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## Florissant Fossil Beds News Release

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### Hornbek Homestead Holiday

Start your holiday season with a visit to an 1880's homestead. Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument celebrates the holiday season with an open house at the Hornbek Homestead on Saturday, December 6, 2008, from 10 am until 3 pm. Staff and volunteers dressed in period costumes will serve refreshments and conduct tours of the historic 1878 Hornbek Homestead, which will be decorated for the holidays. Come and stand around a warm woodstove and relive a simpler time. Local artisans will be demonstrating quilting, weaving, and other period crafts. There will also be crafts and activities for kids reminiscent of life in the 1800's.

The Rocky Mountain Nature Association will be selling books at the homestead and at the visitor center. There is a wide selection of natural and local history, children's nature books, as well as maps, nature videos, audiocassettes, CD's and games. Items purchased from the non-profit Rocky Mountain Nature Association Bookshop support the interpretive and education programs of the Fossil Beds. There is no charge for this event beyond the normal park entrance fee of \$3 per person over the age of 16.

The Hornbek Homestead is located in Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument on Teller County #1 a mile south of the town of Florissant. From Colorado Springs, travel 35 miles west on US highway 24. The Monument visitor center is about a mile south of the Homestead. For more information call 719-748-3253.

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