



## FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK 2022 FALL AND WINTER EVENTS



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	7:30pm – 10:30pm	<p><b>Full Moon Star Party</b></p> <p>Gazing up at the night sky was the way we traveled and explored the world around us for thousands of years. Let's start looking up again at the First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park Full Moon Star Party! Lynn Powers is a NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador and president of the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society. With over 15 years of experience, she brings her love and knowledge of all things space to her astronomy outreach events. We'll discuss the August 29<sup>th</sup> Artemis 1 test launch to the Moon as NASA prepares for a future Moon landing. During this star party we will talk and learn more about the moon, we will see some meteorite fragment and learn how the craters that we see are formed. After the short program we will move to the large field behind the visitor center with Steve Bell, member of the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society, who will help us find the stars. He will have moon filters for his telescopes but please bring your own binoculars or telescope if you have them. Don Fish, Blackfeet, will be sharing Moon stories while we are setting up the telescopes. We will meet at the park's visitor center to pay the fee, after the program, we will head to the large fields behind the visitor center to view the night sky and full moon. Please bring lawn chairs and layers. If the weather is rainy or cloudy, we will still hold the presentation in the visitor center. <b>Cost is \$5 per person 13 and older, \$8 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</b></p>	Lynn Powers, Steve Bell and Don Fish
Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	5pm - 6pm	<p><b>Evening Yoga at the Jump</b></p> <p>Come to First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park to center yourself and enjoy an evening yoga lesson with Candace Weeda Strobbe of Cascading Wellness from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM September 17th. This sunset yoga class is structured for all levels. Bend among the bats 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. After yoga there will be an optional ranger led hike along the park's trails. If bad weather occurs, the class will be moved inside with limited space. <b>Cost is \$5 per person 13 and old, \$8 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</b> It is recommended you bring your own yoga mat, appropriate shoes and clothing, and bug spray may be needed for the optional hike after.</p>	Candace Weeda Strobbe
Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Friday)	4:30pm - 6pm	<p><b>Storage, Storage, Who has Storage? – Parfleche Workshop</b></p> <p>Parfleche was used by Native Americans to make a variety of different storage bags used for food, clothing, ceremonial items, and tools. Learn to make your own parfleche bag during this program. Registration required, limit 15 people for this class. <b>Cost: Free for Montana vehicles, \$8 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</b></p>	Ranger Karlene
Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	3:00pm- 7:00pm	<p><b>Beading Workshop</b></p> <p>Come celebrate Montana American Indian Heritage Day with Ira and Kahly for a unique opportunity to learn how to bead and make your own beaded key lanyard. Beadwork is one of the most admired and traditional Native American art forms. Beadwork began as a way for</p>	Ira and Kahly Hendersen

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Native Americans to express themselves artistically that was compatible with their nomadic lifestyle. **Registration is required, limit 12 people for this class. There is a \$15 fee per person for a beading kit payable in cash only.**

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October 8 (Saturday)	1pm - 3pm	<b>Humanities Montana Speaker</b> <b>“Storytelling: The Power to Connect Our World”</b>	Lailani Upham
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Using her experience working on the documentary film projects The Sixty-Four Flood and The Blackfeet Flood, Lailani Upham leads participants through a discussion on the creative and healing process of storytelling. In the films, survivors on the Blackfeet Reservation told firsthand, historical accounts nearly 50 years after a tragic flood took lives and homes in the worst natural disaster in Montana history. Upham discusses how the documentary story connected our world. The conversation may explore questions like, how are we connected or divided? How do our stories build understanding and human connection? We all have a story that can change our world views and bridge a relationship for future generations. This program will offer engaging discussion on untold stories and understandings. Lailani Upham is an Amskapi Pikuni (Blackfeet Nation) tribal member, and a descendent from the Aaniiih, Nakoda, and Dakota tribes. She is journalist, educator and business developer in indigenous stories and culture. The presentation is free and open to the public. 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. **Cost: Free for Montana vehicles, \$8 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.**

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October 25 (Tuesday)	7pm - 9pm	<b>New Moon Hike – All About Bats</b>	Shannon Hilty, Nongame Wildlife Biologist
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There’s a chill in the air and it’s time for storytelling! Did you know that bats are the only mammal capable of powered flight? There are more than 1,400 bat species worldwide, and they inhabit almost all parts of the world except for extreme desert and polar regions. Montana is home to 15 species of bats, with 11 occurring in the Great Falls area, meaning you are likely to have bats eating insects in your neighborhood! Join nongame wildlife biologist, Shannon Hilty, during international bat week to learn more about bats. Shannon will talk about why bats are important, the conservation threats that they face, and what biologists in the state are doing to help them persist into the future. After the program we will hit the trail for a 3-mile guided hike. During the hike we will be read a couple Native American stories about Bats. Following the hike, enjoy s’mores and hot chocolate around the campfire! Red light headlamps, sturdy hiking boots, and layers are recommended. This program is weather dependent and may be cancelled due to rain or snow. Registration is required, limit to 25 people. **Cost is \$4 per person 13 and older, \$8 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.**

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November 5 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	TBD	<b>National Bison Day Virtual Program</b> Follow us on Facebook for more information and the Zoom link.	
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December 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)	1pm - 3pm	<b>Trim the Tree and Special Holiday Sale</b>	Ranger Alice
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Help First Peoples Buffalo Jump trim their tree and celebrate the holiday season. Make your own paper ornaments, decorate the tree, and share in some holiday cheer. Santa will be here handing out presents and Ranger Mert will share some holiday songs. Hot

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chocolate and cookies during the festivities. During this program all items in the gift shop will be 25% off both Saturday and Sunday.

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November 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am -	<b>Guided Rock Art Hikes</b> Join us for a guided hike to the pictographs and petroglyphs. This is a great opportunity to come and learn about 2 distinctive methods for producing rock art. What are the differences between Pictographs and Petroglyphs? How are symbols used in interpreting a people or an era? Learn these answers and more as you join Park Ranger Alice Southworth on a hike that is strenuous and off trail along the cliffs at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park. You may need Yaktrax or similar micro cleats for the hike if there is any snow fall or slippery conditions. These hikes are weather dependent and may be cancelled due to high snow or cold temperatures. We have 4 dates available, and registration is required, limit 20 spots per hike. Please call First Peoples Buffalo Jump at 406-866-2217. <b>Cost: \$4 per person 13 and older, \$8 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</b>	Park Staff
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	12pm		
January 14 <sup>th</sup>			
February 11 <sup>th</sup>			