

Fort Union

Fort Union Days Event Schedule

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Fort Union National Monument
Santa Fe National Historic Trail
Watrous, NM 87753



Saturday and Sunday, June 21-22

Kids Tent Area, Conducted activities for children and parents. Activities to include Santa Fe Trail Game, Corn Husk Dolls, Whirly Gigs, Sun Dials, and more.

8:00AM – 4:00PM

Exhibitors Tent, Tables for Fort Union National Monument partners to engage the public and to provide information about their resource to the visiting public.

Living History Encampment, An all day encampment filled with Living History demonstrators and reenactors conducting talks and programs through out the day. These participants will be representing various time periods of the Fort's history including the Civil War and Indian Wars.

Saturday, June 21

9:30AM Raising of the Colors Join Fort Union for the official start of the day's activities with the raising of the flag.

10:00AM-11:00AM Daily Fort Tour A 1.25 mile, Ranger led tour through the adobe remnants of what was once the largest military installation west of the Mississippi River.

10:15AM-11:00AM Dr. Bob Mallin. Learn more about mid-19th Century medicine, treatment, and surgery on the frontier.

11:00AM-12:00PM Union Lodge, Masonic History and Legacy of Fort Union. Discover the origins of Freemasonry in New Mexico, and the role Fort Union played in securing its establishment.

12:15PM - 1:00PM Fort Union 1874 – The Red River War. Join Park Rangers, and learn of the conflict that changed the Great Plains forever by bringing a people to the brink of destruction.

1:15PM – 2:00PM Musket and Artillery Demonstration. Fall in with the New Mexico Volunteers and the Artillery Company of New Mexico as they take you through artillery and infantry drill, and explain how these tactics were adapted to the Indian Wars period.

2:15PM – 3:00PM Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve The settlement of the West by the United States brought significant change to those who called it home, and it would eventually lead to changes in the physical environment. Tallgrass prairie once covered 170 million acres of North America. Within a generation the vast majority was developed and plowed under. Discover how this change occurred and its lasting impacts.

3:15PM – 4:15PM Maashlogee (Jicarilla Apache) Dance Troupe: The Butterfly Dancers Explore the deep and rich history of the Apache people. Presented by Clyde Vicenti and then enjoy traditional song and dance.

4:20PM Lowering of Colors Observe the lowering of the Flag as the days talks come to an end.

6:30PM – 7:30PM Evening Tour

8:00PM – 10:00PM Star Party Observe the stars and planets as Park Rangers guide you through the vast night sky above Fort Union National Monument in this Astronomy Program.

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3:00PM - 4:00PM Historic Dances of the Southwest – by Los Zapateado dance troupe Using period music and costume, Los Zapateado dance troupe of Las Vegas, New Mexico will transport you back to the 19th century and illustrate the various types of local dances that flourished in the Hispanic communities of the Southwest.

4:30PM – Lowering of the Colors