

Great Sand Dunes

National Park Service
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Great Sand Dunes National Park
and Preserve



Free Ranger-Guided Programs

July 19 - 25, 2015

Sunday, July 19th

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 20th

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

7:30 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.

Tuesday, July 21st

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "The Singing Sands" - The Great Sand Dunes are a symphony of geological and animal sounds! Discover how the Great Sand Dunes were formed while making the wild sounds found in the park. Fun for all ages!

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Wednesday, July 22nd

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.

Thursday, July 23rd

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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 24th

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

8:45 pm Evening Program - "The Park After Dark" - Half the park is after dark! Discover the beautiful secrets of owls, nocturnal animals, stars, planets, galaxies, our moon, and meteors. Touch real pieces of the Moon and Mars! Amphitheater, 30 minutes. Brief constellation tour available after the program, weather permitting.

Saturday, July 25th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "Near and Far" - Discover how the sand made the journey to form the Great Sand Dunes. Some sand is just out of this world! Visitor Center, 25 minutes.

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.

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All programs are free and open to the public. More information: www.nps.gov/grsa (719) 378-6395