

Jewel Cave

N a t i o n a l M o n u m e n t

Staff Orientation



Summer Season 2014

Monday, May 12

Welcome and General Orientation

Schedule at a Glance

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about Jewel Cave

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Wrap Up

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Meet at the Jewel Cave Training Facility

8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Jewel Cave National Monument
- Bradley Block, Acting Superintendent
- State of the Monument Address

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Agency Introductions
- John Black, Maintenance Division
- Mike Wiles, Resource Division
- Katie Atkins, Administration Division
- David Yim, Law Enforcement
- Bradley Block, Interpretation Division

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

What are Your Expectations? / Bradley Block

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Break / Refreshments

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Administrative Overview / Katie Atkins, Beckie Carder
and Kim Hamil
- Appointment Paperwork
- Keys and Door Codes
- NPS Uniform Badges

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Uniform Requirements & Expectations /
- Tina Frankenbery and Ken Zortman
- Uniform Check-Out and Check-In Procedures
- Uniform Orders and Shipments

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch / Provided by Black Hills Parks & Forests

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Area Orientation / John Black
- Grounds and Facilities
- Recycling Area
- Picnic Areas & Trails
- Visitor Center / Parking Lot Construction

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Experience the Scenic Tour / Ken Zortman

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Break / Refreshments

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Questions and Answers / Bradley Block

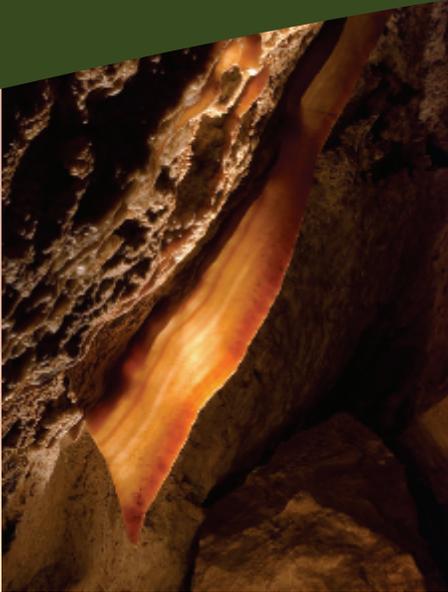
Tuesday, May 13

Processes and Policies / Black Hills Parks and Forests Association

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| 8:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m. | Preview Day / Bradley Block <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meet at the Training Facility |
| 8:10 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Payroll Administration and Personnel Questions / Katie Atkins <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leave and Earnings- Employee Express / eOPF- Payroll / Quicktime- OWCP / Work Injuries |
| 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | IT Information / Jayne Weiss <ul style="list-style-type: none">- IT Protocol- IT Troubleshooting- Email Accounts |
| 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. | Break ~ On Your Own |
| 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Required National Park Service Training - DOI Learn / Jayne Weiss <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2014 FISSA Training- 2014 No Fear Training (Awareness Only)- 2014 Orientation to the Privacy Act (Awareness Only)- 2014 Sexual Harassment (Awareness Only) |
| 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. | Lunch - All staff should plan to furnish their own sack lunch and beverage(s) ... |
| 12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) / Bradley Block |
| 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. | Walk to the Visitor Center ~ On Your Own |
| 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Black Hills Parks and Forest Association / Patty Ressler <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meet at the Visitor Center- Park Store Operations- Cash Register- Revenue and Aid Funding |
| 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Fanny Pack Orientation / Brian Embrey |
| 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. | Walk to the Training Facility ~ On Your Own |
| 3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Team Building Activity / Bradley Block |

Wednesday, May 14

Law Enforcement and NPS History



8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Law Enforcement and Radios at

Jewel Cave / David Yim

- Meet at Training Facility
- Internal Protocol / LE and Medical
- Search and Rescue Procedures
- Radio Communication
- NPS Laws and Policies
- Superintendent's Compendium

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch ~ On Your Own

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Hazardous Materials Training / David Yim

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

NPS History and Timeline / Ken Zortman

- Meet at Training Facility

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wild Caving Trip Leader Class / Dan Austin

Thursday, May 15

Black Hills Field Trip

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Shuttle Pick-Up at Custer Apartments / Bradley Block

8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Travel to and Tour to [Wind Cave National Park](#)

- Interpretive Program and Educational Services Presentation
- Tour Visitor Center Exhibits and Displays
- Guided Cave Tour
- Campground Tour

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Travel to and Tour [Custer State Park](#) (Pack a lunch ...)

- Drive Wildlife Loop Road
- Tour Peter Norbeck Visitor Center
- Interpretive Program and Educational Services Presentation

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Travel to and Tour [Mount Rushmore National Memorial](#)

- Drive Iron Mountain Road (Hwy 16A)
- Tour Visitor Center Exhibits and Displays
- Interpretive Program and Educational Services Presentation

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Travel to and Tour Custer

- Drive Hwy 385 by [Crazy Horse Monument](#)
- Showcase Sites
 - Black Hills National Forest
 - Hell Canyon Ranger District Office
 - Post Office
 - Custer Area Chamber of Commerce

Background Image ~ The Jasper Fire occurred in August 2000 and burned through over 83,000 acres. Started by arson, the fire scars are still quite visible along Hwy 16 coming to and from the monument.

Monday, May 19

Specific Tour Training / Historic Lantern Tours and Wild Caving Tours

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wild Caving Tours / Dan Austin

- Follow Assignments from Week #1 of Orientation
- Participants need to dress in appropriate "old" clothes and be prepared for an all-day strenuous activity.

