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Florissant Fossil Beds  
National Monument

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## Florissant Fossil Beds News Release

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### Winter Activities at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

When winter settles in and coats the ground with a blanket of snow many Coloradans head to the mountains. Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument can be an excellent place to visit during the winter months. If you haven't visited the Monument in a while, you will find new exhibits, a theater showing a 14 minute orientation film, and a new junior ranger program for kids. The Monument's 14 miles of hiking trails offer an excellent opportunity to enjoy nature and solitude within a short drive of the Colorado Springs area. If the snow is deep enough, there is excellent cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Please call ahead for conditions. The Monument also has a wide variety of books, posters, and educational items in the bookstore. The Rocky Mountain Nature Association will be holding a Holiday Book Sale from December 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> with all products being 15% off. The monument is open 7 days a week from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The monument will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The fee is \$3.00 per adult and free for anyone under the age of 16. Pets are not permitted.