



FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK 2018 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 buffalo 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
May 19 (Saturday)	10am- 1pm	“National Kids to Parks Day – Traditional Native Games” Traditional games were a very important part of the culture for Montana tribes during the days First Peoples Buffalo Jump was used to harvest buffalo, and continue to be in the modern day. Join park staff and volunteers to learn more about these games and play them yourself. All ages are invited to attend. Games offered may include shinny, double ball, kickball, Run and Scream, and many others. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Park Staff
May 26 (Saturday)	1pm- 3pm	“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. Call to make reservations at 406-866-2217. Cost \$4 per person plus \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Park Staff
June 2 (Saturday)	10am – 1pm	“National Trails Day - Ranger Guided Hike” View the famous buffalo jump with ranger Alice Southworth and identify the native plants and prairie wildflowers along the way. Learn how the First Peoples used these plants to survive on the prairie. Hike is good for active families. View the exhibits in the Visitors’ Center afterwards. Reservations required and starts May 9th, visit getfitgreatfalls.com/hikes to register. Cost: Free	Park Ranger Alice Southworth
June 9 (Saturday)	8am – 9am	“Sunrise Yoga for all Levels” Join Pamela Joe, yoga teacher and therapist, at First Peoples Buffalo Jump for a very spiritual yoga class. We will meet at parks visitor center then travel to the top of the jump, weather permitting. Bring your own mats or ones will be provided for a small fee. If weather is not being nice, we will have the class indoors. We ask you pre-register by calling 406-866-2217, limit 20 individuals if held indoors. Cost: \$4 per person plus \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Pamela Joe Quinn
June 9 (Saturday)	1pm- 3pm	“National Get Outdoors Day - Traditional Native Games” Traditional games were a very important part of the culture for Montana tribes during the days First Peoples Buffalo Jump was used to harvest buffalo. Join park staff and volunteers to learn more about these games and play them yourself. All ages are invited to attend. Games offered may include shinny, double ball, kickball, run and scream, and many others. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Park Staff and Volunteers

June 16 (Saturday)	10am – 12:30pm	<p>“Ranger Guided Hike, Native Women” Partner with CM Russell Museum</p> <p>Today’s hike will talk about the importance of Native Women in the life of the Plains Indians. Homemakers, master craftsman, and medicine women, life was not easy and women worked hard. Learn how hides were processed, what plants they collected for their medicine, and how they owned everything but the weapons. Call to make reservations at 406-866-2217. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</p>	Park Ranger, Alice Southworth
June 21 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Native Plants”</p>	Ranger Kaitlin
June 23 (Saturday)	2pm – 3pm	<p>Summer Speaker – “Native American Sign Language”</p> <p>Many different tribes had their own language, they needed a way to communicate when they came together. Authentic mountain man Gene Hickman will lead a program in Native American sign language. Refreshments will be provided. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.</p>	Gene Hickman
June 28 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Lost in the Park”</p>	AmeriCorps Ranger Becky
July 5 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Insects”</p>	Intern Ranger Erin
July 7 & 8 (Saturday – Sunday)	9am – 5pm	<p>“The Great Hunt Workshop Series and Buffalo Feast” - <u>Atlatl Workshop</u></p> <p>Participate in a 2 day workshop and build your own atlatl, launcher, and dart. Jim Ray will help participants make their own atlatl to bring home. Jim has 25+ years experience teaching, practicing, and making this ancient hunting weapon. Workshop will be limited to 8 people and individuals must show up both days to finish the project. Cost: \$40 per person for workshop to help cover materials and raise money for the buffalo feast in September. Call today to make your reservations at 406-866-2217.</p>	Jim Ray
July 12 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Archaeology”</p>	Ranger Kaitlin
July 14 - 15 (Saturday - Sunday)	10am – 4pm	<p>“Annual Buffalo Kite Festival”</p> <p>Join us for our Buffalo Kite Festival. Terry 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 and view these beautiful kites, speak with the artists, and watch as the kites take flight from the top of the buffalo jump. Kite making kits will be available to purchase for \$5 per kit. Feel free to bring your own kite and join in the fun. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for all non-resident vehicles.</p>	Terry Zee Lee and the Flying Buffalo Project
July 19 Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Geology”</p>	Intern Ranger Erin
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July 26 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “Orienteering”	AmeriCorps Ranger Becky
July 28 (Saturday)	2pm – 3pm	Summer Speaker – “Blackfeet Language and Stories” Humanities Montana Speaker Robert Patrick Hall, Maato’ommstatto’osi (Frist-Winter-Sun) in Blackfeet, is a story teller. He tells old stories that have been passed down generation to generation by the Piikunnii people, also known as The Blackfeet. Through these stories, he gives audiences a taste of how Piikinnii lives once were. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Robert Hall
August 2 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “Passing of the Buffalo”	Ranger Kaitlin
August 9 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “Fire Building/ Safety”	AmeriCorps Ranger Becky
August 11 & 12 (Saturday & Sunday)	9:00am & 2:00pm	“The Great Hunt Workshop Series and Buffalo Feast” - <u>Hide Processing Workshop</u> Join First Peoples and Billy Maxwell to learn how hides were processed during the time when the jump was used. We will hold 4 classes during the weekend, classes will last 3.5 hours and individuals will be able to process their own square of buffalo hide. Limit 10 people per class. Cost: \$70 per person for the workshop, one child per adult free. Fee to help cover the cost of materials and to help raise money for our Buffalo Feast in September. Call today to reserve your spot at 406-866-2217.	Billy Maxwell
August 16 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “Journal Writing”	Ranger Alice
August 17 (Friday)	10am – 4pm	“The Great Hunt Workshop Series and Buffalo Feast” – <u>Flint Knapping Workshop</u> Join First Peoples and Bill McConnell to learn and make your own stone points. Workshop is limited to 12 individuals. Cost: \$70 per person for workshop. Call today to make your reservations at 406-866-2217.	Bill McConnell
August 18 & 19 (Saturday & Sunday)	10am - 4pm	“Annual Mammoth Hunt” 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 be present to share his knowledge throughout the day. Mason BBQ food truck will be available Saturday for nourishment. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Park Staff and Volunteers
August 23 (Thursday)		Junior Ranger Program “Eatable Aquafer”	AmeriCorps Ranger Becky
August 25 (Saturday)	10am – 6pm	“Little Shell Powwow” 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. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Park Staff

