

SUMMER PROGRAMS

June, July, August 2022

Purgatory Chasm State Reservation

Programs At a Glance

SUNDAY

- 10am-10:15am: Chasm Primer
- 11am-12pm: Skull Science
- 3pm-4pm: Chasm Hike

MONDAY

- 11am-12pm: Kiddleidoscope
- 2pm-3:30pm: Glacial Geology Hike

THURSDAY

- 3:30pm-4:30pm: Off the Beaten Path Hike

FRIDAY

- 11am-12pm: Chasm Hike
- 2:30pm-3:30pm: Time Traveler Tour

SATURDAY

- 10am-10:15am: Chasm Primer
- 11am-12pm: Rock Detectives
- 2pm-3pm: Chasm Hike

Program Descriptions

CHASM HIKE

Get ready to scramble around huge boulders while taking in the mystery of Purgatory Chasm! Find out about the park's history and cultural influence, the chasm's rock formations, or the wildlife that calls the chasm home.

Meet at the pavilion at the mouth of the chasm. Appropriate for ages 8 and above. Wet conditions in the chasm will cancel. About one mile over moderate terrain.

CHASM PRIMER

The chasm's history goes back tens of thousands of years, but you can find out all about it in just 15 minutes. We will briefly explore two dramatic events that shaped how the park looks today. This is the perfect primer before your chasm hike.

Meet at the pavilion at the mouth of the chasm. Appropriate for ages 8 and above.

GLACIAL GEOLOGY HIKE

Discover our glacial past with a one-mile hike along the chasm to Little Purgatory. Explore evidence of the ice that blanketed this park more than 10,000 years ago!

Meet at the Visitor Center. Suitable for ages 8 and above. Wet conditions in the chasm will cancel. About one mile over moderate terrain.

KIDLEIDOSCOPE

Join us each week for Kiddleidoscope! We will read a short book, followed by a light outdoor activity or a hike. Afterwards, enjoy a kid-friendly craft that relates to the story. Each week has its own theme, so stop by often!

Meet at the Pavilion. Designed for ages 3 to 6. Siblings are welcome. During inclement weather this will be held in the Visitor Center.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH HIKE

Hiking trails are the heart of our park system and getting outdoors is a great way to exercise! Join the park interpreter on a and socialize along the way.

Meet at the Visitor Center. Appropriate for ages 8 and above. About one mile over easy terrain.

ROCK DETECTIVES

Have you ever wondered where rocks come from? See a bunch of different rocks and find out more about where they have been and where they are going. Stay for five minutes or an hour.

This program takes place in the pavilion near the entrance to the chasm. Appropriate for ages 4 and above. The program will be held at the Visitor Center during inclement weather.

SKULL SCIENCE

We can learn many things about how an animal lives by looking at its skull. Join us to look for clues about different animals survive by examining their skulls and find out how your bones compare to those of our park's residents? Stay for five minutes or an hour.

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TIME TRAVELER TOUR

Take a step back in time! Get an introduction to this unique park as we walk among the historic structures and geological features, jumping around the park's history all the while.

Meet at the Visitor Center. Suitable for ages 10 and above. Approximately one mile over easy terrain.

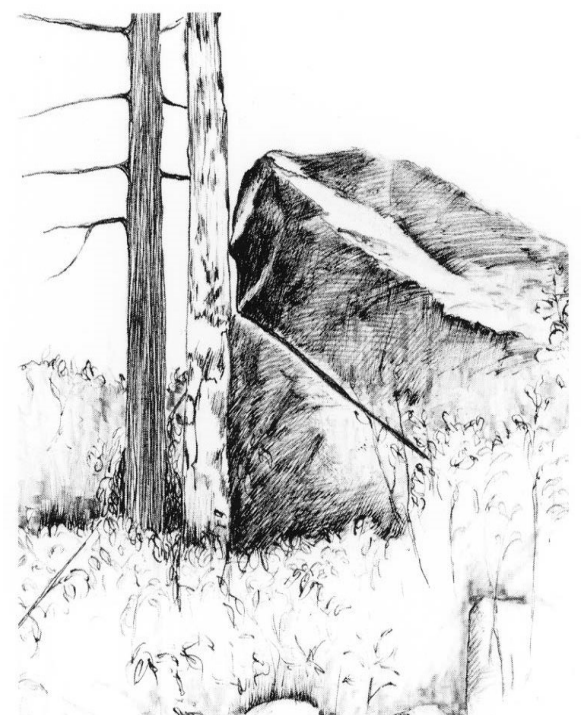








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Programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. **An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15.** Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy footwear, and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions.

-  Wheelchair accessible
-  Designed for kids
-  Fun for the whole family
-  Hiking

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