

MAKOSHIKA

STATE PARK

2022 Program Schedule

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DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	COST	LOCATION
Saturday April 16 th	Makoshika Egg-stravaganza - Join us for our first Easter event. We will have all things “eggs” activities, including crafting tables, an egg hunt, and a bird egg talk.	10 - noon	Free	Visitor Center
Saturday April 16 th	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 pm	Free	Group Use Shelter
Saturday April 23 rd	Earth Day Event: Join us for our first volunteer event of the year as we celebrate Earth Day by picking up trash in a couple popular areas of the park. (Check our Facebook page for more information)	10 am	Free	Visitor Center/ Archery Range
Monday May 16 th	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 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Friday May 20 th	Special Event: Pottery Talk with Brad Bachmeier Come see a demonstration and hear about how pottery is made. Brad’s ceramic work is collected nationally and internationally and can be found in public and private collections in all 50 states, including the ND Governor’s Mansion, The Microsoft Permanent Collection, The South Dakota Museum of Art, The Plains Art Museum and Michelle Obama’s personal collection to name a few.	6 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Friday May 27 th	Campfire Program – “Vultures! Keeping Us Safe” Join us as Jerrica Madden, Makoshika State Park AmeriCorps member, talks about vultures. Have you ever seen a vulture eating a dead animal on the side of the road? You should be thanking them! In this campfire program, we will explore the eating habits of vultures and how this benefits humans and animals alike.	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Thursday June 2 nd	Youth Program - “Weather in Makoshika State Park”: Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Whether it's hot, cold, raining, or snowing, Makoshika State Park is open for visitors to experience the badlands. Students will learn how weather plays a vital role in the park for people and wildlife. They will also learn to enjoy the park in all weather conditions safely.	9:30- 11:30	Free	Visitor Center
Friday June 3 rd	Campfire Program – “Flint Knapping Demonstration” Join Tom Linn as he talks about and demonstrates flint knapping. Discover the techniques involved in this art form. Knapping is believed to have been used to make some of the earliest stone tools ever found. Tom Linn will demonstrate this technique and discuss how it is done and how it has helped people survive.	7 pm	Free	Group Use Shelter
Saturday June 4 th	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 on the Diane Gabriel trail. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9 - 11	\$10 per person	Visitor Center



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Wednesday June 8 th	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	Group Use Shelter
Thursday June 9 th	Youth Program - "Dancing Like Bees" : Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Students will learn how bees communicate the location of food, aiding in pollination and life cycles, by movements and dancing.	9:30-11:30	Free	Visitor Center
Friday June 10 th and Saturday June 11 th	Buzzard Days – Join us for our annual Buzzard Day events, brought to you by the Friends of Makoshika. Activities to include 5K, 10K, and half marathon run, disc golf, corn hole, a movie under the stars, bluebird hike, Native American exhibits, archery, atlatl, paleo hike and presentations, bouncy house, and much more. Brought to you by Friends of Makoshika.	Fri 5-8 Sat 7-11		Group Use Shelter
Tuesday June 14 th	Night Hike - Join us as we hike under the Makoshika night sky. This hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	9 pm	Free	Visitor Center
Thursday June 16 th	Youth Program - "Sounds of Makoshika" : Makoshika State Park has a lot to say if we take the time to listen. Students will learn how sounds form and how people can hear them. They will also discover some of the familiar wildlife sounds and how they can identify animals.	9:30-11:30	Free	Group Use Shelter
Friday June 17 th	Campfire Program –"Connecting to Land Through a Tribal Lens" Join us as Lailani Upham, an Amskapi Pikuni (Blackfeet Nation) tribal member, talks about connecting to land. Indigenous stories offer a unique way to understand the power of the natural world and our human connections to it. Through discussion about indigenous peoples' ways of life, value systems, tribal languages, and stories created long before Montana was established in 1889, participants learn about a personal, soulful relationship to our natural world. Participants also better understand how these elements sustain our identity through history and in modern times. How can our tribal stories and ways of knowing elevate others in their understanding of identity? Participants walk away with a fresh look at who they are and appreciation for the landscape from time immemorial. Audience members ponder responsibility and stewardship to the earth through a tribal lens and discuss ways to act for future generations and our natural world relations. 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 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater



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Wednesday June 22 nd	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	Group Use Shelter
Thursday June 23 rd	Youth Program - "Hungry Birds" : Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! There are many types of birds that call Makoshika home. Students will learn the names of common birds and how to easily identify them. We will then construct a pinecone bird feeder and make observations.	9:30-11:30	Free	Visitor Center
Friday June 24 th	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 25 th	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 on the Diane Gabriel trail. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9 -11	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Thursday June 30 th	Youth Program - "Building Makoshika State Pak" : Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! How did Makoshika State Park end up with its many shapes and colors? First, students will learn how geological forces formed Makoshika State Park. Then, they will get the chance to make their own Makoshika State Park, including one they can eat!	9:30-11:30	Free	Group Use Shelter
Friday July 1 st	Campfire Program – "The Chewbacca Effect: The Story of How a Hairy Chest Can Lead to a Chicken from Hell" Join local paleontology enthusiast, Dave Fuqua, as he tells the story of how a hairy chest can lead to a Chicken from Hell. We've all heard of the "Butterfly Effect". This is a story of how a series of amazing fortunate events led to the paleontological discovery of a lifetime.	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday July 2 nd	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 on the Diane Gabriel trail. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9 -11	\$10 per person	Visitor Center



