

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

— AT CHIMNEY ROCK —

Throughout the season, visitors can enjoy a variety of opportunities to experience the site in a different light. **For dates, times and reservations for Special Programs, please visit chimneyrockco.org or call 877-444-6777.**

Full Moon Program, \$20. Full Moon/Early Tour \$25

Hike 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. Early Tour Package (includes a guided tour of the Mesa Village Trail prior to the Full Moon Program) is also available. Both options recommended for ages 8 & up. **Offered monthly**

Night Sky Archaeoastronomy Programs, \$16/\$8*

Each month, this program offers two opportunities to enjoy the night sky. At the upper parking lot, guests will hear a presentation to prepare for viewing through telescopes manned by volunteer astronomers. Suitable for children.

■ Stars and Galaxies

When the sky is dark, see the stars and learn about the constellations.

■ Our Solar System

Get a close-up view of features on the moon.

Summer Solstice/Autumn Equinox Sunrise Tour, \$16/\$8

Experience the sunrise from the Chacoan Great House and learn why these events were important to the ancient ones. There will be a tour of the upper and lower Chimney Rock trails following the sunrise.

Birding at Chimney Rock, \$16/\$8*

This program, presented in partnership with the local chapter of the Audubon Society, is a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about birds native to the Chimney Rock area.

Wildlife of Chimney Rock, \$16/\$8

Southwest Colorado and the Chimney Rock area have an abundance of wildlife. During this 1.5 hour tour you'll travel through animal habitats and learn more about what these animals need to survive, and why this area is so important to them. Bring your binoculars – you may see some of these animals, including several species of raptors.

Flora of Chimney Rock, \$16/\$8

A thousand years ago the people who lived at Chimney Rock depended on the plants around them for food, fuel, tools, housing, clothing, medicine, and art. This 1.5 hour tour gives an introduction to the plant species that grow at Chimney Rock and their uses by ancestral Puebloan people.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

— CONTINUED —

Geology Tour \$16/\$8

This 1.5 hour morning tour of the Pueblo Trail explores local geology and its relationship to the ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock. Geologic processes determine the landscape and, at Chimney Rock, play a central role in climate.

Life at Chimney Rock, Free 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

This free festival at the visitor cabin is fun for all ages. Volunteers help you make a clay pot, paint petroglyphs, or pound yucca to release its valuable fibers. Shop the Indian market. **July-see website**

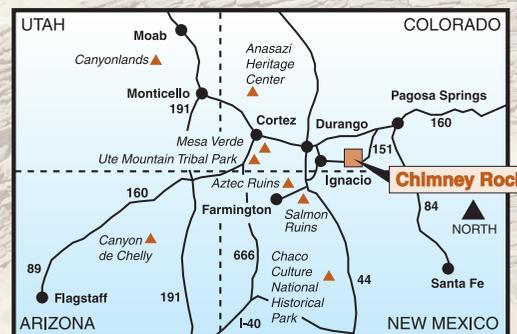
*Archaeological sites not visible during program.

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 and Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA). 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 relies heavily upon tour fees, donations and grants to fund the interpretive program.

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: chimneyrockco.org
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CHIMNEY ROCK NATIONAL MONUMENT



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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 and 40 miles east of Durango, Colorado, Chimney Rock's stone pinnacles overlook an ancient pueblo on lands managed by the San Juan National Forest.

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, **May 15 through September 30.**

ENVISION

THE PAST

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.

TRAILS & TOURS

Chimney Rock National Monument is a protected archaeological site. Guests must check in at the Visitor Center and then drive 2 ½ miles up a winding gravel road to where the walking tours begin. Visit website for tour times and prices.

Great House Pueblo Trail

This trail has awe-inspiring 360° views of the San Juan Mountain Range and the twin spires from the Great House Pueblo. It is a moderately challenging unimproved trail with a 200-foot elevation gain and exposure to heights. This trail includes a multi-family dwelling, several unexcavated structures and a Chacoan Great House Pueblo (7,600-foot elevation.)

Mesa Village Trail

Experience the beautiful overlook of the Piedra River Valley and Peterson Ridge on this one-third mile paved trail. This trail includes a 44-foot excavated Great Kiva as well as an excavated pit house and other structures.

Guided Tours

Guided Tours are provided by trained volunteers with the non-profit Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. These tours vary in length and occur several times a day. Visitors can take a tour of one or both trails. Space is limited to 25 people. See website for tour times.

Self-Guided Tours

The entire site can be experienced through self-guided tours, available between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Plan on one hour for each trail so you can take in the views and photo opportunities, plus an additional 30 minutes' drive time to and from the Visitor Center. Interpretation is available in three formats:

- Printed interpretive brochure
- Audio device with pre-recorded interpretation
- Download the San Juan National Forest Explorer app

Junior Archaeologist Program:

When you check in for your tour, ask for a Junior Archaeologist Booklet which is designed to reinforce specific aspects of archaeology/anthropology. Following successful completion of these activities children will be awarded a pin-on Junior Archaeologist button.

San Juan National Forest



Be Your Own Guide

Use your phone to discover the history and the mystery behind Chimney Rock National Monument.

Download the National Forest Explorer App



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Know Before You Go

- Entry gate & Visitor Cabin open from 9:00am - 4:30pm except for special events.
- Check in at the Visitor Center, then drive 2 1/2 miles up a winding gravel road to trailheads
- **Last opportunity to access the ancient structures is 3:00pm daily.**
- Tours/events may be cancelled due to severe weather.
- Rain checks are offered for tours and special events due to inclement weather conditions. There are no refunds for the guided Pueblo Tour due to its short length. Full refunds will be made for the Combo Tour if less than half the tour is completed.
- Groups of 10 or more are encouraged to call ahead.
- 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 or on the trails.
- There is no potable water on site.
- Motorcycles/Oversized Vehicles: Call the Visitor Center to inquire about shuttle availability from the Visitor Center to the trail heads.
- For their own safety, children must be closely monitored while on all trails.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes, hat, and sunscreen. Bring and drink plenty of water!