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White Sands National Monument Events

July 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.**

7:00 pm May 14-August 7

Step into the Past

Mexican and Native American Art Market

Experience the rich culture of Northern Chihuahua and Oaxaca Mexico beautifully expressed through extraordinary Mata Ortiz pottery, whimsical Oaxacan wood carvings, and vibrant Zapotec rugs. Join Native American Artists from New Mexico as they create their exceptional one-of-a-kind handcrafts. Enjoy live demonstrations and meet the artists as they explain the cultural history and meaning of their art work. You will find a wide array of handmade items available for purchase including, museum quality pieces. Program is free and will be held in the visitor center courtyard. This event is co-sponsored by the National Park Service, Western National Parks Association, and White Sands Trading Post. Program is free.

10 am—5 pm Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 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. \$8.00 per person 16 and older. \$4.00 per person 15 and younger. Monument entrance fees also apply.**

8:00 pm Tuesday, July 19

Reservations open 8 am July 5

Full Moon Night

Rudy Wood and Tularosa Basin Musicians Union

Performing original acoustic numbers and billing himself as “New Mexico’s Favorite Texas Songwriter,” Rudy Wood brings Texas style country music to the Land of Enchantment. Tularosa Basin Musicians Union helps bring these songs to life with slide guitar, mandolin, banjo, and harmonica

8:30 pm Wednesday, July 20

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 daily May 29—September 5

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. Monument entrance fees apply; program is free.

11:00 am daily May 29—September 5

Visitor Center Hours 8:00 am–7:00 pm May 16—September 11

Monument Hours 7:00 am–9:00 pm May 29—September 3

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 for more information. **Monument entrance fees are \$5.00 per person anyone 16-years and older; children 15-years old and under are free.

