

Birding with Ben

San Juan River Walk

Tuesday, June 21

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the parking lot of the South side of Town Hall.

Spiller Canyon

Tuesday, July 19

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Spiller Canyon turnout, 12 miles south of Hwy 160, on Hwy 84 (turnout on the left)

Hershey Four Mile Ranch

Tuesday, August 16

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the ranch house on the right, 4.9 miles north of Forest Service Office, County Road 200 (Snowball Road).

San Juan River Walk

Tuesday, September 20

7:30- 10:00 a.m.

Meet in the parking lot of the South side of Town Hall.



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Summer 2016 Programs

U.S. Forest Service

San Juan National Forest

Pagosa Ranger District

Read with a Ranger

Wednesdays, June 8, July 13, & August 10

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Join Ranger Brandon from the U.S. Forest Service as he reads nature-themed stories and provides activities based on the books. There free program take place at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library meeting room in Pagosa Springs. Recommended for 6 to 10 year olds. No parents/ caregivers required at this age.

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Designed by Brandon Caley, USFS



June

Fissuring Out the Past—Ice Cave Ridge

Thursday, June 16, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Have you ever wondered what those strange cracks were on Ice Cave Ridge? Take a pleasant walk and join Rick & Lynne Stinchfield to learn about the geology of Ice Cave Ridge and the Pagosa area. Wear walking shoes/boots, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring drinking water. Please leave your 4-legged friends at home. This is a free program. No need to register, just show up!

Directions: Meet at the Piedra River Trailhead northwest of Pagosa Springs. From Highway 160, go north on Piedra Road (CR 600) for approximately 14 miles. The trailhead is on the left a few hundred yards beyond the crossing of the Piedra River.



Walks and Talks take place in and around the San Juan National Forest unless otherwise noted in the program description. Programs may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Sturdy footwear is recommended for those attending walks.

Additional programs will be advertised through the newspaper or on the radio. Stay tuned!

July

Take a Walk Back in Time

Wednesday, July 6, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Join Rick & Lynne Stinchfield on a moderate 3.5 mile walk to learn about the roles the railroad and Civilian Conservation Corps played in the settling of the area. The walk includes a visit to the homestead era Provancher Ranch (Murray) , now the home of a *Myotis* bat community.

Directions: Meet at the entrance to the Blanco River Picnic Area. Travel south from Pagosa approx.11 miles on Highway 84 to Blanco River Road (#656), turn east and follow the gravel road about 2.5 miles to its end.

Wild About Wildflowers

Friday, July 8, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Take a slow-paced wildflower identification hike with Susan and Dean Dussel on the Continental Divide Trail from the top of Wolf Creek Pass to the Rock Garden and beyond. Elevation gain to the Rock Garden is 700 feet. As many as 80 different wild flowers may be found. This is a moderate hike with some elevation gain.

Directions: Meet Susan and Dean at the interpretive sign at Wolf Creek Pass. Wear hiking shoes/boots. Bring raingear and a bag lunch. If you have a 2 way radio, please bring it. Hike is limited to 15. Contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268 to sign up.

August

Look Who's Talking—Arborglyphs

Saturday, August 13 , 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Join local researcher Peggy Bergon on this three mile hike from the Buckles Lake Trailhead as she shares with you examples of the “tree talk” the sheepherders left while weaving in the story of the early sheep industry in Archuleta County.

Directions: Drive south on US route 84 for about 19 miles, turn left on the Buckles Lake Road (Forest Service Road 663) and follow it to the end in about 7 miles. Due to the nature of the walk, it is limited to 12 participants; to reserve a spot, call the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

For the Love of Mushrooms

Tuesday, August 30, 9:00 -11:30 a.m.

One of the many benefits of summer rains in Pagosa country is the emergence of a wide variety of mushrooms in the evergreen forest.

Gretchen will lead a slow-paced walk to identify mushroom species. *Meeting location will be at the Williams Creek Trailhead.* Trailhead elevation is 8,400 feet. This is a moderate hike with some elevation gain.

