

Winter Programs at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

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WEST BRANCH, IOWA— Herbert Hoover National Historic Site invites visitors to attend free winter ranger programs in 2014.

Join a park ranger at 10 a.m. on January 18 for a one-hour “Snowshoe Through the Park”. The park has some snowshoes to lend. Call [\(319\) 643-2541](tel:3196432541) to reserve a pair. The hike is suitable for ages 5 and up, will begin at Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, and will cover less than one mile through the tallgrass prairie. Participants must have sturdy boots, and should dress appropriately for the weather and bring water.

Dr. Richard Baker continues his lecture series “Geology of the National Parks”, with presentations focusing on Everglades (January 15) and Arches and Canyonlands (February 19). The lectures begin at the visitor center of Herbert Hoover National Historic Site at 7 p.m. and last about one hour.

President’s Day weekend will be a good opportunity to learn more about our 31st President. On Saturday, February 15 a park ranger discusses “Herbert Hoover’s National Parks”: special places like Arches, Isle Royale, George Washington Birthplace, Sunset Crater Volcano, and other national parks and monuments preserved by Herbert Hoover’s administration. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. in the visitor center.

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Following “Herbert Hoover’s National Parks” on February 15 will be the grand opening of the historic site’s new permanent exhibits from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The new exhibits tell the stories of President Hoover’s childhood in West Branch and how he later helped develop this park which commemorates his life. Refreshments will be offered.

On Saturday, March 29 a park ranger will examine “The Undying Legacy of President Hoover”: the many places, events, and objects named in his honor. Archival photos and documents will illustrate his range of influence and the variety of ways his legacy carries on today. Audience members will be invited to share their own remembrances of Herbert Hoover during the program. Meet at the visitor center at 2 p.m.

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site and the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum are in West Branch, Iowa at exit 254 off I-80. Both are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time. For more information go online at www.nps.gov/heho or call [\(319\) 643-2541](tel:3196432541)

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