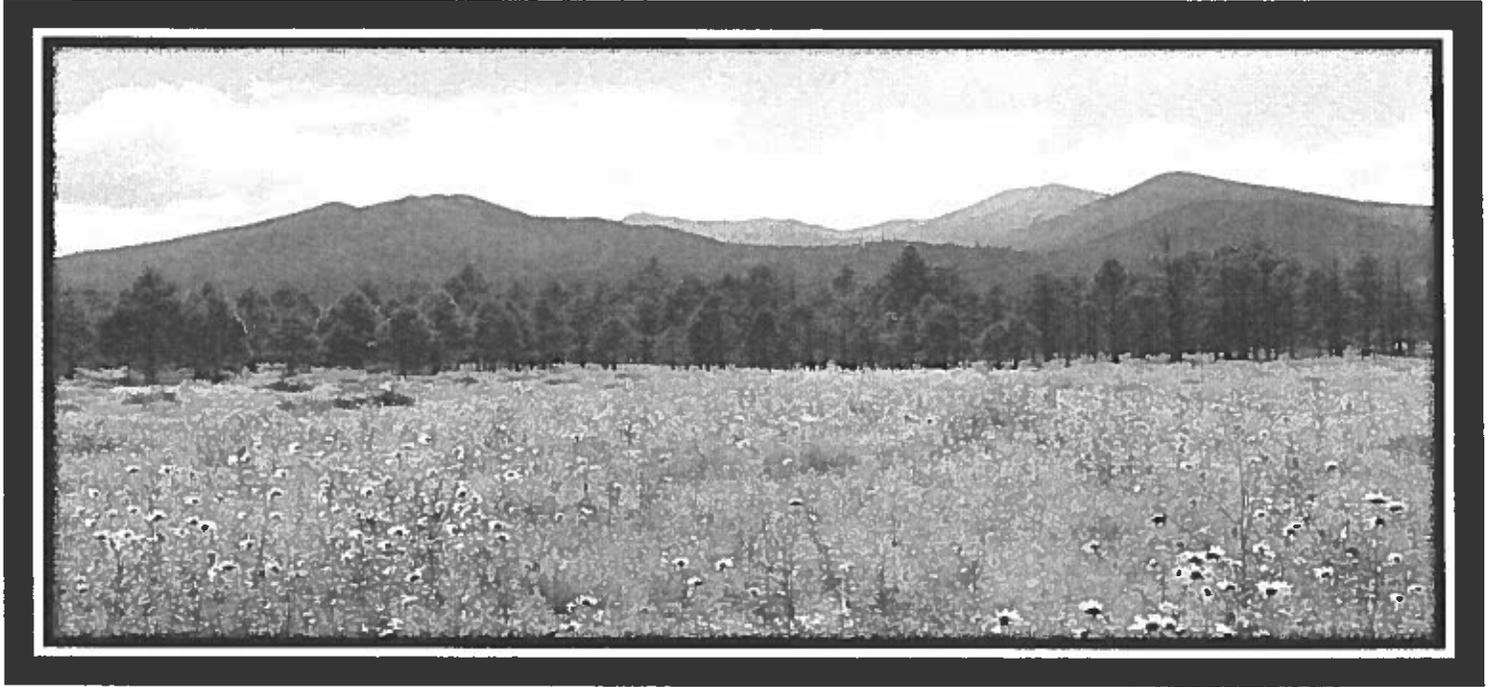


Ranger Led Hikes and Campground Programs



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!



See Current Flyer Below



Ranger Walks & Talks Event Calendar

June 27th– July 4th 2016



Monday, June 27th

Guided Nature Walk at Lomaki Pueblo 10:00-11:00 am. Ancient Peoples. Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney, on an easy 1/2 mile round-trip walk to explore an ancient Pueblo built along a small canyon. Meet at the trailhead for Lomaki/Box Canyon Pueblo in Wupatki National Monument. Drive north on H-89 and take the Sunset Crater Loop Road (Forest Service Rd. 545, accessed near milepost 430 & milepost 444. Park entrance fees apply.

