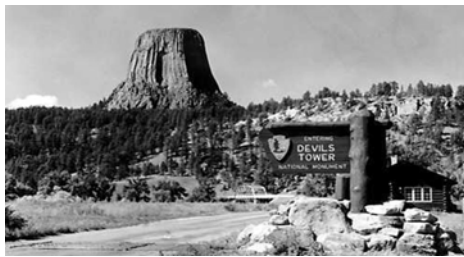


Welcome to Devils Tower National Monument



America's First National Monument 1906 - 2006 Centennial

Make the Most of Your Visit

If you have an hour or two . . . don't miss the dogs – prairie dogs that is! Their antics are fun to watch but please don't feed (human food will kill them). The visitor center at the base of the Tower has interpretive exhibits and items for sale at the Devils Tower Natural History Association bookstore. The log buildings were built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Sit on a bench and look up at the 867-foot high columnar monolith. Walk 50 yards along the Tower Trail for another view and bench. The trail continues 1.3 miles around the base of the Tower.

If you have a half-day . . . join a park ranger for a guided walk or talk (see inside). As you leave the parking lot and drive down the hill, look for the gravel road on the right that leads to the Joyner Ridge Trailhead. You'll find an incredible view. The low-angle light an hour before sunset is a real bonus.

If you have a full day . . . you're lucky! You can experience all of the above plus a hike from Joyner Ridge connecting to the Red Beds Trail (see back page) or a picnic at the picnic shelter. No food or drink is sold inside the park but right outside the park entrance are commercial establishments to curtail your cravings.

Rising high above the landscape, Devils Tower has appealed to people for ages. On September 24, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt named Devils Tower as America's first national monument. He declared the "lofty and isolated rock . . . to be a natural wonder and an object of historic and great scientific interest." With these words, he used the Antiquities Act to protect Devils Tower for all generations to see and enjoy.

One hundred years later, the Tower still has many meanings for many people from American Indians, local residents, and rock climbers to visitors from near and far.

The Antiquities Act is also celebrating its 100th anniversary. One of America's most important pieces of conservation legislation, it was created in 1906 to protect areas of cultural importance, such as the prehistoric Indian ruins at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Arizona. President Roosevelt decided the phrase "objects of historic and scientific interest" could be applied to natural features as well. By establishing Devils Tower National Monument for its geology, he expanded the use of the Antiquities Act. President Roosevelt went on to create many other national monuments including El Morro, Montezuma Castle, and Jewel Cave. Eighteen presidents have used the Antiquities Act to create national monuments.

We're Glad You're Here!

Welcome to America's first national monument. We're excited to have you visit in our rooth year. Many things have changed over the past century, but the Tower remains as awe-inspiring as it was when the monument was first established. We hope you're able to join us for one of the five special events planned to celebrate our centennial. Each event recognizes one of the important groups in the Tower's history. You'll find more information about the events in the center of this newspaper.

Whenever you visit, you'll find plenty to do. This newspaper will provide you with information about the special centennial events, our regular interpretive activities, and some park management issues.

Enjoy your visit!

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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Taking Climber Services to New Heights

Since 1893, people have been climbing the Tower. That inaugural climb was accomplished by two local ranchers and a 350-foot stake ladder pounded into a crack. Today, 200 feet of the ladder remain and are visible from the Tower Trail.

Climbers now use specialized gear such as spring-

loaded cams, ropes, and rubberized shoes. All climbers must register with a ranger. Last year 4,230 people climbed on the Tower — 30% chose to go to the top. Most climbers



ascend the Durrance Route, first pioneered in 1938. Though climbing is an inherently risky activity, there have been only five falling fatalities at Devils Tower.

Services provided this year:

- Dedicated office for climber registration
- Two climbing rangers to serve climbers
- New and updated climbing handbook now available

The 1995 Climbing Management Plan (CMP) was reviewed and updated this year. A key point of the 1995 plan is maintaining a balance of

recreation and traditional cultural use. An excerpt from the CMP:

- *A voluntary closure to climbing at Devils Tower for the entire month of June will be encouraged beginning in 1995. The NPS will not enforce the closure, but will rely on (a) climbers regulating themselves and (b) a new educational program to motivate climbers and other park visitors to comply...*

The intent of the June voluntary closure is to promote a choice to respect American Indian cultural values during a month when many ceremonies are traditionally held. Six Indian Nations have at some time inhabited the Devils Tower region and 22 tribes have been identified as culturally affiliated with the Tower. During June 1995, 169 climbers registered; in June 2005, there were 283 climbers.

