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Pipe Spring National Monument Celebrates National Parks Week

National Parks Week is April 18–26! Join rangers and volunteers at Pipe Spring National Monument to learn about the unique aspects of this National Park Service gem. The following programs are suitable for all ages. All times are MST, or Arizona time, unless otherwise specified:

- **Saturday, April 18:**
 - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Junior Ranger Program: take a guided walk on the ¼-mile long Ridge Trail to learn how Native Peoples, early settlers, and modern residents have benefitted from this land. During our time together we'll learn the names of local plants and how Native Americans used them in their daily lives; we'll see where, and talk about how, the stone was quarried to build the fort; and we'll discuss the importance of the designation of the Monument to people today. Be prepared to see exciting evidence of mammals, reptiles, birds, and insects that live here now and imagine how it was used long ago by other creatures. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet inside the visitor center.
 - 2 p.m.: Cultural History Mystery: have you ever seen an old time toaster? A corset stay? A butter churn? Come learn about some of the implements that made life easier for those who lived at Pipe Spring Ranch in the late 1800s. Meet on the back patio of the visitor center.
- **Sunday, April 19:**
 - 12:30–1:30 p.m.: Did you know that crocheting started back in the 1800s? Sit a spell and learn a little more about the history of crocheting and its many uses. There will be broomstick lace in progress as well as a finished sample. Meet inside the visitor center.
 - 1p.m.: Killing on the Arizona Strip: In 1862, with the Black Hawk War looming, life was tense along the Arizona Strip. People were leaving the rural areas and moving to the safety of Saint George. Robert McIntyre and James Whitmore were killed near Pipe Spring while they were looking for their livestock. McIntyre and Whitmore never returned. Join a ranger to hear the rest of the story. Meet on the back patio of the visitor center.
- **Monday, April 20:**
 - 4–6 p.m. (Utah time): We'll be in St. George at the Dixie Convention Center's Garden Room with Zion and Cedar Breaks National Parks to share the latest information about the Parks and the important support we receive from Zion Natural History Association. This event is free and open to the public.
- **Friday, April 24:**
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- **Saturday, April 25:**
 - 11 a.m.: Whoooo Goes There? Pipe Spring National Monument offers habitat to a number of owl species. Come learn about some of the local owl species and their super-hero-like adaptations. We'll also touch on the traditional beliefs about owls held by the Paiute and Navajo cultures. Meet on the back patio of the visitor center.
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Pipe Spring National Monument is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, Arizona time. April 18 and April 19 are fee free days at Pipe Spring National Monument and all National Parks. The entrance fee for all other days on this announcement is \$5.00 per person (15 years old and younger are free). Interagency Annual, Senior, and Access passes are also accepted for entry at Pipe Spring National Monument.

Pipe Spring is located 15 miles west of Fredonia, Arizona on AZ 389 or 45 miles east of Hurricane, Utah on UT 59 and AZ 389.

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