Thursday, June 30th

Guided Nature Walk: Protecting Watershed and Community 9:00-11:00 am. Four years ago Flagstaff voters overwhelmingly approved an ambitious and unique forest restoration project to protect key watersheds in and around the community. Join Ranger Karen to learn how the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project will look on the ground. Easy 2-miles with some off-trail walking. Bring water, hat, sunscreen. No dogs. Meet at trailhead parking lot behind Trinity Heights United Methodist Church at the top of 4th Street. 3600 N. 4th Street. For more: www.flagstaffwatershedprotection.org

Guided Nature Walk at O'Leary Volcano 10:00-11:30 am. Lower O'Leary Hike. Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney on a beautiful ramble up the lower elevations of O'Leary Peak for a great opportunity to learn and experience the geologic wonders, plants, and birds of the area. Meet at the O'Leary trailhead. Take H-89 north out of Flagstaff, turn right on Sunset Crater Rd. (FS Rd. 545) and drive 1.8 miles, turn left for the O'Leary Group Campground and park at the trailhead just past the turn for the O'Leary campsite.

Friday, July 1st

Guided Nature Walk at Bismarck Lake Little Springs 8:30-12:00am. Join Rangers Steve and Lois on a hike to the AZ Trail into mountain meadows with spectacular views of the San Fran Peaks. Then loop down to Little Spring, where C. Hart Merriam set up camp for his study of climate zones. Difficulty: moderate ascent to 8800 ft. Bring water, snacks/lunch, and trekking poles. Go N. 22 miles on Hwy 180. Turn right onto the second FR 151 intersection just beyond MP 235. Go 1.6 mi to fork and continue on FR 151 (right fork) another 0.8 mi to small meadow and park at junction with FR 418B.

Evening Program at Bonito Campground 8:00-8:45pm. The Ways and Whys of the Universe. Come join a ranger at the amphitheater for a 45 minute chat and discover the wonders of our universe that have captivated people's curiosities since the Stone Age.

Saturday, July 2nd

Solar Viewing at Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument 1:00-4:00 pm Here's your chance to safely take a look at the surface of the sun and learn about it's properties! Come on down to Sunset Crater Volcano visitor center to view and learn about the sun. Park entrance fees apply.

Guided Nature Walk at Dairy Springs Campground 3:00-3:45 pm. Forest Health. Join Ranger Eric for an easy 1/3 mile stroll along the Dairy Springs Loop Trail and uncover the past, present, and future health of our forests. Meet at the campground amphitheater.

Astronomy Program at Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument 8:00-10:30 pm. Join us in celebrating incredible dark skies and inspiring starscapes. Astronomy presentation will take place from 8:00-8:45 pm and telescope/star viewings from 8:45-10:30 pm both at the Lava Flow Trail. Contact the Sunset Crater Volcano visitor center at (928) 526-0502 for more information.

Evening Program at Pine Grove Campground 8:00-8:45 pm. Bark Beetles Come join a ranger and learn about the battle between bark beetles and Ponderosa pines. Meet at the campground amphitheater to learn more.

Evening Program at Bonito Campground 8:00-8:45 pm. Volcanoes of North America. Come listen in to a tale about the fiery effects of volcanoes in northern Arizona and beyond. Pictures of awe-inspiring eruptions and the stories of one man's traveling adventures will inspire you to embark on your own bold wanderings! Program conducted by volunteer park Ranger Eric Zelif

Sunday, July 3rd

Guided Nature Walk at Dairy Springs Campground 3:00-3:45 pm. Forest Health. Join ranger Eric for an easy 1/3 mile stroll along the Dairy Springs Loop Trail and uncover the past, present, and future health of our forests. Meet at the campground amphitheater.

Evening Program at Pine Grove Campground 8:00-8:45 pm. Hummingbirds of Arizona. Learn about the tiniest bird in North America and a personal encounter in nature with a broad-tailed hummingbird. Meet ranger Rick Ruess at the campground amphitheater.