September 1, 2 & 3 (Labor Day Weekend)	12pm – 3pm	<p>“Traditional Native Games”</p> <p>Traditional games were a very important part of the culture for Montana tribes during the days First Peoples Buffalo Jump was used to harvest buffalo, and continue to be in the modern day. Join park staff and volunteers to learn more about these games and play them yourself. All ages are invited to attend. Games offered may include shinny, double ball, kickball, Run and Scream, and many others. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</p>	Park Staff and Volunteers
September 8 (Saturday)	1pm – 4pm	<p>Summer Speaker Workshop – “On Location” Humanities Montana</p> <p>This workshop invites reflection and meditative responses to the landscape as well as exploration of historic, cultural, and scientific details about the park. As you prepare to set foot on the trail, we will briefly read a few short literary excerpts. Participants should bring a notebook and be prepared to jot ideas. At the end of our journey, we will take time to reflect and share our responses to the land. Be prepared to hike short distances. Workshop limited to about 15 people, so please call and reserve your spot at 406-866-2217. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</p>	Tami Haaland
September 15 (Saturday)	9am & 2pm	<p>“The Great Hunt Workshop Series and Buffalo Feast” – <u>Stone Hammers Workshop</u></p> <p>Join First Peoples and Billy Maxwell to make your own stone hammers. We will hold 2 classes on Saturday, classes will last 3.5 hours and individuals will be able to make their own stone hammers to bring home. Limit 10 people per class. Cost: \$70 per person for the workshop, one child per adult free. Fee to help cover the cost of materials and to help raise money for our Buffalo Feast in September. Call today to reserve your spot at 406-866-2217.</p>	Billy Maxwell
September 22 (Saturday)	10am - 3pm	<p>“Traditional Native Games”</p> <p>Traditional games were a very important part of the culture for Montana tribes during the days First Peoples Buffalo Jump was used to harvest buffalo, and continue to be in the modern day. Join park staff and volunteers to learn more about these games and play them yourself. All ages are invited to attend. Games offered may include shinny, double ball, kickball, Run and Scream, and many others. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</p>	Park Staff and Volunteers
September 29 (Saturday)	10am – 3pm	<p>“Great Hunt Buffalo Feast” - Celebrating American Indian Heritage Day</p> <p>Join First Peoples Buffalo Jump SP in celebrating the Native People with a day of honor and food. Participate in Native Games before the feast and then enjoy Indian tacos for lunch. A great way to enjoy the wonderful history of the park. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</p>	Park Staff and Volunteers

Visitor Center and Park Gates Hours of Operation

Winter

October 1 – April 14

Wednesday – Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Summer

April 15 – September 30

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

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visit our website,

<http://stateparks.mt.gov/first-peoples-buffalo-jump/>

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