

# Joshua Tree National Park



## Ranger Programs

November 14, 2016 – January 21, 2017

Discover Joshua Tree with free guided walks, talks, and evening programs given by park rangers and volunteers. Learn how humans, wildlife, and vegetation have adapted to survive in the desert, and how geologic forces have shaped this arid land.

Programs start promptly at the times noted below, so arrive a few minutes early to allow time for parking. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Programs take place outdoors, but may be canceled or moved inside

during inclement weather or if there is a danger of lightning.

Please bring a hat, wear sunscreen, and carry plenty of water with you. For evening programs, bring warm layers and a flashlight.

Program	Meeting Location	Duration, Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
<b>Mural Talk</b> Discover the past, present, and future of our diverse desert ecosystems.	Joshua Tree Visitor Center by the back patio mural	15-30 min						9:00 am	9:00 am
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<b>Patio Talk</b> Ranger's choice! Learn about one of many fascinating aspects of the park.	Oasis Visitor Center	15-30 min		10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	
	Cottonwood Visitor Center	15-30 min	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
<b>Artists' Tea</b> Meet a local artist! Find inspiration and see how the artistic community can help protect and promote the beauty of Joshua Tree National Park. Bring your own mug to enjoy a free cup of tea. Participating artists vary from week to week.	Cap Rock parking area	drop-in	9:00 am - 11:00 am						
<b>Mastodon Peak Hike</b> Discover the early mining history of the park. This hike has steep grades and is strenuous.	Cottonwood Springs parking area	2-3 hours 3 mi (4.8 km)							9:00 am
<b>Cottonwood Springs Chat</b> Drop by for a casual conversation with a ranger. Bring your questions about Cottonwood Springs and the Colorado Desert.	Cottonwood Springs parking area	drop-in						9:00 am - 10:30 am	
<b>Joshua Tree Rocks!</b> Examine the geology of this remarkable area.	Skull Rock parking area	1-1.5 hours 1 mi (1.6 km)						9:30 am	
<b>Desert Reflections</b> Join a ranger for an interactive discussion about an issue facing the park. Check at a visitor center for topics.	Oasis Visitor Center	1-1.5 hours							10:00 am
<b>Cholla Garden Chat</b> Drop by for casual conversation with a ranger. Bring your questions about the Cholla Cactus Garden and the Pinto Basin.	Cholla Cactus Garden	drop-in	10:00 am - 11:30 am						
<b>Jr. Ranger Discovery Walk</b> Especially for families with children! This short hike will help kids on their way to earning a Jr. Ranger badge.	Oasis Visitor Center	1-1.5 hours 1 mi (1.6 km)	10:00 am						
<b>"I Speak for the Trees" Walk</b> Take a walk with a ranger and discover the park's namesake.	Cap Rock Nature Trail	1 hour 0.4 mi (0.6 km)	2:00 pm						
<b>Keys Ranch Tour</b> Explore the colorful story and numerous artifacts of this premier historical site. <b>Tickets are required.</b> Tickets must be purchased in person <i>on the day of the tour</i> at the Oasis Visitor Center from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Adults (12 & up) \$10; Senior Pass or Access Pass holders \$5; children ages 6-11 \$5; children under 6 free.	Keys Ranch Gate tickets required	1.5 hours 0.5 mi (0.8 km)					2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
<b>Oasis Walk</b> Explore the history and ecology of a desert oasis.	Oasis of Mara Visitor Center	1-1.5 hours 0.5 mi (0.8 km)			3:00 pm				
<b>Evening Program</b> Relax beneath the stars and enjoy a presentation about the park's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check at a visitor center for topics.	Jumbo Rocks Campground Amphitheater	45 min						7:00 pm	7:00 pm
	Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater	45 min						7:00 pm	7:00 pm
<b>Full Moon Hike</b> <i>see specific dates at right</i> Explore the park after dark with a ranger.	check at a visitor center for location	1.5 hours 1 mi (1.6 km)		Nov. 14 7:00 pm	Dec. 13 7:00 pm			Jan. 12 7:00 pm	