

# Ranger Led Hikes and Campground Programs



**Roving Ranger Programs** are presented to you by a partnership team comprised of both National Park Service and Forest Service rangers and volunteers. The Roving Rangers provide free ranger programs that are a fun and entertaining way to learn about and experience the great outdoors with family, friends and your neighborly park ranger!  
Come exploring with us today!



**There are currently no programs being conducted by the Roving Rangers.**

**Please check back in the spring of 2016.**

**Programs run from approximately Memorial Day weekend (May 27<sup>th</sup>)  
through mid-September (September 17<sup>th</sup>).**

**The Flagstaff Monuments are open every day except for Christmas, and offer  
a number of great hiking options and the Coconino National Forest has  
many places to explore.**

**Enjoy your winter; we'll see you in the spring!**



# Roving Rangers History



**The Roving Rangers** is a partnership team comprised of both rangers and volunteers from the National Park Service and the Forest Service. It's the mission of this group to provide free ranger programs in and around the Flagstaff area, that provide visitors with fun learning experiences in the out of doors. It is the intent of the Roving Rangers to bring understanding and inspiration to all ages, provoking the citizens of the world to cherish our natural world and act to preserve natural and cultural resources. The Roving Rangers Partnership was created in 1991 by John Nelson, United States Forest Service (USFS) employee, and Kim Watson, National Park Service (NPS) employee. It is now in its 24<sup>th</sup> season and has delivered a multitude of guided walks and talks for visitors and residents of the Flagstaff area.

## Where we work:

During the summer, from Memorial Day Weekend through early September, the Roving Rangers conduct ranger-led programs each weekend at three local campgrounds. The partnership also provides an interpretive ranger at the top of the Arizona Snowbowl Scenic Skyride to answer questions and describe the natural history and panoramic views amid the spectacular San Francisco Peaks. Some of the most loved ranger-led programs include beautiful, exciting guided walks in Flagstaff's three local national monuments and throughout the hidden trails of the Coconino National Forest.

## The partnership:

The Partnership is an example of a working public/private relationship. The two private partners are Arizona Snowbowl and Recreation Resource Management (RRM), and the two public partners being the National Park Service and the Forest Service. RRM is contracted by the USFS to run the local Forest Service campgrounds and also to provide quality interpretation at three campgrounds with amphitheaters --- Dairy Springs Campground (west side of Mormon Lake), Pine Grove Campground (about a mile past Upper Lake Mary), and Bonito Campground (adjacent to the entrance of Sunset Crater Volcano NM). The creation of the partnership helps RRM fulfill their program requirements and enables the NPS and USFS to provide visitors with quality experiences.