



2018 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

For more information on any of Makoshika State Park's programs, please call 406-377-6256.

Date	Program	Time	Cost	Meet at
January 1, 2018	First Day Hike - Kick off the new year with a hike and free lunch. Friends of Makoshika will provides the trail guide for the 1.5 mile hike and a free lunch in the visitor center.	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	FREE	Visitor Center
April 22, 2018	Lyrid Meteor Shower Viewing & Hike Wish on a shooting star with us as we watch the skies and discuss the Lyrids Meteor Shower at Makoshika State Park. Every April, the Earth passes through the debris of comet Thatcher, causing up to twenty meteors to pass through the atmosphere every hour. Join the grand tradition of meteor watching at the Makoshika State Park Kiwanis Pavilion, and be sure to bring a warm blanket to lay down on.	8:30 pm	Free	TBA
May 19, 2018	MT Wilderness Association Hike – We will be hiking the Vista trail. Guided by Ranger Tom Shoush.	10:00 a.m.	Free	Vista Trailhead
May 26, 2018	Full Moon Viewing– A guided viewing of the full moon under the Makoshika sky.	9:00m pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
May 26, 2018	Paleo Hike – Museum of the Rockies volunteer, Dave Fuqua, will start at the paleontology lab and then lead a hike to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail.	10:00 a.m.	\$10.00 per person	Visitor Center
May 27, 2018	My Love Affair with Montana- Hal Stearns will be talking about unique and relatively unknown places of Montana.	7:00 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
May 29, 2018	Full Moon Hike – A guided hike under the full moon.	9:00 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
May 31, 2018	Animals Everywhere Youth Program – This is the first youth program of the season. Students will learn that animals live all around us, in all shapes and sizes. They will learn how some of these animals live and interact with their environment as well as identify what classification group they belong to.	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Free	Visitor Center

June 1, 2018	T-Rex of the Deep – What were Mosasaurs? Come learn about Mosasaurs, the apex predator of the Western Interior Sea. Paleontology student and Montana State Parks AmeriCorps member Brenlee K Shipps will walk you through the basics of these terrifying, majestic monsters and even introduce you to a few local specimens.	7:00 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
June 2, 2018	National Trails Day -Guided Hike on Buccaneer Trail	9:00 a.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
June 2, 2018	Paleo Hike – Museum of the Rockies volunteer, Dave Fuqua, will start at the paleontology lab and then lead a hike to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail.	10:00 a.m.	\$10.00 per person	Visitor Center
June 7, 2018	Water Safety Youth Program – Students will learn basic boating and water safety. Students will learn ways to be safe near water through an activity book and other activities.	9:30–11:30 a.m.	Free	Visitor Center
June 8, 2018	Buzzard Days Pre-Events – Pre-registration Hole in one disc golf contest	5:00–7:00 p.m.	TBA	Kiwanis Pavilion
June 8, 2018	Buzzard Days Pre-Events- Campfire with s’ mores	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
	Native American Crow drum and singing group, GoesWell Singers, will perform along with traditional dancers.	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
	Astronomy with Vern Lindquist	9:30 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
June 9, 2018	Buzzard Day- Bluebird walk with Lew Melby Hole in one-disc golf contest First round of the disc golf tourney	8:00 a.m.	TBA	Kiwanis Pavilion
	Children’s 1 Mile Fun Run	9:30 a.m.	TBA	Kiwanis Pavilion
	10k and 5k race	10:00 a.m.	TBA	Kiwanis Pavilion
	Kids treasure hunt	10:15 a.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
	Paleo hike with Dino Dave on the Mystery Trail	11:30 a.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
	Native American Crow drum and singing group, GoesWell Singers, will perform along with traditional dancers.	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
	Train rides, archery and Atlatl demonstrations, bouncy houses and food vendors will be available	9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Free except	Kiwanis Pavilion

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June 14, 2018	Backbone Bonanza Youth Program- Students will learn about vertebrates and some characteristics that distinguish them. Students will also learn how to tell the difference between invertebrates and vertebrates.	9:30-11:30	Free	Visitor Center
June 15, 2018	McCarty Cabin History- Learn about the history of McCarty Cabin, the McCarty family and their relationship to the park with Ranger Tom Shoush.	7:00 p.m.	Free	Visitor Center
June 16, 2018	Paleo Hike – Museum of the Rockies volunteer, Dave Fuqua, will start at the paleontology lab and then lead a hike to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail.	10:00 a.m.	\$10.00 per person	Visitor Center
June 21, 2018	Movie Night- Journey to the Center of the Earth During an expedition to Iceland, professor Trevor Anderson, his nephew Sean and their guide, Hannah, get trapped in a cavern. As they follow their only escape route deeper and deeper below the Earth's surface, they pass through strange places and encounter incredible creatures, including dinosaurs. But as volcanic activity around them increases, they realize they must find their way out - soon. Concessions will be available.	9:00 p.m.	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
June 21, 2018	What's for Lunch Youth Program- Students will learn that all animals, including people, depend on plants as a food source, either directly or indirectly. Students will also learn how to make a food web.	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Free	Visitor Center
June 22, 2018	Astronomy Program- Join us for a special look at the Makoshika night sky with Dr. Corinne Brevik. Dr. Brevik will give a short presentation about the constellations and then we will take a short walk to a viewing area with telescopes.	9:00 p.m.	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
June 23, 2018	Paleo Hike – Museum of the Rockies volunteer, Dave Fuqua, will start at the paleontology lab and then lead a hike to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail.	10:00 a.m.	\$10.00 per person	Visitor Center
June 27, 2018	Full Moon Hike – A guided hike under the full moon.	9:00 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
June 28, 2018	In a Grasshopper's World Youth Program- Students will observe grasshoppers in their natural habitat.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center

