

Centennial Calendar of Events

2010

Dec **Centennial Kick-Off Extravaganza Fireworks Display**

2011

April – June **Centennial Art Exhibition: “The Exhibit of the Century” at Mesa County Building**

Jan – Apr **Weekly Centennial Article published in *the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel Newspaper***

March – June **Centennial History and Nature Lecture Series**

Join researchers, artists, rangers, and other park experts to explore the geology, ecology, history, and scenic beauty of the Monument during lectures, short walks, instructional clinics, and longer hikes.

Apr 18 – 22 **National Park Week and National Junior Ranger Events**

May 21 **100th Anniversary Ceremony 11:00AM**

Planned events include keynote speakers, live music, and refreshments. Visitor Center. More details coming soon.

June – Aug **Daily Ranger Walks and Talks**

July 4 **Freedom Flies High 4th of July Celebration 10:30AM**

Come celebrate the 4th of July in grand style with rock climbers scaling Independence Monument accompanied by patriotic music resonating throughout the canyons. Ice cream social to follow.

July 16 **Gate to Gate Guided Ranger Bus Tour 8:30AM-11:30AM**

Enjoy an informative tour of Rim Rock Drive as Interpretive Rangers explain the park’s geology and ecology, and share stories of its human history along the way. To sign up contact Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Dept.

Aug 28 **Walk Through Time & “Tour of the Valley” Community Hospital Cycling Event 8:00AM-12:00PM**

The public is invited to walk, stroll, jog, or bicycle along 14 miles of Rim Rock Drive without motorized traffic. Canine friends will be welcome, but must stay on a leash and paved areas at all times.

Sept 23 **Monumental Classic Car Tour across Rim Rock Drive 8:00AM-5:00PM**

Over 100 beautifully restored vintage autos will tour Rim Rock Drive in partnership with the 10th annual Fuoco Motor Company Downtown Car Show.

Sept 24 **National Public Lands Day (Fee Free Day for All)**

Sept 24 **Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra “Memories of the Monument” 11:00AM & 7:30PM**

A photo-choreography show with music played by the orchestra at Grand Junction High School Auditorium. The concert will feature an original piece by composer, Eric Ewazen, written for the Monument's Centennial.

Oct 1 **Music on the Monument Centennial Band Concert 5:00PM**

The Centennial Band will perform in Devils Kitchen Picnic Area. Patriotic music will resound from the red rock backdrop while visitors enjoy picnic dinners and the beauty of the monument.

Oct 8 **John Otto Day featuring John Otto, as presented by Chautauquan John Stansfield 9:30AM, 11:00AM**

Join us to celebrate the Monument’s first ranger and promoter, John Otto, as Chatauquan John Stansfield shares stories from Otto’s life and work at the Monument. Lectures and ranger guided hikes will take place throughout the day.

Dec 10-11 **Holiday Open House at the Visitor Center 9:00am-4:00pm**

2011 Fee Free Days:

January 15-17

September 24

April 16-24

November 11-13

June 21

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