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# White Sands National Monument Events

## September 2016



### Sunset Strolls

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.\*\*

6:30 pm August 22–September 4                      6:15pm September 5–September 18  
6:00 pm September 19–September 25              5:45 pm September 26–October 9

### Step into the Past Journey Through Time at Lake Lucero

Accompany rangers and living history actors from the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum on a journey through the 10,000 years of human habitation in the Tularosa Basin. Program fee: \$8.00 per adult (16 years and older), \$4.00 for children. Reservations are required and can be made at [www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa). This four-hour program will take place on the Lake Lucero trail. See above-listed website for additional details.

9:00 am Saturday, September 3                      Reservations open 8:00 am August 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](http://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. \$8.00 per person 16 and older. \$4.00 per person 15 and younger. Monument entrance fees also apply.\*\*

6:15 pm Friday, October 14                      Reservations open 8:00 am September 30

### Full Moon Night Randy Granger

Native American Flutist Randy Granger will fill the moonlit night with his unique blend of instruments, interpretation of traditional melodies, and heartfelt music. Join this native New Mexican for a relaxing summer evening. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.\*\*

7:00 pm Thursday, September 15

### Sunrise Photography

Bring your camera and capture the early morning light on the dunes. Join a ranger for this early morning program focused on amateur sunrise photography. Reservations are required and can only be made on our website ([www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa)). Hike is limited to 20 participants. Special fees apply. \$8.00 per person 16 and older. \$4.00 per person 15 and younger. If you choose to explore Dunes Drive after the program, monument entrance fees will apply.\*\*

6:00 am Saturday, October 8                      Reservations open 8:00 am September 15

### 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 Saturday & Sunday

### 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 Interdune Boardwalk for a 20-minute program that highlights some of the lesser-known stories about White Sands National Monument. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.\*\*

11:00 am Saturday & Sunday

### Visitor Center Hours

8:00 am–7:00 pm May 16–September 11      9:00 am–6:00 pm Sept. 12–November 5

### Monument Hours

7:00 am–9:00 pm May 29–September 3      7:00 am–8:00 pm Sept. 4–October 8

Dunes Drive will close to inbound traffic at one hour before the monument will close. The Highway 70 Gate and restrooms will close at the stated monument closing time.

Schedule is subject to change. Activities may be cancelled due to weather or missile range activities. Visit [www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa) for more information. \*\*Monument entrance fees are \$5.00 per person anyone 16-years and older; children 15-years old and under are free.

