
Beartooth Ranger District News Release



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“Crystal Moon” Walk Scheduled



The Beartooth Ranger District introduces the “Walk By the Light of the Moon” series of interpretive walks, which will be held every season of the year. Please join our interpreters and naturalists for an evening of exploration and wonders on these walks in the moonlight. Interpreters will range from foresters to biologists, from scientists to historians, from poets to storytellers.

The Beartooth Ranger District will hold the “Crystal Moon” walk on Friday, January 29th, beginning between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. at Silver Run Ski Trails. The “Crystal Moon” walk is the first in the “Walk By the Light of the Moon” series to be held throughout this year. Moon walks have staggered flexible start and end times to allow visitors to participate at their own pace, in smaller more intimate groups.

Featured presenters for the “Crystal Moon” walk will include:

- Geologist **Dan Seifert** with the Beartooth Ranger District, presenting information on Beartooth glaciers and crystal formations in snow.
- Wildlife Biologist **Barb Pitman**, also with Beartooth Ranger District, talking about snowshoe hares and animal tracks in snow.
- A representative from Beartooth Recreational Trails Association (BRTA), talking about winter trail opportunities in the Beartooth Mountains.

The moon walk will begin at the Silver Run Ski Trails, which can be reached by traveling roughly 4 miles west of Red Lodge on the West Fork Road #2071. The Silver Run parking lot is located on Forest Service Road #2476. Interpreters will be located along the first half mile of the trail on easy terrain, although participants are encouraged to complete any one of the three loops, ranging from 2.2 to 5 miles round trip, on their own via skis, snowshoes, or by hiking.

Participants may want to bring binoculars and a flashlight in case the moon does not cooperate. Anticipate the weather and dress accordingly. This walk is scheduled the night before the full moon to take advantage of the earlier moonrise.



Participants with questions or special needs can call the Beartooth Ranger District at (406) 446-2103.

The Beartooth Ranger District would like to thank BRTA for their participation in this walk.

The schedule of 2010 walks is available at each of the moon walks, the Beartooth Ranger District office in Red Lodge, the Custer National Forest office in Billings, and on the web at www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer/recreation.

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