



# FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK

## Summer 2017 Schedule of Events



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
May 28 <sup>th</sup> - Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sundays)	1 pm	<b>Jump Walk/Talk (weather dependent)</b> Meet at the upper parking lot and walk with a ranger to learn how buffalo were stampeded off the cliff. The program will last about 20 - 30 minutes in length. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-residents.	Park Ranger
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)	9 am - 3 pm	<b>National Trails Day</b> 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. Hiking is good for active families. View the exhibits in the Visitors' Center afterwards. Reservations required, go to <a href="http://www.getfitgreatfalls.com/hikes">www.getfitgreatfalls.com/hikes</a> to register. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-residents.	Park Ranger
June 10 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	1 pm - 3 pm	<b>National Get Outdoors Day - traditional Native Games</b> Join us to learn about the games that the First People played and play them yourself!! All ages invited to attend the fun event. Games offered may include shinny, double ball, kickball, hoop and arrow and more. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-residents.	Park Ranger
June 17 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	2 pm - 3 pm	<b>Summer Speaker - "From Informant to Investigator: A Story of Indigenous Archaeology"</b> Aaron Brien is a member of the Apsáalooke Nation, Big Lodge Clan and child of the Whistling Water Clan. He discusses his contributions to cultural heritage emphasize Indigenous approaches to archaeological documentation and interpreting, drawing attention to the significance of collaborating with elders to interpret and manage resources. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-residents.	Aaron Brien, MA
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Thursday)	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Program - Birds of First Peoples Buffalo Jump</b> Join ranger Kaitlin to learn all about our feathered friends. Learn birding basics, take a bird watching hike and build your own backyard bird feeder. 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 non-residents.	Ranger Kaitlin

June 29 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Program - Herping in the Park</b> Join Ranger Kaitlin to learn snake identification and safety. There will be tanned hides of local snakes so you can identify them on the trail. We will hike around the park to learn where snakes live and how to spot them. Sturdy shoes are recommended also bring a water bottle and camera. 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 non-residents.	Ranger Kaitlin
July 1 <sup>st</sup> (Saturday)	10 am - 3 pm	<b>Annual Buffalo Kite Festival</b> Join us for our annual Buffalo Kite Festival. Terry Zee Lee, has worked with Native American artists from around the country to develop buffalo themed kites. Come and view these beautiful kites, speak with the artist, and watch as the kites take flight from the top of the buffalo jump. Learn and participate in Native Games, try your hand at shooting a primitive bow and arrow or atlatl. Make your own Native game pieces and much more. Kite making kits will be available to purchase for \$5 per kit. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-residents.	Park Staff & Volunteers
July 6 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Program - Leave No Trace/Stewardship Principles</b> Join Ranger Charles to learn about the benefits of being a good land steward. Learn how you can help spread the word of environmental stewardship, Why is it important? Skits and interactive activities to model the principles. 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 non-residents.	AmeriCorps Ranger Charles
July 13 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Program - Basic First Aid</b> Join Ranger Charles to learn the history of first aid as well as some of its applications and how to properly administer first aid. 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 non-residents.	AmeriCorps Ranger Charles
July 20 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Program - Tracks and Scat</b> Join Ranger Kaitlin to learn who's around when you're not looking. Learn about local animal tracks and scat in the park. We will have rubber stamps of marmots, rabbits, and antelope to name a few. Wear hiking shoes so we can go exploring! 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 non-residents.	Ranger Kaitlin

July 22 <sup>nd</sup> - July 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Saturday & Sunday)	10 am - 3 pm	<b>Annual Mammoth Hunt</b> 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. Park staff will demonstrate primitive fire building techniques as well. Learn and participate in Native American dances and crafts. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-residents.	Park Staff & Volunteers
July 27 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Program - Prairie Ecology</b> Join ranger Kaitlin to learn that prairies are more than tall grass and Prairie Dogs. Learn about how this beautiful ecosystem works and the history of our local buffalo jump. Wear your hiking shoes and bring water so you can get an immersive learning experience. 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 non-residents.	Ranger Kaitlin
July 29 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	2 pm - 3 pm	<b>Summer Speaker - "Native Song of the Plains Indians"</b> Kevin gives a presentation on Native American song of the Plains Indian. Using contemporary knowledge and sacred knowledge, the presentation explores cultural awareness and how songs play a vital role in Native American experience in today's world. Taking the audience on a journey from the past to the present to understand how traditional holistic practices are used today.	Kevin Kicking Women - Humanities Montana
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Program - Backcountry Cooking</b> Join AmeriCorps ranger Charles to learn the skills and knowledge needed when in the wilderness. Learn how important food safety and cleanup is in the wild. 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 non-residents.	AmeriCorps Ranger Charles
August 10 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Program - Knot Tying</b> Join AmeriCorps ranger Charles will equip participants with the information, skills, and tricks needed to effectively secure objects as well as solve knot problems when they arise. 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 non-residents.	AmeriCorps Ranger Charles
August 17 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Program - Orienteering</b> Join AmeriCorps ranger Charles to learn the history of orienteering, why it is important to know the distance and degrees. 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 non-residents.	AmeriCorps Ranger Charles

August 19 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	10 am - 3 pm	<b>Little Shell Pow Wow</b> 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-residents.	Little Shell Chippewa & park staff
August 26 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	2 pm - 3 pm	<b>Summer Speaker - "Living with the Land"</b> Artist Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer focuses on the Anishinabe (Chippewa) people, who made their living from the land by harvesting a wide variety of plants and hunting or trapping animals. With a combination of storytelling, dance, music and historical artifacts, she immerses her audience in Native American culture. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-residents.	Louise Fischer Humanities Montana

New events may be added over the course of the summer so be sure to check the park's website for the most up to date calendar.

*First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park reserves the right to cancel events due to unforeseen circumstances*

### **Summer Visitor Center and Park Gates Hours of Operation**

April 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>

Sunday - Saturday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Walk-in access to the park is allowed until dark if you are parked outside the gates

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