Resource issues addressed in the CMP update include access trails to the 200+ routes, human waste management, and climber education. Safety issues include helmet use and professional certification of guides.

The plan and the update can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/deto>.

Please help us protect park resources and your safety by adhering to the following regulations.



Pets may not be taken on the trails, or left unattended at any time. They may be walked in the parking areas on leash.



Collecting of rocks, plants or any natural material is prohibited.



Do not feed any wildlife, including prairie dogs.



Travel above the boulder field is dangerous and requires a permit.

**25
MPH**

Driving too fast kills park wildlife. Please obey posted speed limits!

The above regulations are often overlooked by visitors, but others apply as well. It is your responsibility to know them. When in doubt, ask any uniformed employee.



Restoration work on historic log buildings, a project funded by the fee demonstration program.

Your Fee Dollars at Work

Devils Tower is a participant in the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. Participating parks keep 80% of fees collected. These funds are used for maintenance, repair projects, visitor service programs, signage, and natural and historical resource preservation. The other 20% is generally distributed to parks who do not collect fees to use for similar projects.

Past, current, and future projects at Devils Tower National Monument include interior and exterior restoration of the park's historic log buildings, updated exhibits in the visitor center, stabilization of the Tower Trail, new information signs, a replacement visitor center, and this newspaper. Thank you!

Talk of the Tower: Resource Updates

Black-tailed Prairie Dogs (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) are a burrowing ground squirrel belonging to a group of four other prairie dog species found only in North America. The black-tailed prairie dog is the most abundant and widely distributed prairie dog.

- Four years is maximum age for a prairie dog in the wild. One factor that contributes to an earlier death is feeding them human food. Prairie dogs eat and survive on green vegetation. **Please do NOT feed the prairie dogs.**
- Like all other wildlife in a unit of the National Park System, prairie dogs are protected.
- Only about two percent of the national historic range remains active today, due to habitat loss and eradication programs. As the “dog” population declines so do other species that prey on them, such as black-footed ferrets, badgers, coyotes, fox and raptors.
- This “dog” town is 40 acres in size.
- Prairie dog tunnels extend downward from 3-10 feet and then horizontally for another 10-15 feet.
- Prairie dogs are active only during daylight hours where they spend hours feeding and socializing.



Black-tailed Prairie Dog



Meadow Prescribed Fire, 2002

Fire is an ecological factor significant to the park and has occurred naturally throughout history. By mimicking a natural process, fire management has long-term benefits that support a native ponderosa pine/mixed-grass ecosystem. The park has a 2004 Fire Management Plan that calls for:

- Reintroduction of fire into the ecosystem to mimic its historic role through a rotational series of prescribed fires to achieve desired future conditions.
- Suppression of all unplanned ignitions to reduce the threat to human life and facilities while ensuring adequate protection of natural and cultural resources.
- Reduction of accumulated fuels by mechanical thinning for the safe application of prescribed fire and to provide defensible space around structures.

Prairie Falcons are Back!

A closure of some climbing routes will be in effect for most of the summer. Climber access is prohibited for a portion of the west side and summit of the Tower. Prairie falcons are protected under the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act and last nested on the Tower in 2005.

Exotic Plants are species that occur outside their native ranges as a result of human actions. Over 60 exotic plant species have replaced native plant communities and reduced the biological diversity of the monuments’s ecosystems. The monument’s most aggressive or invasive exotic plants are leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), hound’s tongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) and cheatgrass (*Bromus inermis*).

The Northern Great Plains Exotic Plant Management Plan contains a control strategy for Devils Tower and 12 other parks in the area. Park staff are trained to use chemical, biological, manual/mechanical and prescribed fire methods as part of an integrated pest management (IPM) approach to control the spread of exotic plants. Each exotic plant’s natural history is evaluated before developing management strategies. Flea beetles (*Aphthona lacertosa* and *Aphthona nigricutis*) are being used for biological control of leafy spurge.



