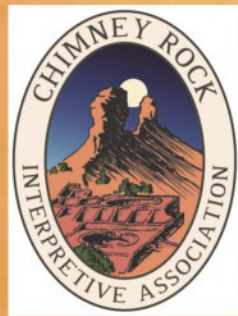




CHIMNEY ROCK NATIONAL MONUMENT



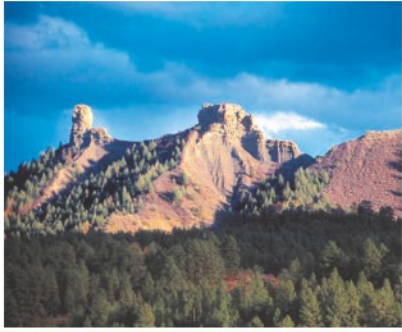
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BACKGROUND

Chimney Rock National Monument was a sacred place, a celestial observatory and a seasonal observatory for the Ancestral Puebloans over 1000 years ago. Chimney Rock National Monument encompasses 4,726 acres, preserving hundreds of prehistoric sites that dot the landscape around the twin spires known as Chimney Rock and Companion Rock. This location hosted the most isolated and remote communities connected to Chaco Canyon and is also the highest in elevation.

LOCATION

Chimney Rock National Monument is located in Southwest Colorado. The site lies off Highway 151, 3 miles south of Highway 160, between Pagosa Springs and Durango.

Chimney Rock is approximately 20 miles west of Pagosa Springs, 40 miles east of Durango, 300 miles from Denver and 230 miles from Albuquerque.

SEASON

Chimney Rock is open May 15th through September 30th for Guided and Audio-Guided Kiva tours, monthly programs and special events.

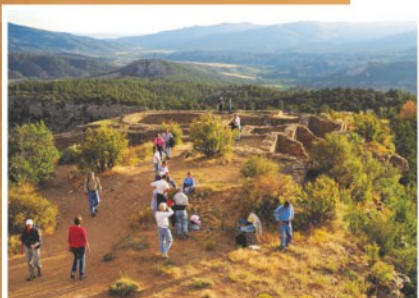
HISTORY

Chimney Rock was home to the Ancestral Pueblo Indians 1000 years ago and has spiritual significance to many tribes. The Ancestral Puebloans built more than 200 homes and ceremonial buildings high above the valley floor. The Great House, Ridge House and hundreds of structures are found within the seven miles of the National Monument.

CHIMNEY ROCK AT A GLANCE



- Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, conducts daily tours and operates the Visitor Center during the season from May 15th through September 30th. Their mission, in partnership with the San Juan National Forest, is to provide the site's care, protection and preservation, as well as public interpretation and education. CRIA manages the interpretive program at the Monument under a special use permit with the Pagosa Ranger District and USDA Forest Service.
- Chimney Rock was proclaimed a National Monument on September 21, 2012. The designation was made under the Antiquities Act with bi-partisan support from Colorado officials, Native Americans, local businesses and other stakeholders.
- Chimney Rock has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1970.
- Ancestral Puebloans called Chimney Rock home over 100 years ago.
- Chimney Rock is the most isolated and remote of the "outlier" communities connected to Chaco Canyon and is also the highest in elevation.
- Chimney Rock National Monument encompasses 4,726 acres, preserving hundreds of prehistoric sites including the Great Kiva, a multi-family dwelling and a Chacoan-style Great House Pueblo.
- The first excavation at Chimney Rock was in the 1920s, and the most recent was in 2009.
- Between 2004 and 2007, the Major Lunar Standstill (MLS) moon rose periodically between the two stone pillars of Chimney Rock. This event occurs every 18.6 years and is believed to have influenced construction of the Chacoan-style Great House. Whether coincidental or planned, the Great House is a natural observatory for the MLS.
- The Ancestral Puebloans established an impressive base of calendrical knowledge. It is likely that astronomer priests in Chaco Canyon learned to depend on sky-watchers at Chimney Rock who had set up a string of observatories along the rim of Peterson Mesa.
- The biologically rich mountain zone of Chimney Rock National Monument yielded a variety of wild food and game to supplement the Ancestral Puebloans' cultivated crops of corn, beans and squash. Flora and fauna were used for food and tools. Many of these species are still evident at Chimney Rock today.



