



Ranger Programs – June 1-September 30, 2015

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.

Time	Program	Meeting Location	Duration, Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
9:00 am	Barker Dam Hike Explore how humans have learned to live in harmony with the desert.	Barker Dam parking area	1.5 hours 1 mi (1.6 km)					✓		
9:00 am	Joshua Tree Rocks! Examine the geology of this remarkable area.	Skull Rock parking area	1 hour 1 mi (1.6 km)						✓	
9:00 am	"I Speak for the Trees" Walk Take a walk with a ranger and discover the park's namesake.	Cap Rock Nature Trail	1 hour 0.4 mi (0.6 km)	✓						✓
10:00 am	Patio Talk Ranger's choice! Learn about one of many fascinating aspects of the park.	Oasis Visitor Center	15-30 min	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Joshua Tree Visitor Center	15-30 min	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2:00 pm	Story Time with a Ranger Especially for families with young children! Join a ranger for a read-aloud story about an aspect of the desert.	Joshua Tree Visitor Center	30 min							✓
varies	Keys Ranch Tour Explore the colorful story and numerous artifacts of this premier historical site. <i>Reservations are required.</i> Tickets must be purchased at least 24 hours in advance. You may purchase tickets by phone at 760-367-5522, or in person at the Joshua Tree and Oasis Visitor Centers. Adults (12 & up) \$10; Senior Pass or Access Pass holders \$5; children ages 6-11 \$5; children under 6 free.	Keys Ranch Gate	1.5 hours 0.5 mi (0.8 km)	✓						✓
				9:00 am						6:00 pm
June & July: 8:30 pm August & September: 8:00 pm	Evening Program 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						✓	✓
9:00 pm	Full Moon Hike Get to know the park after dark. Advance reservations required: call 760-367-5522. Come prepared with closed-toe shoes, water, a light jacket, and a flashlight for emergencies. Using lights or camera flashes during the program is not allowed. For safety reasons, the group must remain together for the duration of the night hike. All participants must be able to walk the full distance of the hike. Children are welcome but must be closely supervised.	Boy Scout Trailhead (off Park Blvd., inside the West Entrance to the park)	1.5 hours 1 mile (1.6 km)						July 31	June 27 Aug. 29

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