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Organ Mountain Summer Series 2011



BLM

Organ Mountain Evening Primrose Hike

Starting at 7:00 PM on July 16, 2011



Join us for a guided nature hike with Jennifer Montoya, a BLM employee who has lived in, worked at and studied the plants and wildlife of the Organ Mountains extensively.

This is the time of year that the Organ Mountain Evening Primrose blooms. This primrose is only found in the Organ Mountains, blooms only at night, and only once a year. So come and enjoy the unique natural experience at Dripping Springs Natural Area.

Hike begins at the Visitor Center at Dripping Springs NA. We will hike Dripping Springs Trail up to the dripping springs. The total hike to the top and back is 3 miles on a maintained trail that could be classified as easy to moderate with a gradual elevation gain. Bring hiking shoes, water, snacks, hats, camera, etc., to make certain you have everything you need to have a healthy, happy hike.

Bring flashlights - the sun sets around 8:15 PM and it may be dark when leaving the trail. The guided portion of the hike will be the first 1.5 miles and will last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours with Jennifer. After reaching the top of the trail, you are free to make your own way back down the trail.

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 to the end where there is a parking lot.

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

