

Makoshika

State Park



2021 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

For more information on programs, please call the Makoshika visitor center at 406-377-6256 or check out our Facebook page.

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	COST	LOCATION
Monday April 26 th 2021	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	8:00 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion (Trail TBD)
Monday May 24 th 2021	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	8:30 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion (Trail TBD)
Wednesday June 2 nd , 2021	Trivia in the Park: Join us every other Wednesday starting on June 2 nd 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	Kiwanis Pavilion
Thursday June 3 rd , 2021	Youth Program, "Health & Fitness": Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Like many of us, 2020 has impacted our health and fitness. We will get the students moving and teach them how to make healthy choices when eating. Participants will explore a variety of hands-on natural science topics as well as craft making, game playing, and snacks. The Summer Youth Program is free to the public.	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday June 4 th , 2021	Campfire Program, TBD – "A Swift Night" In conjunction with Montana Audubon, please join us for a special event, "A Swift Night". Participants will learn about Chimney Swifts and how they can help to monitor local populations. Chimney swifts are fascinating birds that can be found in your backyard or, more accurately, a nearby chimney! However, little is known about their distribution in the state. We are looking for eager volunteers that want to learn about chimney swifts and help locate them. There will be a presentation from 6:30-7:15 p.m., followed by an evening challenge to locate and identify local swifts by sight and sound around the town of Glendive. The event will be led by Amy Seaman, of Montana Audubon. All ages are welcome, but youth under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This program is free and open to the public and will start at Makoshika State Park Kiwanis Pavilion.	6:30 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
Saturday June 5 th , 2021	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike on the Diane Gabriel trail where participants can see a Hadrosaur fossil. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9am-11am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center



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Saturday June 5 th , 2021	National Trails Day, "Trail Workday" Join Makoshika State Park staff as we celebrate National Trails Day by helping with a trail day workday. We will be asking volunteers to help us do some trail work on Makoshika State Parks trail systems.	TBD	Free	TBD
Saturday June 5 th , 2021	Special Event, "Astronomy in Makoshika" Join us for a special look at the Makoshika night sky with Dr. Corrine Brevik. Dr. Brevik will give a short presentation about the constellations and then we will go to a viewing area with telescopes.	8:00 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Thursday June 10 th , 2021	Youth Program, "Time Travel Makoshika" - Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Students will play games and do activities to learn about what Makoshika looked like at different points in the past. Participants will explore a variety of hands-on natural science topics as well as craft making, game playing, and snacks. The Summer Youth Program is free to the public.	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday & Saturday June 11-12, 2021	Buzzard Day: Programs TBD Corn Hole Tournament Music Cross Country Brewing Bluebird Hike 5K and 10K Races Kids Fun Run Max's Archeological Exhibit Disc Golf Tournament Makoshika Promotions Mini Train Rides food vendors and much more	Friday 5:30 pm Saturday 8:00 am	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
Wednesday June 16 th , 2021	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	Kiwanis Pavilion



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Thursday June 17 th , 2021	Youth Program, "Survivor School" - Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience. Students will learn what it takes to stay safe and have fun in the wild by practicing skills such as the Leave No Trace principles, navigation, and fire building. Participants will explore a variety of hands-on natural science topics as well as craft making, game playing, and snacks. The Summer Youth Program is free to the public.	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday June 18 th , 2021	Campfire Program, "Bat Talk and Walk" : Learn about and see bats of the area with FWP Biologist Brandi Skone. Ms. Skone will give a short presentation on bats found in and around Makoshika State Park followed by a short walk to bat boxes and dwellings to observe these nocturnal fliers.	9 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday June 19 th , 2021	Paleo Experience : Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike on the Diane Gabriel trail where participants can see a Hadrosaur fossil. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9am-11am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Thursday June 24 th , 2021	Youth Program, "Five Senses Outside" - Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Students will learn about each of the five senses. This will help them identify their five senses and utilize them while exploring in the outdoors. Participants will explore a variety of hands-on natural science topics as well as craft making, game playing, and snacks. The Summer Youth Program is free to the public.	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Thursday June 24 th , 2021	Full Moon Hike : Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	9:00 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater (Trail TBD)
Friday June 25 th , 2021	Campfire Program, "Native Plains Pony Tack" : Come learn the ropes of early pony and mule gear from scratch as done by indigenous Bison Hunters of the Northern Plains. Talk with Billy Maxwell and Don Price as they will address spinning and braiding bison hair ropes, antler framed saddles, bridles, cinches, cruppers, and saddle pads. Using tack will be shown on a living beast or cardboard dummy. This is the talk to come to if you ever wondered how the locals took care of stock long before the tack shops opened. You don't have to own hoof mounted hay burner to find fun in this program!	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
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Saturday June 26 th , 2021	PDGA Tournament: Makoshika Open disc golf tournament. This tournament will PDGA-sanctioned singles tournament and be run by the Makoshika Disc Golf Club and registrations will be handled by discgolfszene.com. This tournament will be a Montana Point series tournament.	TBD	TBD	Makoshika Disc Golf Course and Pavilion
Wednesday June 30 th , 2021	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	Kiwanis Pavilion
Thursday July 1 st , 2021	Youth Program, "Trail Treats" - Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Come see what tasty treats nature has to offer! Students will learn about all things edible at Makoshika including predator/prey dynamics, nutrient accumulation in animals and edible plants. Participants will explore a variety of hands-on natural science topics as well as craft making, game playing, and snacks. The Summer Youth Program is free to the public.	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday July 2 nd , 2021	Campfire Program, "Dark Skies": Join Sabre Moore, Executive Director of the Carter County Museum and board member of the Montana Chapter of the International Dark Skies Association for a program about night skies and Montana's newest International Dark Sky Sanctuary - Medicine Rocks State Park! The program will include an overview of the negative effects of light pollution on the environment and what you can do to help mitigate these effects in your own community.	7 pm	Free	Visitor Center
Saturday July 3 rd , 2021	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike on the Diane Gabriel trail where participants can see a Hadrosaur fossil. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9am-11am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Saturday July 3 rd , 2021	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks: A Midsummer's Night Dream "After enduring a year of uncertainty, we are so thrilled to be looking towards our 2021 season where we'll be able to once again engage our amazing communities with live free professional theatre. Our greatest passion at MSIP is the opportunity that we've had for 49 years to bring families and neighbors together to share a picnic and enjoy the splendor of Shakespeare's world, a world that is so relevant to our own." – Kevin Asselin, Executive Artistic Director. Since 1973, Shakespeare in the Parks has brought free, professional productions of Shakespeare and other classics to mostly rural and underserved communities. All performances are offered at no cost in local parks and public spaces, making them accessible to all. Event brought to you by the Friends of Makoshika.	6:30 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater



