

Green River Happenings

Green River Rocks! April 5th–7th, 2024

Sixth Year of the Festival with New Field Trips and Activities:

Spend the weekend in scenic Green River, Utah, for the sixth annual Green River Rocks! Hosted by Epicenter on the grounds of the John Wesley Powell River History Museum from April 5th-7th, the festival is free and open to the public, and will feature expert-led natural history field trips, rock and mineral vendors, educational activities, and fun for the whole family. Green River Rocks brings awareness to and fosters appreciation of rural places, wilderness, unique sites, and overlooked histories. Specifically, the festival seeks to highlight the area around Green River, Utah, and the stories of this remote place, its people, and cultures; and nearby significant geological, paleontological, and archeological sites. The weekend-long festival, which brings over 350 people to Green River, is hosted by Epicenter and the Bureau of Land Management.

Festivities begin Friday night, April 5th, at the John Wesley Powell River History Museum with a lecture from paleontologist Greg McDonald on fossil discoveries within tar pits in Utah and around the world. Rock and mineral vendors, artisans, and family friendly activities will be set up on the John Wesley Powell River History Museum grounds on Saturday April 6th from 9am-4pm.

Paleontologists Greg McDonald and Jim Kirkland return, leading trips to incredible dinosaur discovery sights

around Green River. Julia McHugh and Casey Dooms will lead tours of the Mygatt-Moore and Cleveland-Lloyd dinosaur quarries. World-class geologists Paul Anderson and Tom Chidsey return to guide tours through the stratigraphy of the Swell, and paleontologists Josh Lively and Benjamin Burger will lead tours to some of the most curious fossil sites near Green River. Rock art conservationist Geoff Smith joins us again to guide trips to Buckhorn Draw and Sego Canyon.

All field trips require in-person sign up with Epicenter at the John Wesley Powell River History Museum in Green River, Utah, and are first come, first serve. Sign ups begin one hour before the Friday night lecture at the museum and continue through Saturday. Visit greenriverrocks.com for field trip information.

Free vendor applications are still open for the Saturday marketplace! Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Visit GreenRiverRocks.com for vendor information or call Zoe Gardner at (435) 564-3330. The festival is always seeking additional sponsors, donors, and volunteer support. Email grutahrocks@gmail.com or call Maria Sykes at (435) 564-3330 for details. Visit the event website to see the full list of sponsors. And be sure to mention you read about Green River Rocks in *Moab Happenings*!



Field trip to Jurassic National Monument, Emery County, Utah. Ryan Baxter photo.



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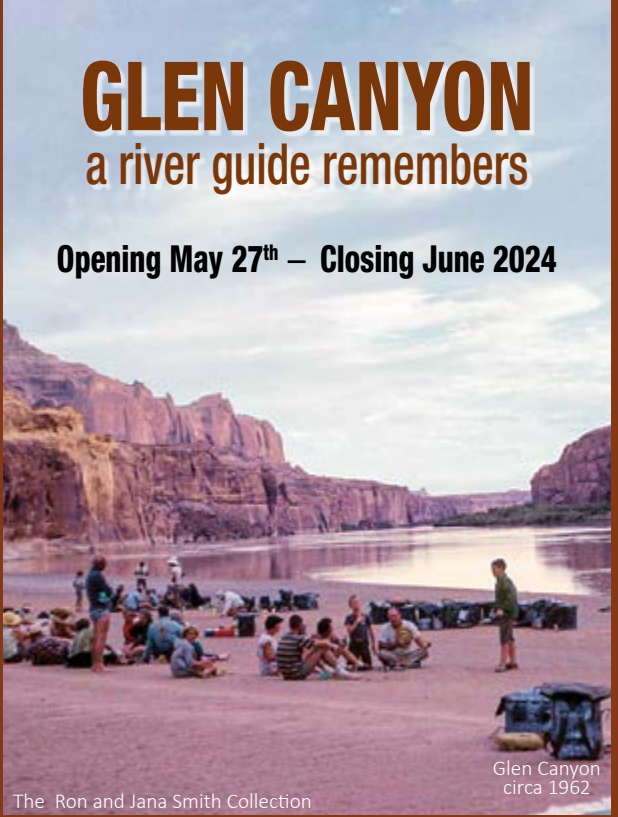
Field trip group at Fossil Point, south of Green River, Utah.



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