

Medicine Rocks SP 2024 Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 AT 9 P.M.

Apsáalooke Star Stories with Shawn Backbone

Free Admission

Join us at Medicine Rocks State Park at the Sunset Loop for an evening of stories about our world from the Apsáalooke people. The Apsáalooke, or Crow, have ties to the Medicine Rocks area and their reservation is located in southern Montana. Our speaker, **Shawn Backbone**, is a member of the Apsáalooke/Crow Tribe and has served as a tribal officer and legislator, with a strong belief in empowerment and giving back to his community.

THURSDAY, JULY 25 AT 9PM

Dinosaurs & Dark Skies

Free Admission

Medicine Rocks State Park Night Sky Trail, 1141 MT-7 Ekalaka MT 59324

As part of the festivities leading up to the Carter County Museum's 11th Annual Dino Shindig, Dinosaurs & Dark Skies invites visitors to Medicine Rocks State Park (Montana's first International Dark Sky Sanctuary) for a night of stargazing and fossil phosphorescence. Join us at the newly constructed Night Sky Trail and bring a folding chair and warm clothing. We will provide telescopes and red-light flashlights for wayfinding. **Free and open to the public.**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 8:30 PM

Stargazing with Montana Learning Center

Free Admission

Medicine Rocks State Park Night Sky Trail, 1141 MT-7 Ekalaka MT 59324

Join the Carter County Museum and the Montana Learning Center (Helena) at Medicine Rocks State Park for a night of stargazing! We will start at 8:30 p.m. with kid's activities and the Medicine Rocks Dark Sky Sanctuary pop up exhibit. Ryan Hannahoe from MLC will give a guided stargazing presentation starting at 9 p.m. Located at the Night Sky Trailhead. Bring a chair and a blanket as it can get cold at night. Carter County Museum and MLC will provide telescopes and red light flashlights for wayfinding. **Free and open to the public.**

JULY 27 & 28, 2024 AT 9AM TO 5PM

Annual Dino Shindig

Cost: \$10 Adults, \$7 Kids (ages 16 and younger)

At Carter County Museum 306 N Main Street Ekalaka, MT 59324

The 12th Annual Shindig is July 27-28, 2024!

Named Montana's Event of the Year by the Office of Tourism and Business Development, the Annual Dino Shindig takes place at the end of July. Visitors travel from all over the world to hear lectures from leading paleontologists, partake in kids activities, and dance the night away. Talks and kid's activities on July 27 are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids (under 13). They will go on sale in-person at the Carter County Museum on July 27.

Extend your stay and join us for Sunset Yoga at 8 p.m. and Dinosaurs & Dark Skies at 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 25 at Medicine Rocks State Park (Free admission).

SUNDAY, JULY 28 FROM 10AM TO 2PM

The Science & Cultural History Gathering takes place at [Medicine Rocks State Park](#) at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 28, which will feature speakers, a microsite sorting fossil activity, pottery workshop co-hosted by [Waterworks Art Museum](#), and a nature hike (Free admission).