

Mueller State Park Programs



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September Park Programs

Sunday, September 1: Sensory Hike

Meet at Rock Pond Trailhead 9:00 a.m.

Observe nature in a new way as we focus in with each sense. This moderate one mile hike is suitable for the whole family.

Monday, September 2: Hike to Osborn Cabin

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

Come along to visit one of Mueller's historic buildings where we will learn about who has lived on the land we know as a state park. This is a moderate two mile hike.

Monday, September 2: Skins & Skulls

At Camper Services 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Ever wonder what it'd feel like to pet the wildlife? This is your chance to do it in a way that is safe for you and the wildlife. Explore a variety of fur and skulls of Colorado's native animals.

Tuesday, September 3: Women of the West

At the Visitor Center 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The park was home to many hard working women. Talk to Naturalist Allison at the Visitor Center to learn about impactful and important women in Colorado history.

Thursday, September 5: Bear Lunch

At the Amphitheater 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

See how your lunch compares to a bear's lunch! And learn how you can protect bears while camping, picnicking, or hiking. You're welcome to bring your own lunch to eat during this program.

Friday, September 6: Star Party

At the Visitor Center parking lot 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The Colorado Springs Astronomical Society will have several telescopes set up outside of the Visitor Center for everyone to view the stars and planets of the night sky.

Saturday, September 7: Nature Reflection for Kids

Meet at Camper Services 2:00 p.m.

Enhance your kiddos observational skills through quiet and artistic time in nature. Please come with your own journal/notebook and writing utensil. Usually lasts 1-1.5 hours.

Saturday, September 7: Nature Trivia

At the Amphitheater 7:00 p.m.

Test your knowledge about Colorado's wildlife and lands and maybe even win some prizes.

Monday, September 9: Wandering Wagon

At Campgrounds 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Not into hiking? Let this program come to you. This wandering wagon will be about bears. Find naturalist Jo pulling a wagon with a bear skull and pelt and come learn about black bears.

Wednesday, September 11: History of Pikes Peak

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

Enjoy views of Pikes Peak as we learn all about it, from when it formed to those who lived in its shadow. This will be a moderate two mile hike.

Wednesday, September 11: Tracks Craft

At Camper Services 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come check out what the tracks you may see in the park look like. Then you can make your own track guide.

Thursday, September 12: Tracks and Scat Scavenger Hunt

Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Search for tracks and scat of common animals found at the park and use your detective skills to determine what animals made which.

Thursday, September 12: Humble Homes of Mueller

At Outlook Ridge Trailhead 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Do you know how people lived in the park? Come learn about the different types of homes that people had in history.

Friday, September 13: Hug a Tree

At Camper Services 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Basic survival and wilderness safety for kids (and parents). Ages 5 and up.

Saturday, September 14: Bird Hike

Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead 8:30 a.m.

Migrating birds are passing through Mueller for the annual flight south. Joe LaFleur, local bird expert and author of the "Mountain Birds of Teller County," will be our special guest. One mile slow-paced walk.

Saturday, September 14: Bird Talk with Joe LaFleur (no live birds)

At the Visitor Center 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Come spend time with Joe LaFleur, wildlife biologist and local author of "Mountain Birds of Teller County" as he teaches how to identify common birds by sight and sound.

Saturday, September 14: Junior Rangers in the Forest

Meet at the Visitor Center 11:00 a.m.

This is an adapted Junior Ranger program for rangers of all ages. They will learn about the park's wildlife and plants. Junior Rangers and their grownups should meet at the Visitor Center flag pole. Please bring water bottles and wear sun protection.

Saturday, September 14: Nature Journaling

Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy journaling? Ever tried journaling in nature? Discover what you can uncover when slowing down to observe the natural world around you. This month will be focused on the changes seen during fall. Please come with your own journal/notebook and writing utensil. This program is for all ages. Construction paper and crayons will be available for kids. This program is roughly 1.5 hours.

Saturday, September 14: Dark Skies Ranger Talk

At the Visitor Center 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The night sky is beautiful and mysterious. Discover the importance of dark skies. Hear ranger Stephani's journey of trying to protect dark skies at Mueller by preparing an application to become a Dark Sky Park.

Monday, September 16: Neat Nests

At Camper Services 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Come see how bird nests look up close and learn about the birds that make them.

Wednesday, September 18: Bear Lunch

At the Amphitheater 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

See how your lunch compares to a bear's lunch. And learn how you can protect bears while camping, picnicking or hiking. You're welcome to bring your own lunch to eat during this program.

Friday, September 20: Nature Crafts

At Camper Services 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Make cool things with help from Mother Nature. Ages 3 and up.

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Saturday, September 21: Basic Fly Fishing

Meet at the Livery 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to fly fish and how it's different from other styles like bait fishing, trolling and spinning. This program will start at the Visitor Center but will move to the nearby Rainbow Valley Fishing Club. Equipment will be provided.

Sunday, September 22: Junior Rangers in the Forest

Meet at the Visitor Center 1:00 p.m.

Ever wanted to learn more about the forest and critters at Mueller State Park? Mueller has lots of wildlife and wildlands to see. We will learn about the basics of Mueller State Park's wilderness and wildlife and complete the requirements to become a Junior Ranger. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

Monday, September 23: Wandering Wagon

At Campgrounds 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, September 27: Knots and Lashings

At Camper Services 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Want to learn another good survival skill? Knot tying is important when building outdoor shelters, fishing and rescuing yourself or others. Learn how to tie two commonly used knots. Everyone will create a project to take home. Best for ages 6+.

Friday, September 27: Sunset Elk Hike

Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead 5:30 p.m.

Fall is a great time of year to see and hear elk. Join us on this three mile hike through elk habitat to learn about elk and their behavior. This hike does include hills. Fun is guaranteed, seeing and/or hearing elk is not.

Saturday, September 28: Hike to Grouse Mountain

Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead 9:00 a.m.

Hike less than a mile up to the Grouse Mountain overlook. This is a beautiful overlook with a stunning view, and the highest point in the park. See a bit of natural history and entertain the question, "do moss prefer the north side of a tree?" One mile slow-paced loop. Led by volunteer naturalist Michael.

Saturday, September 28: Nature Reflection for Adults

Meet at Camper Services 2:00 p.m.

By taking in the natural surroundings, you become more aware of the changes around you. In return, you possibly gain a deeper understanding of yourself. This month we will focus on changes seen during fall. Please come with your own journal/notebook and writing utensil. Usually lasts 1.5-2 hours.

Sunday, September 29: Fly Fishing Basics Plus

Meet at the Visitor Center 9:00 a.m.

This is the ultimate beginners class with in depth, classroom style class on equipment, how to cast, and if time, fly choice. Then end with an hour or more time on the water. Don't forget to bring a lunch! This program is roughly four hours long, not including actual fishing time. Participation in a Mueller fly fishing basics program or personal experience fly fishing is required. It is suggested that you bring your own pole to continue to hone your skills on the equipment you will use outside of the class. Poles are available if needed. **You must pre register for this class by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366. 15 spots available.**

Sunday, September 29: Beneficial Bugs

Meet at Peakview Trailhead 10:00 a.m.

Tired of sweating the big stuff? Come and enjoy the small things. Learn about the beneficial bugs in the environment here at the park. There is limited parking at Peak View trailhead. Homestead trailhead is close by with more parking spots.

Monday, September 30: Fire Resistant Forests

Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead 9:00 a.m.

Enjoy a short nature hike and discover how certain trees in our forests are able to withstand and survive forest fires.