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White Sands National Monument Events

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Sunset Strolls

Enjoy a leisurely one-hour ranger-guided walk through sand dunes and learn about the geology, plants, and animals of this unique area. Program starts at the sign along Dunes Drive about five miles from the visitor center. Programs are offered daily. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.**

4:30 pm January 21–February 17

5:00 pm February 18–March 11

Discover the Historic Treasures of White Sands National Monument

Join us for two insightful programs about little-known aspects of White Sands National Monument.

First, we will explore the brilliant architecture at White Sands National Monument and the construction by New Deal agencies during the 1930's. Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places, the White Sands Historic District preserves the region's unique and rich cultural history through the Spanish and Pueblo-inspired adobe architecture. Stylishly sewn into the fabric of the surrounding landscape, the Historic District, including the visitor center, is a tribute not only to the National Park Service and architect Lyle E. Bennett but also to the New Deal agencies and the fine craftsmanship of the WPA and CWA workers.

Next, we will take a tour of the historic roads around the monument. Today, travel around the Tularosa Basin is quite easy. The earliest European settlers of this area didn't have it so easy. Old roads and vehicles remain as evidence of their hardships. These remains have allowed archaeologists and historians to study just what these early travelers accomplished. We will travel through time starting with Colonial Spanish New Mexico in the 16th Century to present day to see exactly how transportation shaped the human history in the Tularosa Basin and White Sands National Monument.

Meet in the visitor center theater at 1 pm for each of these 30-minute programs. Programs are free.

1:00 pm Saturday, March 4

Lake Lucero Tour

Have you ever wondered how the white sands formed? Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the sands and the special plants and animals that live in and around the dunes. A program fee of \$8.00 per adult (16 years and older) and \$4.00 for children (15 years and younger) applies. Reservations are required and can be made one month in advance of the tour. For more information visit www.nps.gov/whsa.

2:00 pm Sunday, February 26

Skins and Skulls

Join a ranger in the visitor center courtyard for a 20-minute talk about the amazing animals of White Sands. Rangers will have pelts, skulls, and other props to provide you an up-close look and feel of the elusive wildlife of White Sands. Program is free.

3:00 pm Saturday & Sunday

Visitor Center Hours 9:00 am–5:00 pm January 2–March 11

Monument Hours 7:00 am–6:00 pm January 1–February 18

7:00 am–7:00 pm February 19–March 11

Dunes Drive will close to inbound traffic at one hour before the monument will close. The Highway 70 Gate and restrooms will close at the stated monument closing time.

Schedule is subject to change. Activities may be cancelled due to weather or missile range activities. Visit www.nps.gov/whsa for more information. **Monument entrance fees are \$5.00 per person anyone 16-years and older; children 15-years old and under are free.

