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# White Sands National Monument Events

## October 2010

### Sunset Strolls

Sunset strolls are a great way to end your day. Enjoy a leisurely one-hour ranger-guided walk through sand dunes and learn about the geology, plants, and animals of this unique area. Program starts at the sign along the dunes drive about five miles from the visitor center. No charge for the program. A \$3.00 per person (16 years and older) entrance fee does apply to enter the monument.

\*5:45 pm September 20—October 3

\*5:30 pm October 4—October 17

\*5:15 pm October 18—October 31

### Star Party XI

Experienced and amateur astronomers of all ages are welcome to come and enjoy a night of stargazing. Events include children's astronomy activities, a "star party etiquette" presentation, Tour of the Night Sky constellation talk, and star viewing.

\*6:30–10:00 pm Saturday, October 9

### Full Moon Night Trackways of Southern New Mexico

Take a moonlit journey to the Robledo Mountains of southern New Mexico and learn about one of the world's richest fossil footprint localities. Jerry MacDonald will discuss his initial discoveries of large in situ trackways in 1987. Learn more about the ancient landscape of southern New Mexico. Dress warmly. Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on.

\*7:00 pm Friday, October 22

### Full Moon Hike

Have you ever wondered what the dunes look like under the glow of the moon? Join a ranger for a full moon hike and see firsthand the dunes in a whole new light. Reservations are required and can only be made via our website ([www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa)). Reservations open on October 7th. The hike is limited to 30 participants. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply. Dress warmly as evenings in the dunes can be chilly.

\*6:00 pm Thursday, October 21

### Lake Lucero Tour

Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the white sands. These three-hour ranger-guided tours to the playa (dry lakebed) of Lake Lucero are offered once a month and reservations are required. Tour fee: \$3.00 per adult (16 years and older), \$1.50 for children and America the Beautiful Senior and Access pass holders. Call 575-679-2599 ext. 236 for reservations.

\*9:00 am Saturday, October 30

### White Sands Institute

White Sands Watercolors:  
Watercolor workshop

Join Dan Stouffer, an award winning watercolorist of the White Sands, for an exciting and informative three days of indoor painting workshops and demonstrations. Outdoor lectures will include evening sunset sessions. Limit of 12 participants. Cost is \$175 per person for this three-day workshop.

For more information or to register, call community Education at NMSUA at 575-439-3842 or send an email to: [commed@nmsua.nmsu.edu](mailto:commed@nmsua.nmsu.edu)

\*October 21-23, 2010

### Full Moon Bike Ride

Take a leisurely bike ride through the monument under the light of the full moon. Reservations are required and can only be made via our website ([www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa)). Reservations will be accepted starting on September 23. Special fees apply. \$5.00 per person 16 and older. \$2.50 per person 15 and younger. Special rules also apply. See website for complete details. Dress warmly.

\*8 pm Saturday, October 23

**Visitor Center Hours** \*8 am–6 pm September 13—November 7

**Monument Hours** \*7 am–8:00 pm September 26—October 23

\*7 am–7:30 pm October 24—November 7