



Ranger Programs

August 18 - 24

Join the Rangers at Curecanti National Recreation Area to discover more about this jewel of the Gunnison Valley. For more information regarding our Ranger programs, stop by the Elk Creek Visitor Center located on US Highway 50 at milepost 142 or call (970) 641-2337.

Morrow Point Boat Tour

Daily except Tuesdays
Departs from Pine Creek
10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Reservations Required

Join our Park Rangers for a leisurely 1½-hour boat tour on the beautiful Morrow Point Reservoir. You will travel into the upper Black Canyon while a Ranger shares the natural and cultural history of the canyon.

The tour begins with a 1-mile hike on the Pine Creek Trail, including 232 steps, to reach the boat dock.

Tour fares:

\$16 for adults

\$8 for children (ages 12 and under)

\$8 for Federal Golden Age/Senior Pass or Access Pass holders

Prepaid reservations are required and can be made in person or by calling the Elk Creek Visitor Center at: (970) 641-2337 ext. 205.

Fishing Friday

Friday, August 22 @ 8:00 p.m.
Elk Creek Amphitheater



Join Ranger Tara to learn why people flock to Blue Mesa Reservoir from across the country. A brief 20-minute talk will be followed by a closer look at this week's most successful fishing

gear, the kinds of fish swimming in the Blue Mesa, and what those fish are currently dining on. Bring your fishing stories and questions. Stop in for a few minutes or stay for an hour or more.

Saturday Evening Program

*"Wild Water, Working Water:
Gunnison River Place Names"*
Saturday, August 23 @ 8:00 p.m.
Elk Creek Amphitheater

Tomichi, Cebolla, Blue Mesa. Lake Fork, Aspinall, Black Canyon. What is the meaning or the story behind a place name? Join Ranger Jeff to learn about the Gunnison Basin's character, from its striking natural features, to the

influence of several languages, to the colorful, often contradictory ways people relate to their surroundings. This is a wild landscape and a working landscape. Place names reveal both.

Dark Skies Hike

Saturday, August 23 @ 8:00 p.m.
Dillon Pinnacles Trail

Approximately 2 hours total
and 2.5 miles round-trip

Far from major light pollution sources, Curecanti NRA is an ideal location for stargazing. Join Ranger Ali on a 2½-mile round trip night hike beneath some of the darkest skies around. A spotting scope and binoculars will be provided for astronomical viewing.

Reservations for night hikes are available at no charge, and can be made in person or by calling the Elk Creek Visitor Center at (970) 641-2337. Space is limited to 15 people.