

Moab Events

December 2025

Dec 1–2 Astoria Theatre Broadway Series- Performance of the musical comedy Mrs. Doubtfire at Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, Colorado. See pg 12A

Dec 3 History & Future of America’s Public Land- Join Walt Dabney, retired National Park Service professional, to learn why public lands matter. Find out how public lands came to be and what we stand to lose if they are transferred out of common ownership. 6 pm at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 250 Kane Creek Blvd. For info: 435-260-0762. See ad pg 4B

Dec 3 Live Music: Blu Pig- Community Music Night

Dec 3 Spirit of Giving Holiday Art Fundraiser- The Community Hospital Foundation and The Art Center of Western Colorado invite ;you to an evening of artistry and generosity! 5:30–7:30pm, \$15. At The Art Center, 1803 N. 7th Street, Grand Junction, Colorado. gjartcenter.org/

Dec 4 Live Music: Blu Pig- Danny Rose

Dec 5 Holiday Tree Lighting- 5pm at Swanny Park

Dec 5 35th Birthday Party Back of Beyond Books- 20% off everything in the store, refreshments. 5–8pm.

Dec 5–6 3rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair- December 5: 9am–7pm, and December 6: 9am–4pm. 1st Gingerbread House Contest. At the Moab Valley Inn. .Contact Brandy Gritts, 435-260-8770 for details or to be a vendor.



Dec 5–6 2025 Holiday Craft Fair- Friday, Dec 5 from 4–9pm and Saturday, Dec 6 from 10am–4pm, at Moab Arts (the MARC), 111 E 100 N, Moab. See ad pg 4A, 7B

Dec 5 Holiday Tree Lighting- 5pm at Swanny Park, pg 2A

Dec 5 Live Music: Blu Pig- The Hugh Phillips Band

Dec 6 Moab Locals 10K- Fun and festive road running event starting at the Moab Golf Course and finishing at Moab Regional Hospital. Walkers, runners, joggers, strollers, and well behaved dogs on leashes with human companion welcome. Award for best costume. Info: runsignup.com/Race/UT/Moab/MoabLocals10K



Dec 6 Electric Light Parade- The parade starts at 6 pm with a new route. It starts at the Center St. Ball Park, and goes south on 200 E, right on 300 S, to Main St., right for 3 blocks, to left on Center St., to right on 100W, to Swanny Park

Dec 6 Gallery Moab Artist Reception- Charlotte Quigley paintings will be on exhibit. Join us for a festive evening of refreshments and creative camaraderie before the Electric Light Parade begins. 5–7pm at Gallery Moab. See article pg 7B

Dec 6 Live Music: Blu Pig- Lost Buffalo

Dec 6 Palisade Winter Faire- The highlight of Palisade’s Olde Fashioned Christmas weekend—a full day of shopping, entertainment, and holiday cheer in the heart of Downtown Palisade, Colorado. Guests can explore a festive outdoor market filled with local vendors, handmade gifts, live performances, carriage rides, children’s activities, and even a visit from Santa himself! 11am–4pm. info palisadecoc.com/ofc/

Dec 6 3rd Bi-Annual Jewelry Swap- Bring your gently used treasures to the swap, enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, find "new to you" items that you love, bring home your treasures! Items to bring to the swap: jewelry, scarves, purses, wallets, belts, hats, accessories. \$20 suggested admission which serves as a fundraiser for UUCGV. 6pm at 536 Ouray Ave, Grand Junction, Colorado. Info: https://www.grandvalleyuu.org/jewelry-swap.html

DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK RANGER PROGRAMS

Dec 4 Full Moon Hike • December’s Full Moon, called the **Cold Moon**, traditionally signifies the coming of winter. Join us for our monthly Full Moon Hike as we follow a paved loop around our Visitor Center and explore the changes winter brings to the Colorado Plateau under the light of a cold winter moon. This season at Dead Horse Point can be cold and wet, so dress appropriately! Meet at the steps of the Visitor Center at 5:30pm.



Dec 6 Star Party • The Big Dipper’s Polar Plunge! You may know the Big Dipper, but did you know that at around this time every year, from our perspective here in Utah, this beloved asterism plunges toward the northern horizon? Find out why as we explore the myths and science behind the Big Dipper! Meet at the Mountain Bike Lot at 5:30pm!

Dec 13 Star Party • The Geminid Meteor Shower. What is a meteor shower? These mysterious events occur with regularity, but certain aspects remain difficult to predict! During the peak of December’s Geminid Meteor Shower, learn all about meteors, planets, moons, and other objects in our solar system! Meet at the Mountain Bike Lot at 5:30pm!

Dec 24 Star Party • Stars of Wonder. Join us for a special Star Party this Christmas Eve! Hot chocolate will be available for purchase from 5:00pm to 5:30pm. We’ll be using our telescope to explore some of the most magnificent stars in the Milky Way Galaxy, from binary stars to giant stars to star clusters and star remnants. Held in the Visitor Center parking lot, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm!

Dec 27 Star Party • Seasons in the Sky. Throughout human history, the stars have served as our collective calendar, chronicling the passage of time. The stories their constellations tell are among the oldest seasonal tales. Learn these stories as we explore the winter sky and begin to ring in the new year! Meet at the Mountain Bike Lot at 5:30pm!

Jan 1 Bighorn Trail • Do your New Year Resolutions include staying in shape, spending more time in nature, exploring new places, or making new friends? Join a Park Ranger at Dead Horse Point State Park for a **First Day Hike** out to one of our favorite overlooks in the park at the end of the Bighorn Trail! This hike will be approximately 3 miles in total, crossing rough, uneven, and potentially slick terrain. Please dress appropriately! We’ll meet at the Visitor Center at 9:00am! *As park operations will be limited on this holiday, the leading ranger will check receipts for proper admission fee self-payments, or facilitate alternative payment methods at the Visitor Center from 8:30am to the program start time.*

***Events are subject to change due to weather and conditions.**

Park Hours: 6:00am–10:00pm

Visitor Center Hours: 9:00am–5:00pm

For more park information visit:
<https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/dead-horse/events>

MOAB MUSIC FESTIVAL
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Tickets

Holiday Concert

Star Hall, 7pm
December 13, 2025
Tickets: \$25 (adult);
\$10 (students 12-18)

Tessa Lark - Violin

Mark Dover - Clarinet

Peter Dugan - Piano

Winterlude

Star Hall, 7pm
February 21-27, 2026
Tickets: \$25 (adults)
\$10 (6 and up)

Grammy Winners: Akropolis Reed Quintet, Christian Euman, and Nick Photinos

Grammy Winner: Pascal Le Beouf