Monday, July 4th

Guided Nature Walk at Lomaki Pueblo 10:00-11:00 am. Ancient Peoples. Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney, on an easy 1/2 mile round-trip walk to explore an ancient Pueblo built along a small canyon. Meet at the trailhead for Lomaki/Box Canyon Pueblo in Wupatki National Monument. Drive north on H-89 and take the Sunset Crater Loop Road (Forest Service Rd. 545). This road can be accessed near milepost 430 & milepost 444. Park entrance fees apply.

Arizona Snowbowl

Friday July 1st through Monday 4th 10:00-4:00 pm. Ranger Talks with the Roving Rangers atop the Scenic Chairlift Ride. The grandest view in the Southwest at 11,500 feet elevation. Arizona Snowbowl Chairlift fees apply. For more call 928-779-1951 or visit www.arizonasnowbowl.com. Open every day.

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Ranger Walks & Talks Event Calendar

July 7-11, 2016
NPS/USFS Roving Rangers



Thursday, July 7th

- **Guided Nature Walk at O'Leary Volcano, Thursday, July 7**
10:00-11:00am. **Lower O'Leary Hike.** Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney on a beautiful ramble up the lower elevations of O'Leary Peak. This is a great opportunity to learn and experience the geologic wonders, plants, and birds of the area. The walk is easy, level walking, and is approximately 2 miles round trip. Meet at the O'Leary trailhead. Take H-89 north out of Flagstaff, turn right on Sunset Crater Rd. (FS Rd. 545) and drive 1.8 miles, turn left for the O'Leary Group Campground and park at the trailhead just past the turn for the O'Leary campsite.

Friday, July 8th

- **Evening Program at Bonito Campground, Friday, July 8**
8:00-8:45pm. **Grand Tours.** Come discover the Grand Circle! Join a ranger to hear about the National Park Service sites of northern Arizona and southern Utah. Undoubtedly you get some great ideas for your own adventure! Meet ranger Floy Healer at the campground amphitheater to learn more.

Saturday, July 9th

- **Guided Nature Walk at Dairy Springs Campground, Saturday, July 9**
3:00-3:45 pm. **Seldom Seen.** Join a ranger for an easy 1/3 mile stroll along the Dairy Springs Loop Trail and uncover the mysterious things that are difficult to see and often overlooked. No dogs please. Meet at the Amphitheater.
- **Evening Program at Pine Grove Campground, Saturday, July 9**
8:00-8:45 pm. **The Ways and Whys of the Universe.** Come join a ranger at the amphitheater for a 45 minute chat and discover the wonders of our universe that have captivated people's curiosities since the Stone Age.

Monday, July 11th

- **Guided Nature Walk at the Lomaki Pueblo, Monday, July 11**
10:00-11:00am. **Ancient Peoples.** Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney, on an easy 1/2 mile round-trip walk to explore an ancient pueblo built along a small canyon. Meet at the trailhead for Lomaki/Box Canyon Pueblo in Wupatki National Monument. Drive north on H-89 and take the Sunset Crater Loop Road (Forest Service Rd. 545). This road can be accessed near milepost 430 & milepost 444. Park entrance fees apply.

Arizona Snowbowl

- **Friday, July 8 through Sunday, July 10**
10:00 am-4:00 pm. **Ranger Talks with the Roving Rangers atop the Scenic Chairlift Ride.** The grandest view in the Southwest at 11,500 feet elevation. Arizona Snowbowl Chairlift fees apply. For more information call 928-779-1951 or visit: www.arizonasnowbowl.com. Open every day.

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Ranger Walks & Talks Event Calendar

July 14-18, 2016

NPS/USFS Roving Rangers



Thursday, July 14th

- **Guided Nature Walk at O'Leary Volcano, Thursday, July 14**

10:00-11:30am. **Lower O'Leary Hike.** Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney on a beautiful ramble up the lower elevations of O'Leary Peak. This is a great opportunity to learn and experience the geologic wonders, plants, and birds of the area. The walk is easy, level walking, and is approximately 2 miles round trip. Meet at the O'Leary trailhead. Take H-89 north out of Flagstaff, turn right on Sunset Crater Rd. (FS Rd. 545) and drive 1.8 miles, turn left for the O'Leary Group Campground and park at the trailhead just past the turn for the O'Leary campsite.

