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White Sands National Monument Events

January 2015



Sunset Strolls



Sunset strolls are a great way to end your day. Enjoy a leisurely one-hour ranger-guided walk through sand dunes and learn about the geology, plants, and animals of this unique area. Program starts at the sign along Dunes Drive about five miles from the visitor center. Programs are offered daily. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.**

*4:00 pm November 2—January 2

*4:15 pm January 3—January 16

*4:30 pm January 17—January 30

*4:45 pm January 31—February 20

Step into the Past Territorial New Mexico and the Lincoln County War

Travel back in time with a ranger and a living history actor to a period in history dominated by land disputes, developing settlements, and lawlessness in territorial New Mexico. Discover the unique history of the Land of Enchantment and events leading up to the Lincoln County War. Learn about the interesting clash of cultures and historic figures, such as New Mexico's most infamous outlaw, Billy the Kid, who may show up to explain events as he remembers. Meet in the visitor center theater. Program is free.

*1:00 pm Saturday, January 3

Lake Lucero Tour



Have you ever wondered how the white sands formed? Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the sands and the special plants and animals that live in and around the dunes. Program fee: \$8.00 per adult (16 years and older), \$4.00 for children (15 years and younger) Reservations can be made one month in advance at www.nps.gov/whsa. All Lake Lucero tour reservations must be made through the website.

*2 pm Sunday, January 25

Skins and Skulls



Join a ranger in the visitor center courtyard for a 20-minute talk about the amazing animals of White Sands. Rangers will have pelts, skulls, and other props to provide you an up-close look and feel of the elusive wildlife of White Sands. Program is free.

*3:00 pm weekends only

Tent Talks



Have you ever wondered where all this gypsum came from? Or how animals survive in this harsh environment? Join a ranger under the tent on the Innerdune Boardwalk for a 20-minute program that highlights some of the lesser-known stories about White Sands National Monument. Monument entrance fees apply; program is free.

*10:00 am weekends only

Visitor Center Hours

*8:00 am–5:00 pm December 21—Jan 4, 2015

*9:00 am–5:00 pm January 5—March 7

Monument Hours

*7:00 am–6:00 pm November 2—February 20, 2015

Dunes Drive will close to inbound traffic at 5:00 pm. The Highway 70 Gate and restrooms will close at 6:00 pm.

Schedule is subject to change. Activities may be cancelled due to weather or missile range activities. Visit www.nps.gov/whsa for more information. **Monument entrance fees are \$3.00 per person anyone 16-years and older; children 15-years old and under are free.