

MAKOSHIKA

STATE PARK

2024 Program Schedule

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DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	COST	LOCATION
Saturday April 20th	Earth Day Event: Join us for our annual Earth Day event. Participants will learn about the initiatives of Earth Day and how to incorporate them into their daily lives. Then they will be able to craft seed bombs to take home to make Earth Day beautiful.	Noon - 4 pm	Free	Visitor Center
Tuesday April 23rd	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This non-interpretive hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	8 pm	Free	Visitor Center
Monday May 6th	Night Sky Program: Join us as we look at the Makoshika night sky through a telescope. A Ranger led interpretive talk will be included.	9 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Saturday May 18th	Kids to Park Day: To celebrate National Kids to Parks Day, Makoshika will be hosting activities to get kids out in the park!	1 pm	Free	Visitor Center
Thursday May 23rd	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This non-interpretive hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	9 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Saturday June 1st	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include a visitor center tour, a tour of the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	8:30- 10:30 am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Saturday June 1st	National Trails Day: Makoshika State Park staff will be celebrating National Trails Day by taking participants on an evening hike through some of Makoshika's favorite trails. At the conclusion of the hike, telescopes, s'mores, and an interpretive talk will be made available to participants. If you are not interested in hiking, but would like to join the night sky event, please plan to arrive at 9 pm.	7:30 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Wednesday June 5th	Trivia in the Park: Join us every other Wednesday for trivia in the park! These events will cover a wide variety of family friendly topics suitable for all ages. Get your team together and come on out to Makoshika for some trivia competition!	6 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Thursday June 6th	Youth Program: First Impressions: Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Students will participate in games and activities to show how they think and feel about animals.	9:30- 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center



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Saturday June 8th	Buzzard Day: Join us for the annual Buzzard Day events. Activities to include 5K, 10K, and half marathon runs, disc golf, corn hole, a movie under the stars, bluebird hike, Native American exhibits, archery, atlatl, paleo hike and presentations, and much more. Brought to you by Friends of Makoshika.	7 am - 11 pm		Lower Group Use Shelter
Thursday June 13th	Youth Program: Earth Matters Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Students will develop a greater appreciation for the Earth and an understanding of their own personal ethics.	9:30- 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Saturday June 15th	3-D Archery Shoot: Join us at the Makoshika State Park Archery Range for our 2024 3-D Archery Shoot. This event will take place from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday June 15th. Cost for the shoot is: Adults 18+ \$20, Youth 8-17 \$10, and kids under 5 free. All proceed support archery in Makoshika. Concessions will be available from the Glendive Lions Club.	8:00- 4:00 pm	Adults 18+ \$20, Youth 8- 17 \$10, and kids under 5 free.	Makoshika State Park Archery Range
Saturday June 15th	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include a visitor center tour, a tour of the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	8:30- 10:30 am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Wednesday June 19th	Trivia in the Park: Join us every other Wednesday for trivia in the park! These events will cover a wide variety of family friendly topics suitable for all ages. Get your team together and come on out to Makoshika for some trivia competition!	6 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Thursday June 20th	Youth Program: Oh Deer: Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Children will explore the parts of habitat in a physical activity.	9:30- 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday June 21st	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This non-interpretive hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff. Telescope viewing will also be available!	9 pm	Free	Visitor Center
Saturday June 22nd	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include a visitor center tour, a tour of the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	8:30- 10:30 am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Thursday June 27th	Youth Program: Predator or Prey: Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Through games and activities children will learn about the predator and prey relationships.	9:30- 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center



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Saturday July 29th	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include a visitor center tour, a tour of the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	8:30-10:30 am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Saturday June 29th	Shakespeare in the Parks "TBD": Join us at the beautiful Hiatt Amphitheater for another performance by Montana Shakespeare in the Parks. This event brought to you by the Friends of Makoshika.	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Wednesday July 3rd	Trivia in the Park: Join us every other Wednesday for trivia in the park! These events will cover a wide variety of family friendly topics suitable for all ages. Get your team together and come on out to Makoshika for some trivia competition!	6 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Saturday July 6th	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include a visitor center tour, a tour of the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	8:30-10:30 am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Sunday July 7th	Night Sky Program: Join us as we look at the Makoshika night sky through a telescope. A Ranger led interpretive talk will be included.	9 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Thursday July 11th	Youth Program: What's for Lunch?: Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! In this program children will learn what food chains and food webs are and how they work.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
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Wednesday July 17th	Trivia in the Park: Join us every other Wednesday for trivia in the park! These events will cover a wide variety of family friendly topics suitable for all ages. Get your team together and come on out to Makoshika for some trivia competition!	6 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Thursday July 18th	Youth Program: Fun with Fossils: Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Students will learn what fossils are and how they are formed. As well as what types of fossils there are and fun facts about each of them.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center



