

2017 Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park



ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

June 21 - 24

Daily Activities

Solar Viewing

Pulpit Rock Overlook 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

South Rim Visitor Center 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Don't wait until dark to see a star! Get up close and personal with our local star and safely observe solar phenomena through a properly filtered telescope.

Night Sky Viewing with telescopes

Meet at the South Rim Campground Amphitheater 10 p.m.

After each evening program, rangers and local astronomers will be on hand with telescopes to view deep space objects and give constellation tours. Bring a jacket and flashlight. Nights can be quite cool.



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Wednesday, June 21st

Bats of Black Canyon Talk, 1 p.m.

Meet a bat expert! Park Biologists discuss findings of a recent survey of the bat populations found at Black Canyon National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area.

South Rim Visitor Center Auditorium

Evening program, 9 p.m. Special Guest, Chap Percival

Learn more about the upcoming August 2017 Solar Eclipse with astronomer and educator Chap Percival. Get signed copies of the book *Go See the Eclipse: and take a kid with you* before the program.

South Rim Campground Amphitheater

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Thursday, June 22nd

Evening program, 9 p.m. Special Guest, Bettymaya Foott

The Colorado Plateau has some of the darkest night skies in the lower 48 States. National Park Service sites such as Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Grand Canyon, Chaco Canyon, Natural Bridges, and others have received international designations as dark sky places. Learn how dark they are, why it matters and how you can help preserve the awesome nighttime experience of wonder over your home town. *South Rim Campground Amphitheater*

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Evening program, 9 p.m. Special Guest –Skyglow Project

After a grueling three-year journey of over 150,000 miles traveled and 3,000,000 pictures taken, timelapse filmmakers Harun Mehmedinovic and Gavin Heffernan are proud to introduce SKYGLOW. This project explores the history and mythology of celestial observation and the proliferation of electrical outdoor lighting that spurred the rise of the Dark Sky Movement that's fighting to reclaim the night skies.

South Rim Campground Amphitheater

Nightscape Photography Workshop, 9 p.m.

Greg Owens, Photographer from Owens Imagery, will demonstrate techniques on how to take photos of the night sky. Participants are limited to 10 people, reservations required by calling 970-249-1914 Ext: 441 Must provide own camera equipment (DSLR) and tripod.

South Rim Visitor Center

Gunnison Valley Observatory Program, 9 p.m.

Astronomy Ranger Erik Jensen will be a special guest at the *Gunnison Valley Observatory near Gunnison, Colorado*

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Saturday, June 24th

Evening program, 9 p.m. Special Guest, Tom Haraden

Bats: Masters of the Night

We have them in our neighborhood. Creatures so sophisticated, so adapted to their environment, so elusive, and so misunderstood—elements of a total global ecosystem so influential that their absence would change the world as we know it. Come to see them as the beguiling, winsome creatures they are.

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