

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

Ranger Program Schedule, September 13 - September 19



	Saturday September 13	Sunday September 14	Monday September 15	Tuesday September 16	Wednesday September 17	Thursday September 18	Friday September 19	
Rock Stomp <i>(meet at South Rim Visitor Center)</i>	10 AM geology walk	10 AM geology walk	10 AM geology walk	10 AM geology walk	10 AM geology walk	10 AM geology walk	10 AM geology walk	
Chasm View Ranger Talks <i>(Chasm View Overlook)</i>	11 AM Canyons, Rivers, and Dams...oh my!	11 AM View From the Top	11 AM Obsession with Supression	11 AM True Grit	11 AM Canyons, Rivers, and Dams...oh my!	11 AM "On Rock"		
	2 PM Obsession with Supression	2 PM Canyons, Rivers, and Dams...oh my!	2 PM "On Rock"	2 PM Obsession with Supression	2 PM Bird's Eye View	2 PM Obsession with Supression	2 PM Bird's Eye View	
Evening Program <i>(Campground Amphitheater)</i>	7 PM Starry, Starry Night							

See below for program descriptions

***All ranger programs are subject to change. Please check at South Rim Visitor Center for Updates**

Ranger Program Descriptions:

Chasm View Ranger Talks: 20 minutes

Bear-en Wilderness	National Parks? Wilderness? Bears? Ranger Nick will examine what makes a national park wild. He'll only cover the bear essentials.
Bird's Eye View	What's life at the edge like for birds that live high in the cliff walls of Black Canyon? Learn about our feathered friends with Ranger Mary Jane.
Canyons, Rivers, and Dams...oh my!	The Gunnison River is very different than it was a century ago. Join Ranger Zach to hear how the river has changed through time and how it's power will continue to carve Black Canyon well into the future.
Geology for Cooks	Wondering what ingredients go into the rocks of Black Canyon? Come see what Ranger Paul is cooking up in the canyon.
The Name Game	Gunnison, gneiss, schist, lupine - Black Canyon is full of fascinating names of rocks, plants, and places. Explore the stories and meanings behind these names with Ranger Nathaniel.
Obsession with Suppression	Fire is a hot topic in Colorado. Join Ranger Bri to learn about the history of fire suppression, fire ecology, and the Warner Fire that burned near Black Canyon.
"On Rock"	Explore knots, gear, and climbing techniques with Ranger Louis, and reflect on what it means to tackle a big wall.
True Grit	"Through the Rockies, not around them" ...Join Ranger Mike to learn about the risk takers who challenged Black Canyon.
View from the Top	Join Ranger Tom for a look at our views of the natural world, from the largest scenery of Black Canyon, to the smallest creatures hiding amongst us.

Ranger-led Walks

Rock Stomp 1 hour	Are you curious with questions like, "How did Black Canyon get here?" "What are the pinkish stripes in the wall?" Join a Ranger and discover the answers to these and other questions about this dizzying chasm.
Walk on the Wild Side 1.5 hours	Looking for a more strenuous ranger-led hike? Explore along the upper depths of Black Canyon wilderness on a trail that winds up and down forested slopes into a canyon like no other.
A Tunnel Through Time 1.5 hours	Life in the Uncompahgre Valley was changed by the construction of the Gunnison Tunnel in the 1900s. Follow in the footsteps of those who built the tunnel on a historical walk at East Portal. Distance: 1/2 mile.
Fossil Secrets drop-in	Meet a ranger at Warner Point for a close-up view of fossil discoveries found in the layers above the ancient Black Canyon rock.



Evening Programs: 45 minutes (unless noted)

Astronomy Through Your Own Eyes	The heavens are filled with spectacular sights you can see with your own eyes! Join Ranger Zach and tour the summer sky. Learn why our night sky is being eroded away faster than Black Canyon. Followed by telescope viewing.
Feast or Famine	Will you find food tonight or be someone else's dinner? Join Ranger MJ for a hands-on look at the predators and prey of Black Canyon.
Full Moon Hike 2 hours	Hike with a ranger and see Black Canyon by the light of the full moon! This 2 mile, moderately strenuous hike offers a new perspective on the park. Registration required, sign-up at South Rim Visitor Center.
Know Safety, No Accidents	Don't be safety blinded, be safety minded. Come learn the Do's and Don'ts of being in the Wild with Ranger Mike.
Slices of Time	Join Ranger Louis for a look at the canyon through the eyes of a geologist.
Starry, Starry Night	Have you seen the Milky Way? How many stars can you see from your house? Join Ranger Tom to learn why Van Gogh said, "I often think that the night is more alive and more richly colored than the day."
Water, Water, Everywhere?	Join Ranger Zach to learn about the importance of water in the Black Canyon before going on a quest through the Solar System to find other worlds with a few drops to drink. Followed by telescope viewing.