



CERRILLOS HILLS STATE PARK

PROGRAM GUIDE

JANUARY-MARCH

2020



Park fees are \$5 per vehicle or free with a valid New Mexico State Park pass. A day-use pass good at all State Parks for a year from the month of purchase is \$40 and available from any ranger.

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Cerrillos Hills State Park
37 Main Street Cerrillos, NM 87010
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**Directions • Approximately 16 miles south
of Santa Fe & 3 miles north of Madrid.
For additional information call 505.474.0196**



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First Day Hike

Wed., January 1st, 1PM

Our annual New Year's treat! Join us for this guided hike through the hills featuring a trivia contest with prizes and a New Year's celebration at the top of the trail. Fees are waived for this event.

Solar Observing

Sat., January 11th, 11AM

Earth is closer to the sun now than in the warmer summer months. The perfect time to learn about the Analemma kiosk and get safe, close-up views of our nearest star with specially-filtered telescopes.

Cochineal: Empire-making insect (Visitor Center, 37 Main St.) **Sun., Jan., 26th, 2PM**

A tiny insect that lives on cactus has been used to make red dye for centuries. Second only to silver as a premium export to Spain, its traditional uses persist to this day. Come find out what they are.

Winter Hike

Sun., Feb., 2nd, 11AM

Did the groundhog see its shadow? Probably. Six more weeks of winter means great conditions in the Cerrillos hills. Come join us on this guided hike.

Amigos Annual Meeting (VC)

Saturday, February 15th, 11AM

The Amigos are the park's friends group. Their primary focus is to enhance the visitor experience of the park. This effort includes - school bus grants for kids, sponsorship of educational programs and events, and collaborating on design of the plaza space in front of the park visitor center. Attend this meeting, learn about their accomplishments, and get involved!

Star Party

Friday, February 28th, 7PM

Explore the night sky above the park. Catch a green laser guided tour of bright stars, constellations and marvel at close-up views of star clusters, nebulae, and distant galaxies through telescopes.

Geology Hike

Sunday, March 8th, 11AM

Decode the ancient past through the eyes of a geologist. Local rockhound Scott Renbarger, will be your guide.

Sustainable Trails Workshop

Sunday, March 22nd, 11AM

The best made trails maintain themselves. The five miles of trails in the park provide examples of good and poor trail design. Park seasonal ranger, Eli will get you up to speed with sustainable practices to help you learn the 'do's and don'ts' of sensible trails maintenance. Come ready to work and learn.



More programs may be scheduled as dates are confirmed. Don't miss out!
Contact peter.lipscomb@state.nm.us to be added to the park's email blast list.

*Unless noted all programs meet at the park entrance
1/2 mile north of Cerrillos village on County Road 59.
\$5 per vehicle, exact change cash or check*

Program topics and speakers subject
to change without notice

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