America ever had. 30 minutes.

### Hospital Rock: *Food for Thought*

Without grocery stores, pharmacies, or malls, could you find food or soothe a headache? Walk through nature's aisles and discover a natural foods mart among the blue oaks on this 30 minute program. Meet at Hospital Rock Picnic Area.

### *Hospital Rocks!*

Like a story, the geologic past is written in the rocks. Meet near the bear box in the Hospital Rock Picnic Area to learn more about the foundation on which the flora and fauna of our watershed are built. 30 minutes.

### *People, Places, and the Past: Discover Hospital Rock*

Step back in time and learn more about the people who called this area home. Meet near the bear box in the Hospital Rock Picnic Area for this 30 minute walk.

### Twilight Walk: *A Walk in Paradise*

Walk at twilight under a canopy of oak woodlands broken by ribbons of riparian forest and hear how the power, strength, and history of the Kaweah River has shaped the landscape and influenced humans throughout time. Meet at the Paradise Creek Trailhead in Buckeye Flat Campground across from site # 28. 1 hour.

### Campfire Talk: *A Bear's Tales*

While feared by some, humans have had a long-time fascination with black bears. Enjoy Native American folk tales and learn more about these interesting creatures with whom we share the park. Meet at Postwisha Campground Amphitheater.

### *Impact Begins with "I"*

Let your senses guide your Foothills experience while learning more about the intricate relationship between the plants and animals that call the oak woodlands home and our influence on their lives.

### *What Big Eyes You Have*

On silent wings owls hunt throughout the twilight hours. Learn about the adaptations these interesting creatures have that enable them to successfully find food in the Foothills.