Flea Beetles on Leafy Spurge

The Old Settlers' Picnic - June 18

The Old Settlers' Picnic is a revival of an annual gathering that took place from the 1930s through the early 1960s. Activities include an antique car show, quilt displays, an exhibit of historic pictures, a non-denominational outdoor church service, Tower tales, children's games, and a free catered lunch for the first 1000 people.



On display 10:00 - 2:00 at the Picnic Area:

Antique cars & wagons, memorabilia & historic photographs

Visitor Center parking area:

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Antique Car Show

Picnic Area/Amphitheatre:

- 9:00 a.m. Lunch & Door Prize Registration
- 9:30 a.m. Program Invocation
Welcome
History of Tower
- 10:00 a.m. Nondenominational Church Service
- 10:30 a.m. Memories
Demonstration "oxen freighter"
- 11:30 a.m. "Climbing Devils Tower"
- 12:00 p.m. "The Legend of Devils Tower"
- 12:10 p.m. Dignitaries
- 12:45 p.m. Poem
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Music, and Quilt Display
- 2:00 p.m. Children's games
- 3:00 p.m. Softball Game (mowed field)

Fourth of July Celebration - July 4

On July 4, 1893 two local ranchers were the first to climb Devils Tower. Today, climbing continues to be a popular activity. This special event includes programs on climbing history, a beginners' climbing area for people who want to give climbing a try, and the formation of a human American Flag near prairie dog town. The day will conclude with a large fireworks display at the Devils Tower KOA Campground.

- 9:00 a.m. Flag ceremony at the Visitor Center
- 10:00 a.m. Climbing workshop - runs all day
Formation of human American flag
- 5:00 p.m. Meet our Climbing Pioneers
- 6:00 p.m. Climbing the Tower Fifty Years Ago
Songs & stories by Jan Conn
- Dark Fireworks at the Devils Tower KOA

Other Events throughout the day

In recognition of the 1893 first ascent of the Tower:

- A flag will be raised and flown from the summit of the Tower. The flag will be visible from the Visitor Center and Picnic Area.
- A climber dressed in red, white and blue will climb adjacent to the stake ladder and at other locations during the day.



Old Stake Ladder

Anniversary Celebration September 22-24

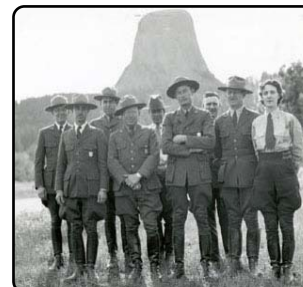
On September 24, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt named Devils Tower our country's first national monument. Join us as we celebrate our 100th birthday! Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, "President Roosevelt" will visit the Tower. On Saturday, park staff will talk about the resources of Devils Tower. The celebration will end on Sunday with speeches and birthday cake.

September 22, 2006

- 6:00 p.m. Theodore Roosevelt boyhood presentation
Amphitheater

September 23, 2006

- 10:00 a.m. A Century of Conservation – Picnic Area
- 3:30 p.m. Presentations & Displays of Devils Tower's natural and cultural resources.
- 4:00 p.m. Theodore Roosevelt "A Conservation President"
- 6:00 p.m. Little Sun/High Eagle Drum and Dance Group



A special cancellation stamp will be available at each event. A drop box will be available at the visitor center WY 82714. For more information, call 307- 467-5283 or visit www...

Celebration! Schedule of Events

Cowboy Festival - July 22-23

Devils Tower is in the heart of ranching country. In the 1890s, ranchers and loggers established the nearby communities of Hulett, Moorcroft, and Sundance. The surrounding ranch lands have maintained Devils Tower's rural character today. Skills from the old west such as leather tooling, spinning, soap making, and felting will be demonstrated at the Cowboy Festival. All activities will take place just outside the monument entrance.

Saturday & Sunday

Buck-A- Rue Events (Children Activities)
Display of antique cars, ranch equipment, wagons, buggies
Demonstrators/Artists

Saturday

10:00 a.m. "The Legend of the Pioneers", Marty Davis
11:00 a.m. Reno's Medicine Shows
12:15 p.m. Court-Martial of Lt. Col. George A. Custer
1:45 p.m. "The Legend of the Pioneers", Marty Davis
2:30 p.m. Reno's Medicine Show
3:30 p.m. "The Legend of the Pioneers", Marty Davis
9:00 p.m. Dance at Devils Tower Fort

