

Mueller State Park Programs



August 2020

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COVID-19 Guidelines

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Saturday, August 1st

Hike: Osborn Cabin Loop

8:30 AM Meet at Black Bear TH
Join Naturalist Pam on this 3-mile hike. Imagine what it was like to homestead here and learn of Mueller's early residents.

Patio Talk: Owls

2:00 PM Meet at the Visitor Center
Join Naturalist Pam to find out about these fascinating birds.

Sunday, August 2nd

Hike: School Pond

8:30 AM Meet at School Pond TH
Learn about a unique ecosystem, wetlands, with Naturalist Pam on this 2-mile hike.

Nature Walk

10:00 AM Meet at Wapiti TH
Explore the plants and animals that live in Mueller. 1-mile walk with Naturalist Cassie.

Monday, August 3rd

Hike: Full Moon Hike

8:30 PM Meet at Outlook Ridge TH
Watch the full moon rising over Pikes Peak! Learn some fun facts and myths about our only natural satellite. Dress for cool, mountain air and bring a flashlight. Moderate 2-mile walk with Volunteer Jim.

Tuesday, August 4th

Hike: Rock Pond and Canyon

8:00 AM Meet at Rock Pond TH
This 5-mile hike led by Volunteer Cindi visits two of the park's most scenic ponds. See lots of wildflowers and maybe wildlife. A favorite park trail!

Owl Pellets!

2:00 PM Meet at Camper Services
Discover what owls like to eat! Amazing and fun! Led by Naturalist Linda.



Wednesday, August 5th

Bird Walk

8:30 AM Meet at Elk Meadow TH
Get to know the birds of the area with Volunteer Craig. Slow-paced 1.5-miles.

Hike: Cahill Cabin Loop

9:00 AM Meet at Grouse Mt. TH
Imagine what it was like to homestead here, living off the land, and learn about Mueller's early residents. Join Volunteer Penny on a moderate 3-mile hike.

Patio Talk: Pollinators

2:00 PM Meet at the Visitor Center
Join Naturalist Pam to find out who is pollinating our flowers!

Thursday, August 6th

Hike: Dynamite Cabin

1:00 PM Meet at Grouse Mt. TH
Visit an old cabin site in the woods and imagine who lived there! Join Naturalist Pam on this easy 2-mile hike.

Friday, August 7th

Hike: Outlook Ridge

8:00 AM Meet at Outlook Ridge TH
Wander with Volunteer Cindi experiencing flowers, trees and animals along the trail. Visit the 3 beautiful overlooks with views of the distant mountains. Moderate 4-miles.

Know the Bear Facts!

10:30 AM On the Visitor Center Patio
Black bears are often misunderstood. Join Naturalist Isaac to learn about these common Colorado mammals.

Hug a Tree to Survive - for Kids

3:00 PM Meet at the Camper Services
Wilderness survival practices and techniques for kids to succeed in the great outdoors, through hands-on instruction from Naturalist Rusty.

Saturday, August 8th

Hike: Murphy's Cut

8:15 AM Meet at Elk Meadow TH
Learn some history about local railroads at a former depot within Mueller. Led by Naturalist Isaac. 3-mile moderate hike.

Hike: Raptor Ramble-Brain Teaser

10:00 AM Meet at the Visitor Center
Take a short hike with Volunteer Pat and look for photos of birds of prey posted along the trail. Identify the bird in the photo from hints given then, transfer letters in the raptor name to blanks in a riddle to help decipher a funny saying about birds. Recommended for ages 8 to adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations required. Maximum number 10.

Patio Talk: Owls

2:00 PM Meet at the Visitor Center
Join Naturalist Pam to find out about these fascinating birds.

Sunday, August 9th

Hike: Lost Pond

8:30 AM Meet at Lost Pond TH
Explore pond life, including salamanders and snails! Join Naturalist Pam on this 2-mile moderate hike.

Tuesday, August 11th

Hike: Cheesman Ranch Loop

8:00 AM Meet at Grouse Mt. TH
Explore one of the best-preserved historic sites in Mueller on this 5-mile loop, led by Naturalist Cindi. Bring plenty of water!

