

DEVIL'S HEAD LOOKOUT CENTENNIAL EVENTS

*Come Join the South Platte Ranger District
In Celebrating 100 Years of Continuous Use of the Devil's Head Lookout Station!*

Centennial Squirrel Card

Date: Mid-May through mid-September 2012.

Location: Devil's Head Lookout tower, South Platte Ranger District, Douglas County, CO

Description: As tradition has it, those who make the hike all the way up to the Devil's Head Lookout Tower receive a special card from the fire lookout ranger. The special card recognizes their membership to the "Ancient and Honorable Order of the Squirrels". Visitors who reach the observatory this year will receive a very special squirrel card that will only be handed out during the 2012 season in celebration of the site's centennial. The observatory is open to public visitation and squirrel cards available to the public during the 2012 season, when staffed.

Centennial Symposium

Date: July 9, 2012

Location: Douglas County Library, Highlands Ranch Branch, Shea Rooms A-B, 9292 Ridgeline Blvd. Highlands Ranch, Douglas County, CO

Description: To kick off the celebratory week, South Platte Ranger District staff will host a symposium at the Douglas County Library, Highlands Ranch Branch. The event will take place between 6:30-8:00pm. It is free and open to the public. Visitors will be able to learn about the history of the Devil's Head Lookout and 100 years of fire detection. Due to limited parking space at the library, carpooling is encouraged. Overflow parking is also available at the Highlands Ranch Town Center Garage located west of the library. This is a great opportunity for history lovers and for those that do not wish to hike the trail to see images and video that portray what is so special about the site.

Centennial Guided Walks

Date: July 9 -14, 2012

Location: Devil's Head National Recreation Trail and Lookout Tower, South Platte Ranger District, Douglas County, CO

Description: During the celebratory week, Forest Service staff will be hosting daily interpretive guided walks to the Lookout Tower from July 9th-12th. Visitors who wish to learn about the site's history can meet at the Devil's Head Trailhead with Forest Service staff at 9:30am. Those that

miss the guided hike up the trail will also have until noon to meet interpretive staff in the meadow below the tower. The event is free and open to visitors of all ages.

Centennial Postmark

Date: July 9 -14, 2012

Location: Sedalia Post Office, Douglas County, CO

Description: The Sedalia Post office will be using special pictorial postmark honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Devil's Head Fire Lookout Tower during the celebratory week of July 9th-14th. Members of the public can have their mail postmarked with the image of the lookout, thanks to the efforts of Sedalia Museum staff. Contact Sedalia Post Office once the date approaches for additional information.

Centennial Exhibit

Date: July 9 -14, 2012

Location: South Platte Ranger District Office, 19316 Goddard Ranch Court, Morrison, CO

Description: Visitors to the Forest Service South Platte Ranger District Office will be able to see up close part of the original ladder that Helen Dowe, the first female fire lookout in Colorado, used to access the Devil's Head Lookout Station. We will also have an Osborne Fire finder and an Osborne Panoramic Camera, along with a panoramic image taken from the Devil's Head Lookout in 1941 on exhibit.

Centennial On-site Celebration

Date: July 13, 2012

Location: Devil's Head National Recreation Trail and Lookout Tower, South Platte Ranger District, Douglas County, CO

Description: To close off the celebratory week, the South Platte Ranger District will host a special on-site event. Smokey Bear will greet visitors at the trailhead in the morning. Around 10am visitors will be able to see the Rocky Mountain Specialty mule pack string gear up near the trail head and travel up the trail, just as they would have done when carrying materials and people in the past. All those who hike the trail on this day will walk by interpretive stations that shall transport them through time. Once at the meadow, also known as "Devil's Half Acre", visitors will be able to hear talks about the station's history directly from the people that have a historic connection to the site. On this day, the Forest Service will not only celebrate the Lookout's Centennial, but also Billy Ellis's, current fire lookout, 80th Birthday! We invite the public to join us in this celebration with an informal picnic in the meadow. Please note that the only facilities on site are restrooms. Don't forget to pack in your own lunch and enough water for your visit. Also, you must pack out what you pack in. *See you there!*