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Gospel Music, Jennifer & Brian Graves
10:45 a.m. "The Legend of the Pioneers", Marty Davis
Dutch Oven Cook-off begins
(info email - dutchoven@vcn.com)
11:00 a.m. Fiddler Contest - Justin Mills, MC
(info email - fiddler@vcn.com)
2:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social
Dutch Oven Judging
2:45 p.m. "The Legend of the Pioneers", Marty Davis
3:30 p.m. Reno's Medicine Show
4:15 p.m. Baxter Black, Cowboy poet

American Indian Heritage Weekend August 25-27

American Indian people have long considered the Tower a sacred place. The connection to the Tower continues today. This special event highlights the Tower's cultural importance. The landscape will be dressed with teepees. Demonstrations of traditional crafts such as pipe making, flute carving, basket weaving and bead working will take place. Dancers and musicians will share their culture through performances.



David Wolfs Robe

Performances

August 25	7:00 p.m.	Kevin Locke
August 26	2:00 p.m.	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Dancers
	9:00 p.m.	Jack Gladstone
August 27	2:00 p.m.	Phillip Whiteman, Jr.
	7:00 p.m.	David Wolfs Robe

Artists & Demonstrators

Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

David Wolfs Robe	flute maker, musician & artist
Travis Ericson	4th generation pipe maker
Gloria Wilkinson	burden baskets & moccasins
Tonia Ackerman	beadwork & star blankets
Alice Traversie	loom beadwork

September 24, 2006

12:45 p.m.	Prelude Music
1:00 p.m.	Commemoration Traditional blessing Welcome and opening remarks Introduction of special guests Little Sun/High Eagle Drum and Dance Group Keynote speaker Theodore Roosevelt IV Song by local singer Concluding remarks Postlude Music
2:30 p.m.	Reception

General Information

- Park entrance fees will not be charged during centennial events.
- Schedules subject to change.
- Unless otherwise indicated, events will be located in the monument. A schedule with specific locations will be available the day of the event.
- Bring blankets and chairs.
- **For more information call 307-467-5283 or visit www.nps.gov/deto or www.devilstowercentennial.com**

enter or you may send a self-addressed, stamped postcard or envelope to Postmaster, Devils Tower
t www.nps.gov/deto or www.devilstowercentennial.com.

Park Partners

Devils Tower Natural History Association

For more information on Devils Tower National Monument's geology, history, climbing, and wildlife look to the Devils Tower Natural History Association (DTNHA). It, and other cooperating associations, were established to aid the National Park Service with historical, educational, and interpretive programs. The DTNHA operates the bookstore located in the visitor center at the base of the Tower. When you make a purchase at the DTNHA bookstore, profits are returned to the park in the form of donations to support park programs. Your purchase supports the junior ranger program, interpretive exhibits, the cultural program series, and many other visitor services offered by the park. Membership benefits include a 15% discount in the DTNHA bookstore, a discount on items purchased at other National Park Cooperating Association bookstores, and the pleasure of knowing that your membership contributes to the support of the park!



Devils Tower Centennial Committee

Devils Tower Centennial Committee is a component of the Devils Tower Natural History

Association. It was formed in 2003 to plan events and raise funds to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Devils Tower National Monument in 2006. The Tower has many meanings to many people. The committee and the park intend to honor everyone's relationship to this special place, America's first national monument.

See center pages for more information on Centennial Celebration activities or visit www.devilstowercentennial.com.



Thanks Partner! Yes, you! By paying the entrance fee, you are partnering with the National Park Service through the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act Program at Devils Tower National Monument.

Other partners include the Black Hills National Forest, the Youth Conservation Corps, Montana Conservation Corps, Student Conservation Association, Hulett and Crook County Emergency Response, Bear Lodge Alternative High School, Christian Motorcycle Association, the Access Fund, WY Department of Transportation, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Bearlodge Writers. Thanks for helping us out!

Visitor Center Hours

May 27 - September 4
Open every day
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

September 5 - November 26
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Call to verify hours

Closes November 27
for winter. Spring 2007
opening date to be
determined.

Devils Tower Natural History Association

Membership Application and Donation Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____



Membership Rates:

Individual.....\$10.00

Family.....\$25.00

Associate.....\$25.00

Donate to Centennial Committee:

Amount \$

Send form with check or money order to:

**Devils Tower Natural History
Association
P.O. Box 37
Devils Tower, WY 82714**

Donations are tax deductible to full extent allowed by law.

