



FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK 2019 Summer Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
Memorial Day Weekend – Labor Day Weekends (Sundays)	1pm	“Jump Talks” Join us on Sundays starting Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend to walk with a ranger and learn how the bison were stampeded off the cliff. Meet at the upper visitor area parking lot. The program will last about 20-30 minutes in length. The distance hiked will be no more than 1 mile. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Park Staff and Volunteers
June 13 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “Primitive Hunting Weapons” The Atlatl and as well as the Bow and Arrow were used thousands of years ago and allowed the Native people to subdue larger, stronger, and faster prey. Learn the history of these primitive weapons and how to properly handle and shoot them within a safe environment. We ask you to pre-register by calling 406-866-2217, limit 32 individuals for this class. Children must be 8 years or older and must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Kurt Cunningham from Montana Wild & Jim Ray
June 20 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “Traditional Creation of Native Dyes” Learn how to create your own dyes, with natural materials, used by Native Americans many years ago. Create your own story rocks to take home. Open to all ages but formatted for children 6 - 12 years. Attend two junior ranger classes and become a Certified Junior Ranger. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.	Ranger Karlene
June 23 (Sunday)	10am – 12pm	“Ranger Guided Hike” Join a Montana State Park ranger for a guided hike along our 3.5 mile interpretive trail. During the hike you’ll learn about the jump’s history and how the First Peoples survived here long ago. The hike will start and finish at the park’s visitor center and includes a trip to the top of the jump. Cost \$4 per person plus \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Park Ranger, Alice Southworth
June 27 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “What Makes the Weather” We see the weather every day when we look outside, but what makes it happen? During this program, you will learn how the water cycle plays an important role in weather, along with other mechanisms. Join us as we recreate the water cycle and create our own cloud in a jar. Open to all ages but formatted for children 6 - 12 years. Attend two junior ranger classes and become a Certified Junior Ranger. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.	AmeriCorps Ranger Stephane
July 4 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “Berry Delicious” The golden current has been a prized summer berry for Native American cultures, often eaten fresh, dried, or added to pemmican. The plant also has many other uses. Learn about the different berries found at the park. Come sample for yourself. Open to all ages but formatted for children 6 - 12 years. Attend two junior ranger classes and become a Certified Junior Ranger. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.	Ranger Mert

July 6 - 7 (Saturday - Sunday)	10am – 4pm	<p>“7th Annual Buffalo Kite Festival”</p> <p>Join us for our Annual Buffalo Kite Festival. Terri Zee Lee, who coordinated the Lewis and Clark kite display at the Great Falls airport, has worked with Native American artists from around the country to develop buffalo themed kites. Come view these beautiful kites, speak with the artists, and watch as the kites take flight. The weekend will include a brief introduction describing the project and explaining the buffalo art on the kites. Learn and try your hand at shooting a primitive bow and arrow or atlatl, make your own Traditional Native Game pieces and much more. Vintage Nana’s Indians Taco truck will be on-site for refreshment needs. Kite making kits will be available to purchase for \$4 per kit or bring your own kite and join in the fun. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.</p>	Park Staff and Volunteers
July 11 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Dino Daze”</p> <p>Before the First Peoples, there were the first creatures, and an entirely different land than what we know today: a big inland ocean, complete with ancient critters such as dinosaurs. Come learn about the park as it was millions of years ago. Can you put the pieces of the past together? Open to all ages but formatted for children 6 - 12 years. Attend two junior ranger classes and become a Certified Junior Ranger. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.</p>	Intern Ranger Britney
July 18 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Native Skies”</p> <p>Open to all ages but formatted for children 6 - 12 years. Attend two junior ranger classes and become a Certified Junior Ranger. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.</p>	Intern Ranger Britney
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July 25 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “The Games of Survival, Strength, and Sport”</p> <p>Native games are more than just games. They build body and spirit through exercise and are played by all age groups—children, youth, and adults. Many games reinforced group cooperation and sharpened survival skills often in hostile environments. Make your own game piece while learning how to play. Open to all ages but formatted for children 6 - 12 years. Attend two junior ranger classes and become a Certified Junior Ranger. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.</p>	Park Ranger Alice
August 1 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Musical Moments”</p> <p>Do you like to dance? How about sing? The First People loved to sing and dance and had many ceremonies where they did both. Learn about the history and make your own musical moment. Open to all ages but formatted for children 6 - 12 years. Attend two junior ranger classes and become a Certified Junior Ranger. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.</p>	Ranger Mert
August 8 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Natural Mats and Coverings”</p> <p>Aside from many food products and medicines, Native Americans used cattails for a variety of types of weaving. They weaved mats, baskets and other items using hand-held finger-weaving and braiding techniques. Open to all ages but formatted for children 6 - 12 years. Attend two junior ranger classes and become a Certified Junior Ranger. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.</p>	Ranger Karlene

August 10 & 11 (Saturday – Sunday)	10am – 4pm	<p>“10th Annual Mammoth Hunt”</p> <p>Come try your hand at an ancient form of hunting – the atlatl, a 10,000-year-old weapon that predates the bow and arrow. Visitors will also have the chance to shoot primitive bows and to throw tomahawks, Billy Maxwell will offer a stone tool workshop (more info to come), flint knapping demonstrations, and Dutch oven cooking demonstrations are all part of the fun experience. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</p>	Park Staff & Volunteers
August 15 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Camping 101”</p> <p>Are you interested in learning important camping skills? Well here’s your chance! Learn skills, such as the best way to pack your bag, pitch a tent, and start a fire. Come on over and be better prepared for your next adventure. Open to all ages but formatted for children 6 - 12 years. Attend two junior ranger classes and become a Certified Junior Ranger. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.</p>	AmeriCorps Ranger Stephane
August 17 & 18 (Saturday – Sunday)	2pm – 11am	<p>“JRP Celebration Campout at The Jump”</p> <p>Interested in camping? This years’ Junior Rangers have the opportunity to campout at our park if they participate in a minimum of 5 Junior Ranger Programs this summer here at First Peoples. Jr Rangers will have a chance to play some traditional games, enjoy a campfire with S’more, and more. Also, Jr Rangers will learn how the Sun warms the Earth during the Solar Power program. Children must be accompanied by an adult guardian. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</p>	AmeriCorps Ranger Stephane
August 24 (Saturday)	10am – 6pm	<p>“Little Shell Powwow”</p> <p>All welcome to come and witness this spectacular event where the Little Shell Chippewa will be honoring the elders and veterans with a day of celebration, drums, beautiful regalia, and traditional dance. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</p>	Little Shell Tribes of Chippewa

Visitor Center and Park Gates Hours of Operation

Winter

September 3 – April 14
Wednesday – Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm
Closed Monday and Tuesday

Summer

April 15 – September 3
Open 7 days a week
8:00am – 6:00pm
Walk-in access to the park is allowed until dark

Entry fees

Resident vehicle - Free
Resident vehicle opted out of state park fee - \$6
Non-resident vehicle - \$6
Non-resident walk-in or bike-in - \$4
Non-resident vehicle with annual pass – Free

For more information on our events, call 406-866-2217,
visit our website,
<http://stateparks.mt.gov/first-peoples-buffalo-jump/>
or visit us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/FirstPeoplesBuffaloJumpStatePark