

2014 Schedule of Interpretive Activities

BAKER CITY, OREGON

Free Fee Days 2014

Thursday, Jan. 23

Friday, Feb. 14 – *Oregon's Birthday*

Saturday-Monday, Feb. 15-17 – *President's Day Weekend*

Sunday, Mar. 23

Tuesday, Apr. 22 – *Earth Day*

Monday, May 5

Saturday, June 7 – *National Trails Day*

Saturday, Sep. 27 – *Nat'l Public Lands Day*

Monday, Oct. 6

Tuesday, Nov. 11 – *Veteran's Day*

Friday, Dec. 19

Special Exhibits in the Flagstaff Gallery

Wagons Ho! An Interactive Oregon Trail Experience

February 13 – June 10

This popular hands-on exhibit returns! Test your pioneering skills by packing a full-scale replica wagon and see what you look like in a pioneer's clothes. Roll the dice and see how you would fare by walking the Oregon Trail, and find out what wildlife you might have seen along the way. This is an engaging experience for visitors of all ages.

Traveling Light: 200 Years of Camping in the West

June 26 – September 8

From covered wagons and canvas tents to motorhomes and picnic tables, camping has developed from a necessary task to trek across the continent into one of the country's most popular recreational activities. Explore the evolution of camping from pioneer days up to modern times, and develop a deeper understanding of how we relate to our natural environment through immersion in the elements.

High Desert Dreams: The Lost Homesteads of the Ft. Rock Basin

September 19 – November 30

A series of stunning black and white photographs by Rich Bergeman tell the story of the last great land rush of the American West. Over 1,000 hopeful homesteaders moved into the Fort Rock/Christmas Lake basin in response to the last federal homestead act of 1907. Lack of sufficient rainfall to grow dry land wheat doomed most of them, and within twenty years, the population of the area had dropped by 91 percent. In the exodus, scores of empty cabins and abandoned towns were left behind, but there are a few that remain to tell the story of those homesteader's dreams.

Special Events at the Interpretive Center

Meet the Pioneers, Memorial Day Weekend.....May 24 – 25

Living History interpreters bring frontier characters to life, and demonstrate pioneer skills.

4th Annual Run to the Ruts 5K/10K Fun Run & Walk.....Saturday, June 7

Celebrate *National Trails Day* with a walk or run along the National Historic Oregon Trail.

Thursday Outdoor Club.....June – July

Learn about the wonders of the natural world with our series of afternoon activities, for kids 8-12.

Labor Day Weekend Wagon Encampment.....August 30 - 31

Experience the food, music, stories, and activities of an Oregon Trail wagon train "nooning".

National Public Lands Day.....Saturday, September 27

Volunteer activities to improve our site and learn about public lands.

Family Fun Day.....Friday, November 28

A post-Thanksgiving activity day with crafts and programs for family and friends of all ages.

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