

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AT CHIMNEY ROCK

Throughout the season, enjoy a variety of opportunities to see the site in a different light. To make reservations for Special Programs, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 877-444-6777.

Full Moon Program, \$15

Hike to the Great House (Pueblo Trail) and enjoy Native American flute music as the sun sets and the moon rises over the San Juan Mountains. Knowledgeable speakers present a story of the Ancestral Puebloans and the view of the full moon rising is breathtaking from this high vantage point. Reservations-only, recommended for ages 8 & up. Fee is \$15.00 per person.

May 21, June 20, July 19, August 18, and September 16

Early Tour Full Moon Package, \$20

This program begins prior to the Full Moon Program with a one hour guided tour of the Great Kiva Trail loop. The beautiful mountain views on this easy trail will lead you to the 44-foot diameter excavated Great Kiva and an excavated pit house from over 1,000 years ago. Volunteers will then light the trail to the mesa top for the Full Moon Program before the twin spires. See Full Moon dates above. Fee is \$20 per person.

Evening Archaeoastronomy Programs, \$10/\$5

Each month, this program offers two opportunities to enjoy the night sky in a dark environment. After a presentation at the visitor cabin, guests drive to the upper parking lot to view the night sky through telescopes manned by volunteer astronomers. Reservations-only, suitable for children. Fee is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children ages 5-12.

• **Night Sky** - When the sky is dark, see the stars and learn about the constellations. **June 3, July 1, July 29, Sept. 2, Sept. 30**

• **Moon Viewing Plus** - Get a close-up view of features on the moon. **June 10, July 15, August 12, and Sept. 9**

Solstice/Equinox Sunrise Programs, \$15

See two sunrises in one morning! Arrive before dawn to watch the sun rise from the Sun Tower, a location not on the guided tour. Then walk to the Kiva Trail to watch the sun rise over the Great House Pueblo. Learn why these events were important to the ancient residents. Reservations only, fee \$15.00. **Solstice, June 21, Equinox, Sept. 23.**

Life at Chimney Rock, Free

This free festival at the visitor cabin is fun for young and old. Volunteers help you make a clay pot, carve your own petroglyph, or pound yucca to release its valuable fibers. Learn from a Native American flute maker, shop the Indian market. **July 23 & 24.**

ENSURE

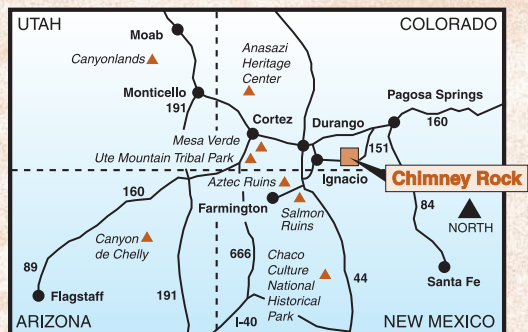
OUR LEGACY

Chimney Rock is a place of great archaeological and cultural interest. Its care, protection, and preservation are shared by the San Juan National Forest, which manages the Monument; by the staff and volunteers of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA), who operate the interpretive program; and by the public which contributes through tour fees, donations, and purchases from the visitor cabin gift shop. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

CRIA is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing an enjoyable educational experience at Chimney Rock while protecting the site's cultural legacy. CRIA receives no government funds and depends on tour fees, donations, and grants to fund the interpretive program.

Artifacts, fossils, and historic remains are fragile and irreplaceable. All plants, animals, and human cultural features of the Chimney Rock National Monument are protected by Federal law. **It is unlawful to destroy, excavate, or remove any historic or prehistoric structure, artifact, or object of antiquity on the public lands of the United States.** Please respect this unique place and help preserve the legacy.

HOW TO GET TO CHIMNEY ROCK:



970-883-5359 — Visitor Cabin, May 15 through Sept 30
970-731-7133 — CRIA Office, October 1 through May 14
877-444-6777 — Reservation Call Center
Visit our web site at: www.chimneyrockco.org
E-mail: chimneyrock@chimneyrockco.org

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EXPERIENCE

THE LAND

A thousand years ago, the lands beneath Chimney Rock's twin pinnacles were home to the Ancestral Puebloans. Later, the formations served as a landmark for the European explorers and prospectors who settled this rugged country. Today, the prominent and beautiful spires mark one of the most intriguing archaeological sites in the Four Corners area.

