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(Neb.)-Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Announces Off-Season Hours



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(HARRISON)-Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer hours at Agate Fossil Beds National Monument. On Tuesday, September 3rd, the first day of off-season hours begins. Visitor center hours will be 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The center is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The Fossil Hills trail, which is a round trip of 2.7 miles, and the Daemonelex trail, which offers a one mile round-trip, are open from dawn till dusk year-round.

The visitor center features exhibits of Miocene age fossils and the James H. Cook Collection of American Indian artifacts. Rangers are available to present short talks about both the discovery of fossils and American Indian artifacts and culture. A 12-minute movie and an interactive hiker provide additional information. Upcoming events include a Star Party in late September, National Fossil Day in October and Boxing Day in December.

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument is located 22 miles south of Harrison, or 34 miles north of Mitchell, on State Highway 29. To reach the visitor center, turn east on River Road and drive three miles. Agate Fossil Beds is a free park. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/agfo or visit Agate Fossil Beds on Facebook.

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