

Free Interpretive Programs

Programs dependent on weather conditions and staffing levels.

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Capitol Reef National Park



Daily Programs

Geology Talk  Discover the geologic story of Capitol Reef. Meet at the visitor center; 20-30 minutes.	10:00 am daily
Nature Talk  Get in touch with the natural features of Capitol Reef. Topics vary. Meet at Ripple Rock Nature Center; 20-30 minutes.	10:00 am & 1:00 pm daily
Night Sky Explorer   Kids—join in this interactive program to learn about astronomy and the night sky (without staying up past your bedtime!). Meet at Ripple Rock Nature Center; 20-30 minutes.	2:00 pm daily
Fremont Culture Talk   Learn about past cultures that called this place home. Meet at the petroglyph panel, 1.1 miles (1.7 km) east of the visitor center on Highway 24; 20-30 minutes.	3:00 pm daily
Junior Geologist   Explore the amazing geology of Capitol Reef at this interactive program. Meet at Ripple Rock Nature Center; 20-30 minutes.	3:30 pm daily
Evening Program   Topics and start times vary; check at the visitor center or ask campground hosts for details. Meet at the campground amphitheater; 45-60 minutes.	Nightly, around sunset

Special Programs—*check visitor center for schedule and details*

Ranger-led Hike  Locations vary; 2-3 hours.	8:30 am
Kids' History Talk   Compare the lives of children in historic Fruita to what kids experience today. Meet at Ripple Rock Nature Center; 30 minutes.	11:00 am
Historic Fruita Schoolhouse Visit the Fruita community's most iconic building, and join a ranger-guided discussion on education. Schoolhouse open 9:00–11:00 am; 30-minute ranger program at 9:30 am. Meet at the schoolhouse, 0.8 mile (1.2 km) east of the visitor center on Highway 24.	9-11 am; program at 9:30 am
Orchard Chat  Reveal the importance of Fruita's historic orchards during this ranger-guided discussion. Meet at Ripple Rock Nature Center; 30 minutes.	4:00 pm
Ranger's Choice  Topics vary. Meet at the visitor center; 20 minutes.	4:00 pm

Additional Programs and Centennial Events

Park staff present programs such as night sky tours, full moon hikes, etc. Inquire at the visitor center or ask campground hosts about upcoming special programs.

Capitol Reef National Park Visitor Center

Open 8:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. Exhibits, bookstore, and park movie.

Ripple Rock Nature Center

Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily. Guided activities, interactive exhibits, and educational sales items. Located 0.9 mile (1.4 km) south of the visitor center on Scenic Drive.

Gifford House Store and Museum

Open 8:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. Exhibits, baked goods, and gifts. Located 1.1 miles (1.8 km) south of the visitor center on Scenic Drive.



Wheelchair accessible



Weather-dependent



Kid-focused