

## What is a Moon Walk?

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Once a month, as the full moon glows, it seems safe to venture out into the dark while the moon makes shadows. You can still smell the flowers, feel the wind, hear the water, and sense the wildlife. The Bitterroot National Forest offers a "Walk By the Light of the Moon" series of interpretive walks during summer and fall. These walks are based on the book by Frances Hamerstrom titled "Walk When the Moon is Full", about her children and the nature walks they took every month under the full moon.

Their purpose is to provide a family oriented activity that introduces visitors to the cultural and natural history of the Bitterroot Valley. Through this introduction we hope to foster an understanding and appreciation for these resources that will lead visitors toward stewardship of public lands.

## A Typical Moon Walk Program

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Moon walks are held on a Saturday night close to the official full moon and begin at 7:00 p.m. Most Moon Walks last from 1-2 hours. Please join our interpreters and naturalists for walks and presentations in the moonlight. Interpreters range from foresters, biologists, scientists, historians, poets, to storytellers, possibly everything under the sun, or the moon.

## Be Prepared

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The Moon Walk evening experience includes traveling to the site. Drive slowly and give yourself time to enjoy scenic forest vistas and wildlife.

The moonlight is for all ages to wander in. Check the schedule for dates, meeting spots and topics. Dress in layers because the weather in the forest is often different than it is in town. Pack water and snacks for the return trip. You may want to bring a lawn chair, a flashlight and a jacket.

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All Moon Walk times and places are **subject to change** due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

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## Bitterroot National Forest



## Walk By The Light Of The Moon

A series of Interpretive Walks During a Full Moon 2014

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# 2014 Moon Walk Schedule

**Saturday, June 21st -  
Horse101 Moon.**



At Blodgett Campground. Join us for this educational program on things you don't know about a horse, but probably should. The program will cover horse psychology, anatomy, evolution, history of the horse in the west, horse trivia, what to do (and not do) when you meet a horse on the trail, and other equine topics. Join Fred Weisbecker with the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen for this fun and memorable presentation.

**Saturday, July 12th -  
Native Plant Moon.**



At Hieronymus Park in Hamilton. Learn all about plant identification, native plants and insects, and the role they play in a healthy ecosystem. Join a botanist from the Bitterroot National Forest for a walk through the park to observe plants, insects, and wildlife. We will also discuss noxious weeds and ways to help minimize their establishment.

**Saturday, August 9th -  
Cold Water Moon.**



At Kiwanis River Park in Hamilton. Join us for a stroll through the park and learn about the importance of riparian vegetation to the Bitterroot River. Just what is "riparian vegetation"? What roles does it play in watershed health? How can it keep our water cold? Learn the answers to these questions and much more during this fun and educational event! Hosted by the Bitter Root Water Forum.

**Saturday, September 13th-  
Photography Moon.**



At Blodgett Overlook Trail in Hamilton. Photographs make some of the best memories from our journeys outside. Bring your camera and tripod and join a few local Bitterroot photographers on a hike up Blodgett Overlook to learn how to take your photos up a notch, specifically focused on outdoor photography. Capture the perfect landscape, colorful sunrise, hiking trail, wildflower, or star-filled sky.

**Saturday October 25th-  
Ghost Moon.**



Presentation at Wood's Cabin at Lake Como near Darby. Join us for ghost stories at the historic Wood's Cabin on the shores of Lake Como. We will meet historic Bitterroot Valley ghosts and hear stories of their lives and some of their untimely deaths. Costumes encouraged!

Special thanks to Frances Hamerstrom author of the book, *Walk When the Moon is Full*, and to Hennepin County Parks of Minnesota for their model program.

**Presentations begin at 7:00 p.m.  
For directions visit our website or call the  
phone number listed on the back.**