Wednesday, August 12th

Wildernessing: Element of Wind

9:00 AM Meet Outlook Ridge TH
Wildernessing is the practice of connecting with Planet Earth and your inner wild child through mindful activities in nature, to help reduce stress. It helps build the immune system, feelings of empowerment, energy and achieve clarity by cultivating self-trust. Learn about your body and your well-being through meditation, observation, art and movement. Need a breath of fresh air and a new perspective on a topic? Join Naturalist, Felicia, for a walk to see what nature can teach us about getting a fresh insight on our life. Be sure to have something to focus on for this activity. Bring water, a journal, a pen and something to sit on. Ages 12 and up. Dress for the weather. Must pre-register at the Visitor Center or calling 719-687-2366

Hike: Osborn Cabin Loop

9:00 AM Meet at Black Bear TH
Learn about Mueller's early residents and imagine what it was like to homestead here, to make a living off the land! Join Volunteer Penny on a 3-mile hike.

Hike: School Pond

1:00 PM Meet at School Pond TH
Watch for wildflowers and wildlife on this gentle 2-mile trail. Led by Naturalist Cassie.

Thursday, August 13th

Hike: Brook/Rock Pond

8:30 AM Meet at the Visitor Center
Visit these backcountry ponds to learn about nature's engineer! Join Naturalist Pam on this moderate 5-mile hike.

Fly Fishing Basics

10:00 AM Meet at Dragonfly Pond
Learn the difference between fly-fishing and spin casting and give it a try with Naturalist Linda. Equipment provided. 8 yrs and up.

Friday, August 14th

Hike: Elk Meadow, Murphy's Cut

8:00 AM Meet at Elk Meadow TH
Join Volunteer Cindi on this 4-mile hike through the meadows and forest to the site of a historic railroad!

Hike: Cahill Loop

10:00 AM Meet at Grouse Mt. TH
Join Naturalist Pam to see gorgeous views of Pikes Peak, a pond and an old abandoned cabin on this 3-mile hike.

Hummingbird Tales

10:30 AM Meet at the Visitor Center
Learn all about these amazing birds!

Knots and Lashing

3:00 PM Meet at Camper Services
Learn the old camp skill of tying knots and lashing! Fun, interactive and practical! What can you build with sticks and rope? Led by Volunteer Rusty.

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Saturday, August 15th

Hike: Dynamite Cabin

8:00 AM Meet at Grouse Mt. TH

Visit one of the park's most hidden cabins on this short 1.5-mile route. Led by Naturalist Isaac.

Archery

10:00 AM Meet at Dragonfly Pond

Learn to shoot with a bow and arrow!

Equipment provided. 8 yrs and up. Led by Naturalist Linda.

Pond Safari

2:00 PM Meet at Dragonfly Pond

Discover all the living things that live in a pond! Hands-on and fun! Led by Naturalist Linda.

Sunday, August 16th

Hike: School Pond

8:30 AM Meet at School Pond TH

Learn about a unique ecosystem - wetlands with Naturalist Pam on this 2-mile hike.

Patio Talk: Owls

2:00 PM Meet at the Visitor Center

Join Naturalist Pam to find out about these fascinating birds.

Tuesday, August 18th

Hike: Rock Pond and Canyon

8:00 AM Meet at Rock Pond TH

This 5-mile hike led by Volunteer Cindi visits two of the park's most scenic ponds. See lots of wildflowers and maybe wildlife. Bring plenty of water!

Hike: Dark Sky Walk

8:30 PM Meet at Outlook Ridge TH

Join Volunteer Jim to watch the sun fade and the night sky unfold. Learn to identify constellations, the North Star and the Milky Way. Discuss fun facts about the night sky. Dress for the cool mountain air, bring a flashlight. Easy one mile, 1 1/2 hours.

Wednesday, August 19th

Hike: Cummings Cabin

9:00 AM Meet at Grouse Mountain TH

Join Volunteer Penny on a 2-mile hike. Imagine what it was like to homestead here and learn about Mueller's early residents.

Hike: Wapiti Nature Trail

1:00 PM Meet at Wapiti TH

Explore the montane forest habitat with Naturalist Cassie. 1-mile trail.