Located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Chimney Rock's stone pinnacles overlook an ancient pueblo on lands managed by the San Juan National Forest.



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ENVISION

THE PAST



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The unique site known today as Chimney Rock was proclaimed a National Monument September 21, 2012. Architecture, pottery, and other artifacts from the site tell of the daily lives of the people who made the area their home 1000 years ago. Among hundreds of structures, a Chacoan Great House Pueblo, Great Kiva, multi-family dwelling, and pit house have been excavated and stabilized for viewing.

EMBRACE

THE LEGENDS

Mysteries, legends, and theories about Chimney Rock abound: Why did agricultural people develop a large community in a harsh environment? What attracted them to the high mesa beneath the twin pinnacles? Was Chimney Rock an outpost for collecting wood or wild game for use in Chaco Canyon? Chimney Rock is the most isolated and remote community tied to Chaco as well as the highest in elevation. "What brought the Chacoans here and why did they leave?" are perhaps the most asked questions.

Just as their ancestors called Chimney Rock a special place, modern Puebloan cultures consider it a place of spiritual significance.



ENJOY

THE LEGACIES

A visit to Chimney Rock National Monument offers an enjoyable outdoor learning opportunity for all.

Here, in the shadow of the awe-inspiring twin pinnacles, you will experience a unique part of America's heritage during the tour season, **Open May 15 through September 30.**



Know Before You Go:

- Visitor cabin is open 9:00 am to 4:30 pm daily.
- Entry gate opens at 9:00 am, closes at 4:30 pm except for special events.
- Last opportunity to access the ancient structures is 3:00 pm daily.
- There is no entry fee. Tour fees apply.
- No agency passes are accepted except for the Access Pass (\$6/Vehicle)
- Active Military discounted rates available.
- Special evening programs, cultural events, and other activities are presented throughout the season. See website for details.
- Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more.
- Pets are not permitted on tours; only Service Dogs are permitted. Kennels are available at no charge.
- There is no shade in the parking lot nor on the trails.
- Walking tours may be cancelled due to severe weather or during special events.

Enjoy a Tour:

Chimney Rock National Monument is a protected archaeological site with limited access through tours only. Tours begin at the visitor cabin where fees are collected. Then guests drive in their own vehicles to the high mesa. The drive is 2 ½ miles up a steep, winding gravel road to where the walking tours begin. Guided Interpretive walking tours are provided by trained volunteers with the non-profit Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. All tours are first-come first served. No reservations required.

Tour Option I:

Guided Tour

- \$12/adult and \$5/child (ages 5-12). Under age 5 are free.
- May 15-June 30: tour times at 9:30am, 11:00am and 1:00pm
- July 1-Aug. 15: tour times at 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am and 1:00pm
- Aug. 16-Sept. 30: tour times at 9:30am, 11:00am and 1:00pm
- Approximately two hour tour plus estimated 15 minute driving time each way to the mesa top parking lot.
- Includes the Great Kiva Trail (approximately first hour of the tour) and the Pueblo Trail (approximately second hour of the tour.)

Tour Option II:

Audio Kiva Tour (Great Kiva Trail Only)

- Tours available anytime between 10am and 3pm.
- \$12/adult and \$5/child (ages 5-12) Under age 5 is free
- Pre-recorded audio commentary gives in-depth information about the structures viewed and the people who lived there.

Trail Descriptions

Great Kiva Trail

- Breathtaking overlook of Piedra River Valley and Peterson Ridge.
- One third mile, paved and ADA-accessible
- 44-foot diameter excavated Great Kiva.
- Excavated pit house and additional unexcavated structures

Pueblo Trail

- Awe inspiring 360° views of the San Juan Mountain Range and the twin spires from the Great House Pueblo.
- Can only be accessed through a guided tour.
- Moderately challenging unimproved trail
- 200-foot elevation gain and exposure to heights
- Features a multi-family dwelling, several unexcavated structures and a Chacoan Great House Pueblo (7,600-foot elevation).

Tour tips

- Wear comfortable walking shoes
- Bring a hat, use sunscreen, drink water
- Dress for outdoors
- Don't forget your camera