Friday, July 15th

- **Evening Program at Bonito Campground, Friday, July 15**

8:00-8:45pm. **Snake Mythbusters.** Join Ranger Charlene Stone at the Bonito Campground for a fascinating slide show on the life of snakes. They aren't so fearsome when you understand them better. Come join to discover more!

Saturday, July 16th

- **Guided Nature Walk at Dairy Springs Campground, Saturday, July 16**

3:00-3:45 pm. A fun 45-minute (1/3 mile stroll) family **nature walk** along the Dairy Springs Loop Trail with volunteer Rangers Steve and Nancy Galas. No dogs please. Meet at the Amphitheater.

- **Evening Program at Pine Grove Campground, Saturday, July 16**

8:00-8:45 pm. **Bark Beetles.** Come join a ranger and learn about the battle between bark beetles and Ponderosa pines. Meet at the campground amphitheater to learn more.

Monday, July 18th

- **Guided Nature Walk at the Lomaki Pueblo, Monday, July 18**

10:00-11:00am. **Ancient Peoples.** Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney, on an easy 1/2 mile round-trip walk to explore an ancient pueblo built along a small canyon. Meet at the trailhead for Lomaki/Box Canyon Pueblo in Wupatki National Monument. Drive north on H-89 and take the Sunset Crater Loop Road (Forest Service Rd. 545). This road can be accessed near milepost 430 & milepost 444. Park entrance fees apply.

Arizona Snowbowl

- **Friday, July 15 through Sunday, July 17**

10:00 am-4:00 pm. **Ranger Talks with the Roving Rangers atop the Scenic Chairlift Ride.** The grandest view in the Southwest at 11,500 feet elevation. Arizona Snowbowl Chairlift fees apply. For more information call 928-779-1951 or visit: www.arizonasnowbowl.com. Open every day.

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2016 Flagstaff National Monument Night Sky Events

Saturday, July 2nd - *Sunset Crater Volcano Solar & Star Party*

Solar Viewing from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Astronomy Presentation from 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm.

Telescope Viewing and Constellation Tours from 8:45 pm - 10:30 pm.

Directions: From Flagstaff take U.S. 89 north for 12 miles (19km), turn right on the Sunset Crater - Wupatki Loop road and continue 2 miles (3km) to the visitor center. Drive time from Flagstaff to Sunset Crater Volcano is 30 minutes. Solar viewing will take place at the Sunset Crater Visitor Center. All other events will take place at the Lava Flow Trail parking lot, located 1.5 miles east of the Sunset Crater Volcano visitor center on the park loop drive (FS 545).

Saturday, August 6th - *Sunset Crater Volcano Solar & Star Party*

Solar Viewing from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Astronomy Presentation from 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm.

Telescope Viewing and Constellation Tours from 8:45 pm - 10:30 pm.

Directions: From Flagstaff take U.S. 89 north for 12 miles (19km), turn right on the Sunset Crater - Wupatki Loop road and continue 2 miles (3km) to the visitor center. Drive time from Flagstaff to Sunset Crater Volcano is 30 minutes. Solar viewing will take place at the Sunset Crater Visitor Center. All other events will take place at the Lava Flow Trail parking lot, located 1.5 miles east of the Sunset Crater Volcano visitor center on the park loop drive (FS 545).

