



October 2025



Check out this month's hikes, bikes, pop-ups, and patio chats!

All programs are free and open to the public except a \$5/vehicle day-use fee at Dripping Springs or Aguirre Spring.
Pre-registration only required where indicated.

When:	Meet at:	Description/Details
EVERY Tuesday 5:30pm	Doña Ana Mtn parking area	 Join us for a sunset mountain bike ride and learn about your monument lands along the way! Riders must bring their own trail-ready mountain bike and helmet. Bike light recommended.
Saturday, Oct 4 9am-12pm	Ridgeline Trailhead at Prehistoric Trackways	 Join BLM Paleontologist Colin on a hike to the Discovery Site, where the first excavation of the Permian-age megatracksways occurred. Along the way, learn about the geology and paleontology of the Monument. <i>3 miles round trip</i>
Saturday, Oct 4 11am-1pm	Dripping Springs Native Plant Garden	 Guest pop-up! Explore the history, prehistory, and travels of cacao through the region over time with Cacao Coyatoc in this interactive chocolate-making workshop using traditional methods 
Saturday, Oct 11 10am- 12:30pm	Picacho Peak Recreation Area parking	 Join BLM archaeologist Garrett to learn about the prehistory of the area, walk the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, and explore Box Canyon Dam and the local history of the Civilian Conservation Corp. <i>3 miles roundtrip</i> . High clearance and/or 4wd vehicle recommended to access trailhead.
Sunday, Oct 12 9am-1pm	Pine Tree Trailhead at Aguirre Spring Natural Area	 Explore the origins of the Organ Mountains and common threads that link them to other geologic wonders of the Chihuahuan Desert over the course of this guided geology hike with Ranger Kevin. <i>4.2 miles roundtrip with over 1000' of elevation gain/loss</i> RSVP Required by email at kchesak@blm.gov or text at 575-494-3335
Wed, Oct 15 11am-12pm	Dripping Springs Native Plant Garden	 Guest Pop-up! Las Cruces Public Library hosts a mobile book station. Check out a book, return a book, ask questions, or get your library card! 

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Second half of October programs on the other side → → →

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Friday Oct 17 8-10am	La Cueva trailhead parking	 Hike to Fillmore Canyon and back with Don as he shares indigenous plant use and historical highlights along the way as well as a Modoc Mine history sidebar. 2.1 miles roundtrip RSVP required at https://organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/events/ (May not appear for signup until closer to the date)
Friday Oct 17 11am & 5:30pm	Dripping Springs Visitor Center Native Plant Garden	 Two chances to attend this patio chat! Fall is the perfect time to plant new plants in your yard so that they have time to get established before the spring growing season. Come learn about great native and adapted plants for your landscape to help nature take back a little part of the planet and save time, water, money.
Saturday, Oct 18 9-11:30am	Ridgeline Trailhead at Prehistoric Trackways	 Explore evolution, geology, fossils, mass extinctions, ancient seabeds, and monumental protections in this 3-mile roundtrip hike to the Discovery Site and back with Jim! RSVP required at https://organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/events/ (May not appear for signup until closer to the date)
Saturday, Oct 25 12-4pm	Ice Canyon by the A.B. Cox Visitor Center	 *Special Event: 4th Annual Archaeological Fair!* Dive into the past with archaeologists, historians, and educators from sites and organizations around the region!  10am: Guided ethnobotany and pre-history hike to La Cueva from the A.B. Cox Visitor Center. 1.5mi roundtrip 12-4pm: Demonstrations, displays, and hands-on activities

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