

Red Rocks Amphitheatre & Dinosaur Ridge Tour



At the ASO Mid-Year Conference

Monday, April 30, 2018

Cost \$30 ▪ Advance Registration Required ▪ Space is Limited

Itinerary

12:30pm **Grab a box lunch and board the bus for Red Rocks in Morrison, Colorado**

1:00pm **First stop: Red Rocks Amphitheatre**

If you think of Red Rocks Park as just a beautiful place to see a concert, think again!

Red Rocks opened in 1941 and today is a National Historic Landmark. Around you are 738 total acres of deer, dinosaurs, pines and prairie, geological wonders and spectacular vistas. At 6,450 feet above sea level, Red Rocks Park is a unique transitional zone where the Great Plains meet the Rocky Mountains. Red Rocks Amphitheatre is a geological phenomenon – the only naturally-occurring, acoustically perfect amphitheater in the world. From Sting and The Beatles, to opera stars and U2, every artist aspires to play on this magical, spiritual and emotional stage.



Red Rocks is a geologically formed, open-air amphitheater that is not duplicated anywhere in the world. With Mother Nature as the architect, the design of the Amphitheatre consists of two, three hundred-foot monoliths (Ship Rock and Creation Rock) that provide acoustic perfection for any performance. The dramatic sandstone monoliths serve as a history book of animal and plant life in the area for the past 250 million years. As spectators gaze at the towering red sandstone rocks, they view the ancient tales of prehistoric times.

Some of the rock formations in Red Rocks slope as much as 90 degrees, while others tilt backwards. The southern monolith, that bears resemblance to a ship, is named "Ship Rock." On the opposite side of the amphitheater stands

"Creation Rock." Both of the monoliths are taller than Niagara Falls and Red Rocks Amphitheatre was once listed as among the Seven Wonders of the World.

2:30pm **Next Stop: Dinosaur Ridge, Morrison, Colorado**

In 1937, during the construction of West Alameda Parkway, dinosaur tracks were discovered on the east side of Dinosaur Ridge in the 100-million-year-old rocks of the Dakota Group, representing the Early Cretaceous Period. These tracks are those of duck-billed herbivores and ostrich-like carnivorous dinosaurs. Recent research has revealed that these tracks represent only a small part of the extensive track-bearing beds of the Dakota Group, which can be traced from Boulder, Colorado, to northern New Mexico. Because these strata represent the shoreline sediments of an ancient seaway that was frequently trampled by dinosaurs, these beds have been called the "Dinosaur Freeway."



The Dinosaur Ridge Trail is a 1.1-mile paved section of West Alameda Parkway, which is open to pedestrians, bicyclists, and hikers, and closed to through traffic. The site is world-famous for our dinosaur tracks and bones and unique geologic features. The Trail has more than 15 fossil and geologic sites, each marked by interpretive signage, and can be accessed by foot, bike, or guided bus tour (available at the Main Visitor Center). To hike the Ridge Trail will take between one and two hours and is just over two miles round-trip on the paved road.

Construction of West Alameda Parkway was finished in 1937. The road cut into the Dakota Hogback uncovered new layers filled with fossils. Designated by the National Park Service as a National Natural Landmark and named by the State of Colorado as a Colorado Natural Area, Dinosaur Ridge welcomes approximately 200,000 people per year. The World-Famous Dinosaur Tracksite is world famous for the number of clear tracks discovered (more than 300), and the number of individual animals that left behind unique tracks (three distinct dinosaurs and one crocodilian).

4:30pm Bus departs for the Sheraton

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