SPECIAL PROGRAMS
AT CHIMNEY ROCK

Throughout the season, visitors can enjoy a variety of opportunities to experience the site in a different light. To make reservations for Special Programs, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 877-444-6777.

Full Moon Program, $15
Hike to the Great House (Pueblo Trail) and enjoy Native American flute music as the sun sets and the moon rises over the San Juan Mountains. Knowledgeable speakers present a story of the Ancestral Puebloans and the view of the full moon rising is breathtaking from this high vantage point. Recommended for ages 8 & up. **Reservations only.**
June 9, July 8, August 7, September 6, & October 5

Early Tour Full Moon Package, $20
This program includes a one hour guided tour of the Great Kiva Trail loop prior to the Full Moon Program.

Night Sky Archaeoastronomy Programs, $12/$5
Each month, this program offers two opportunities to enjoy the night sky. After a presentation at the visitor cabin, guests drive to the upper parking lot to view the night sky through telescopes manned by volunteer astronomers. Suitable for children. **Reservations only.**
- **Stars and Galaxies** -When the sky is dark, see the stars and learn about the constellations. **May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 22**
- **Our Solar System** - Get a close-up view of features on the moon. **June 2, June 30, July 28, September 1**

Dances of the Ancients, $15/$5
Two Puebloan dance groups will gather to dance in the Great Kiva, home to their ancestors. The all-children dance groups will perform at 10am and 1pm. **Reservations Only. May 27.**

Early Tour Dances of the Ancients Package , $20/$7.50
This program includes a one hour tour of the Pueblo Trail at 9am and noon, prior to the Dances of the Ancients.
Reservations Only.

Solstice/Equinox Sunrise Programs, $15
See two sunrises in one morning! Arrive before dawn to watch the sun rise from the Sun Tower, a location not on the guided tour. Then walk to the Kiva Trail to watch the sun rise over the Great House Pueblo. Learn why these events were important to the ancient residents. **Reservations only.**
Solstice- June 21, Equinox- Sept. 22.

Additional Programs on back page

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
CONTINUED

Life at Chimney Rock, Free
This free festival at the visitor cabin is fun for young and old. Volunteers help you make a clay pot, carve your own pictographs, or pound yucca to release its valuable fibers. Shop the Indian market. **July 22 & 23.**

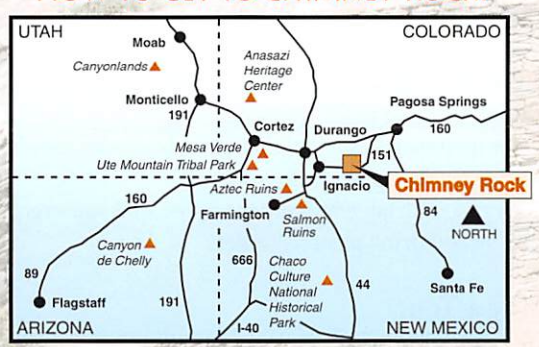
Partial Solar Eclipse, $12/$5
Seen from Chimney Rock, the sun should be about 80% covered by the moon. This program includes explanations of the eclipse, insights into eclipses historically and through the eyes of Native Americans, and live Native American Flute Music.
Reservations Only. August 21, 2017

ENSURE
OUR LEGACY

Chimney Rock is a place of great archaeological and cultural interest. Its care, protection, and preservation are shared by the San Juan National Forest and Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA).

CRIA is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing an enjoyable educational experience at Chimney Rock while protecting the site's cultural legacy. CRIA receives no government funds and depends on tour fees, donations, and grants to fund the interpretive program.

HOW TO GET TO CHIMNEY ROCK:



970-883-5359 — Visitor Cabin, May 15 through Sept 30
970-731-7133 — CRIA Office, October 1 through May 14
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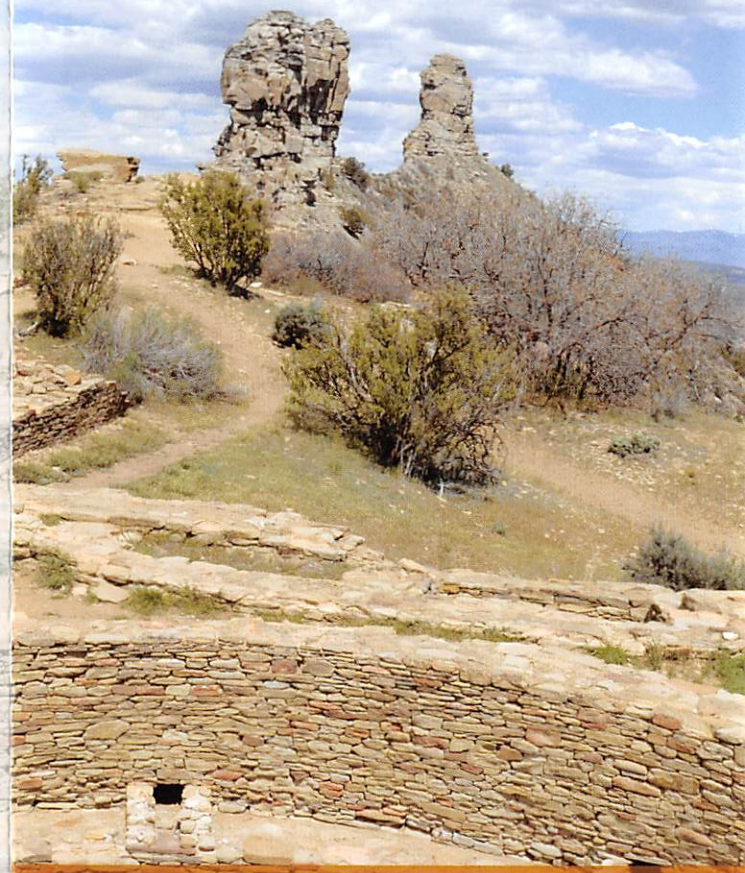

A Rare View into an Ancient World

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EXPERIENCE
THE LAND

A thousand years ago, the lands beneath Chimney Rock's twin pinnacles were home to the Ancestral Puebloans. Later, the formations served as a landmark for the European explorers and prospectors who settled this rugged country. Today, the prominent and beautiful spires mark one of the most intriguing archaeological sites in the Four Corners area.

