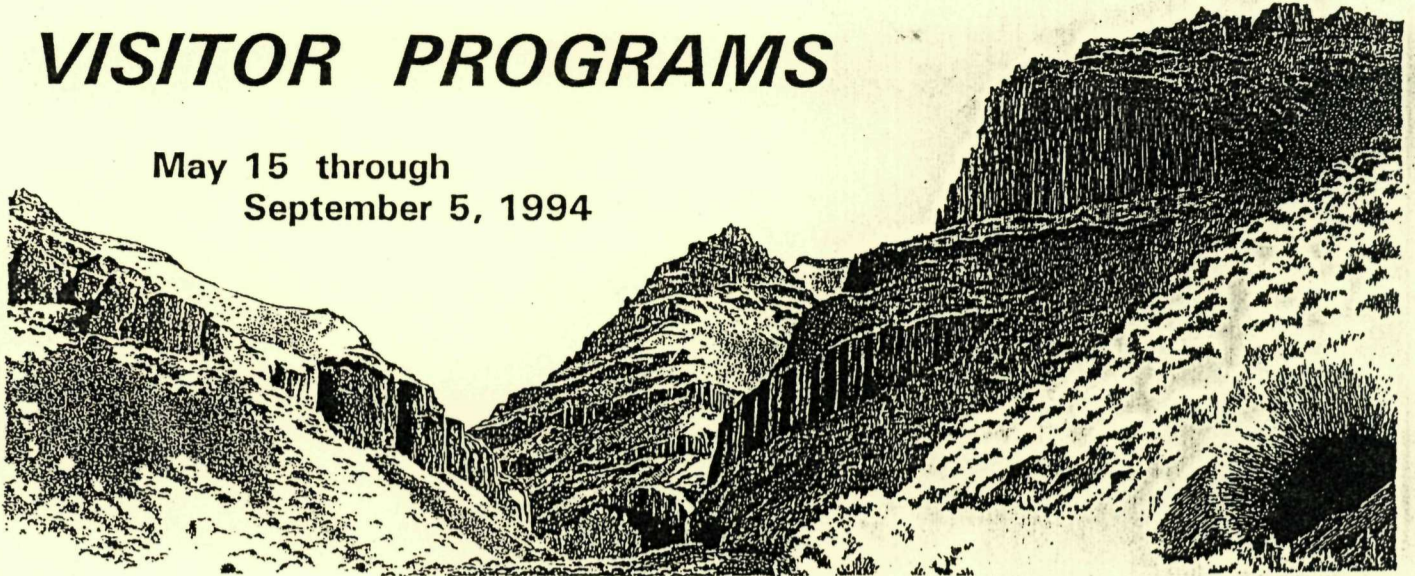


VISITOR PROGRAMS

May 15 through
September 5, 1994



John Day Fossil Beds National Monument - (503)987-2333

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Oregon, is divided into three widely separated units, the Sheep Rock Unit, Painted Hills Unit and Clarno Unit.

SHEEP ROCK UNIT

The Sheep Rock Unit is located at the intersection of routes 26 and 19, near the town of Dayville. The visitor center, bookstore, fossil museum, and shaded Cant Ranch picnic area are located here. Several short trails with interpretive exhibits are located at this unit. For your enjoyment and education the monument offers the following ranger-conducted programs:

Daily Fossil Museum Talks ... 10-15 minutes long, tours of the fossil exhibits are given each half hour.

Orientation Film ... 15 minute orientation video, presented upon request at the visitor center, captioned.

Daily Sheep Rock Overlook Walk ... 45 minutes long, 1:00 pm, 1/2 mile walk, begins at the visitor center, this ranger-hike takes you to a scenic overlook of geologic formations and the John Day River.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Blue Basin Trail Walks ... 90 minutes long, 10:30 am, 1 mile walk, begins at Blue Basin three miles north of the visitor center, this hike leads into a spectacular fossil bed area.

Saturday & Sunday Fossil Lab Demonstrations ... 10 am - noon, and 2 - 4 pm, rangers demonstrate preparation of fossils in the lab.

PAINTED HILLS UNIT

This unit is located 9 miles west of the town of Mitchell. A picnic area, restrooms, water, trails and drive-to overlooks are located here. Forty minute ranger-hikes are offered Sat/Sun, at 2:00 pm, starting from the Painted Hills Overlook. The peak of wildflower season generally falls in early to mid-May. This scenic area is best photographed in the afternoon.

CLARNO UNIT

Located 18 miles west of Fossil, Oregon, along route 218, this unit has a picnic area, restrooms, water, trails and exhibits. Thirty minute ranger programs are offered (June 10 through Aug. 20) between noon and 2:00 pm, Fri.- Sun.