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Organ Mountain Summer Series 2010

Campfire Program

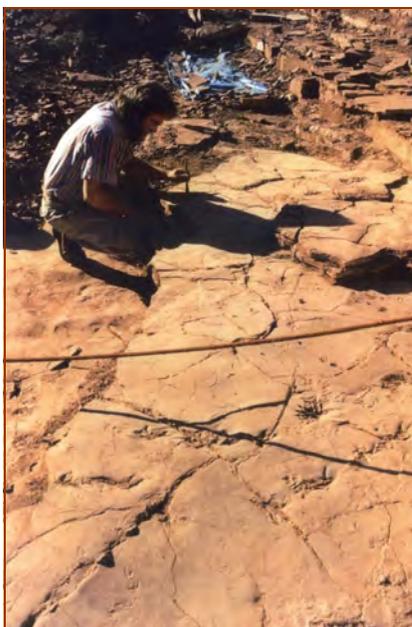
September 24th, 2010
at 7:00 PM at La Cueva Picnic Area,
Dripping Springs Natural Area.

Come find out about -

Prehistoric Trackways

National Monument

The nations newest national monument
is located right
outside your back door.



In the Robledo Mountains in the late 1980s amateur paleontologist Jerry MacDonald discovered Paleozoic Era fossilized trackways. Under the supervision of the Smithsonian Natural History Museum and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, MacDonald brought national recognition to the Robledo Mountains when he excavated thousands of trackways, from what is now known as the Discovery Site. The tracks consist of various animals, dating back 280 million years ago.

Further research conducted by scientists and research facilities from all over the world have proven the Robledo trackways as one of the most important Permian Period fossil known to exist.

In 2009, 5,280 acres of the Robledos was established as Prehistoric Trackways National Monument.

Why was it made a National Monument?
What is the big deal about fossilized tracks?
Are there any tracks still there?
What have scientists discovered lately at the Trackways?

Come and learn the answers to these questions and more when Jerry MacDonald and McKinney Briske (Park Ranger, BLM) give a 35-45 minute campfire program.

A \$3.00 vehicle pass will apply (except for those who have the Golden Age, Access, America the Beautiful or the LCDO Recreation Pass).
No extra fee will be charged for the program.

The Dripping Springs Natural Area is located 10 miles east of Las Cruces, on the west side of the Organ Mountains. From Exit 1 on Interstate 25, take University Avenue/Dripping Springs Road east almost to the end, take a left into the La Cueva Picnic Area, follow the loop all the way around to the group use area.

For further information, call McKinney Briske at BLM's office at 575-525-4334.