Tours and programs are provided by the staff and volunteers of Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. Tour and program fees support maintenance and protection of the site, the interpretive program, educational programs and volunteer training. Fees for guided tours and audio-guided kiva tours are \$12/adult and \$5/child (ages 5-12); children under 5 are free. All tour fees are considered a non-refundable donation. Please visit our website at www.ChimneyRockCo.org for tour times as they may vary during the season.

GUIDED WALKING TOURS

The guided walking tour is informative and fun and includes both the Great Kiva Trail and the Pueblo Trail. Guests will see a 44-foot diameter Great Kiva, pit house, a multi-family dwelling and several other excavated structures. At the top, Chimney Rock's Chacoan-style Great House Pueblo is spectacular against the backdrop of the San Juan Mountains.

AUDIO GUIDED KIVA TOURS

The Audio-Guided Kiva Tour is available between 10:30am and 3:00pm.. This tour includes only the Great Kiva Trail, which is ADA accessible.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



The interpretive program at Chimney Rock includes opportunities to see the site in a different light. All special program fees are considered a non-refundable donation.

NIGHT SKY ARCHAEOASTRONOMY PROGRAM

Enjoy the night sky in a truly dark environment. The evening starts with a talk at the Visitor Cabin. As darkness descends, guests will be given the opportunity to view the night sky with telescopes. This program is perfect for young families and those with limited mobility.

FULL MOON PROGRAM

Volunteers light the trail to the mesa top, where before the twin spires, a speaker tells the story of the Ancient Puebloans and their likely relationship with the moon. Guests then watch the full moon rise over the mountain peaks while listening to live Native American flute music. You'll be torn between looking west to see the spectacular sunset or focusing on the eastern mountains to see the first sliver of moon. A pre-program tour of the Great Kiva Trail is also offered with the Early Tour/Full Moon Package.

MOON VIEWING PLUS PROGRAM

View the partially illuminated moon at Chimney Rock through telescopes when the lunar terminator cuts across the face of the moon and brings details into sharp relief (not to be confused with the Full Moon program.) This program includes an interactive discussion at the Visitor's Cabin on the archaeoastronomy of Chimney Rock and a preview of what guests may expect to see with the telescopes. Visitors will then drive to the upper parking lot for telescope viewing of specific moon locations. As the moon is setting, focus will shift to deeper-sky objects, plus any man-made object that comes into view.

SUMMER SOLSTICE SUNRISE PROGRAM

Watch the sun rise over the San Juan Mountains this first day of summer and discuss how the Ancients may have lived and why they celebrated the solstice.

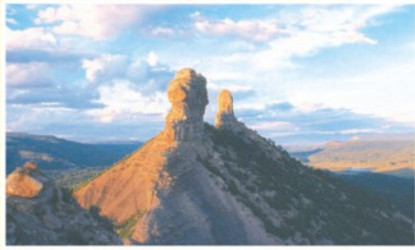
AUTUMNAL EQUINOX SUNRISE PROGRAM

Watch the sun rise over the San Juan Mountains this first day of autumn and discuss how the Ancients may have lived and why they celebrated the equinox.

LIFE AT CHIMNEY ROCK FESTIVAL

This free, family-oriented festival is held at Chimney Rock's Visitor Cabin. Enjoy interactive demonstrations of crafts and skills of Ancestral Puebloan culture and a Native American market.

ABOUT CHIMNEY ROCK INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION



ABOUT

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit volunteer organization with headquarters in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. CRIA promotes public education, interpretation and stewardship of culture and history through guided tours and special events. Programs at Chimney Rock National Monument are presented by trained volunteers who support the mission to preserve and protect the Monument while educating the public.

CRIA offers free tours to all educational institutions/school groups and Native Americans. CRIA has accommodated over 1,000 students ranging from first grade to college age at no charge in less than a 5 month period.

CRIA stands behind its mission statement by lifting the financial burden from educators and students. CRIA does not receive funding from federal or state governments; therefore, donations are vital for continued programming and site preservation.

MISSION

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is devoted to providing increasing numbers of visitors with a meaningful, enjoyable educational experience through interpretive tours and special programs, and to the long term preservation of Chimney Rock National Monument.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT

CRIA operates the tour program at Chimney Rock National Monument through a special use permit from the US Forest Service. As the permit holder, CRIA is required to follow all applicable Forest Service regulations and must pay a 6% permit fee to the Forest Service based on gross sales and tour fees.