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Thursday July 8 th , 2021	Youth Program, "Ecosystems" - Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Students will learn about all the different elements that make up an ecosystem. Participants will explore a variety of hands-on natural science topics as well as craft making, game playing, and snacks. The Summer Youth Program is free to the public.	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday July 9 th , 2021	Campfire Program, "Pollution Solution" - Join our AmeriCorps member, Lexi as she talks about waste mitigation and recycling. See what new projects are in the works for Makoshika State Park. And learn more about the growing in popularity local non-profit group, "GROW" (Glendive Recycles Our Waste). See what things they are doing for the community and how you can get involved. This program will be at the Hiatt Amphitheater.	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday July 10 th , 2021	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike on the Diane Gabriel trail where participants can see a Hadrosaur fossil. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9am-11am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Wednesday July 14 th , 2021	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	Kiwanis Pavilion
Thursday July 15 th , 2021	Youth Program, "Smokey Bear" - Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience Stop, Drop, & Roll! Students will learn about fire safety and the important role fire plays in keeping an ecosystem healthy and functioning. Participants will explore a variety of hands-on natural science topics as well as craft making, game playing, and snacks. The Summer Youth Program is free to the public.	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday July 16 th , 2021	Campfire Program, "A Yellowstone Adventure" : Take in the adventure of Captain Clark from the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Makoshika State Park Manager, Chris Dantic, presents a program about Captain Clark's expedition on the Yellowstone River in the summer of 1806. The Captain and his military party experienced everything from encounters with Grizzly Bears to horses taken by the Crow Tribe. Find out how they survived and who was all involved on this portion of the famous journey. This program will be at the Hiatt Amphitheater.	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater



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Saturday July 17 th , 2021	Special Event: Wild Resurgent Wild nature fills the mythology of the American West. But is the wild disappearing? Despite this common fear, the restoration of animals like grizzly bears, bison, and wolves means that, in some contexts, Montana's wild nature may actually be starting to increase again. Nature, it turns out, may be on the point of being renewed. Christopher Preston looks at how these examples of renewal fit with the traditional account of nature preservation and what they might mean for how we think about the surrounding landscape going forward. Funding for the Montana Conversations program is provided by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana's Cultural Trust, and private donations.	7:00 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Thursday July 22 nd , 2021	Youth Program, "Let's Go Fly a Kite" - Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Students will learn about wind. They will make observations and test predictions about wind. They will get to design, make, and fly kites. Participants will explore a variety of hands-on natural science topics as well as craft making, game playing, and snacks. The Summer Youth Program is free to the public.	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday July 23 rd , 2021	Special Event: Corn Hole Tournament/Disc Golf Doubles Tournament In conjunction with Dawson Days, Friends of Makoshika are holding a corn hole tournament and the Makoshika Disc Golf Club will be hosting a charity doubles tournament. Get your partner together and join in this fun night! The Glendive Community Cancer Fund will be there with food during the event. After the tournament head up to the Hiatt Amphitheater and take in the movie under the stars.	6:00 pm	TBD	Kiwanis Pavilion



