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White Sands National Monument Events May 2014



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.**

*6:45 pm April 19—May 16

*7:00 pm May 17—August 3

Step Into the Past A Salty Tale: History of Salt Mining in the Tularosa Basin



Salt is a foundation of civilization. It is a resource so valuable that wars were fought over it, including two in the desert surrounding El Paso. Join Ranger Billy Weinman from Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument for a one-hour presentation about how and why the Spanish mined salt in this area, local salt wars, and the importance of salt in human civilization. Meet in the White Sands National Monument visitor center. Program is free.

*1 pm Saturday, May 3

Full Moon Hike



Have you ever wondered what the dunes look like under the glow of the moon? Join a ranger for a full moon hike and see firsthand the dunes in a whole new light. Reservations are required and can only be made via our website (www.nps.gov/whsa). Reservations will be accepted starting two weeks in advance of the scheduled hike, and hike is limited to 40 participants. Special fees apply. \$5.00 per person 16 and older. \$2.50 per person 15 and younger. Monument entrance fees also apply.**

*7:45 pm Tuesday, May 13

Full Moon Night Skins, Skulls, & Scat The Past and Present Animals of White Sands

Dire wolves. Columbian mammoths. Kit Fox. Coyotes. What do they have in common? They've all called White Sands home. Join Ranger Robin for an interactive ranger presentation that will delve into the secretive lives of these animals. There will be pelts and skulls to provide you an up-close look and feel of the elusive wildlife of White Sands.

*8:00 pm Wednesday, May 14

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 every Saturday & Sunday through May 23

*3:00 pm daily May 24—September 1

Patio Talks



Join a ranger in the visitor center courtyard to have your questions answered and pick up tips for enjoying your stay at White Sands National Monument. Program is free.

*1:30 pm every Saturday & Sunday through May 23

*1:30 pm daily May 24—September 1

Visitor Center Hours

*9:00 am–6:00 pm March 9—May 18

*9:00 am–7:00 pm May 19—September 28

Monument Hours

*8:00 am–8:00 pm March 9—May 16

*8:00 am–9:00 pm May 17—September 2

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.