Special Events 2006

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump is one of the oldest, largest and best preserved communal bison hunting sites in North America. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1981.



Located 18 km north and west of Fort Macleod on Secondary Highway #785

February 19 to April 9

Sunday at The Jump

Each Sunday at The Jump event features hands on activities and workshops designed to teach you about Blackfoot / Plains culture. Make your own drum and moccasins. Try your hand at flint-knapping or learn how to make fry bread or pemmican. Some workshops require a fee to cover material cost. Check our website for details.

February 20

Family Day

Be our guest on Family Day when we launch our Napi Legends Puppet Theatre. This day will be filled with a variety of fun activities and entertainment for the entire family to enjoy.

Free admission.

June 21

National Aboriginal Day

A celebration recognizing First Nations' contributions to Canadian society. Blackfoot entertainers and historians plus workshops featuring story-telling and traditional games are part of this special day.

July 5 to August 30

Drumming and Dancing on the Plaza

Every Wednesday, join us on the plaza to watch spectacular dance performances. Listen to drumming and singing featuring some of the best dancers and drum groups in western Canada.

Two performances daily: 11 am and 1:30 pm. No charge for performances.

September 9 & 10

Stones & Bones

Visitors may bring their artifacts or projectile points to the Interepretive Centre to be identified by archaeologists. Learn how points and projectiles are made by observing our talented Blackfoot guide and expert flint-knapper.

November 25

Christmas Festival and Craft Fair "Heritage In My Hands"

Native crafts people demonstrate and display their artistic skills and products during this pre-Christmas Festival and Craft Fair. Create a craft, make an artifact reproduction or buy your Christmas gifts from the artisans.

Free admission.

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May 12 to September 17

Tipi Camping

Camp beneath the famous cliffs of a 5,700 year old World Heritage Site steeped in the culture and history of the Plains People. Sleep within the unique form of the Blackfoot tipi, hike the trails, explore the interpretive centre and sample the food. Ask about the Rustic, Evening Star or Buffalo Trails Tipi Camping packages.

Multi-Cultural Birthday Bash

Come celebrate the Interpretive Centre's 19th birthday with performers from southern Alberta's multi-cultural mosaic. Special foods, music, poetry and dances represent the region's cultural diversity.

Free admission

July 23

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump toll free anywhere in Alberta at 310-0000, then dial 403 553-2731. Fax: (403) 553-3141 email: info@head-smashed-in.com www.head-smashed-in.com

Hours of Operation

Open year-round May 15 - September 14 9 am to 6 pm Remainder of year 10 am - 5 pm Closed: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday.



