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Historic Holiday Hospitality at Winsor Castle on December 6.

Fredonia, AZ: Start your holiday season with some 19th century, Victorian charm on a starlight visit to Winsor Castle, the historic fort at Pipe Spring National Monument, on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Winsor Castle By Night provides a once a year opportunity for the public to visit the historic pioneer home at night, decorated for the holidays and lighted with oil lamps. Every 15 minutes, after a short orientation, volunteers lead visitors to the fort. You will be able to visit several rooms at your leisure, chat with the costumed rangers and volunteers about holidays past, and sing a carol or two. On your way out, stop at the chuckwagon for a cup of hot cider and warm up by the fire. At the Visitor Center you may try your hand at making an old-fashioned Christmas decoration, browse the museum, watch the new Pipe Spring film, and look for Christmas gifts at the Zion Natural History Association Bookstore.

The regular entrance fee (\$5.00 per person 16 and older) will apply. Interagency Annual, Senior, and Access Passes, as well as Golden Age/Access Passports will be honored and available for sale. Keep in mind that Interagency Annual Passes can be purchased as gifts. **Please dress warm and bring a flashlight.** For more information please contact Andrea Bornemeier at 928-643-7105, or visit the Pipe Spring website at www.nps.gov/pisp.

Winter hours at Pipe Spring National Monument are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last tour at 4:00 p.m.), seven days a week. The monument will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days.

A little known gem of the national park system, Pipe Spring National Monument is rich with American Indian and western pioneer history. Known as *Matungwa'va* to the Paiute Indians, the water in the area made it possible for people to survive here for thousands of years. By the early 1870's, Mormon pioneers had found the springs, built a sandstone fort, called Winsor Castle, and established a tithing ranch. This "castle" in the desert served as a way station for people crossing the remote Arizona Strip and as a refuge for polygamist wives during the late 1800s. Pipe Spring was set aside as a national monument in 1923.

To get there: Pipe Spring National Monument is 15 miles west of Fredonia, AZ on AZ 389 – or 45 miles east of Hurricane, UT on UT 59 and AZ 389.

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