

Mueller State Park Programs



December 2021

Always hike with a map, water, and weather protection

Mueller State Park is open every day for hiking, camping and enjoying the outdoors! The Visitor Center is open 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Visitor Center will be closed Christmas Day. It will be open New Year's Day for our First Day Hikes! Join the tradition with a guided hike on the first day of the New Year!

Weather: Weather in the mountains this time of year is variable. The trails may be dry or have snow. Snowshoes are recommended with deep snow. Check the website or call for conditions.
719-687-2366 cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Mueller

Saturday, December 4th

Hike: School Pond and Stoner Mill

9:15 a.m. Meet at Preacher's Hollow Trailhead

Enjoy the quiet of the winter woods on this 3.5-mile hike with Volunteer Naturalist Nancy. Combined School Pond and Stoner Mill loops.



Holiday Home Tour

10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4-5, Saturday and Sunday

Get into the Christmas spirit by seeing Tweed's Home Holiday Tour – which includes Mueller's beautiful rental cabins! Also, the Friends of Mueller State Park are one of the beneficiaries this year. Get more info and tickets here: <http://www.wphht.org/>

Sunday, December 5th

Hike: Cahill Cabin and Pond

1:00 p.m. Meet at Black Bear Trailhead

Enjoy a popular hike to the historic homestead and pond of the Cahill brothers. This trail has great views of Pikes Peak. Moderate 4-miles with Volunteer Naturalist Penny.

Monday, December 6th

Hike: Elk Meadow to Murphy's Cut

9:00 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead

Hike out to the site where the historic Midland Terminal Railroad went through the park! Great views of Pikes Peak! 4-miles led by Volunteer Naturalist Cindi.

Saturday, December 11th

Hike: Outlook Ridge and Homestead Loop

9:15 a.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

The forest and animals are getting ready for winter. Watch for animal signs along the way. Moderate 4-miles along Outlook Ridge, past Geer Pond, up Homestead and Revenuers Ridge trail led by Volunteer Naturalist Nancy. Dress in layers and bring water.

Pine Needle Basket Class

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm. At the Visitor Center

Join us for some nature crafting! In this class, you will learn to create your own tiny basket made from natural pine needles. Baskets are stitched using a needle and thread, and will feature a special Mueller State Park branded wooden center. Because we are working with sharp sewing needles, this class is most suitable for ages 12 and up. All materials provided. Instructor Elizabeth Barber.

Sunday, December 12th

Hike: Nobel Cabin

1:00 p.m. Meet at Black Bear Trailhead

Hike to the western part of the park with Volunteer Naturalist Penny. 4-mile moderate hike. Bring water and dress in layers.

Monday, December 13th

Hike: Osborn Homestead Loop

9:00 a.m. Meet at Black Bear Trailhead

Visit the old Osborn Homestead and imagine what it was like to homestead more than 100 years ago! Moderate 3-miles with Volunteer Naturalist Cindi.

Saturday, December 18th

Hike: Cahill Cabin and Pond

9:15 a.m. Meet at Black Bear Trailhead

Enjoy a popular hike to the historic homestead and pond of the Cahill brothers. This trail has great views of Pikes Peak. Moderate 4-miles with Volunteer Naturalist Nancy. (If the weather and conditions are good, we could extend this hike on trail #12 for about 2 more miles.)

Full Moon Hike

5:30 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trail Head

Watch the last full moon of 2021 rise over Pikes Peak! Learn fun facts about the night sky. Easy 1-mile round trip hike. Dress for cold weather and possible icy conditions. Bring a headlamp. Led by Volunteer Naturalist Jim.

Monday, December 20th

Hike: Elk Meadow to Murphy's Cut

9:00 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead

Hike out to the site where the historic Midland Terminal Railroad went through the park! Great views of Pikes Peak! 4-miles led by Volunteer Naturalist Cindi.

Saturday, December 25th

Mueller State Park's

Visitor Center will be closed on Christmas Day.

The park is open for hiking and camping!

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!



January 1st, 2022

First Day Hikes

Colorado State Parks have taken on the tradition of hosting hikes on New Year's Day – to start the New Year out right!

Join in First Day Hikes at Mueller!

Bring water, snacks, (snowshoes?) and dress for snow!

Watch our website for Jan. 1 **morning hikes TBD!**

First Day Forest Bathing Walk

12:00-2:30 Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Let the natural world welcome you into the new year on our 3rd Annual First Day Walk. Enjoy a fresh start to 2022 by unwinding into the wonder & healing nature offers through the wellness practice of Forest Bathing/Shinrin-Yoku. Join Forest Therapy Guide Jane for this relaxing 1 mile wander. Bring sit pad/stool if you have one, water, snacks & dress for the weather (waterproof pants suggested) Ages 13 and up. Maximum 12. Preregistration requested through the Visitors Center (719) 687-2366 X 0.