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2015 Summer Hours of Operation

“Summer is around the corner and we’re excited to welcome visitors to the park and invite everyone to join our free ranger-guided programs,” says Chief of Interpretation Lori Rome. The Capitol Reef National Park **Visitor Center** will be open 8:00 am to 6:00 pm daily starting Sunday May 17, 2015. Enjoy the exhibits, park movie and the Capitol Reef Natural History Association bookstore.

Free ranger-guided programs will be offered including a daily geology talk at 10:00 am and daily archeology programs at 3:00 pm (starting Sunday May 24). As staffing allows nightly evening programs will be offered at the campground amphitheater typically 1 hour after sunset. Other programs including a Porch Talk, Moon Walk, Star Talk, Ranger-Guided hike, and Schoolhouse program will be offered. Check the visitor center for start times and locations.

The historic Gifford House, located 1 mile (1.6 km) south of the visitor center on Scenic Drive, will be open 8:00 am to 6:00 pm daily starting Sunday May 17, 2015. The Gifford House, operated by the Capitol Reef Natural History Association, has pioneer history information on display and sells fresh baked pies, breads and pastries. Learn about this non-profit park partner at www.capitolreefnha.org and enjoy a taste of Fruita's history!

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