



## FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK 2022 SUMMER EVENTS



| DATE                                     | TIME               | PROGRAM   | SPEAKER                   |
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| May 29th -<br>September 4th<br>(Sundays) | 1:00pm             | <b>Weekly Jump Walk/Talk</b><br>Meet at the upper parking lot and walk with a ranger to learn how buffalo were stampeded off the cliffs. Program will last about 20-30 minutes.   | Park Ranger               |
| April 23rd<br>(Saturday)                 | 1:00pm -<br>2:30pm | <b>Dog Days at the Jump</b><br>Take a guided hike through the park with a Park Ranger and participants (humans and dogs) will be trained in the B.A.R.K. ranger principles, and receive doggie gift bags generously donated by Petco, along with their official "Bark Ranger" bandana! As an official B.A.R.K. ranger, you will be equipped with the information needed to be a safe and responsible dog owner on our public lands. <b>Dogs must be on leash, up to date on vaccinations, and dog friendly.</b> Doggies gift bags at the end of the hike sponsored by Petco. This hike is weather dependent and may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Cost for the hike is \$4 per person, and participation is limited to 10 people with only one dog. Pre-registration is required. To register: Call 406-866-2217 or Email <a href="mailto:Mikaela.Ortega@mt.gov">Mikaela.Ortega@mt.gov</a> | AmeriCorps Ranger<br>Kael |
| May 7th<br>(Saturday)                    | 1:00pm –<br>2:30pm | <b>Guided Snake Hike</b><br>Summer doesn't mean you have to stop hiking; you just have to know what to do if you encounter a snake on the trail! Dan "The Snake Man" will lead a guided hike through the park to learn where snakes like to hide and what to do when you find them on the trails. Bring your camera and get some great photos while enjoying our beautiful park. The program will meet at the Visitor Center to pay the fee and then drive to the top to start the hike. We are only opening the hike to participants 12 years and older. The hike is \$4 per person and there are 25 spots available for this hike. Please call First Peoples Buffalo Jump at 406-866-2217 or email Alice at <a href="mailto:alice.southworth@mt.gov">alice.southworth@mt.gov</a> to reserve your spot on this hiking opportunity.   | Dan "The Snake Man"       |
| May 21st<br>(Saturday)                   | 1:00pm –<br>2:00pm | <b>All about Snakes with Dan "The Snake Man"</b><br>If you are wondering how to navigate the trails during snake season, do you want your little ones to be safe while hiking with you? Join us for this informative program about snakes and how to safely enjoy the trails this summer.   | Dan "The Snake Man"       |
| June 4th<br>(Saturday)                   |                    | <b>National Trails Day - Native Womens Hike</b><br>In collaboration with Get Fit, Great Falls we will offer a guided hike. On the hike will talk about the importance of Native Women in the life of the Plains Indians and during the buffalo hunt. Homemakers, master craftswomen, and medicine women, life was not easy, and women worked hard. They were held in high esteem for their essential role they played supporting village life. Learn how hides were processed, what plants they collected for their medicine, and how they owned everything but the weapons.  | Ranger Alice              |

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| June 13th<br>(Monday)    | 7:00pm -<br>8:30pm | <b>Humanities Montana Speaker</b><br>Carl Davis is a former Regional Archaeologist with the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region in Missoula, Montana. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in anthropology from the University of Montana and University of Pittsburgh. This program takes participants on a journey through time, climate, landscapes, technologies and cultures, beginning with the First Americans who followed mammoths to North America.  | Carl M. Davis              |
| June 16th<br>(Thursday)  | 10a-12p<br>& 1p-3p | <b>Junior Ranger Program – FireWorks!</b><br>Bringing back a program from virtual 2020. Let's learn about wildfire ecology in a sagebrush ecosystem. We will talk about how vegetation can fuel and spread a prairie fire. What plants are found within a sagebrush ecosystem and how some plants can thrive after a wildfire. Some classroom and outdoor time for this program. We will hold two classes and registration is mandatory. Free for Montana residents.  | Ranger Alice               |
| June 18th<br>(Saturday)  | 8:00am -<br>9:00am | <b>Yoga at the Jump</b><br>Renew your mind and body at the top of the Jump with sunrise yoga led by Candace Weeda Strobbe of Cascading Wellness. This morning yoga class is structured for all levels. Re-center yourself amidst the rush of summer activities with this all-level course as you take in the distant mountains, open prairie, and big sky views. The class will meet at the visitor center and drive to the top of the buffalo jump. If bad weather occurs, the class will be moved inside with limited space. Cost is \$5 per person, and we will meet at the Park's Visitor Center to pay the fee and then drive to the top of the Jump for yoga.   | Candace Weeda<br>Strobbe   |
| June 23rd<br>(Thursday)  | 10a-12p<br>& 1p-3p | <b>Junior Ranger Program – TBD</b>  | TBD                        |
| June 30th<br>(Thursday)  | 10a-12p<br>& 1p-3p | <b>Junior Ranger Program – TBD</b>  | TBD                        |
| July 7th<br>(Thursday)   | 10a-12p<br>& 1p-3p | <b>Junior Ranger Program – TBD</b>  | TBD                        |
| July 8th & 9th           | 10:00am-<br>4:00pm | <b>Buffalo Kite Festival and Native Craft Fair</b><br>Join us and SkyWindWorld, Inc. founder Terry Zee Lee for our Annual Buffalo Kite Festival. Zee Lee has worked with Native American artists from around the United States to develop unique buffalo-themed kites. Learn about the buffalo art featured on the kites. This family-friendly event is fun for visitors of all ages. Create your own kite and watch as it takes flight over the buffalo jump. Kite kits will be available to purchase for \$6 on the days of the festival. Nana's Vintage Indian Taco truck will be here both days and about 16 Native American Artists and craft vendors will be displaying and selling their craft. Make your own Traditional Native Game piece and cattail dolls to take home. Don Fish (Blackfoot) will perform an opening ceremony to start the activities. | Park Staff &<br>Volunteers |
| July 14th<br>(Thursday)  | 10a-12p<br>& 1p-3p | <b>Junior Ranger Program – TBD</b>  | TBD                        |
| July 21st<br>(Thursday)  | 10a-12p<br>& 1p-3p | <b>Junior Ranger Program – TBD</b>  | TBD                        |
| July 28th<br>(Thursday)  | 10a-12p<br>& 1p-3p | <b>Junior Ranger Program – TBD</b>  | TBD                        |
| August 4th<br>(Thursday) | 10a-12p<br>& 1p-3p | <b>Junior Ranger Program – TBD</b>  | TBD                        |

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| August 11th<br>(Thursday) | 10a-12p<br>& 1p-3p | <b>Junior Ranger Program – TBD</b>   | TBD                        |
| August 13th &<br>14th     | 10:00am-<br>4:00pm | <b>Annual Mammoth Hunt</b><br>Come try your hand at an ancient form of hunting – the atlatl, a 10,000-year-old weapon that predates the bow and arrow. Montana State Parks staff will provide visitors to First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park with the opportunity to learn about and practice with this unique weapon. Visitors also will have the chance to shoot primitive bows and arrows and throw tomahawks. Other attractions are flint knapping demonstrations, Dutch oven cooking by Park Manager Dave Andrus, and Billy Maxwell with be demonstrating how to build a bull boat. Join Park staff and volunteers to learn more about these primitive weapons and other traditional skills. Great fun for all ages! | Park Staff &<br>Volunteers |
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| August 20<br>(Saturday)   | 8am –<br>6pm       | <b>Round Dance – more details coming soon</b>  | Little Shell               |