COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Mueller State Park Programs

October Programs 2026

Programs happen rain, snow, or shine unless posted otherwise. Check the cpw.state.co.us/events and the Mueller Facebook page for any event changes or to sign up for events requiring registration.

Thu, Oct. 1: Fall Leaf Collage
9:30-11:30 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Collect fallen leaves and create a fall collage. Fun art project for all ages. All supplies provided.

Thu, Oct. 1: Flora & Fawn Watercolor
1-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Use watercolors to paint a picture of a fawn surrounded by leaves, flowers and autumn colors. All supplies provided, but you can bring your own if you prefer.

Fri, Oct. 2: Basic Survival for Kids
2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
How do you prepare for a hike? What should you pack? What do you do if you get lost? Learn survival skills everyone can use. This program is geared towards kids and their guardians, but all are welcome. Ages 5 and up.

Fri, Oct. 2: Fall Colors Sensory Hike
2-3:30 p.m. Meet at Lost Pond Trailhead
Do you know why tree leaves change color? Use your sense of sight, touch, hearing and smell to connect to changes we experience in fall on this 1 mile hike.

Fri, Oct. 2: Halloween Sing-Along
4:30-5:30 p.m. Meet at Camper Services
Sing-along to some of your favorite and familiar tunes in this upbeat, interactive event while moving and clapping to the rhythm! Bring your ukulele or guitar if you play.

Sat, Oct. 3: Big Backyard
2-3:30 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater
Discover what animals live in the park and how to identify them with their tracks and scat (poo!). This program is geared towards ages 5-12, but all are welcome.

Sat, Oct. 3: Dark Sky Stories
7-8 p.m. Meet at Camper Services
Listen to stories from the perspective of plants and animals to learn how all living things are connected to the night sky and how you can protect them.

Sun, Oct. 4: Osborn Homestead Hike
9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet at Homestead Trailhead
Travel back in time as you explore the remains of the Osborn Homestead built in 1915 on this 4.5 mile hike with experienced volunteer naturalist, Rose.

Wed, Oct. 7: Elk Elevation E-bike Ride
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet at Bootlegger Parking Lot
(Registration required)
Enjoy a relaxed, scenic 4.5 mile e-bike ride through Mueller's forests, with sweeping Pikes Peak views and shimmering Aspen groves. Make stops along the way to learn about elk. Ages 15 and up. Helmet required. Bring water, a snack, and sunscreen. Pre-register online at cpw.state.co.us/events

Fri, Oct. 9: Lunch with a Bear
2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Discover cool facts about black bears, learn what they eat for lunch and make a craft in this great program for kids. Best for ages 3-5 but all are welcome.

Sat, Oct. 10: Big Backyard
2-3:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
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Sun, Oct. 11: Forest Bathing
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
(Registration required)
Unwind & immerse in nature's joy & wonder through the healing practice of Forest Bathing/shinrin yoku. Join Forest Therapy Guide Jane for this peaceful 1.5 mile walk to quiet the mind, open the senses and connect with the land. Closing gratitude circle with tea brewed from local plants. Min. age 12 recommended. Pre-register online at cpw.state.co.us/events.

Tue, Oct. 13: Cheesman Ranch & High Point Hike
9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead
Get in some distance with this roughly 6.5 mile hike. See the many habitats in the park like forests, meadows and valleys as you pass the historic Cheesman Ranch. End with a short climb to the highest point in the park to enjoy beautiful views.

Wed, Oct. 14: Paper Basket Weaving Class
1-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Use paper plates and colored string to create a piece of art while learning about the practice of basket weaving. Supplies provided.

Fri, Oct. 16: UN-nature Hike for Kids
2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Take a super short hike and use your observation skills to notice cool things in nature. Great for kids ages 5 and older.

Fri, Oct. 16: 3rd Annual Pumpkin Hike
6-8 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
A section of the Wapiti Trail will be lit with carved pumpkins. See them all and vote for your favorite. Enjoy other activities like Halloween storytime, meet real owls, go on a nocturnal animal hike and more. Anyone can submit a carved pumpkin for the event. Carvings must be family friendly. Submit pumpkins to the Visitor Center on Oct. 14 from 9am-7pm, Oct. 15 from 7am-4pm or Oct. 16 9am-4pm.

Fri, Oct. 23: Story of Pikes Peak Hike
10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Take in beautiful views of the west side of Pikes Peak on this 2 mile hike. Along the way hear about how Pikes Peak was formed, the people who've climbed it over history and how it became America's mountain.

Fri, Oct. 23: Fall Colors Sensory Hike
2-3:30 p.m. Meet at Lost Pond Trailhead
Do you know why tree leaves change color? Use your sense of sight, touch, hearing and smell to connect to changes we experience in fall on this 1 mile hike.

Sat, Oct. 24: Guided Nature Hike
9:15-11:15 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Enjoy a 2 mile hike through the beautiful montane forest. Experienced volunteer naturalist, Penny, will be your guide to answer questions about plants, animals and park history along the way.

Sat, Oct. 24: Big Backyard
2-3:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Discover what animals live in the park and how to identify them with their tracks and scat (poo!). This program is geared towards ages 5-12, but all are welcome.

Sun, Oct. 25: Fall Nature Hike
9:15-10:45 a.m. Meet at School Pond Trailhead
Enjoy a peaceful hike in the woods in a quiet part of the park. This is a 1.6 mile hike with experienced volunteer naturalist, Rose.

Fri, Oct. 30: Halloween/Murder Mystery Hike
5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet at Black Bear Trailhead
Make the 2 mile journey to the Osborn Homestead and learn about the mysterious disappearance of Sumner Osborn, a local homesteader who disappeared from the property in 1941.