

Bannack State Park 2016
Saturday Education and Entertainment Series
 All programs are free – Out of state vehicles pay \$6 park admission

- June 4 2pm ***“Home, Home on the Ranch”*** *A Musical Program with Bill Rossiter*
 Carving out a home on the high plains wilderness was tough enough, but their songs and stories - some serious, some funny, some seriously funny - show that staying the long haul added flint to the soul. Humanities Montana Program
- 11 7pm ***“HometownClassics”*** – Talented local musicians Jerry Burtt, Buddy Hughes, Sandy Jennings, Lois Johnson, Russell King & Kim Hoffman will captivate listeners with music from yester-year performing their favorite county, western, gospel and bluegrass tunes.
- 18 7pm ***“Prairie Rose”*** -- Join Tammie Jones, Candace Payne & Les Benedict for a memorable night of musical entertainment. Their sound is a great mix of Montana style Americana. Tammie sings and plays guitar, Candace sings and plays a great doghouse bass, and Les is a musical encyclopedia.
- 25 2pm ***“Chinese in Montana”*** Join Ellen Baumler, award winning author and Interpretive Historian with the Montana Historical Society, as she explores Chinese settlement in Montana recalling the contributions they made and the cultural footprints they left behind. Humanities Montana Program
- July 2 2pm ***“Learn the Art of Gold Panning”*** There’s gold in them thar hills! Fun for all ages, join the Bannack staff and learn the art of gold panning. You will be panning for gold like an experienced prospector!
- 9 2pm ***“Montana of Bust: The Northern Overland Trail 1862-1867”*** Between 1862-1867 some 1400 immigrants traveled the road from Minnesota to Montana in search of opportunity. Join staff member John Phillips as he discusses this almost forgotten road the impact several of these immigrants had on Montana.
- 16-17 ***“Bannack Days!”*** Celebrate 154 years of Bannack history. Enjoy traditional music, skill and craft demonstrations, gold panning, gunfights, food and much, much more.
- 23 2pm ***“Raptors of the Rockies”*** - Meet some incredible Montana raptors. Kate Davis will be on hand with her birds to present an inside look into the fascinating lives of these winged wonders.
- 30 2pm ***“Wild About Bats”*** - Often feared and misunderstood bats play an important role in our environment. Join us as we welcome Karen Schulz from Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park to learn the real story about these winged creatures of the night that have inspired so many scary stories.
- Aug 6 7pm ***“The Best of Bannack”*** – Old Fashioned Barn Dance
 Join us for a fun filled evening of music and dancing. The group “The Best of Bannack” includes many musicians that have been performing at Bannack Days for 25 years. Sponsored by the Bannack Association
- 13 2pm ***“Eric the Magnificent”*** of Butte Magic will astound the young and old with magic, fire eating and sword swallowing. Eric started in the world of magic at a young age and he and members of the team at Butte Magic have performed at parties, Evel Knievel Days and all over the U.S.
- 20 7pm ***“Singing the Westward Legacy”*** Neal Lewing shares America’s musical legacy from Lewis & Clark to Custer, with traditional and original folks songs, history, and a few laughs. Humanities Montana Program
- 27 2pm ***“Gloria Clark & Friends”*** Gloria Clark, musician and teacher from Butte, along with 2 friends from the Butte Symphony and a number of her students will be here to perform a review of nostalgic tunes which might have been heard in Bannack 100 years ago. Join us as we welcome Gloria and her friends for an entertaining afternoon of old time music.
- Sept 3 @ dark ***“Star Gazing the Bannack Skies”*** – Tom Satterly, Shelia Roberts & Craig Zaspell will be here to help guide us to the stars. Telescopes for viewing distant planets and galaxies will be provided. Bring your lawn-chairs and viewing optics. This is a fitting end to our summer programs, the awe of space in a wondrous place like Bannack. *Special program begins at dusk in the main parking lot and is dependent on the weather.

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