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Celebrate Walnut Canyon National Monument's 100th Anniversary with a Summer Picnic

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA – As part of the yearlong celebration of Walnut Canyon National Monument's 100th anniversary, the Natural and Cultural Resources staff will host a summer picnic. Please join us for this family friendly event on Sunday, June 21, 2015 featuring special talks and tours highlighting the unique resources of Walnut Canyon National Monument. Whether you are a frequent visitor or it is your first time, this will be an excellent opportunity to meet with park biologists, ecologists, and archeologists to learn about Walnut Canyon National Monument.

Regular entrance fees apply. The entrance fee is \$5.00/person for visitors 16 and over. America the Beautiful Passes are honored and sold. There is no additional fee for this event.

Reservations are required for the picnic. Please contact Lisa Leap at 928-526-1157 ext. 222. Picnic space is limited. Sign up for the various talks will occur on site.

Walnut Canyon's Summer Picnic at the visitor center, Sunday, June 21, 2015

- 11:00am -3:00pm
- Participants must bring their own food and beverage. Dessert will be provided.
- Featured talks and tours will begin immediately after lunch. They will include:
 - o Ranger Cabin and CCC boundary fence
 - o Archeology along the Island Trail
 - o Archeology along the Ranger Ledge Trail
 - o Architectural styles at Walnut Canyon
 - o Bird watching and wildlife tracking/identification
 - o Plant identification and Ponderosa Pine
- Picnic area is wheelchair accessible as are several of the tours.
- Family friendly event.
- Wear comfortable shoes/clothing; don't forget your sun protection, extra water, and camera!

Event location

Walnut Canyon National Monument is located approximately 7.5 miles (12km) east of Flagstaff on I-40; take Exit 204, and head south. The Walnut Canyon Visitor Center is located at the end of this 3 mile road. Information can be obtained from (928)526-3367 and on the web at www.nps.gov/waca.

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