

Mueller State Park Programs



December 2022

Always hike with a map, water, and weather protection

Winter Weather

As winter approaches, the weather can be quite variable. Snow can make the trails wet, muddy, snowy, icy or dry! Call the Visitor Center between 9-4 p.m. for current conditions. 719-687-2366

Saturday, December 3rd

Hike: Nature Detectives: Premonitions of Winter

10:00 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Learn about mammals, large and small, that live in Mueller in winter. Discover their tricks to stay warm and find food! Join Volunteer Naturalist Hannah on this 2-mile loop hike to Preacher's Hollow.

Wednesday, December 7th

Hike: Bird Walk

8:30 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Come see and hear the birds of Mueller overwintering in the area. Learn the trees and some natural history along the way. 1.5-mile slow-paced walk led by Volunteer Naturalist Michael. Dress for conditions and bring water!

Saturday, December 10th

Hike: If Bigfoot can do it, so can you!

10:00 a.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead
Discover how Bigfoot remains undetected by following the principles of "Leave No Trace". Join Volunteer Naturalist Hannah on this 2-mile out and back hike along Outlook Ridge. Dress for conditions and bring water and a snack!

Holiday Crafts!

2:00 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Get your holiday craft on! Make a holiday decoration or ornament to take home with items from nature! The ideas are endless! Fun for all ages! Led by Volunteer Naturalist Rusty.

Sunday, December 11th

Hike: Elk Meadow

9:00 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Enjoy the wide-open spaces along Elk Meadow Trail as winter paints the landscape. Rolling hills and some deep forest on this 2-mile trail. Led by Volunteer Naturalist Rose. Dress in layers and bring water!

Tuesday, December 13th

Hike: Wapiti Nature Trail

9:00 a.m. Meet at Wapiti Trailhead
Learn about the unique characteristics of Mueller State Park. Identify birds, trees, and learn some general natural history. 1-mile slow-paced loop. Led by Volunteer Naturalist Michael.

Saturday, December 17th

Hike: Holiday Hike!

10:00 a.m. Meet at Black Bear Trailhead
Wear your best ugly sweater and celebrate the magic of Mueller during the holidays! Join Volunteer Naturalist Hannah on this 2-mile loop on Homestead and Black Bear trails. Dress for conditions and bring water and a snack!

Sunday, December 18th

Hike: School Pond

9:00 a.m. Meet at School Pond Trailhead
Enjoy this quiet trail where usually just the deer and elk roam! Along with all the other wildlife too! 2-miles of gentle hills and beautiful scenery! Led by Volunteer Naturalist Rose. Dress warm!

Tuesday, December 20th

Hike: Red Tail Overlook

9:00 a.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead
Join Volunteer Naturalist Michael on this 2-mile natural history hike to a beautiful overlook. Dress warm!

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day Bird Hike!

9:00 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Come see and hear the birds of Mueller overwintering in the area. Learn the trees and some natural history along the way. 1.5-mile slow-paced walk led by Volunteer Naturalist Michael. Dress for conditions and bring water!



Have a Merry Christmas!

The Visitor Center is closed today but the park is open for your enjoyment!

Sunday, Jan. 1st

First Day Hikes!

Join the tradition in Colorado State Parks by going on a First Day Hike! Start the New Year off with some fresh air, beautiful scenery and fellow hikers. The Visitor Center will be open today!

Hike: Elk Meadow First Day Hike

9:00 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Soak in the beauty of Pikes Peak as you hike in full view of this gorgeous mountain! Elk Meadow is 2-miles of rolling hills and deep forest. Led by Volunteer Naturalist Rose. Be prepared for the weather by dressing warm and in layers! Bring water and a snack.

Hike: Wapiti First Day Hike

10:00 a.m. Meet at Wapiti Trailhead
Enjoy a natural history hike with Volunteer Naturalist Michael on this 1-mile trail. Explore Mueller in its beauty and diversity of plants and animals.

First Day Forest Bathing Walk

12:00-2:30 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead
Let nature welcome you into the New Year on the 4th Annual First Day Forest Bathing Walk! Enjoy immersing in the wonder and healing nature offers through this mindful practice gaining popularity worldwide. Join Forest Therapy Guide and Naturalist Jane on a 1-mile walk with activities to de-stress, quiet the mind, open the senses and closely with the forest, yourself and others, closing with tea brewed from local plants. Bring sit pad/stool if you have one, water and dress for changing weather (snow boots, waterproof pants suggested). Ages 12 and up. Maximum group size 14. Must pre-register by calling the Visitors Center, (719)687-2366 x 0. Will reschedule if below 28 degrees!.