

# Green River Events

## The West's Best Geology Fest! — April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Spend the weekend in scenic Green River, Utah, for the town's annual Green River Rocks festival hosted by Epicenter on the grounds of the John Wesley Powell River History Museum from April 10th-12th. The festival is free and open to the public, and will feature expert-led field trips, rock and mineral vendors, educational activities, demos, and lectures. Visit [GreenRiverRocks.com](http://GreenRiverRocks.com) for the most up-to-date schedule of events, including field trip details.

Festivities begin Friday night, April 10th, at the auditorium at the John Wesley Powell River History Museum with a lecture from archaeologist and author R.E. Burrillo. Rock and mineral vendors, artisans, and family friendly activities will be set up on the John Wesley Powell River History Museum grounds on Saturday April 11th from 9am-4pm.

Science Moab joins us this year to present Science on Tap at Ray's Tavern on Saturday evening featuring geologist and river researcher Sam Bagge. Bagge's presentation, titled Running Rapids for Science, will take place from 7:30-8:30pm, but doors will open at 6:30 to accommodate food orders.

This year Green River Rocks features field trips to incredible locations that put Utah's geology, paleontology, and archaeology on full display. Field trips are free and depart from the John Wesley Powell River History Museum both Saturday and Sunday.

Paleontologists Jim Kirkland, Julia McHugh, Joshua Lively, and Benjamin Burger return, leading trips to incredible fossil sights around Green River, Temple Mountain, and the

epic San Rafel Swell. We welcome paleontologists Logan King, Georgia Knauss, Paul Murphey, and Emily Lessner to the roster of field trip leaders, as well. Each will be guiding a fascinating trip for this year's event. Geologists Paul Anderson, Tom Chidsey, and William and David Little return to guide tours through the stratigraphy of the Swell, and we welcome David Berry, who will lead a field trip exploring uranium mining history in the Yellowcat area. Rock art conservationists Geoff Smith and Steve and Diana Acerson join us again to guide trips to Buckhorn Draw and Segó Canyon, and Layne Miller will guide another glorious trip into Nine Mile Canyon.

All field trips require in-person sign-up, and are first come, first serve. Sign-ups are held Friday from 4-6PM at the museum before the opening lecture, and continue through Saturday and Sunday during the event. All field trips depart from the museum. Visit [GreenRiverRocks.com](http://GreenRiverRocks.com) for field trip information.

Vendor applications are still open for the Saturday marketplace. Vendor booths are free this year! Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and we encourage local artists, rock and gem vendors, and food trucks to apply. Visit [GreenRiverRocks.com](http://GreenRiverRocks.com) for vendor

information or call Zoe Gardner at (435) 564-3330.

Green River Rocks is sponsored by the Emery County Travel Bureau and the City of Green River. The festival is always seeking additional sponsors, donors, and volunteer support. Email [info@greenriverrocks.com](mailto:info@greenriverrocks.com) or call Epicenter at (435) 564-3330 for details. Visit the event website to see the full list of sponsors.

About: Green River Rocks is the West's best geology fest! Our free and family-friendly festival celebrates the rich geocultural heritage of Green River and its surrounding landscapes. Some of Earth's most significant geological formations, fossil discoveries, and archaeological sites lie just outside of our small, rural town. The weekend-long festival, which brings over 350 people to Green River, is hosted by Epicenter and the Bureau of Land Management.

Epicenter: Green River Rocks is brought to you by Epicenter. Epicenter stewards creative initiatives that combine art, architecture, and rural investment in order to build a more resilient, equitable, and vibrant local community. Epicenter is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was established in 2009. Visit [ruralandproud.org](http://ruralandproud.org) for more info.



## LET'S RIDE! Upcoming Dirt Bike and UTV in Green River, Utah

Green River, Utah, long considered "the hub" for exploring the gorgeous desert of southeastern Utah, is welcoming two off-roading events in April & May

### Green River Dirt Bike Rally: San Rafael Swell / Green River Rally

Join the City of Green River from April 23-25, 2026 for the 6th annual Dirt Bike Rally! The rally hub will be located at 90 West Pirate Avenue (i.e. the baseball fields on the north end of town), for a small vendor market, maps of the area, door prizes, gear/bike demos, and more!

Take your family on an easy, but scenic trail, jump on a moderate trail with your buddies, or challenge yourself on some of the most difficult trails in the nation!

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At the Green River Dirt Bike Rally

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**OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES: THE WINNER MUST BE PRESENT AT THE RALLY HUB BETWEEN 6:30 AND 7:00PM ON FRIDAY APRIL 24TH, 2026. ENTRIES TO THE DRAWING WILL BE ISSUED AS FOLLOWS.**

- 1 TICKET TO EVERY ADULT RALLY REGISTRATION (THE WINNER MUST PROVIDE PHOTO ID VERIFYING AGE)
- 1 TICKETS FOR EVERY PAID GUIDED RIDE (EXCLUDING THE THURSDAY NIGHT GEYSER TOUR)
- 1 TICKET FOR EVERY ADULT THAT PAYS FOR A THURSDAY NIGHT SKILL TRAINING
- 3 TICKETS FOR EVERY OFFICIAL RALLY GUIDE OR SWEEP.

During the three days of riding, riders will also have the chance to participate in skills training courses, guided tours, have a chance to win some cash and prizes, and oh yeah, we will be giving away a dirt bike! The estate of Dick Brass is giving away a brand new KTM 300 XCW Hard Enduro Edition at this year's rally!

Visit [greenriverdirtbikerally.com](http://greenriverdirtbikerally.com) for the full schedule of events and more details.

### Green River Watermelon Crawl: San Rafael Swell / Green River Ride

Join us for the Watermelon Crawl May 2-3, 2026 in Green River! This OHV event showcases the spectacular trail systems of Green River and the San Rafael Swell while supporting our local business community. Register today to explore these incredible landscapes alongside our knowledgeable guides!

To register, go to [greenriverwatermeloncrawl.com](http://greenriverwatermeloncrawl.com)

For information about either event contact: Robin Hunt, City of Green River Special Event Coordinator, 435-820-0592, [rhunt@greenriver.utah.gov](mailto:rhunt@greenriver.utah.gov). And be sure to mention you read about it in *Moab Happenings*.



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