

Devils Tower

National Monument
Wyoming

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Ranger-led Field Trips at the Park



Registering for a Field Trip

Please submit your program request at least 4 weeks in advance. Programs requested on short notice may not be granted due to staffing limitations.

To register, visit the education section of the park's website: www.nps.gov/deto/learn/education/index.htm. From this page, you can use the "Form Links" to open the online registration form. You can also browse our educational resources or learn more about the environmental education program at Devils Tower National Monument.

Once you have registered, you will be contacted by park staff to confirm program availability and discuss the logistics of your trip.

You may contact the environmental education program at Devils Tower National Monument via email at DETO_Education_Coordinator@nps.gov or via phone at 307.467.5283 x637

Selecting Your Field Trip

When you request a field trip, you will be asked to register for a specific program. The reverse side of this page includes a listing about the environmental education programs offered at Devils Tower National Monument.

The park offers three structured field trip experiences. Specific material or topics covered during your program can be tailored to fit your educational goals. All programs are curriculum based, and highlight the real-world classroom environment of the park through experiential learning.

Program Logistics

Ranger-led education programs are offered free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Programs occur on-site at Devils Tower National Monument, and take place outside.

Teachers are expected to prepare their students and chaperones for the trip. A "Preparing for your Field Trip" PDF is available on the park's website to assist you with the preparation process.

Groups are required to have at least 1 adult per 10 students, with a maximum of 1 adult per 5 students.

Education Programs Offered at Devils Tower

Tower Walk - 2 hour program

Our most popular ranger-led education program takes place along 1.3-mile loop of the Tower Trail. Students will learn about the geology, ecosystems, and cultural history of the Tower.

Groups of 30 or less hike the entire trail with a ranger. For groups of 30 to 60 people, the teacher is expected to lead part of the program. We split into two groups, with the ranger taking a group in one direction and the teacher taking a group in the other direction. The students switch leaders at the half way point, so they all walk the entire trail and spend time with the ranger.



Ranger Talk - 45 minute program

For groups with limited time or desiring the freedom of their own agenda, a short ranger talk offers a chance for their students to learn from a ranger and explore the park in their own way. Teachers may choose a discussion topic from the subjects below:

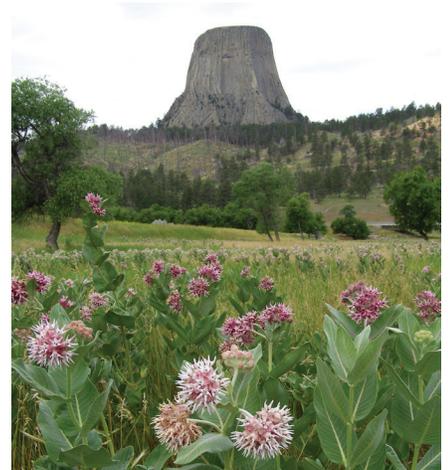
- Geology of the Tower
- Ecology of the Black Hills
- Significance of national parks
- American Indian history
- Climbing at the Tower

Devils Tower Adventure - 4 hour program

This program offers groups the flexibility to customize their education experience at the park. This program is the best option for large groups (60+ people), but can accommodate any size group. Students will learn about the geology, ecosystems and cultural history of the Tower.

The program includes the Tower Walk, with additional time being used to fit the educational goals of your group. Exploring the prairie dog town or ranger-led activities related to park resources are popular program choices. Your program will also include time for lunch in the park.

Your ranger will discuss options to determine how to best spend your time while in the park.



Special Programs

If logistical constraints prevent you from enjoying one of our structured programs, park staff will work with you to determine if a specialized program is possible based on your educational goals, timing and group size.