

Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site  
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## **Fort Phil Kearny hosts “Full Moon Fort” with Lantern Tours**

Guided Lantern Tours at Fort Phil Kearny will illuminate the darker side of the Fort and the contested “Bloody Bozeman” as part of a special event on the evening of October 24, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Visitors can expect to hear fun facts and “grisly” details related to the daily lives of soldiers at the “hated Fort on Buffalo Creek.”

Visitors bringing young people are encouraged to attend earlier tours from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Later tours, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. are aimed at an audience aged 14 to adult. This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event will feature a “Grimms Brothers” theme. Later tours will be slightly gorier and/or have more frightening themes.

“We don’t have to make anything up to create good narratives. Fort Phil Kearny was an incredibly dramatic – and terrifying- place to be in 1866 and 1867,” Site Superintendent Misty Stoll said. The soldiers stationed at Fort Phil Kearny in 1866 would have been familiar with the Grimms Brothers’ tales, “. . . and possibly identified with the themes of abandonment, starvation, and fear” that were often a part of the Brothers’ tales, Stoll says.

The tours will take place on the Saturday night preceding the October full moon. Visitors are encouraged to dress warmly for the 30 minute tours. The Fort Phil Kearny Interpretive Center and Gift Shop will be open during the duration of the event.

A fee of \$5 per car load will apply. Proceeds will benefit Fort Phil Kearny programming and interpretation. In cases of dangerously cold or wet conditions, the event will be canceled. For announcements and more information visit Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site on Facebook and at [FortPhilKearny.com](http://FortPhilKearny.com).

Fort Phil Kearny State History Site is open Wednesday through Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 528 Wagon Box Rd in Banner, Wyoming off Exit 44 from Interstate 90. For more information call (307) 684-7629 or email the Superintendent at [misty.stoll@wyo.gov](mailto:misty.stoll@wyo.gov).