Thursday, August 20th

Hike: Osborn Homestead

8:30 AM Meet at Black Bear TH

Journey back in time with Naturalist Pam and find out what happened to Sumner Osborn on this 3-mile hike.

Friday, August 21st

Hike: Outlook Ridge

8:00 AM Meet at Outlook Ridge TH

Wander with Volunteer Cindi experiencing flowers, trees and animals on the trail. Visit the 3 beautiful overlooks with views of the distant mountains. Moderate 4-miles.

Hike: Dynamite Cabin

8:00 AM Meet at Grouse Mt. TH

Visit one of the park's most hidden cabins on this short 1.5-mile route. Led by Naturalist Isaac.

Nature Crafts

3:00 PM Meet at Camper Services

Bring your creativity to life using supplies provided by Mother Nature herself, hands-on instruction by Volunteer Rusty.

Saturday, August 22nd

Hike: Nature Walk

10:00 AM Meet at Outlook Ridge TH

Explore the trees and flowers of Mueller. Discuss fun facts about the ecology of our mountain environment with Volunteer Jim. Easy one mile, 1 1/2 hours.

Hike: Peak View Salamander Hike

4:30 PM Meet at Elk Meadow TH

Walk to Peak View Pond to search for Tiger Salamanders during this educational hike led by Naturalist Isaac. 1.5-miles.

Sunday, August 23rd

Hike: School Pond

10:00 AM Meet at School Pond TH

Gentle hills through forest and meadow. Great for wildflowers and signs of wildlife! Led by Naturalist Cassie, 2-miles.

Sunset Hike

7:00 PM Meet at Outlook Ridge TH

Join Naturalist Pam to enjoy a beautiful sunset from Outlook Ridge. We will be hiking back in the dark. 1.5 miles.

Monday, August 24th

Hike: Brook, Rock Pond and Canyon

8:00 AM Meet at Rock Pond TH

This 5-mile hike led by Volunteer Cindi visits two of the park's most scenic ponds. See lots of wildflowers and maybe wildlife. Bring plenty of water!

Tuesday, August 25th

Fly Fishing Basics

9:00 AM Meet at Dragonfly Pond

Learn the difference between fly-fishing and spin casting and give it a try with Naturalist Linda. Equipment provided. 8 yrs and up.

Wednesday, August 26th

Hike: Cheesman Ranch Loop

9:00 AM Meet at Grouse Mt. TH

Explore the northern portion of the park with Volunteer Penny and visit one of the best-preserved historic sites in Mueller on this 5-mile loop.

Hike: Peak View

10:00 AM Meet at Elk Meadow TH.

Explore bird and pond life with Naturalist Pam on this easy 1.5-mile hike down to the pond.

Thursday, August 27th

Hike: Lost Pond

8:30 AM Meet at Lost Pond TH

Explore pond life, including salamanders and snails! Join Naturalist Pam on this 2-mile moderate hike.

Friday, August 28th

Hike: Cheesman Ranch Loop

8:00 AM Meet at Grouse Mt. TH

Explore the northern portion of the park with Volunteer Cindi and visit one of the best-preserved historic sites in Mueller on this 5-mile loop. Bring plenty of water!

Hike: Discovery Walk

3:00 PM Meet at the Visitor Center

Get the kids 3-6 years old and families involved with an interactive hike especially for them featuring the sights and sounds of Mueller with Naturalist Rusty. Easy 1-hour hike.

Sunset Hike

7:00 PM Meet at Outlook Ridge TH

Join Naturalist Isaac to enjoy a beautiful sunset from Outlook Ridge. We will be hiking back in the dark.

Saturday, August 29th

Archery

10:00 AM Meet at Dragonfly Pond

Learn to shoot with a bow and arrow! Equipment provided. 8 yrs and up. Led by Naturalist Linda.

Hike: Peak View Salamander Hike

4:30 PM Meet at Elk Meadow TH

Walk to Peak View Pond to search for Tiger Salamanders during this educational hike led by Naturalist Isaac. 1.5-miles.

Sunday, August 30th

Hike: Wildflower Walk

8:30 AM Meet at Visitor Center.

Join Naturalist Pam on a 1-mile search for beautiful wildflowers native to Mueller!

