

## Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument Dripping Springs Natural Area 2015 Summer Series: June 20-June 28 Schedule

### Saturday- June 20, 2015

**10:00 AM 20 minute Patio Talk** (meet at Visitor Center) - *Why Water?* A brief program on why water conservation is so important to this area.

**2:00 PM 20 minute Patio Talk** (meet at Visitor Center)- *Leave No Trace*. A talk about the ethics of recreating in the outdoors.

**8:00 PM Guided Nature Hike** (meet at La Cueva Trailhead)- *Nature Through the Lens*. guided hike up the Arroyo Trail learning about viewing nature through a camera and how to get the perfect picture at sunset- 1 mile, moderate to easy walk about 1.5 hours duration.



### Friday - June 26, 2015

**6:30 PM Guided Nature Hike** (meet at Visitor Center)- *History of Dripping Springs*. Guided hike up Dripping Springs trail to the Van Patten Mountain Resort to learn about the history of this special area- 3 miles, moderate to easy hike about 2.5 hours duration.

### Saturday - June 27, 2015

**9:00 AM Nature Program/Hike** (meet at Visitor Center) - *Nature Journaling on the Trails*. A walk along the trails to examine nature and record it through a journal and art.

**10:00 AM 20 minute Patio Talk** (meet at Visitor Center) - *Geology of the Organs*. A brief program about the geology of the Organ Mountains.

**2:00 PM 20 minute Patio Talk** (meet at Visitor Center) - *Archaeology of Dripping Springs*. Learn about the archaeology and history of the area.

**9:00 PM Evening Program** (meet at Group Use Area in La Cueva Picnic Area) - *Neighboring Planets*. An astronomy program to learn about our neighboring planets and view the night sky, about one hour in duration.

### Sunday - June 28, 2015

**8:00 AM Guided Nature Hike** (meet at Visitor Center)- *Beginning Birding*. Guided hike up to Arroyo Trail learning about the techniques of bird watching. - 2 miles, moderate to easy hike about 1.5 hours duration.

**10:00 AM 20 minute Patio Talk** (meet at Visitor Center) - *Trail Rating*. A brief program on the different trails in the Organ Mountains.

**2:00 PM 20 minute Patio Talk** (meet at Visitor Center) - *Bees Equal Food* A talk about the importance of bees in our lives.

A \$5.00 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 programs.

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.

