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News Release

Activities Planned at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument in June

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is open year round. During June the Monument is open **8:00 AM – 6:00 PM.**

Saturday, June 9, Night Sky Program, 8:30 PM – 10:30 PM. Join park staff and members of the Colorado Springs Astronomical Society to gaze at the dark skies above Florissant Fossil Beds in search of planets, galaxies, nebulas, and more. Meet at the visitor center.

Daily Interpretive Programs, June 13 – Labor Day

Interpretive Talk, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, 30 minute interpretive presentation in the amphitheater

Ranger Guided Walk, 11:00 AM, 1 mile guided hike on the Petrified Forest Trail

Fossil Learning Lab, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, learn how scientists discover and research fossils in the Yurt

Hornbek Homestead, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, take a tour of an 1878 homestead

Weekly Programs (June 13 – Labor Day):

Yoga Hikes, Mondays, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM. Join a certified yoga instructor and a Park Ranger for a 1 hour and 30 minutes, 1 mile yoga hike. This will be a hike interspersed with standing yoga poses. This program is geared for beginner to intermediate yoga enthusiasts. Meet at the visitor center.

Fossil Demonstration Excavation Site, Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Meet geologist, Dr. Bob Carnein at the demonstration excavation site and see the fossil beds in situ and learn about how excavations are conducted. This site is located off the Petrified Forest Loop approximately 1 mile round trip from the visitor center.

Art in the Parks, Thursdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Drop in and join volunteer artists and other visitors to sketch and/or water color paint scenes of Florissant Fossil Beds. Stay as long or as short as you would like anytime between 10 AM – 12:00 PM. Start at the visitor center desk.

Wildflower Walks, Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM. Join Ranger Stacey for a weekly look at blooming flowers. This may be a 1 – 2 mile hike. Meet at the visitor center.

There are no additional fees for any park programs beyond the daily entrance fee of \$7.00 per adult (15 and younger are free). Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument offers 15 miles of beautiful, yet lesser known, hiking trails to explore, a free Junior Ranger Program, three short self-guided trails, a park video and museum exhibits, and bookstore. For additional information, please call (719) 748-3253 or visit our website: www.nps.gov/flfo or on Facebook or Twitter at /FlorissantNPS

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