

2019 Black Rock Rendezvous Schedule

Updated 5/15/2019 Please sign up for tours and projects at the main tent when you arrive.

Driving directions and maps will be posted and available at Friends of Black Rock-High Rock at 320 Main St. in Gerlach. We will also post driving directions at the kiosks at the 12 mile entrance. *Watch our website or our Facebook Page for updates. Schedule subject to change.* Please RSVP to info@blackrockdesert.org

Friday, May 24

MAIN CAMP SET UP AT LOWER CASSIDY MINE*

Cassidy Mine is located on the playa approximately 3 north from the 12 mile entrance to the playa.

*Alternate sites will be posted here in case of inclement weather and conditions.

Friday Day: Partner groups set up.

Early Evening: Early sign up for stewardship project and tours.

Saturday, May 25

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Breakfast provided for volunteers

Served by Friends of Nevada Wilderness

8:30 am

Kids Camp registration begins

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Kids Camp: hosted by Nevada Outdoor School for children ages 5 and up.

8:30 am - 11:45 am

Presentations - Main tent area

- Welcome & Camp Housekeeping – Stacey Wittek, Friends of Black Rock-High Rock
- Introductions – Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Nevada Outdoor School, BLM
- Camp Safety - Chris Cutshaw
- Outdoor Ethics Presentation – Nevada Outdoor School
- Artist-in-Residence, Artist Introductions - Megan Berner
- Applegate Trail - California Trail Center - Jordan Southern, NV Conservancy
- Bighorn Sheep - Mike Cox NDOW
- Surviving: The Story of the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout - Autumn Harry
- Update on Pika Project and Goshawks in Aspen Groves - Jane Van Gunst
- Rockhounding in the NCA - Jean Black
- CCC Camps in Nevada - Levi Keach
- Seasons - DRI (TBD)
- Sunday Stewardship Projects Overview - Project Leads - BLM, NOS, FBRHR, FNW
- Tours overview

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Saturday Half-Day Tours: Departure from Center Camp

(bring lunch, hat, water, sunscreen and comfortable, sturdy shoes)

- **Photography Workshop** - Kurt Kuznicki
- **Birding Tour to Mud Meadows Reservoir**- Peter Pearsall, Ash Meadows Natl. Wildlife Refuge
- **Hiking** - Short hike into Bighorn country Mike Cox NDOW
- **Hot Springs Tour** - Sarah Lyon (Black Rock)
- **Movies in Black Rock** - The Winning of Barbara Worth silent film site - Dave Cooper
- **Guru Road** - Stacey Wittek
- **Games** - NOS Toss Challenge, Ladder Golf Tournament, Bean Toss

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Dutch Oven cooking demonstration. Cook along with us for the competition.

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Dutch Oven Cook Off Judging 6:30 pm sharp!

Followed by Potluck & Community Gathering.

Regional Native Dancers will perform in traditional dress. This will be an interactive and educational performance and we are pleased to welcome these young dancers who are based out of Winnemucca.

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Campfire Strumming: Join songwriter Elizabeth Cadigan in a singalong around the campfire. Bring your ukulele, guitar, etc.

Saturday Night Telescope Viewing

(after quiet time starts please...shhhh)

10:00 pm

Quiet Camp

Sunday, May 26

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Breakfast provided for all Volunteers - Served by Friends of Nevada Wilderness

8:30 am

Kids Camp registration begins

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Stewardship Projects: Departure from Center Camp

(bring lunch, hat, water, sunscreen and comfortable, sturdy shoes)

- Calico Wilderness Sticker Replacing - Braydon Gaard
- Calico Wilderness Renaturalization Project- Braydon Gaard
- Trego Barrier Repair and Renaturalization - Mike Kizorek
- Black Rock Point Clean Up and Barrier Construction - Chris Cutshaw, Sarah Lyon.

Note: this project is dependent on playa conditions.

Sunday Full Day Tours: Departure from Center Camp @ 9:15am
(bring lunch, hat, water, sunscreen and comfortable, sturdy shoes)

- Fly Canyon & Beyond: Easy hike into lower Fly Canyon with Margie Reynolds
- Rockhounding Tour: Opals or geodes, location dependent on playa conditions. - Jean Black
- Emigrant Trail Tour: Elko Trail Center on Applegate Trail - Kathy Ataman, BLM, and Levi (TBD)
- Old Razorback Mountain Hike: Steep, moderately strenuous - Sharon Marie Wilcox (TBD)
- Birding Tour to Mud Meadows: Peter Pearsall, Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge
- Big Horn Sheep Hike in the Calicos: Moderately strenuous hike, 3-4 miles each way - Mike Cox, NDOW. Limit 15

Self Guided Tours (Saturday or Sunday)

- Guru Road: Enjoy desert delights at this mile-long folk art installation just north of Gerlach on Hwy. 34
- Planet X Pottery: Catch their Memorial Day weekend show and sale
- Steamboat Rock: This short steep scramble to the top of a small hill offers panoramic views of the National Conservation Area. Parking is just off Soldier Meadows road. 4wd with high clearance can make it to the far parking lot. Otherwise, walk in from access road. Sturdy shoes recommended.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Burrito Night Potluck

BYO items for our grill and dishes to share for the potluck - taco/burrito theme.

Raffle at 7:00 pm

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Playa Slam: bring your guitar, harmonica or recite cowboy poetry

10:00 pm

Quiet Camp

Monday, May 27

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Community Breakfast Open to all. Provided by Don and Carol Montgomery

Mid-morning - Camp teardown

Follow Leave No Trace principles. Camp clean up. Pack out all that you brought in.

This schedule subject to change. All tours and activities, including camping location, are dependent on weather. Please watch our website, blackrockrendezvous.org for updates.

For more info call Friends of Black Rock High Rock at 775-557-2900