Interpretive Activities

Ranger-Guided Programs

June 17 – September 4, 2006

Program Title Time	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tower Walk 9:30 a.m.							
 Ranger Talks 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 2:30 & 4:00 p.m.							
 Evening Program 9:00 p.m.							
Full Moon Walk 9:00 p.m.	July 10 & August 9						

Tower Walk – Learn about the significance of the park's geology, indigenous people, prescribed burns, wildlife, and plants along this paved 1.3 mile trail. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. Program meets at the interpretive kiosk in the visitor center (VC) parking lot. 1 ½ hours.

Ranger Talks – An introduction to a special place - learn about different facets of the Tower, the Climbing Management Plan and its June Voluntary Climbing Closure, President Theodore Roosevelt and the 1906 Antiquities Act, or "Devils Tower George." Program meets at the interpretive kiosk in the VC parking lot. 20 minutes.

Evening Program – Have a seat and relax at the park amphitheater as dusk signals day's end. Program topics include the park's natural and cultural history. During inclement weather the program moves to the picnic shelter. 45 minutes – 1 hour.

Full Moon Walks – Whooooo comes out at night? Explore the nightlife and night sky at Devils Tower National Monument. Bring a flashlight (no headlamps) and jacket and meet at the Joyner Ridge Trail parking lot. Wear comfortable walking shoes. 1 ½ hours.

Schedule is subject to change. Please check at the visitor center for daily and updated schedules as well as program topics. Children must be accompanied by an adult. During inclement weather programs may be cancelled.



Hey, kids ... become a Ranger!

You and your family can discover what makes this place tick. Stop at the visitor center to pick up a Junior Ranger booklet. Return to the visitor center with your completed booklet and the ranger will honor you with a badge and certificate. You can also buy an embroidered patch for \$1.00 at the bookstore.

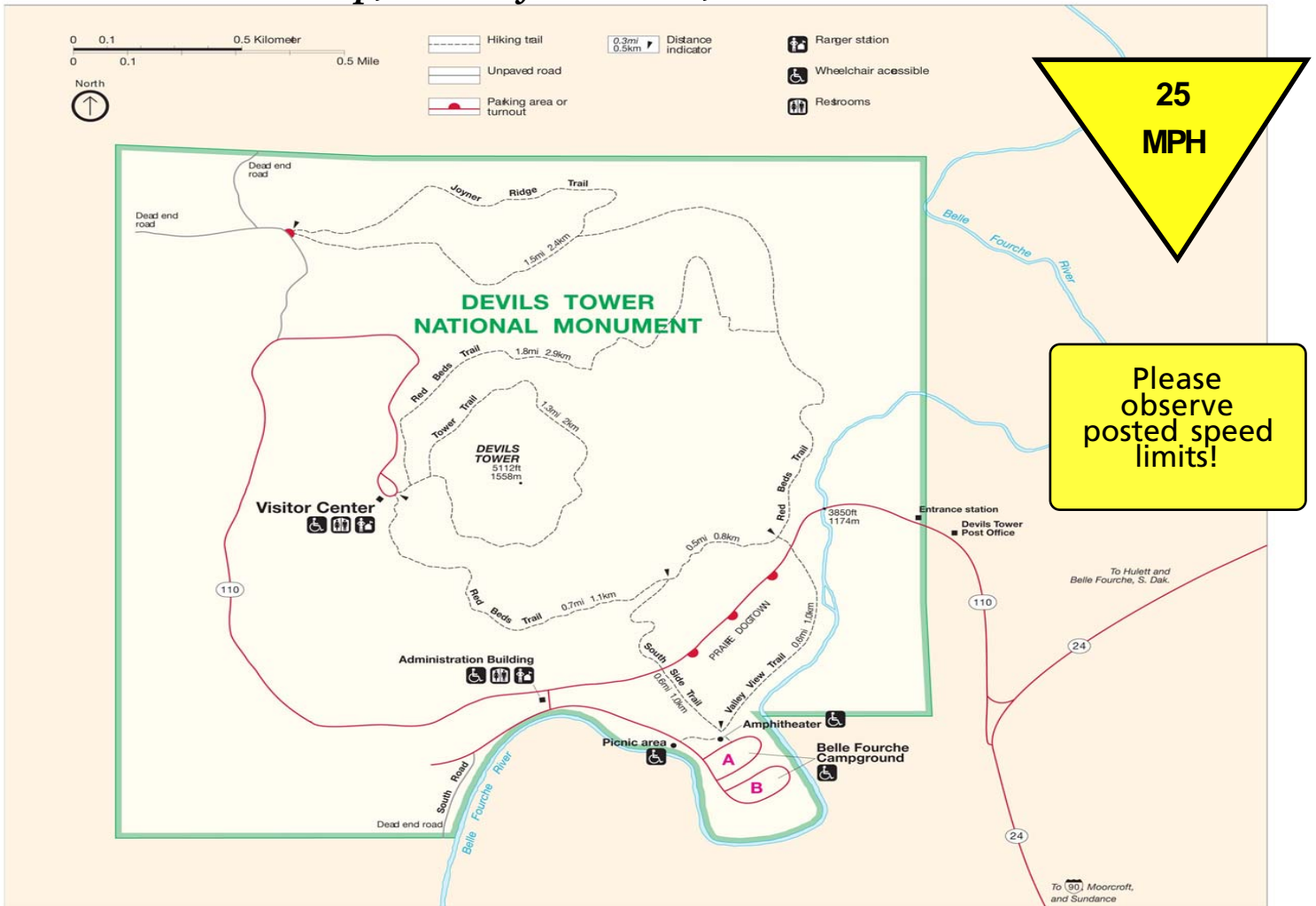
By learning about the plants, animals, geology, and history of this area, you can help protect the park's resources and make other people aware of how important these resources are.