Historic Lantern Tours - Interpretive Techniques / Ken Zortman

- Follow Assignments from Week #1 of Orientation
- Participants need to dress in casual clothes and wear sturdy shoes for caving activities in the historic entrance.

NOTE: Both groups need to pack their own lunches, snacks, and beverages.

Tuesday, May 20

Resource Management Happenings and Historic Lantern Tours 101

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

What is Resource Management? / Mike Wiles

- Meet at the Training Facility
- Learn the Basics of Surface and Sub-Surface Resources
- Geology Basics of Jewel Cave

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hike the Canyons Trail / Mike Wiles and Dan Austin

- Plants & Wildflowers
- Wild Land Fire
- Hiking Trails & Visitor Safety
- Surface Geology & Hydrology
- Bats / White Nose Syndrome & Hibernation
- Historic Cave Entrance

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Lunch ~ On Your Own

12:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Follow-Up to Historical Lantern Tours / Ken Zortman & Dan Austin

- Meet at Historic Cabin Area
- Visitor Issues / Safety Concerns
- Scout Ranger Restoration Crews and Surface Area Projects
- Bats / Hibernation Issues and WNS

Background Image ~ Wind Cave National Park offers some of the best panoramic views of the mixed grass prairie in western South Dakota. Its interpretive pull-offs along Hwy 385 also make for some great star gazing opportunities during the summer season.

Wednesday, May 21

Interpretation - Learning By Doing

Location ~ Interpretive Division staff members report to the visitor center.
Resource Management Division staff members report to the Jewel Cave Training Facility.
Maintenance Division staff members report to the Jewel Cave shop area.

*The schedule listed below has been assigned to your specific duty area. If this is not correct, contact your hiring official and work unit point of contact.

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| 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. | What Makes an Interpretive Program / Bradley Block - Meet at the Visitor Center |
| 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Scenic Tour and Discovery Tour Training / Bradley Block / Tour Guides |
| 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Lunch ~ On Your Own |
| 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Patio Talks / Bradley Block - Tracks Galore - Interpretive Patio Talk Demonstration |
| 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. | Break ~ On Your Own |
| 1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Thematic Nature Hikes / Bradley Block - Roof Trail - Interpretive Guided Hikes |
| 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. | Special Events / Fee Free Days / Youth Programs |
| 3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Break ~ On Your Own |
| 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Visitor Center Operations / Bradley Block and Tina Frankenberg - Facility Tour - Lost and Found Reporting Procedures - Flag Etiquette - Opening and Closing Duties - Questions and Answers |

Background Image ~ The Cathedral Spires Trail of Custer State Park treks into a rocky terrain of granitic outcroppings along the Needles Highway (Hwy 87). Excellent trail to explore during the summer months.

Thursday, May 22

Everything You Need to Know about Jewel Cave?



- 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Cave Map Talk and Walk Through the Cave / Mike Wiles and Dan Austin
- Meet at the Visitor Center
 - Cave Geology
 - Current Research
 - Airlock Doors
 - Geology Test
 - Lint Removal
 - Cave Restoration Efforts
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Walk to the Training Facility ~ Lunch On Your Own
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. History of Jewel Cave Exploration / Mike Wiles
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Introduction to Caving Trips / Mike Wiles
- Cave Orientation Trips
 - Recreational Caving
 - After Hour Caving and Scenic Tours
- 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Break ~ On Your Own
- 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jewel Cave Geology / Mike Wiles and Bradley Block
- Interpretive Talking Points
 - Examples of Poor Interpretation
 - New Wet Room Example
 - Story-Telling Example
 - Resource Management Standards and Expectations
- 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Resource Management with Construction Projects / Mike Wiles
- Highway 16 Goals and Compliance Checks
 - Visitor Center Parking Lot and Filtration Systems

Friday, May 23

Wrap Up

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| 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | NPS Staff Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meet at Training Facility- Performance Appraisal Plans- Critical Elements (All Positions)- Mid-Season Evaluations- Peer Feedback |
| 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Eppley Training Courses / Bradley Block <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Foundations of Interpretation- Interpretive Talk 2.0- Interpretive Talk |
| 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. | Break |
| 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Mentorship in the Work Place / Bradley Block <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chain of Command- Team Leaders- Common Summer Issues- What Do I Do When ...? |
| 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Staff Questions |
| 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Lunch ~ On Your Own |
| 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Individual Positions and Team Assignments |
| 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | On the Job Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Research- Shadow Tours- Trail Hike- Scenic Tour Walk-Through- Custodial and Shop Duties- Resource Assignments |



Jewel Cave Staff

Acting Superintendent
[Bradley Block](#)

Administrative Division
[Katie Atkins](#) / Administrative Officer
Beckie Carder / Administrative Asst.
Kim Hamil / Administrative Asst.
Jayne Weiss / IT Specialist

Interpretive Division
[Bradley Block](#) - Chief of Interpretation
Brian Embrey - Park Ranger
Tina Frankenbery - Lead Park Ranger
Ken Zortman - Park Ranger

Resource Division
[Mike Wiles](#) - Chief of Resources
Dan Austin - Physical Science Tech

Maintenance Division
[John Black](#) - Chief of Maintenance
Dave Tashner - Maintenance Worker

Law Enforcement
[David Yim](#) - Chief Ranger

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