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Friday July 23 rd , 2021	Movie Under the Stars: "Night at the Museum" Join us to watch a movie on the big screen under Makoshika's enormous night sky. Bring anything you may need for you comfort and be prepared for an awesome night! Rated PG. Dreamer Larry Daley thinks he's destined for something big, but his imaginative ideas never pay off and in desperate need of a job, he accepts to be a security guard at the Natural History Museum. During his watch, Larry makes a startling discovery. Thanks to the unleashing of an Egyptian curse, the museum's animals spring to life after the building closes. Larry must find a way to save the chaotic situation. Bring anything you may need for you comfort and be prepared for an awesome night! This event is presented by Firefly Outdoor Movie Company. And brought to you by Friends of Makoshika. This event is part of Dawson Days event in Glendive.	9:00 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday July 24 th , 2021	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike on the Diane Gabriel trail where participants can see a Hadrosaur fossil. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9am-11am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Wednesday July 28 th , 2021	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	Kiwanis Pavilion
Thursday July 29 th , 2021	Youth Program, "Game Day" - Students will win prizes as we play "Minute to Win It". They will answer questions about the programs we did over the summer to earn a chance to play a game of minute to win it.	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
Friday July 30 th , 2021	Campfire Program: "UFOs and Extraterrestrials in Montana": Join us as we welcome back Joan Bird. Joan will be presenting about UFOs and Extraterrestrials. Montana is home to some of the most significant, well-documented and interesting UFO reports in the history of ufology. This presentation is a short course in UFO literacy, using events to illustrate different aspects of the phenomenon. Montana seems to be a place where there is a lot of historical UFO activity and the audience is invited to share their own or their family's stories. Funding for the Montana Conversations program is provided by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana's Cultural Trust, and private donations.	8:45 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater



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Saturday July 31 st , 2021	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike on the Diane Gabriel trail where participants can see a Hadrosaur fossil. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9am-11am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Wednesday August 4 th – Thursday August 5 th , 2021	Youth Program, Overnight Campout - Eligible participants are invited to a night packed with fun as we camp in Makoshika! We will go on a hike, play games, and much more to conclude this summer's Youth Program.	5:30 pm (Wednesday) To 11:00 am (Thursday)	Free	Lion's A-Frame
Friday August 6 th , 2021	Campfire Program, "Paleontology of Makoshika": Come and learn about paleontology efforts of the park and learn about the dinosaurs that once roamed the area.	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday August 7 th , 2021	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike on the Diane Gabriel trail where participants can see a Hadrosaur fossil. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9am-11am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Wednesday August 11 th , 2021	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	Kiwanis Pavilion
Friday August 13 th , 2021	Campfire Program: "Meteors and Medusa" - Join Makoshika State Park AmeriCorps member, Sydney, during the Perseid meteor shower for a look into the night sky. Learn how to identify several summer constellations and hear some of the Greek myths behind them. While you are here, keep an eye out for shooting stars, as this is within the timeframe that the Perseid meteor shower will peak! Feel free to bring a comfy blanket to lay down on as you gaze at the stars.	8:30 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion



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Saturday August 14 th , 2021	Paleo Experience: Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike on the Diane Gabriel trail where participants can see a Hadrosaur fossil. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9am-11am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Friday August 20 th , 2021	Campfire Program, "Owl Extravaganza": Join Lexi and Sydney, our State Park AmeriCorps members, as they teach you about owls. They will have several stations with interactive activities to help participants learn about owls. This program will be at the Hiatt Amphitheater.	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday August 21 st , 2021	Paleo Experience: : Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and an interpretive hike on the Diane Gabriel trail where participants can see a Hadrosaur fossil. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9am-11am	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Wednesday August 25 th , 2021	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	Kiwanis Pavilion
Thursday August 26 th , 2021	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	9:00 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion (Trail TBD)
Saturday September 4 th , 2021	MT Wilderness Association Hike: We will be hiking the Vista trail. Guided by Makoshika State Park staff. This 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.	10:00 a.m.	Free	Vista Trailhead



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Saturday September 4 th , 2021	Special Event, "Astronomy Night": Join Makoshika State Park staff for an evening of observation of the park's night sky. Make use of our telescopes, binoculars, and knowledge. This will be a drop in anytime event, no structured program will be given. Bring anything you made need for your comfort. This program will be at the Hiatt Amphitheater.	9 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
Monday September 20 th , 2021	Full Moon Hike: Join us as we hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	9:00 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday September 25 th , 2021	National Public Lands Day: Join Makoshika State Park staff as we celebrate National Public Land Day by helping with a trail day workday. We will be asking volunteers to help us do some trail work on Makoshika State Parks trail systems.	TBD	Free	TBD
October TBD	National Fossil Day Event: Join Makoshika State Park, Baisch's Dinosaur Digs and the Frontier Gateway Museum at the Makoshika State Park visitor center as we celebrate National Fossil Day. This will be the fourth annual National Fossil Day Event held by Makoshika State Park and our Paleo Partners. Participants will get to see real fossils, win prizes, make your own fossil casts, and more! This event Is good for all ages.	11 am -2 pm	Free	Visitor Center