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Thursday July 7 th	Youth Program - "Invasive Invaders" : Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Noxious weeds and invasive species are invading the park, and we need your help! Students will learn the different between native and invasive, play games, and get their hands dirty.	9:30-11:30	Free	Group Use
Friday July 8 th	Campfire Program – "Art & Science in the Yellowstone River Country during the Fur Trade" Fred MacVaugh will talk about Art & Science during the fur trade. When you think of a national park, what comes to mind first? Mountains or plains? Growing up in the Mid-Atlantic states, I thought of Yellowstone National Park, of course. And I'd guess that's what most Americans first imagine. It wasn't until I moved into Yellowstone Country that I discovered how mistaken I was. The national park idea didn't originate in the Rocky Mountains that form the source of the headwaters of the Yellowstone River. No. It was the prairielands at the river's mouth. How did that come to pass? Join Fred for this program, and he will share not only the story of the artists and artwork that inspired creation of our Nation's parks but also some stories about the origins of vertebrate paleontology in the American West and our country's second most common state bird.	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday July 9 th	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 on the Diane Gabriel trail. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9 -11	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Tuesday July 13 th	Night Hike - Join us as we hike under the Makoshika night sky. This hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	9 pm	Free	Group Use
Thursday July 14 th	Youth Program - "Reptiles of Makoshika" : Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Makoshika State Park has been the home of reptiles for millions of years. Students will learn what a reptile is, how they adapt to their environment, and how we can respect the reptiles in the park.	9:30-11:30	Free	Visitor Center
Friday July 15 th	Campfire Program – "My People the Arikara; Northern Plains Tribal Culture from our Beginning to Where We Are" Join Loren Yellow Bird as he talks about the Arikara from their beginnings; historically, culturally, and spiritually. He will be examining inner-tribal relations as well as non-native contact in the west.	7 pm	Free	TBD



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Thursday July 21 st	Youth Program - "Painting with Nature" : Children ages 7-13 are invited to join Makoshika State Park staff for an exciting and educational experience! Students will forage and discover items from nature, learn their functions, then construct paintbrushes and make their own masterpieces.	9:30-11:30	Free	Group Use
Friday July 22 nd	Special Event: Corn Hole & Disc Golf 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 9:00 pm	TBD	Group Use Shelter Hiatt Amphitheater
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Thursday July 28 th	Youth Program – "Game Day" - Students will win prizes as we play various games. They will answer questions about the programs we did over the summer as they participate to win prizes	9:30-11:30	Free	Visitor Center
Friday July 29 th	Campfire Program – "Soap Suds Row and More: The Life of an Army Laundress" Join Yvette Bachmeier as she discusses the life an army laundress. Fulfilling many roles in addition to washing the company laundry, and often living in squalor, laundresses were the only women recognized by the army until 1878. The army placed all the other women and dependents into the category of camp followers, much to the dismay of many officer's wives. What was life like for a laundress living out west with the Frontier Army? Were there advantages due to recognition by the army?	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater



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Wednesday and Thursday August 3 rd - 4 th	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 (Wed) To 11:00 am (Thur.)	Free	Lion's A-Frame
Friday August 5 th	Campfire Program – “Change in Time: Ecological Change in the Williston Basin” Join Joseph Garcia as he talks about a change in time. From the late Cretaceous to the late Cenozoic frequent and continual change and deep time not only affected individual plants and animals that once called the region home but also the region in its entirety changed multiple times over the millennia. Ecological changes contributed to the character of the basin as we know it today and has continued in our own part of the story in the ever-changing formation of the badlands.	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday August 6 th	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 on the Diane Gabriel trail. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9 - 11	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Saturday August 6 th	Wild Montana Hike (Formerly Montana Wilderness Association) 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.	TBD	Free but must register	Vista Trailhead
Wednesday August 10 th	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	Group Use Shelter
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Friday August 12 th	Campfire Program – “Skin, Scats, Skulls” Join Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 7 Game Warden, Maribeth Ault, as she talks about the animals of the area. Discover the animals, small, and large, that call Makoshika State Park their home. Join Game Warden Maribeth Ault as she shows and explains hides, skulls and yes, even poop, from bobcats, deer, rabbits and more! Learn the significance and importance of certain features seen on these animals and stick around to get a feel for yourself!	7 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
Saturday August 13 th	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 on the Diane Gabriel trail. These experiences are limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP your spot by calling the visitor center at 406-377-6256.	9 -11	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
Saturday August 20 th	Special Event – Mako-Chella Music and Arts Festival Join us for Makoshika State Park's 2 nd annual music and arts festival, Mako-Chella! 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 will be vendors selling	Group Use Shelter And Hiatt Amphitheater
Wednesday August 24 th	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	Group Use Shelter
Saturday September 10 th	Night Hike - Join us as we hike under the Makoshika night sky. This hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff.	9 pm	Free	Group Use Shelter
Saturday September 17 th	Special Event: Makoshika Open Disc Golf Tournament This tournament will PDGA-sanctioned singles tournament and will be run by the Makoshika Disc Golf Club. Registrations will be handled by discgolfscore.com. This tournament will be a Montana Point series tournament.	All Day	TBD	Makoshika Disc Golf Course and Group Use Shelter
Saturday September 24 th	National Public Lands Day Event Join Makoshika State Park staff for an interpretive hike on one of Makoshika State Park's trails. Trail, time, and topic TBD. Keep an eye on our social media for more details closer to event	TBD	Free	TBD