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Sunday July 21st	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This non-interpretive hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff. Telescope viewing will also be available!	9 pm	Free	Caprock Trailhead
Thursday July 25th	Youth Program: Who Gives A Hoot: Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Student will learn about adaptations in owls by discussing Montana's native owls.	9:30-1:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
TBD	Campfire Program: MOR – Dr. John Scanella	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday July 27th	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include a visitor center tour, a tour of the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	8:30-10:30 am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Wednesday July 31st	Trivia in the Park: Join us every other Wednesday for trivia in the park! These events will cover a wide variety of family friendly topics suitable for all ages. Get your team together and come on out to Makoshika for some trivia competition!	6 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Thursday August 1st	Youth Program: Game Day Students will win prizes as we play various games.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday August 9th	Campfire Program: The Greatest Adventure on the Yellowstone: Join Lewis and Clark historian, Chris Dantic, as he takes you through Clark's adventure on the unpredictable Yellowstone River. Chris Dantic is a former park ranger that worked at both the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center and Pompeys Pillar National Monument.	7 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter



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Monday August 12th	Night Sky Program: Join us as we look at the Makoshika night sky through a telescope. A Ranger led interpretive talk about meteors will be included.	9 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Wednesday August 14th	Trivia in the Park: Join us every other Wednesday for trivia in the park! These events will cover a wide variety of family friendly topics suitable for all ages. Get your team together and come on out to Makoshika for some trivia competition!	6 pm	Free	Lower Group Use Shelter
Monday August 19th	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This non-interpretive hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff. Telescope viewing will also be available!	8 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday August 24 th	Wild Montana Wilderness Walk Guided by Makoshika State Park staff, this 4-mile hike follows a road-to-trails route along a plateau in the undeveloped portion of Makoshika, providing close up views of the badlands and distant views of adjacent valleys. The trail is moderate in difficulty but little or no shade is available and daytime temperatures can be extreme. Go to https://wildmontana.org/ to reserve your spot.	10 am	Free (please register)	Meet at Visitor Center Hike will be on Vista Trail
Friday August 30th	Campfire Program: The Bats of Makoshika Join Montana FWP Nongame Wildlife Biologist for Region Seven, as they bring one of our perennially favorite programs back to Makoshika this summer. Learn about the fascinating bats found in Makoshika and the important ways they contribute to a healthy ecosystem.	8:30 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Sunday September 8th	Night Sky Program: Saturn at Opposition - Join park staff as we use telescopes to look at the rings of Saturn. The ringed planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view and photograph Saturn and its moons.	8:00 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday September 14th	Special Event: Makoshika Music & Arts Festival Join us for Makoshika State Park's 4th annual music and arts festival! This free event will run all day and will feature local musicians, craft vendors, wine and beer vendors, food trucks, and many other activities. Visitors will have the chance to view art displays from local artists and participate in community-created murals. Other activities such as live paintings and guided hikes will occur throughout the day. Overall, this is a celebration of music and arts in the community!	All Day	Event is free, but vendors will be selling their products	Hiatt Amphitheater



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Friday September 17th	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This non-interpretive hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff. Telescope viewing will also be available!	8 pm	Free	Lower Group Use
Saturday September 28th	National Public Lands Day Event Join Makoshika State Park staff for a Public Lands cleanup day. This year we will be asking volunteers to come to Black Bridge Fishing Access Site to learn about natural resource management issues and then participate in litter pick-up.	1-3	Free	Black Bridge FAS
Saturday October 12th	National Fossil Day: Join us for our annual National Fossil Day Event. Come be a paleontologist for a day. We will have several fossil and paleontology activities for all ages.	1 – 3 pm	Free	Visitor Center

