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A HISTORY OF RED ROCKS

The natural amphitheater took more than **200 million years** to form and was once located on an ocean floor. Since then, a few key events have shaped the beloved 640-acre park into the destination it is today.

1911

Opera singer Mary Garden becomes the first solo performance at the Garden of the Angels

ONLY 18 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN DENVER!



1870

Area named "The Garden of the Angels" by Martin Van Buren Luther

1928

The City of Denver buys the land, which becomes known as "Red Rocks"

1931

The Trading Post opens, selling hot dogs for 10¢ and ice cream for 5¢



1936

Construction of the formal amphitheater begins as part of the Civilian Conservation Corps Works Progress Administration developed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt

1941

Amphitheater officially opened

1964

The Beatles, in their first U.S. tour, perform the first rock concert at Red Rocks

2015

Designated a National Historic Landmark

» Dinosaurs once roamed Jurassic Colorado. Footprints can still be seen on Dinosaur Ridge, just east of the park.

» The two monoliths flanking the amphitheater are called Creation Rock and Ship Rock. They are both 300 feet high.

» In 1983, U2 experienced a watershed moment that made the Irish group internationally famous by releasing their concert film, "U2 Live at Red Rocks: Under a Blood Red Sky."

» There is a 100-foot elevation gain between the stage and the back row. Fitness enthusiasts come to the amphitheater to run along the seats, climb the stairs and take yoga classes.

» Since The Beatles, the stars have just kept coming: Sonny & Cher, the Carpenters, Carole King, Depeche Mode, Jimi Hendrix, Rush, the Grateful Dead, Stevie Nicks, Phish, Neil Young, Kenny Chesney, Florence + The Machine and so many more.

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