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## Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument Dripping Springs Natural Area 2014 Summer Series: Characters of the Past

***For one night only the characters of  
Dripping Springs' past will come alive:***

**July 26, 2014 starting at 6:30 PM**

Hear about the people, things, and events that made Las Cruces and surrounding areas the places they are today.



Experience life from over 100 years ago to today.

Hike the 3 miles (total) on Dripping Springs Trail and meet characters of Dripping Springs' past - like the Hermit, a miner, party goers, Van Patten's wife, tuberculosis patients and caretakers, cowboys and old time musicians.

At 6:30 PM come and meet the characters and hear their brief overview of their time in history.

The historical characters of Dripping Springs are shy and only rarely come back to life for picture opportunities. These characters will be located at different parts of the trail and historical structures - places that they "haunted" when they were alive. We should be off the trail by 8:30 PM, about the time it will be dark.

The program begins at the Visitor Center at Dripping Springs NA. Bring hiking shoes, water, snacks, hats, camera, etc., to make certain you have everything you need to have a healthy, happy hike.

Bring flashlights - the sun sets around 8:15 PM and it may be dark when leaving the trail. The guided hike will last approximately 2 hours. This program is being done in coordination with the Dona Ana Groundworks, YCC and New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. You are free to make your own way back down the trail.

A \$5.00 vehicle pass will apply (except for those who have the Golden Age, Access, America the Beautiful or the LCDO Recreation Pass). No extra fee will be charged for the program.

The Dripping Springs Natural Area is located 10 miles east of Las Cruces, on the west side of the Organ Mountains. From Exit 1 on Interstate 25, take University Avenue/Dripping Springs Road to the end where there is a parking lot.

For further information, call McKinney Briske at BLM's office at 575-525-4334.

