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Programs & Services

Artist in Residence Program offers artists the opportunity to immerse in the inspirational landscape of Petrified Forest. www.nps.gov/pefo/getinvolved/artist-in-residence

Cultural Demonstrations occur throughout the year. Interact with demonstrators, learn about the people and places of the area, and purchase locally-made crafts. www.nps.gov/pefo/planyourvisit/cultural-demonstrations

Education Support We are proud to offer curriculum-based education including field trips, off-site visits, and distance learning. www.nps.gov/pefo/learn/education/classrooms

Field Institute Petrified Forest Field Institute is proud to offer guided tours exploring fun and compelling subjects lead by world class guides and field experts. www.petrifiedforestfieldinstitute.org

Gas (including diesel) is available at Painted Desert Visitor Center.

Gift shops are found by Painted Desert Visitor Center and Rainbow Forest Museum.



We invite you to Find Your Park in Petrified Forest in 2016

We Can't Do It Alone

Donations are always appreciated! Donation boxes are found at park visitor centers. If a donation is made in someone's honor, please include contact information so they may receive acknowledgement.

Visitor Comment Forms are available at park visitor centers. Catch us doing things right and provide feedback on improving the park experience.

Volunteers are valued and appreciated here! Opportunities exist throughout the year to volunteer in the park in a wide variety of capacities. www.nps.gov/pefo/getinvolved/volunteer

Your Dollars at Work Funds generated by entrance fees are used to accomplish projects throughout the park. www.nps.gov/pefo/learn/management/yourdollarsatwork

PARTNERS

Friends of Petrified Forest is a non-profit partner that brings resources and expertise to natural and cultural park research projects. www.friendsofpetrifiedforest.org

Ortega National Parks is the official park concessionaire that operates a restaurant, two gift shops, a convenience store, and a gas station within the park. www.ortegaparks.com

Petrified Forest Museum Association operates non-profit bookstores at park visitor centers. Your purchases here directly help the park with financial and staff aid. www.petrifiedforestbookstore.com

Junior Rangers are special! Kids who complete activities in the park's junior ranger activity booklet (available at park visitor centers) earn a badge and patch.

Ranger Guided Programs are available seasonally and as staffing allows. Ask at park visitor centers or check www.nps.gov/pefo/planyourvisit/calendar

Restaurants Painted Desert Diner at the north end of the park is open 8am–3pm daily. Gift shop at Rainbow Forest Museum offers grab and go options.

Visitor centers at Painted Desert and Rainbow Forest are open at least 8am–5pm daily.

Wilderness encompasses over 50,000 acres in the park. There are no developed trails and hiking is cross-country. Be prepared—you are responsible for your own safety. Devils Playground is open by permit only, otherwise no permits are required for day hiking. A free permit is required for all overnight wilderness use and is available at park visitor centers. www.nps.gov/pefo/planyourvisit/hiking

Protect Yourself, Protect the Park

Accessibility Restrooms, visitor centers, and picnic areas are accessible (or accessible with assistance). The park film is open captioned. Free braille book is available at park visitor centers. Service animals are allowed everywhere in the park.

Bicycles are permitted on all paved roads. Several unpaved routes are also approved within the park; see www.nps.gov/pefo/planyourvisit/gettingaround

Emergency call 911 or park dispatch at 928-524-9726

Going Green benefits you, the park, and the planet. Examples include using park recycle containers, bringing your own water bottle (and refilling it for free), and enjoying a hike.

Pets are allowed on roads, trails, and in park wilderness. Always leash pets (no longer than six feet). Only service animals allowed in buildings. Clean up and properly dispose of all pet waste; there is a designated pet relief area at Painted Desert Visitor Center. Heat kills—do not leave pets unattended in your vehicle.

Regulations All objects in the park are protected. Do not collect anything in the park except for photographs and memories. Obey all traffic laws, including speed limits. All unmanned aircraft use within the park is prohibited. Firearms are prohibited in all park buildings. www.nps.gov/pefo/learn/management

SAFETY

Avoid cliff edges and do not go beyond protective fencing. Always be aware of your surroundings.

Keep a safe distance from all wildlife. Approaching or feeding any wildlife is dangerous and illegal.

Use sunblock, stay hydrated, take your time, and rest to reduce the risk of sunburn, dehydration, and exhaustion. Water is available at park visitor centers and Painted Desert Inn. Petrified Forest's high elevation (about 5,400 feet) and dry climate may affect you differently than your home environment.

Weather varies greatly and changes suddenly. Be prepared to layer clothing for heat, cold, rain, wind, and snow. Beware of winter ice and summer lightning (seek shelter inside a vehicle or building).

NPS Centennial

The National Park Service turns 100 on August 25, 2016, and everyone can take part in the celebration!

The centennial will kick off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engage communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs.

We invite you to find your park at Petrified Forest and share your experience on FindYourPark.com



Park Hours of Operation

The park is open every day except December 25. The park is open at least 8 am to 5 pm Mountain Standard Time (MST) year round, with extended hours spring through fall. Check www.nps.gov/pefo/planyourvisit/hours.htm for specific information.

Note: Arizona does not observe daylight saving time. An exception is the nearby Navajo Nation, which does observe daylight saving time.



Entrance Fees

7-day pass
Vehicle and passengers.....\$20
Individual entering on motorcycle, bicycle, or foot.....\$10

Annual Pass
Petrified Forest Annual Pass.....\$30
Interagency Annual Pass.....\$80
Interagency Military Pass.....Free (for active duty military & dependents)

Lifetime Passes
Interagency Senior Pass.....\$10 (for US citizens 62+)
Interagency Access Pass.....Free (for US citizens with disability)

Other passes honored
Golden Age & Golden Access

Lodging and Camping

There is no overnight lodging available in the park, and camping in the park is limited to backpacking in the Wilderness Area. Nearby communities that offer lodging and camping options include Holbrook, Winslow, Gallup, and St. Johns. Several area national forest service areas and state parks also offer lodging and camping options.

Permits Needed for Wilderness Camping

Backpacking in the Wilderness Area of Petrified Forest is a great opportunity for solitude and adventure. There are no designated camping sites. Obtain a camping permit at Painted Desert Visitor Center or Rainbow Forest Museum (both facilities open at least 8 am to 5 pm daily) before embarking on your journey. Permits are **free!**

