

Mineral King Ranger Programs

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MINERAL KING

	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Above the Snowline				10:00AM
What's for Dinner, Animal Kingdom?			10:00AM	
As Bears Emerge			5:00 PM	
Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests				10:00 AM
When Marmots Attack		5:00PM		
Hidden in the Dark		7:30 PM		
Wilderness Connections	8:00PM			
Bighorn Sheep, Birds, & the GLORIA Project			8:00PM	

RANGER TALKS

Wilderness Connections

Wilderness surrounds us in Mineral King, but one cannot take these open spaces for granted. At this interactive campfire program, experience those who helped shape our concept of wilderness and explore what it means to us as individuals today. *Silver City Resort (1 hour)*

Bighorns, Birds, & the GLORIA Project

Even with almost 900,000 acres in the parks, wildlife still needs our help. Every day scientists are working behind the scenes to find out which species are struggling. Come explore what it's like to be a park ecologist and see how they are strengthening the shrinking alpine ecosystem.

Ranger Station Campfire Circle (1 hour)

When Marmots Attack

Yes! Marmots will feast on your vehicle. Come discover how to protect the delicacies that lay underneath the hood of your car and why marmots find them so delicious.

Ranger Station Campfire Circle (20 minutes)

As Bears Emerge

The end of winter at Mineral King brings local black bears out of hibernation, cubs in tow, in search of food to replace fat lost over the winter. Learn what it's like to see the world as a bear does, as a richly scented menu where every action is in pursuit of the next meal.

Meet at the Atwell Mill Campground Entrance Sign (20 minutes)

What's for dinner, Animal Kingdom?

Have you ever wondered what food animals survive on? Join the ranger for an eye opening talk concerning what animals eat and the importance of the web of life.

Ranger Station Campfire Circle (20 minutes)

RANGER WALKS

Hidden in the Dark

Flying squirrels are elusive to humans, but play a vital role in mixed conifer forests. During this evening stroll realize how a squirrel's relationship to a hidden forest treasure supports an ecosystem.

Meet at the Atwell Mill Campground Entrance Sign (1 hour)

Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests

Atwell Mill is the only campground in the parks where one can sleep under the largest trees in the world. Learn to identify the Giant Sequoia and its neighbors while discovering the history of the old mill.

Meet at the Atwell Campground Entrance Sign (1 hour)

Above the Snowline

Snowfalls have shaped the Mineral King Valley across the centuries. Living in a glacial valley characterized by avalanches, ice and heavy snowfalls, the plants and animals of the Sierra Nevada have adapted to the harsh conditions, allowing them to bounce back spring after spring. Bring plenty of water and wear sturdy shoes.

Meet at the Mineral King Ranger Station (1 hour and 30 minutes)

All programs are free and open to the public.