

Bannack State Park
2015 Saturday Education and Entertainment Series
All programs are free – Out of state vehicles pay \$6 park admission



- June 6 2pm “Charlie Russell's Pranks and Stunts as Told by Sid Willis”**
Richard Baker portrays Sid Willis, owner of the Mint Saloon, telling yarns about the lighter side of Russell's life, speaking in late 19th-century Montana cowboy lingo. Most of the pranks and stunts discussed are known to be true accounts, and quite humorous. **Humanities Montana Program**
- 13 7pm “Drover Road” – Wally Congdon and the Highland boys**
Learn the stories of the first cattle drives and the determined men who moved the first herds into Montana, in song of course!
- 20 2pm Montana 1864 – Ken Egan**
Journey back to the year of Montana's founding in this lively presentation on Henry Plummer, Sidney Edgerton and other characters and events that shaped the state from its beginnings. **Humanities Montana Program**
- 27 7pm “Quicksilver”**
Brent and Tammie Jones are an incredible acoustic duo from Helena. Playing guitar and dobro, they will serenade you with a toe tapping fun mix of historical western and original tunes. **Sponsored by Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply**
- July 4 2pm “Learn the Art of Gold Panning”**
There's gold in them thar hills! Fun for all ages, join the Bannack staff and learn the art of gold panning. You will be panning for gold like an experienced prospector!
- 11 7pm “Stampede!” Humor, Yodelin' and Harmony**
This award winning duo from Utah has been entertaining crowds all over the west. Join us for a fun filled evening of great old cowboy tunes by this fantastic husband and wife team. **Sponsored by State Bank and Trust**
- 18-19 “Bannack Days!”**
Celebrate 153 years of Bannack history. Enjoy traditional music, skill and craft demonstrations, gold panning, gunfights, food and much, much more.
- 25 2pm “Montana's Fish and Aquatic Species” – Lucas Bateman**
Join us for an inside look at our fish and other aquatic life with FWP fisheries technician Lucas Bateman. The kids are sure to enjoy helping electroshock fish. See up close some of the fish and other aquatic life in Grasshopper Creek. ***At Group Use Area**
- Aug 1 7pm “The Best of Bannack” – Old Fashioned Barn Dance**
Join us for a fun filled evening of dancing at our new shelter in the Group Use Area. The group “The Best of Bannack” includes many musicians that have been performing at Bannack Days for 25 years. **Sponsored by the Bannack Association**
- 8 2pm “Rattlesnakes!” – Roger Siemens**
Rattlesnakes! Frightening and misunderstood, learn the truth about these fascinating animals from expert Roger Siemens. You can safely get up close and personal with live rattlesnakes at this special program ***At the Group Use Area.**
- 15 7pm “Red Mountain Band”**
Join us for a great evening of old time, acoustic music from this six piece band from Butte **Sponsored by Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan**
- 22 2pm “Hard Rock Mining in SW Montana” - Tom Satterly**
Tom will amaze you with his stories of the dangerous life of the underground hard rock miners. Join us for a memorable time with stories, song and even a lively jig!
Humanities Montana Program
- 29 7pm “Mountain Gospel Express”**
Don't miss this energetic four-piece band. Join us for an evening of "foot-stomping, hand-clapping" gospel bluegrass music. This group from Arizona and Twin Bridges is always a big hit when they perform at Bannack.
- Sept 5 @ dark “Star Gazing the Bannack Skies” – Tom Satterly**
Tom Satterly, Sheila Roberts and Craig Zaspell will be here to guide us to the stars. Telescopes for viewing distant planets and galaxies will be provided. Bring your lawn-chairs and viewing optics. This is a fitting end to our summer programs, the awe of space in a wondrous place like Bannack. ***Special program begins at dusk in the main parking lot**