

Black Canyon of the Gunnison

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Winter 2009 Program Schedule

Winter is a beautiful and quiet time of year at Black Canyon, but also a time full of unique activities and great experiences. To learn more and share in these experiences please join us for any of the programs below.

Snowshoe Walks

**Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. & Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
January 17 through March 8. Meet at the South
Rim Visitor Center**

Experience winter at Black Canyon by snowshoeing with a ranger among the oaks, through open meadows and along the rim of the

canyon. No special skill is needed to participate.

Snowshoes are available free of charge at the Visitor Center for participants. A number of kid's snowshoes are available. Call to register or reserve your spot at (970) 249-1914, ext. 423.

Snowshoe Clinic

**Saturday January 10 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the
South Rim Visitor Center**

Did you get new snowshoes over the holidays? Do you want to learn a new skill or start a winter fitness program? Come up to Black Canyon to learn the basics of snowshoeing.

This clinic will cover the basics of snowshoeing from simple walking to travelling in variable terrain and snow conditions. This two hour clinic will provide you with the tools you need to enjoy the wilds of Western Colorado in the winter. Snowshoes are available. Call to reserve a pair.

Winter Survival

**Saturdays January 10 and February 14 at 1:30
p.m. Meet at the South Rim Visitor Center**

On January 10, learn the basics of winter survival. This two hour class is designed for the novice winter traveller. We will cover topics from vehicle and driving safety to basic backcountry travel.

On February 14, learn survival basics for intermediate to advanced backcountry travellers. Skiers, snowboarders, snowshoers, and snowmobilers will learn survival and travel techniques and basic avalanche awareness and preparedness. For both classes, bring warm clothes and appropriate footwear to venture outside.

Moonlight Ski Outings

**Saturdays February 7 and March 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Meet at the South Rim Visitor Center**

Join the rangers to ski the South Rim Ski Trail and experience the enchantment the canyon offers by moonlight.

Please bring your own equipment, including skis, poles, warm clothes, and portable light. The South Rim Visitor Center will be open with hot chocolate, tea and coffee available. The March date is snow dependent.

Fun at the Climbing Tree Children's Museum

**Tuesday February 17 and March 10 at 10:00
a.m. Meet at the Climbing Tree Museum**

Join a Ranger from Black Canyon at the Climbing Tree Children's Museum. In February, learn how the critters in our area survive the winter months.

In March, join us for astronomy activities that will explore the night sky from a kid's point of view. All ages are welcome!

Meet at the Climbing Tree Children's Museum at 413 N. 1st Avenue in Montrose.

Ranger Story Hour

**Wednesday February 18 and March 4 at 1:30
p.m. Meet at the Montrose Public Library.**

Black Canyon and the Montrose Regional Library invite you to Story Hour with a Ranger.

The park rangers and library staff would like to share their favorite winter books and activities with you. The young and young at heart are welcome to join us for fun and learning and some great stories.

The Winter Night Sky

**Saturday, January 24 and February 21 at 6:30
p.m. Meet at the South Rim Visitor Center.**

The year 2009 marks the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first telescope observations. Join Park Rangers and the Black Canyon Astronomical

Society in kicking off the International Year of Astronomy with a special program on Galileo followed by telescope viewing.

The program will start indoors, then move outside. Please dress warmly. Hot drinks will be available.

More Information

For more information or to reserve snowshoes, please call (970) 249-1914, extension 423. All programs except Ranger Story Hour and Fun at the Climbing Tree Children's Museum begin

at the South Rim Visitor Center, six miles north of Highway 50 on Highway 347, in Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. For more information, visit our website at www.nps.gov/blca.