

# MILE HIGH MONDAYS

## 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.

**ONLY 18 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN DENVER!**

**1870** Area named "The Garden of the Angels" by Martin Van Buren Luther

**1911** Opera singer Mary Garden becomes the first solo performance at the Garden of the Angels

**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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