

Around Moab

Fruita Farmers & Makers Market, And Concert Series

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You're guaranteed a selection of fresh, locally grown or raised food at the Fruita Farmers and Makers Market in Fruita, Colorado. It's required that all food sold at the market must have been produced within 100 miles of the Grand Valley.



The Fruita Farmers and Makers Market is held every Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Fruita Civic Center Park, 325 E. Aspen Ave. The market kicked off June 13 and will continue through October 31.



In addition to an array of fruits and vegetables, such as cucumbers, tomatoes, onions and garlic, and



cherries, apricots and peaches, marketgoers will find fresh steak, ground beef, roast and chicken. Additionally, there are approximately 60 different vendors selling a variety of artisan crafts.

Be sure and visit the "kids in business" booth — with children under the age of 16 selling handmade bracelets, fresh lemonade, homemade jams and aprons. There's even a kid-operated food truck.

Live music ranging from acoustic to rock to country will be performed during each farmers market.

Fruita Free Summer Concert Series

Another reason to make a trip to Fruita is to attend one of the city's free concerts on Thursday evenings at Civic Center Park. The outdoor summer concert series is presented by the town of Fruita, and is free and open to the public.

The concert series began June 4 and will run through August 13, with a mix of local musicians and touring acts.

On July 2, a special "150-250 Celebration" (commemorating Colorado's 150th anniversary, and the United States' 250th anniversary) will feature Hazel Miller and the Collective, an iconic Colorado band known for its original, jazz, blues, R&B, and popular music. A drone show will take place immediately following the concert, said Fruita City Manager Shannon Vassen.

There are no vendors at this event — concertgoers are encouraged to bring food and drinks if they wish.

Also performing this summer at Civic Center Park are the Dubious Brothers, Awen Family Band, South Austin Moonlighters, Frank Begar Orchestra, The Rocky Mountain Ramblers, and The Kelli Baker Band ft Noa Socha.



Shows start around 7:30 p.m. and last until 9 or 9:30. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for the ground.

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