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Located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs, Colorado and 40 miles east of Durango, Colorado, Chimney Rock's stone pinnacles overlook an ancient pueblo on lands managed by the San Juan National Forest.

ENVISION
THE PAST

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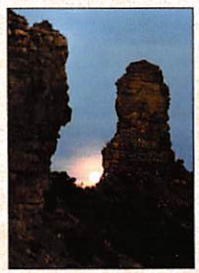
Architecture, pottery, and other artifacts from the site tell of the daily lives of the people who made the area their home 1000 years ago. Among hundreds of structures, a Chacoan Great House Pueblo, Great Kiva, multi-family dwelling, and pit house have been excaved and stabilized for viewing.

EMBRACE
THE LEGENDS

Mysteries, legends, and theories about Chimney Rock abound: Why did agricultural people develop a large community in a harsh environment? What attracted them to the high mesa beneath the twin pinnacles? Was Chimney Rock an outpost for collecting wood or wild game for use in Chaco Canyon? Chimney Rock is the most isolated and remote community tied to Chaco as well as the highest in elevation. "What brought the Chacoans here and why did they leave?" are perhaps the most asked questions.



Just as their ancestors called Chimney Rock a special place, modern Puebloan cultures consider it a place of spiritual significance.

ENJOY
THE LEGACIES

A visit to Chimney Rock National Monument offers an enjoyable outdoor learning opportunity for all.

Here, in the shadow of the awe-inspiring twin pinnacles, you will experience a unique part of America's heritage during the tour season, **Open May 15 through September 30.**

Know Before You Go:

- Visitor cabin is open 9:00 am to 4:30 pm daily.
- Entry gate opens at 9:00 am, closes at 4:30 pm except for special events.
- There is no portable water on site.
- Last opportunity to access the ancient structures is 3:00 pm daily.
- Special evening programs, cultural events, and other activities are presented throughout the season. See website for details.
- Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more.
- Pets are not permitted on tours; only Service Dogs are permitted. Kennels are available at no charge.
- There is no shade in the parking lot nor on the trails.
- Walking tours may be cancelled due to severe weather or during special events.
- Call the Visitor Cabin to inquire about shuttle availability from the cabin to the trailheads.
- For their own safety, children must be closely monitored while on the Upper Trail.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes, hat, and sunscreen. Bring and drink plenty of water!

Enjoy a Tour:

Chimney Rock National Monument is a protected archaeological site with limited access through tours only. Guests drive 2 1/2 miles up a winding gravel road to where the walking tours begin. Guided interpretive walking tours are provided by trained volunteers with the non-profit Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. All tours are first-come first served. No reservations required.

Tour Option I:

Guided Tour

- $12/adult and $5/child (ages 5-12). Under age 5 are free.
- May 15-June 30: tour times at 9:30am, 11:00am and 1:00pm
- July 1-Aug. 15: tour times at 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am and 1:00pm
- Aug. 16-Sept. 30: tour times at 9:30am, 11:00am and 1:00pm
- Approximately two hour tour plus estimated 30-minute round-trip drive to the mesa parking lot.
- Includes the Great Kiva Trail (approximately first hour of the tour) and the Pueblo Trail (approximately second hour of the tour.)

Tour Option II:

Audio Kiva Tour (Great Kiva Trail Only)

- Tours available anytime between 10am and 3pm.
- $12/adult and $5/child (ages 5-12) Under age 5 is free
- Pre-recorded audio commentary gives in-depth information about the structures viewed and the people who lived there.

Trail Descriptions

Great Kiva Trail

- Breathtaking overlook of Piedra River Valley and Peterson Ridge.
- One third mile, paved and ADA-accessible
- 44-foot diameter excavated Great Kiva.
- Excavated pit house and additional unexcavated structures

Pueblo Trail

- Awe inspiring 360° views of the San Juan Mountain Range and the twin spires from the Great House Pueblo.
- Can only be accessed through a guided tour.
- Two-thirds mile round trip, moderately challenging unimproved trail.
- 200-foot elevation gain and exposure to heights
- Features a multi-family dwelling, several unexcavated structures and a Chacoan Great House Pueblo (7,600-feet elevation).

Discounted Tours

- CRNM has no fees for "standard amenities" such as entrance fees. Our only fees are for interpretive tours which are "expanded amenities."
- The Senior Pass and Access Pass cover "expanded amenities" including interpretive tours. We offer a 50% tour discount to the pass holder.
- We offer a 15% tour discount to Active Military personnel with I.D.

Junior Archaeologist Program

- Designed to reinforce specific aspects of archaeology/ anthropology. Following successful completion of these activities children will be awarded a pin-on Junior Archaeologist button.

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