Event Directions and Details

Program Location	Directions	Description	What to Bring
Arizona Snowbowl Skyride Summit Ranger Talks	<u>Directions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lift cost \$19/person age 13-64, \$10/person age 6-12 & 65-up, and free age 5 and under. • Ranger talks are always free. • Visitors should be comfortable with heights. • High elevation: 11,500 feet. • Weather changes happen rapidly; be prepared! • Great views & kid friendly. • Open every day Memorial Day weekend through mid-October. • Roving Ranger Talks are Every Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, Memorial Day through mid-October. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water & snacks. • Walking shoes. • Camera.
Bismark Lake/Little Springs Guided Walk	Go N. 22 miles on Hwy 180. Turn right onto the second FR 151 intersection just beyond MP 235. Go 1.6 mi to fork and continue on FR 151 (right fork) another 0.8 mi to small meadow and park at junction with FR 418B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hike to the AZ Trail into mountain meadows with spectacular views of the San Fran Peaks. Then loop down to Little Spring, where C. Hart Merriam set up camp for his study of climate zones. • Difficulty: moderate ascent to 8800 ft.' • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Snacks/lunch • Trekking poles. • Hiking shoes.
Bonito Campground Programs	<u>Directions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program conducted by a Roving Rangers usually every Saturday Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. • See above flyer for the topic of discussion. • 45 minutes in length. • Seating provided. • Wheelchair accessible. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures • Flashlight.
Bonito Meadow Guided Walks	Headed North on H-89 make a right-hand turn on Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument access road. Drive 0.8-miles off Hwy 89 and meet at gravel parking lot, on the right side of road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come discover the beauty of the Bonito Meadow. • Hike is an easy 2.2-mile, off-trail ramble. • Off-trail, uneven, brushy terrain. • 360° vistas! • Approximately 1.5 hours. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes. • Water. • Snacks. • Trekking poles. • Camera.

Event Directions and Details

Program Location	Directions	Description	What to Bring
Dairy Springs Guided Walks & Programs	<u>Directions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy Springs Loop is approximately 1/3 of a mile round trip. • 45 minutes in length. • This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs. • Easy, kid friendly walk. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera.
Lower O'Leary Volcano Guided Walk	Take H-89 north out of Flagstaff; turn right on Sunset Crater Rd. (FS Rd. 545). Drive 1.8 miles, turn left for the O'Leary Group Campground and park at the trailhead just past the turn for the O'Leary campsite.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lower section of the O'Leary Volcano hike is a beautiful walk up the lower elevations of O'Leary Peak. • The walk is easy, level walking, and is approximately 2 miles round trip. • Great opportunity to learn and experience the geologic wonders, plants, and birds of the area • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera.
Mormon Lake Riding the Rails Guided Walk.	Go 20 miles south on Lake Mary Road and turn right on FR 90 (Mormon Lake Road). Go 2 miles and Forest Service Road 132.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join rangers, on the 1887 Arizona Mineral Belt RR grade from its summit to Mormon Lake. • Lots of railroad history and stories. • See the Mormon Lake loop road in a new way. • Difficulty: moderate. • Approximately 3 hours. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Snacks • Trekking poles. • Hiking shoes. • Camera.
Pine Grove Campground Programs	<u>Directions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program conducted by a Roving Ranger usually every Saturday Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. • See above flyer for the topic of discussion. • 45 minutes in length. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. • Flashlight.
Rio de Flag/Hidden Hollow Guided Walk.	Drive North on H-180 from Flagstaff. Drive approx. 1/2-mile northwest of the Peak View Market & Shell station in Cheshire. Meet at the Hidden Hollow Rd turnoff from Hwy 180.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join NPS rangers Bill & Ellen Wade for an easy, 2-mile walk in sun & shade along the Rio de Flag and on the 1857 Beale Wagon Road. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera.

Event Directions and Details

Program Location	Directions	Description	What to Bring
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument Programs & Guided Walks	<u>Directions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience the Sunset Crater Volcano. • Kid friendly. • Park entrance fees apply. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera. • Food/Snacks
Walker Lake Guided Walk	Meet at the intersection of FR 151 and Hwy 180, just past MP 235.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walker Lake Hike: Is a great hike to the rim of a volcano with a lake in its crater. • Spectacular views of the Peaks, the Painted Desert, and the distant Grand Canyon. • Difficulty: moderate. • No dogs, please. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes. • Water. • Snacks. • Trekking poles. • Camera.
Walnut Canyon Guided Walks & Programs	<u>Directions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come discover the beauty of Walnut Canyon National Monument. • Kid friendly. • Park entrance fees apply. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera.
Wupatki National Monument Programs and Guided Walks	<u>Directions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience the pueblo structures first hand. • Kid friendly. • Park entrance fees apply. • Open to all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera.

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 outdoors. 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 24th 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.