

March Programs at Pipe Spring National Monument

Pipe Spring is celebrating Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month during March, 2011. This statewide celebration features over 100 prehistoric and historic site tours, exhibits, hikes, open houses, lectures, demonstrations and other activities. This year's theme is "Arizona Through Time: Stories of Stone". Many events are planned in National Park Service areas, as well as Arizona State Parks. For information on statewide events, go to www.azstateparks.com.

We invite you to discover northern Arizona and **Pipe Spring National Monument** by attending one (or all) of our March programs:

March 5: Workshop – “Recording Historic Inscriptions”, 1 – 3 pm. Amber Van Alfen, archaeologist, will lead a workshop teaching the basic skills related to documenting and recording historic inscriptions including: scale illustrations, photography and collection of spatial data.

March 5: Talk – “Prehistoric Pottery”, 10 am - noon. David Van Alfen, archaeologist, will lead a presentation on how archeologists use prehistoric ceramics to interpret archeological sites with a special emphasis on design styles.

March 6, 13 & 20: Hike – “Mu’uputs Canyon, Paiute History and Lifeways”, 9 – 11 am. These hikes, led by ranger Benn Pikyavit, are offered in cooperation with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians. Mu’uputs Canyon is on the Kaibab Indian Reservation and contains petroglyphs. A tribal fee will apply; please call 928-643-7105 for more information [and to sign up](#).

March 10 & 24: Talk – “Craft of the Kai’vaveets”, 10 am – noon. The culture of the Kaibab is centered on their connection to the earth. Join ranger Benn Pikyavit to learn more about this connection and its importance to the Kaibab.

March 12: Demonstration – “Sandal Making Workshop”, 10 am – 3 pm. Led by John Olsen, specialist in prehistoric technologies, the workshop will replicate the techniques used to create sandals by prehistoric peoples including: gathering materials, preparing materials and weaving.

March 19: Demonstration – “Blacksmithing” 10 am – 1 pm. Flames-a-roaring, hammer-a-pounding, and sweat-a-pouring. These were common sounds and sights when the blacksmith was at work. Join park ranger Evan Cram as he molds the blacksmith’s legend.

March 19: Stargazing – “Star Party and Paiute Stories”, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Local astronomers and special guests will share stories and star gazing tips. A telescope will be provided for your viewing pleasure. Dress warm; bring blankets, chairs, and flashlights.

March 26: Walking Tour – “Rusty Nails and Glass Bottles: The Role of Historical Archaeology in Understanding Historic Settlement at Pipe Spring National Monument”, 1 –3 pm. Led by archeologist Amber Van Alfen, is an overview of what historical archaeology is, how it is different from prehistoric archaeology, and what it can tell us about Pipe Spring National Monument.

March 26: Demonstration – “Stone Cutting”, 10 am – 1 pm. Feathers, wedges, hammers, plug drills and elbow grease - that’s what it took to cut the stones for Winsor Castle. Join ranger Evan to see these old methods at work.

March 25: Tours – “Tours of Museum Storage at Pipe Spring National Monument”. 10 am – noon and 1 – 3 pm. Pipe Spring Curator Jenny Leasor will lead tours of the new museum storage facility at Pipe Spring National Monument. This state of the art building, completed in February 2010, houses the museum collection for the Monument, as well as the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians. Two tours will be offered, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each tour is limited to 10 visitors. Please call 928-643-7105 for more information [and to sign up](#)

March 27: Hike – “Powell Marker Hike”, 9 a.m. – noon. This hike, led by ranger Benn Pikyavit, is offered in cooperation with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, takes place on the reservation and climbs about 800 ft in elevation to one of the rock cairns built by the Powell Topographical Survey crew in the early 1870s. A tribal fee will apply; please call 928-643-7105 for more information [and to sign up](#) (limited to 20).

The times listed are Arizona – Arizona does not observe Daylight Savings Time (which starts March 13, 2011). Pipe Spring is located 15 miles west of Fredonia, Arizona via AZ 389, or 60 miles east of St. George, Utah via UT 59 and AZ 389. General entrance fees will apply (\$5.00 per person 16 and older). Tours of the historic fort, called Winsor Castle, are offered daily. For questions or to sign up for a hike, please call 928-643-7105.