



2013 September free Ranger Programs

Friday, September 6

1PM Glaciers are Cool

Come hike the Empire Bluffs trail with a park ranger and learn how glaciers shaped the landscape around you. *Empire Bluff trailhead*, 1 hour, 1.5 miles.

3PM Land Ho!

Destinations: The Manitou Islands and Glen Haven. A historic view of the places settled along a challenging route called the Manitou Passage. *Fish Tug Aloha deck in Glen Haven, near Cannery*, 30 min.

7PM Evening Program: Be Bear Aware

Come learn about our largest mammal and how we can all enjoy living together in the "Most Beautiful Place in America." *Platte River campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

7PM Evening Program: Starry Starry Night

Meet before the sun sets to plan an evening of stargazing. Discover the locations and legends of stars in the night sky. *DH Day campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

Saturday, September 7

5PM Life and Death on the Farm

Explore the Miller homestead and cemetery and learn about the tragedies and triumphs of life on the farm in Port Oneida. *Meet at the Kelderhouse Farm on the corner of M-22 and Port Oneida Road. Take M-22 north from the visitor center 13.1 miles to Port Oneida Road*, 1 hour, less than 1 mile.

9PM Star Party

Join park rangers and the Grand Traverse Astronomical Society for an evening under the stars. Meet at the Dune Climb for the guided night sky event. For all astronomy events, bring a flashlight for the walk back to your car and bug spray, if needed. Park rangers and GTAS staff will be wearing red glow bracelets at the events.

The Star Party will be cancelled during inclement weather. The decision is usually made three hours in advance. Please call park rangers at 231-326-5135, ext. 331, for a voicemail message with the decision. *Dune Climb*.

Sunday, September 8

1PM Glen Haven: Capitol of D. H. Day's Kingdom

Feel the past come back to life on a guided walking tour of this once-bustling historic village. *Meet in the Cannery in Glen Haven*, 1.5 hours, less than 1 mile. (Closed toe shoes and long pants recommended.)

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Friday, September 13

3PM What Lies Beneath?!

The invaders have arrived! What do they look like, how did they get here? *Fish Tug Aloha deck in Glen Haven, near Cannery*, 30 min.

7PM Evening Program: Starry Starry Night

Meet before the sun sets to plan an evening of stargazing. Discover the locations and legends of stars in the night sky. *Platte River campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

Parking for DH Day Campground is by the log cabin at the rear of the campground, a short walk from the amphitheater. • Parking for Platte River Campground is in the lot next to the ranger station. Both facilities are handicapped accessible. • Water, insect repellent, sunscreen, sturdy walking shoes recommended for all programs.

Saturday, September 14

1PM Dunes in Motion

How did this 110-ft dune and all of its neighbors get here? Where are they going? Find out at this fast, fun talk. *Dune Climb*, every 15 minutes until 2:30pm.

3PM Heroes of the Storm

This re-enactment of a turn-of-the-century shipwreck rescue is designed for children of all ages. *Maritime Museum, Glen Haven*, 30 min

7PM Evening Program: Voices of the Manitous

Today the Manitou Islands exist as virtual ghost towns, yet less than a century ago they were bustling logging, farming, and maritime communities. Join a park ranger to hear their stories. *DH Day campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

7PM Evening Program: Story of Sand

What are the ecological forces that move sand, and where did all that sand come from? Find the answers and more! *Platte River campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

Sunday, September 15

1PM Glen Haven: Capitol of D. H. Day's Kingdom

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Friday, September 20

3PM Fair Winds and Following Seas

View the route sought by many weary travelers seeking safe passage. *Fish Tug Aloha deck in Glen Haven, near Cannery*, 30 min.

7PM Evening Program: Starry Starry Night

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Saturday, September 21

1PM Heroes and Villains

Visit the Dune Climb to play games and talk with a park ranger about how the dunes were formed, how they formed local history, and how we form their future. Will you be a hero? *Dune Climb*, every 15 minutes until 2:30 pm.

3PM History, Mystery, and Murder

Explore the site of a once-booming lumber town that vanished. Learn of the hidden history, mystery, and murders, and what happened to the town. *Esch Road: Take M-22 south of the visitor center 3.9 miles, turn right on Esch Road, and park at the end of the road*, 1½ hours, 1 mile.

7PM Evening Program: Nightly News

Hear the latest happenings at Sleeping Bear Dunes. *DH Day campground amphitheater*, 45 min.

7PM Evening Program: Voices of the Manitou

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Sunday, September 22

1PM Glen Haven: Capitol of D. H. Day's Kingdom

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Friday, September 27

3PM What's Cookin'?

You can almost smell the fish frying as you hear stories about the fishing industry in Lake Michigan. Bring your favorite fish recipes to swap with other cooking enthusiasts.

Fish Tug Aloha deck in Glen Haven, near Cannery, 30 min.

7PM Evening Program: Starry Starry Night

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Saturday, September 28

NOON Beach clean up

Helping hands for America's lands! Celebrate National Public Lands Day by joining us in cleaning up a Sleeping Bear Dunes beach. *Meet at the visitor center*, 2 hours.

1PM Dunes in Motion

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3PM Stories of the Dunes

Hear the legends of Sleeping Bear Dunes and tales of the Manitou Passage. *Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, #9 Overlook*, 30 min.

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Sunday, September 29

1PM Glen Haven: Capitol of D. H. Day's Kingdom

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3PM "You have to go out, but you don't have to come back"

Learn about the rescue boats of the US Lifesaving Service and US Coast Guard. Program presented by Tim Dring, a retired US Naval Reserve Commander and currently on the board of directors of the U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association. *Cannery*, 1 hour.

Monday, October 21

8PM Star Party

Celebrate the 43rd anniversary of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore with a starry event. Join park rangers and the Grand Traverse Astronomical Society for an evening under the stars. Meet at the Dune Climb for the guided night sky event.

