

Mueller State Park Programs



May Park Programs 2025

Programs happen rain, snow or shine unless posted otherwise.

*All hike and walk end times are an estimate and will depend on the pace of the group.

*If you'd like to schedule a program for a group of 10 or more please contact Program Coordinator, Anna Miller at anna.m.miller@state.co.us.

Saturday, May 3: Bird Walk

8:30-10 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead

Learn how to identify local birds by sight and sound, while also learning about the plants and trees where birds live. This is a slow paced, 2 mile walk led by local birding expert and author Joe LaFleur.

Saturday, May 3: Bird Talk (no live birds)

10-11 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Learn to identify common breeding birds of the park in this audiovisual program. Led by local birding expert and author Joe LaFleur.

Saturday, May 3: Star Party

8-10:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Join Mueller naturalist and the Colorado Springs Astronomical Society for the first star party of the season. Start in the Visitor Center by learning about light pollution and how you can help protect our night sky. Then step outside and look through telescopes while the ASTRO society takes you on a journey of our night sky.

Sunday, May 4: Ponds of the Park

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet outside the Visitor Center

Discover beautiful water features at the park. You will see 4 ponds in the park along with plants and animals that enjoy being near water. This is a 5 mile moderate hike. We will go at a pace that allows for everyone to enjoy themselves. Bring plenty of water and snacks. End time is an estimate and will depend on the pace of the group.

Sunday, May 4: Junior Rangers in the Forest

1-2 p.m. Meet outside the Visitor Center

Ever wanted to learn more about the forest and critters at Mueller State Park? Mueller has lots of wildlife and wildlands to see. Come and complete the requirements to become a Junior Ranger! Best for ages 6-12 who enjoy spending time on the trails, but all ages are welcome. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

Friday, May 9: 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 3 and up.

Sunday, May 11: Nature Journaling Workshop

1-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Nature is nurturing for our bodies and minds. In this workshop you will discover the history, science and art of observing nature and recording observations. Journaling helps us reflect and expand our perspectives of the natural world around us and our place within it. All materials will be provided for you; you are welcome to bring your own journal if you'd prefer. Come prepared for a short hike, sitting outdoors for a short period of time (some chairs will be available), and changing weather. Ages 16+. Register by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366 or on Facebook.

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Monday, May 12: Full Moon Walk

9-10:30 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Watch the full moon rise over Pikes Peak and learn fun facts about the night sky. Easy 1 mile round trip. Dress for cool weather, wear shoes for uneven ground and bring a headlamp.

Friday, May 16: Nature Crafts

2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Make cool things with help from Mother Nature. Use natural items to create works of art. For all artistic levels. Ages 3 and up.

Saturday, May 17: Fly Fishing Basics

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond

Learn how to fly fish and how it's different from other styles like bait fishing, trolling, and spinning. Use your new or seasoned skills to try to catch a fish at one of Mueller's favorite ponds. Best for ages 12+.

Friday, May 23: Knots for Kids

2-3 p.m. Meet at Camper Services

Tying knots is an important skill that aids in tying shoes, building shelters, fishing and more. Use your hands and learn how to tie two basic knots and create a fun project to take home. For kids ages 6 and up.

Saturday, May 24: Fishing Meetup

9:30-11:30 a.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond

Today is all about fishing! Join CPW and Trout Unlimited volunteers for fishing at Dragonfly Pond. No teaching will be done, this is simply a time for people to get together, swap tips and enjoy the sport. Bring a lunch to eat and chat before the TU seminar at 12:30 (info below). *A fishing license is required to fish at the park for ages 16+.

Saturday, May 24: Saving the Greenback

12:30-1:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Discover the history and near extinction of the Greenback Cutthroat trout, and steps taken towards their restoration. Presented by Trout Unlimited.

Sunday, May 25: Ponds of the Park

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Rock Pond Trailhead

Discover beautiful water features at the park. You will see 4 ponds in the park along with plants and animals that enjoy being near water. This is a 5 mile moderate hike. We will go at a pace that allows for everyone to enjoy themselves. Bring plenty of water and snacks. End time is an estimate and will depend on the pace of the group.

Sunday, May 25: Junior Naturalist-Spring Renewal

1-2 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Spring has officially arrived in the forest! Learn what makes it unique. This program is geared towards kids ages 6-12 with their guardians, but all are welcome. Come prepared to spend time inside and outside. Been to one of our other Jr. Nat-Spring programs? They're all different, so come again!

Monday, May 26: Night Sky Walk

9-10:30 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Watch the night sky unfold from the trail. See the north star, find major constellations and learn fun facts about the night sky. Easy 1 mile round trip. Dress for cool weather, wear shoes for uneven ground and bring a headlamp.