



Free Ranger-Guided Programs

July 12 - 18, 2015

Sunday, July 12th

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Lions, Tigers, and Bears...and sand dunes? Oh my!" - Find out about some of the incredible mammals that inhabit Great Sand Dunes National Park. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

7:00 pm Sunset Program - Ranger-guided hike, Wellington Ditch Trail. - Meet at the Montville Nature Trailhead for a 45-minute hike with a park ranger to learn more about the natural environment and cultural history of Great Sand Dunes.

Monday, July 13th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "Moved by the Wind" - Discover the creative force that shapes the dunes and all it encounters. Consider that this invisible force has the power to move mountains....of sand. Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "The Grand Sand Dune Hotel" - Discover some of the fascinating creatures that call Great Sand Dunes home! Visitor Center, 30 minutes.

Tuesday, July 14th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "Moved by the Wind" - Discover the creative force that shapes the dunes and all it encounters. Consider that this invisible force has the power to move mountains....of sand. Visitor Center, 20 minutes.

Wednesday, July 15th

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Buried Treasures" - Discover how the Great Sand Dunes formed over time, and what people in the past may have experienced here. See and touch real artifacts and fossils! Visitor Center, 30 minutes.

7:30 pm Sunset Program - "Who Dunit?" - Help investigate the creation of the dunes as we interrogate suspects of nature and call witnesses from the past! Amphitheater 30 minutes.

Thursday, July 16th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "Moved by the Wind" - Discover the creative force that shapes the dunes and all it encounters. Consider that this invisible force has the power to move mountains....of sand. Visitor Center, 20 minutes

7:00 pm Sunset Program - Ranger-guided hike, Wellington Ditch Trail. - Meet at the Montville Nature Trailhead for a 45-minute hike with a park ranger to learn more about the natural environment and cultural history of Great Sand Dunes.

8:45 pm Evening Program - "Pale Blue Dot" - Experience the dark night sky and the wonders it reveals! Our cosmic exploration includes NASA images of deep sky objects and a laser-guided tour of visible planets and constellations. Dress warmly, bring binoculars if you have them. Amphitheater, 45 minute program followed by an observation session, weather permitting.

Friday, July 17th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity-"The Grand Sand Dune Hotel" - Discover some of the fascinating creatures that call Great Sand Dunes home! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Moved by the Wind" - Discover the creative force that shapes the dunes and all it encounters. Consider that this invisible force has the power to move mountains....of sand. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

7:30 pm Sunset Program - "Art for all ages: Drawing the Dunes" - Sketch the spectacular dunes, or whatever you imagine! Paper, chalk, and a short demonstration from a ranger artist provided for free. Amphitheater, 30 minutes.

8:45 pm Evening Program - "Whispering Wilderness" - Listen in as we explore a unique and important aspect of the park with our ears! 35 minutes.

Saturday, July 18th

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Buried Treasures" - Discover how the Great Sand Dunes formed over time, and what people in the past may have experienced here. See and touch real artifacts and fossils! Visitor Center, 30 minutes.

7:00 pm Sunset Program - Ranger-guided hike, Wellington Ditch Trail. - Meet at the Montville Nature Trailhead for a 45-minute hike with a park ranger to learn more about the natural environment and cultural history of Great Sand Dunes.

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