

Colorado National Monument Presents
Centennial Special Events and Nature Lecture Series

*Denotes Limited Space – Pre-Registration is required. Call 970-858-3617 ext. 300 or e-mail jae_dutilly@nps.gov
For all hikes, please be prepared with sturdy shoes or boots, water, snacks, sunscreen and insect repellent.

Date/Time	Description	Presenter and Topic	Location
Saturday, August 27 Dusk (~8:00-10:00 pm)	Night Sky Viewing 	Out of this World – Fall Constellations Western Colorado Astronomy Club invites you to explore the sky through a variety of telescopes. www.wcacastronomy.org	Saddlehorn Picnic Area
Sunday, August 28 8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Centennial Special Event www.nps.gov/colm	Walk Through Time Walk, jog, or bicycle across Rim Rock Drive without motorized traffic. Join the Parade of the Century. Dogs on leash welcome.	Visitor Center
Saturday, September 10 2:00 – 3:00 pm	Slide Presentation	Earthquakes in Colorado? Really? Do we have earthquakes here? Come listen to what geologist Dave Wolny has to say about seismic activity in the area!	Visitor Center
Sunday, September 11 4:00 – 5:00 pm	Slide Presentation	Of Floods and Frogs How do frogs and toads survive intense heat and flash floods? Learn more about amphibians through a photographic summary of weekly observations by Park Ranger Briana Board.	Visitor Center
Saturday, September 17 2:00 – 3:00 pm	*Hike 	Do You See What I See? Bring the kids for a scavenger hunt family hike with Ranger Bon in No Thoroughfare Canyon. Moderate terrain.	Call to Register
Friday, September 23 9:00 am – 1:30 pm	Centennial Special Event Car Tour & Viewing	Monumental Classic Car Tour Tour 23 miles of spectacular Rim Rock Drive then join us for a display of American Classic cars, a picnic, and live music at Saddlehorn Picnic Area.	Information: (970) 858-3617 X 366
Saturday, September 24	Fee Free Day www.nps.gov/colm	National Public Lands Day Enjoy Colorado National Monument at no charge. Special Ranger activities will be available throughout the day.	
Saturday, September 24 8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Volunteer Opportunity	Sprucing up Saddlehorn Campground Through a generous grant from REI, we will be “sprucing” up Saddlehorn Campground Loop C, a popular destination for students camping in the park.	Information: (970) 858-3617 X 366
Saturday, September 24 11:00 am AND 7:30 pm	Centennial Special Event Concert 	Memories of the Monument Join us for a photo-choreography show, accompanied by the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra and featuring a piece by composer Eric Ewazen written for the Monument’s Centennial. For more information: gjsymphony.org	Grand Junction High School Auditorium
Saturday, October 1 5:00 – 7:00 pm	Centennial Special Event Concert 	Music on the Monument The Centennial Band will perform in Devils Kitchen Picnic Area. Patriotic music resounds from the red rock backdrop as visitors enjoy picnic dinners and the beauty of the Monument. Parking at Wingate Elementary, shuttles begin at 3:45 pm.	Devils Kitchen Picnic Area
Saturday, October 1 Dusk (~7:00 – 10:00 pm)	Night Sky Viewing 	Out of this World – Fall Constellations Western Colorado Astronomy Club invites you to explore the sky through a variety of telescopes. www.wcacastronomy.org	Saddlehorn Picnic Area
Tuesday, October 4 10:00 am - Alcove Nature Trail 1:00 pm – Otto’s Trail	* Two Hikes 	Surviving and Thriving in a Difficult Environment Join biologist John Moore in exploring the ways plants and animals have adapted to the climate and soil throughout the four seasons here at Colorado National Monument. Easy terrain.	Call to Register
Friday, October 7 5:30 pm	Centennial Special Event Statue Unveiling	John Otto Statue Dedication Witness the unveiling of this unique statue made possible by the Legends of the Grand Valley Committee. www.gjarts.org	Downtown Grand Junction
Saturday, October 8 9:30 am – 4:00 pm	Centennial Special Event  www.nps.gov/colm	John Otto Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 & 11:00 - John Otto portrayed by Chautauquan John Stansfield at Devils Kitchen Picnic Area 10:30 - Corkscrew Trail Guided Hike with Ranger Annie, Strenuous, steep terrain, Call to register. * 2:30 – John Otto Guided Hike on Canyon Rim Trail 3:00 – Author Alan Kania shares insight into the life of John Otto, the park’s biggest promoter and custodian. 	Visitor Center and Park Trails
Sunday, October 16 2:00 – 4:00 pm	Art Instruction 	Sketching the Monument Colorado Mesa University Art Professor Suzie Garner shares insight and techniques for sketching this spectacular landscape.	Visitor Center
Wednesday, October 19 8:00 am – 11:00 pm	*Hike 	Fall Colors in Echo Canyon Enjoy the brilliance of fall colors in Echo Canyon on this hike with Naturalist Cary Atwood. Moderate terrain. Bring a camera!	Call to Register
Tuesday, October 25 8:30 – 11:30	*Hike 	Watchable Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Hike Join Naturalist Cary Atwood to hike through lower Monument Canyon in search of desert bighorn sheep. Moderate terrain.	Call to Register
Thursday, October 20 Saturday, October 22 8:00 am – 2:00 pm	* Hike 	Hike the Bench Trail Explore this unofficial primitive route traversing the Monument from Wildwood to White Rocks with Ranger geologist Don Regan. Strenuous, steep terrain. Bring lunch, raingear.	Call to Register
Saturday, October 22 2:00 – 3:00 pm	Slide Presentation	Prehistoric Creatures in the Monument! Paleontologist Rebecca Hunt-Foster reveals secrets about dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures that once roamed here.	Visitor Center
November 11 – 13, 2011	Fee Free Weekend	Veterans Day Weekend Enjoy Colorado National Monument at no charge.	
Sunday, November 20 2:00 – 4:00 pm	Slide Presentation	The Making of Celebrating 100 Years of John Otto’s Dream Film maker Greg Mikolai of Rocky Mountain PBS gives us a behind the scenes look at the making of his Emmy winning documentary, followed by a special showing of the movie.	Visitor Center