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Spring hikes at Fort Churchill State Historic Park

SILVER SPRINGS, NV – Fort Churchill State Historic Park is offering guided hikes during late April and May. These hikes are open to the public and are included with the park's entrance fee, which is \$7 per vehicle with a \$2 discount for Nevada residents (cash or check only). These hikes may be canceled or rescheduled in the case of inclement weather. For more information call 775-577-4880.

April 27: Guided Hike

Take a ranger-guided walk through the ruins and along Buckland Loop trail. We will discuss the Fort's history along with desert plants and animals living nearby. This one-mile walk will take approximately two hours. Please bring water, sunscreen, hat, good hiking shoes, and dress for the weather. It is also a good idea to bring a camera, binoculars and insect repellent. Dogs are allowed, but they must be kept on a leash.

WHEN: Sunday, April 27 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: Meet at the museum.

May 3: Sunset Hike

Explore Fort Churchill at dusk on a ranger-guided walk through the ruins and along Buckland Loop trail. Look for constellations and planets, and discover nocturnal animals living in the park. This one-mile walk will last about two hours. Please dress for the weather and bring good hiking shoes, a flashlight, water and insect repellent. Dogs are not allowed on this hike.

WHEN: Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Meet at the museum.

May 11: Guided Hike

Hike with a ranger while learning about the history of Fort Churchill. Walk through the ruins and discover plants and animals along the Carson River. The hike is approximately four miles round-trip and includes a tour of Buckland Station, a historic home/boarding house that was built in 1870. Bring a lunch or snacks; this hike will last about three hours. Please bring water, sunscreen, hat, good hiking shoes and dress for the weather. Also, binoculars and a camera are always a good idea! Dogs are allowed, but they must be kept on a leash.

WHEN: Sunday, May 11 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: Meet at the museum.

May 14: Full Moon Hike

Take a moonlit walk along the Nature Trail. Look for signs of wildlife and discuss nocturnal animals that live along the Carson River. This two-mile hike will last approximately two hours. Reservations are required by calling 775-577-4880 or e-mailing bucklandstation@hotmail.com. Leave your name, phone number and number of people in your party. Dogs are not allowed on this hike.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 14 at 8 p.m.

WHERE: The meeting location will be made available to those who register.

May 31: Star Party

View the moon, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn, along with spring galaxies and a possible rare sighting of Omega Centauri, a globular cluster that is 1/3 the size of the full moon. Local astronomers will have their telescopes set up in the cemetery parking lot, across from the museum. Please bring red flashlights only or flashlights wrapped in red plastic; red light does not negatively affect night vision. There will be a short presentation about astronomy until it gets dark. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

WHEN: Saturday, May 31 at 8:30 p.m. until about midnight.

WHERE: Cemetery parking lot across from the museum.

“Like” us on Facebook for more information about the park and programs! Fort Churchill is located 8 miles south of Silver Springs, NV on Highway 95A. Turn onto the Fort Churchill road, and the park is one mile in on the left.

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Save the Date!

Plan to celebrate Nevada's 150th birthday with Nevada State Parks. Celebrating the sesquicentennial on June 14 in conjunction with National Get Outdoors Day, visitors will enjoy free entrance and free fishing at all of Nevada's 23 State Parks.