2006 Cultural Program Series

May 27 9:00 p.m. Amphitheater	Danny Rosen Astronomer presents, "In this Universe"
May 28 9:00 p.m. Joyner Ridge	Danny Rosen Devils Tower Star Party
June 4 8:00 p.m. Amphitheater	Bunny Sings Wolf Dance! Buffalo Dance!
June 10 8:00 p.m. Amphitheater	Prickly Pear Cowboy folk tunes
June 16 8:00 p.m. Amphitheater	Lenard Little Finger Spiritual & Cultural Inter-relationship of Mato Tipila
June 23 & 24 8:00 p.m. Amphitheater	Willie LeClair Native American Awareness and Traditions
June 30 & July 1 9:00 p.m. Amphitheater	Gary Brandt Land of the West
July 7 & 8 8:00 p.m. Amphitheater	"Buffalo Bill" Boycott Cowboy musician and storyteller
July 9 1 - 4 p.m. Picnic Area	Bearlodge Writers Publication Party Local writers share their stories and poems
July 15 8:00 p.m. Amphitheater	Three Voices "Speaking from the Past"
September 3 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Picnic Area	12th Annual Cowboy Poet Festival Cowboy poets bring their humor to Devils Tower

Park Map, Trail Information, 2006 Entrance Fees



Take a Hike!			
Trail - Distance	Trail Highlights	Trail - Distance	Trail Highlights
Valley View 0.6 miles	Hike along "dog" town and view the Belle Fourche River.	Tower Trail 1.3 miles	Get close to the Tower along this asphalt trail.
Red Beds 3 miles	Ponderosa pines intertwine with open meadows.	Joyner Ridge 1.5 miles	See meadow grasses wave in the wind.

Fee Schedule for Devils Tower National Monument	
Entrance Fee - 7 day pass	
Vehicle	\$10
Pedestrian, bicyclist, motorcyclist (each) (Children under 16, no charge)	\$5
Annual Pass \$20	
Allows entrance to Devils Tower National Monument for 12 months from date of purchase.	
National Park Pass \$50	
Allows entrance to most national park areas for 12 months from date of purchase.	
Golden Eagle Hologram \$15	
Addition to National Park Pass. Allows entrance to most federal fee areas.	
Golden Age Passport \$10	
One time fee - lifetime entrance to federal fee areas to American citizens 62 or older.	
Golden Access Free	
Lifetime entrance to federal fee areas to American citizens with permanent disability.	
Camping	
Per night	\$12
Group site (per person - min. \$12)	\$2



Know Before You Go

- *Take plenty of water.
- *All plants & wildlife are protected.
- *Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- *Be respectful of this quiet place. Voices and noise travel long distances.
- *Traditional cultural landscapes are protected. Please do not disturb prayer bundles.

