



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
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 start May 9th, visit getfitgreatfalls.com/hikes to register. Cost: Free	Park Ranger Alice Southworth
June 3 (Sunday)	8am – 10am	“Nature Photography Series” Session 1 First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park will host Montana Nature Photographer and Artist Donna Ridgway for the first of a two part series on Nature Photography. We will start with a short demonstration in the visitor centers classroom and continue with a hike to practice capturing the best wildlife photographs with tips and tricks from Mrs. Ridgway. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.	Donna Ridgway
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 one 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	“Ranger Guided Hike, Native Women” Partner with CM Russell Museum 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.	Park Ranger, Alice Southworth

June 21 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Native Plants in the Park”</p> <p>Join Ranger Kaitlin and learn about native plants and why they are so important to the wildlife and environment at your state park! Plan on getting dirty while we play with plants and make some crafts! 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 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> <p>Parents and children come learn what to do if you get separated when hiking this summer. We’ll cover easy ways you can be prepared the next time you go hiking with your family. This program is great for little ones from 5 to 10 years old. Not only is this great for kids, but it’s helpful for parents too! 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 Becky
July 1 (Sunday)	1pm – 3pm	<p>“Nature Photography Series” Session 2</p> <p>First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park will host Montana Nature Photographer and Artist Donna Ridgway for the second of a two part series on Nature Photography. This session will focus on how Mrs. Ridgway edits her photographs to get the best results. Whether the wildlife was not cooperating that day, or you want to make your photographs have a more artistic flair Mrs. Ridgway will go over the basics of how to edit your photographs. Bring your own laptops with your photographs and receive individualized help with editing. Cost: Free for Montana residents, \$6 entrance fee for non-resident vehicles.</p>	Donna Ridgway
July 5 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “What Creeps and Crawls in the Park”</p> <p>Learn about the types of bugs that can be found in Montana! This program will teach Jr. Rangers about insects, spiders and other types of bugs that can be found in our state. They will learn how to find and identify Montana bugs. After they learn about bugs, they will get a chance to explore and find bugs using their own bug jars that they will decorate themselves. 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 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 “Learning about the Past”</p> <p>Tepees, and fossils, and bones! Oh my! During this week’s program we’ll have a guest speaker to investigate Archaeology with us! What is Archaeology? What does an Archaeologist do? What does it have to do with First Peoples? Find out the answer to these questions and more! 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 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 “Montana Rocks!”</p> <p>If you find rocks interesting and like exploring, rock collecting may be a good for you. Learn about geology and how to safely find and identify rocks in your own backyard. This program will teach Jr. Rangers how to start and organize their own rock collections. After learning the basics of rock identification, they will have the chance to explore and examine and identify rocks in the park. 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 Erin
July 21 (Saturday)	10am – 12pm	<p>“Ranger Guided Hike”</p> <p>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.</p>	Park Staff
July 26 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Orienteering Tag”</p> <p>Come learn how to read a compass and use it to get around. We’ll start with the basics of how to read a simple map and how to use a compass. Then we’ll start putting those skills to the test and begin to work our way up to orienteering tag! 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 Becky
July 28 (Saturday)	2pm – 3pm	<p>Summer Speaker – “Blackfeet Language and Stories” Humanities Montana Speaker</p> <p>Robert Patrick Hall, Maato’ommstatto’osi (First-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.</p>	Robert Hall
August 2 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Passing of the Buffalo”</p> <p>What ever happened to the buffalo that were once here? Bison once roamed in the area we now call First Peoples Buffalo Jump, but today there are none to be found. Learn about how important Bison were to the Native American peoples that lived on the Plains and how the changing population sizes in more recent history have affected their way of life. We’ll use this example as an illustration for other endangered species as well to explore topics including wildlife management, animal populations, and the cause and effect of species extinction. 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 Kaitlin
August 9 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	<p>Junior Ranger Program “Fire Building/ Fire Safety”</p> <p>Who doesn’t like to play with fire? Here at First Peoples we are going to learn the safety precautions to take when building a fire, how to build a proper fire with the teepee structure, and create your own fire starter. This will be a safe and educational program. 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 Becky

August 12	9:00am & 2:00pm	“The Great Hunt Workshop Series and Buffalo Feast” - <u>Hide Processing Workshop</u>	Billy Maxwell
August 13-17	9:00am	Join First Peoples and Billy Maxwell to learn how hides were processed during the time when the jump was used. We will hold 2 classes Sunday at 9 & 2, and daily Aug. 13-17 at 9am; limit 10 people per class. Individuals will be able to process their own square of buffalo hide. They will be able to take home that square of hide and the tools they use. Cost: \$50 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.	
August 16 (Thursday)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “The Nature of Journal Writing” Nature can help us recover from “everyday stress”. Nature improves our capacity to pay attention and brings out more positive emotions and less negative. Join ranger Alice to experience all the wonderful benefits of nature, make your own journals, and reflect to destress. 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 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 and Bill McConnell will be giving flint knapping demonstrations. 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)	10am – 12pm	Junior Ranger Program “Edible Aquifer” End your summer with a bang at First Peoples by making an edible aquifer! This program will involve ice cream, cookies, soda, gummies, and sprinkles. After we learn what an aquifer is, why it’s important to not litter, and build your own aquifer, we’ll hike out to look at a natural spring located in the park. It’s a short 0.6 mile hike and we ask that you wear closed toe shoes. 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 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	“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 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 different classes on Saturday, limit 10 people per class. Classes will last 3.5 hours and individuals will be able to make their own stone hammers to take home. 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
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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. Opening ceremony begins at 10, then enjoy Indian tacos for lunch, participate in Native Games after lunch. A great way to enjoy the wonderful history of the Native People and 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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