June 29,2018	Early Bison Hide Working Habits- Anthropologist Billy Maxwell will present his program, "Early Bison Hide Working Habits." Mr. Maxwell lives off the grid in a tipi and has been working with bison hides most of his life. He will demonstrate the process of how to tan buffalo hides and talk about getting the process and texture of bison hides to match hides in museum collections.	7:00 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
June 30, 2018	Paleo Hike – Museum of the Rockies volunteer, Dave Fuqua, will start at the paleontology lab and then lead a hike to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail.	10:00 a.m.	\$10.00 per person	Visitor Center
July 5, 2018	Terrific Turkeys Youth Program- Students will learn about wild turkeys. They will learn the difference between wild and domestic turkeys and will examine the similarities and differences between turkeys and chickens.	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Free	Visitor Center
July 6, 2018	Shakespeare in the Park- Makoshika State Park will host Montana Shakespeare in the Parks in their Glendive performance of Love's Labour Lost, directed by Kevin Asselin. Concessions will be provided; attendees should bring what they may need to be comfortable at an outdoor theater event, such as appropriate clothing and insect repellent. Concessions will be available.	7:00 p.m.	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
July 7, 2018	Paleo Hike – Museum of the Rockies volunteer, Dave Fuqua, will start at the paleontology lab and then lead a hike to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail.	10:00 a.m.	\$10.00 per person	Visitor Center
July 12, 2018	Minibeast Youth Program- Students will learn that minibeasts are simply a small animal. They will learn that they come in all shapes and colors and that they are grouped according to their characteristics.	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Free	Visitor center
July 13, 2018	UFOs and Extraterrestrials in Montana with Joan Bird- Makoshika State Park is taking advantage of Friday the 13 th as we welcome Joan Bird as she will be presenting about UFO's. Montana is home to some of the most significant, well-documented and interesting UFO reports in the history of ufology. This presentation is a short course in UFO literacy, using Montana events to illustrate different aspects of the phenomenon. Montana seems to be a	7:00 p.m.	Free	Visitor Center

	place where there is a lot of historical UFO activity and the audience is invited to share their own or their family's stories.			
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July 19, 2018	Pollination Party Youth Program- Students will learn the pollination process and how insects, plants, and humans rely on it. They will also be able to identify common pollinators.	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Free	Visitor Center
July 20, 2018	Bat Talk and Walk- Learn about and see bats of the area with FWP Biologist Brandi Skone. Ms. Skone will give a short presentation on bats found in the area and then we will take a short walk to the bat boxes and dwellings and look for bats.	9:00 p.m.	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
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July 26, 2018	Predator and Prey Youth Program- Students will learn about the predator and prey relationship and how they are both essential for an ecosystem to flourish.	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Free	Visitor Center
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August 2, 2018	Game Day: Bingo and Relay Races Youth Program- We will recap what we have done this summer and games.	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Free	Visitor Center
August 3, 2018	History of Trade Beads- Come learn from one of the best trade bead historians in the nation with Steve McCracken. Learn about the history of trade beads and how important they were to different cultures.	7:00 p.m.	Free	Visitor Center
August 4, 2018	Paleo Hike – Museum of the Rockies volunteer, Dave Fuqua, will start at the paleontology lab and then lead a hike to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail.	10:00 a.m.	\$10.00 per person	Visitor Center
August 8-9	Overnight Campout for the Youth Program- Students that attended five or more of the youth programs this summer are invited to a night packed with fun as we camp in Makoshika. There will be a	5:30 pm to 11:00 am	Free	Lions Youth Camp

	hike, games, and much more to conclude this summer's youth program.			
August 10, 2018	Paleontology in Makoshika State Park- Learn about the past paleontology projects that have taken place in Makoshika State Park.	7:00 p.m.	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
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August 16, 2018	Movie Night- Dinosaur Island (2014)- A boy and a girl find themselves stranded in a land of wonder only to discover that throughout history things have mysteriously disappeared to this long lost world. Together, they embark on their magical journey back home, and along the way encounter tribal natives, ferocious dinosaurs and a land long forgotten. Concessions will be available.	8:30 p.m.	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
August 17, 2018	Bat Talk and Walk- Learn about and see bats of the area with FWP Biologist Brandi Skone. Ms. Skone will give a short presentation on bats found in the area and then we will take a short walk to the bat boxes and dwellings and look for bats.	9:00 p.m.	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
August 18, 2018	Paleo Hike – Museum of the Rockies volunteer, Dave Fuqua, will start at the paleontology lab and then lead a hike to a paleo microsite on the Mystery Trail.	10:00 a.m.	\$10.00 per person	Visitor Center

