

**Colorado National Monument in partnership with the
Colorado National Monument Association presents the**

Spring 2010 Walks and Talks Series



Come join us at Colorado National Monument for the Spring 2010 Walks and Talks series. The public is invited to learn more about this beautiful area by participating in programs covering such diverse topics as geology, ecology, hiking, astronomy and star gazing, music under the red rocks with the Centennial Band, and much more! You won't want to miss this spring season at Colorado National Monument!

Some programs require advance reservations and have a limited number of available spaces. For pre-registration or questions, call 970-858-3617 extension 365 or 360.

Thursday, April 15. 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

GOLD STAR CANYON HIKE: Take a hike off the beaten path with Ranger Annie to explore the geology, ecology, and human history of Gold Star Canyon. The 5-mile round-trip hike is on moderately difficult terrain — participants will hike off trail through rugged canyon country. Sturdy hiking shoes strongly recommended. Bring lunch, water, and sunscreen. Limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration is required. Call for reservations and starting location. 858-3617 ext. 365/360.

Saturday, April 17. Dusk to 10:00 p.m.

SPRINGTIME GALAXIES: Join the Western Colorado Astronomy Club for a tour of the night sky. Weather permitting, you will see planets, springtime galaxies, star forming nebulae, and clusters. Meet in the Saddlehorn picnic area parking lot just after sunset. Telescopes available. Approximately two hours. Advance registration not required.

Saturday, May 1. 7:00 a.m. to 12-noon.

SERPENTS TRAIL CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE: Be a part of the first ever Serpents Trail Centennial Challenge! Hikers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in this fun-filled non-race event. Registration proceeds go to the Colorado National Monument Association and will support public events for Colorado National Monument's Centennial. Participants can choose *The Serpents Tour* or the *Serpents Endurance Challenge*. Pre-registration is required. For more information go to www.nps.gov/colm or www.coloradonma.org.

Wednesday, May 5. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING: Bring your friends and neighbors to the CNMA's annual meeting at the Saddlehorn Visitor Center. Enjoy the evening as we celebrate CNMA's accomplishments of the past year and hear about plans for our centennial events. Refreshments! Door Prizes! All purchases in the bookstore are 20% off for this special evening!

Thursday, May 6, & Saturday, May 8. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

NATIVE PLANT WALK: Join Native Plant Masters from Colorado State University extension service. Approximately 2 miles. Bring water, sunscreen, and sturdy walking shoes. Limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration required. Call for reservations and starting location. 858-3617 ext. 365/360.

Thursday, May 13 & Saturday, May 15. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

HIKE THROUGH TIME IN KODELS CANYON: Visit one of the more remote canyons of Colorado National Monument with geologist Don Regan and biologist John Moore to explore its spring flora, fauna, and well-exposed geology. This 3-4 mile strenuous round-trip hike includes an 800-foot elevation gain on a primitive unmaintained trail. Please allow at least 4 hours. Hiking boots strongly recommended. Bring lunch, water, and sunscreen. Limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration required. Call for reservations and starting location. 858-3617 ext. 365/360.

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MONUMENT UNDER THE STARS: Join the Western Colorado Astronomy Club for a tour of the night sky. Weather permitting, you will see planets, springtime galaxies, star forming nebulae, and clusters. Meet in the Saddlehorn picnic area parking lot just after sunset. Telescopes available. Approximately two hours. Advance registration not required.

Thursday, May 20 & Saturday, May 22. 9:30 a.m. to 12:00-noon.

CACTUS WALK ALONG THE OLD GORDON TRAIL: Join "Cactus Man" Don Campbell for this favorite annual cactus walk. Learn how to identify a variety of cacti, succulents, and other desert plants. Approximately 2 miles round-trip with an estimated 500-foot elevation gain. Bring water, sunscreen, and sturdy walking shoes. Limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration required. Call for reservations and starting location. 858-3617 ext. 365/360.

Sunday, May 23. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CENTENNIAL BAND CONCERT AT DEVILS KITCHEN PICNIC AREA:

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic suppers to the Devils Kitchen Picnic Area (just inside the East Entrance gate) for this annual spring concert by Grand Junction's own Centennial Band. Enjoy an evening of rousing marches and favorite music in a natural red rock amphitheater. Due to very limited parking, a shuttle service will be provided. ** Park at Wingate Elementary School located at 351 South Camp Road. Shuttles will start at 5:00 p.m. and run every 15 minutes until 8:00 p.m. Disabled access *only*: parking will be available at Devils Kitchen Parking Lot.

Wednesday, May 26. 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

FULL MOON ON SERPENTS TRAIL HIKE: Join Ranger Briana for a moonlight hike on the Serpents Trail. Bring headlamps if the night is cloudy, sturdy walking shoes, water, and a snack. Limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration required. Call 858-3617 ext. 365/360 for reservations and starting location.

Friday, June 11. Dusk to 10:00 p.m.

SUMMER IN MILKY WAY'S CORE: Join the Western Colorado Astronomy Club for a tour of the night sky. Weather permitting, you will see planets, galaxies, star forming nebulae and clusters. Meet in the Saddlehorn picnic area parking lot just after sunset. Telescopes available. Approximately two hours. Advance registration not required.

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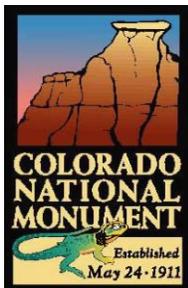
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