

Mueller State Park Programs



August 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.

Sat, Aug. 1: How CO Became a State

8-9:15 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

This year is Colorado's 150 anniversary as a state! At this historical talk learn about the journey it took to get there.

Mon, Aug. 3: Sensory Hike

9-10:30 a.m. Meet at Lost Pond Trailhead

Do you know what a Ponderosa Pine smells like? Have you ever noticed the color of your hand after touching an aspen tree? Use your sense of sight, touch, hearing and smell to connect to nature in new ways on this 1 mile hike.

Wed, Aug. 5: Fly Fishing Basics Plus

(Registration required)

9:00 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

This is the ultimate beginners class with in depth, classroom style class on equipment, technique and reading the water. Then end with an hour or more time on the water. 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. Register online at cpw.state.co.us/events.

Wed, Aug. 5: Lichens Hike

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Peak View Trailhead

Lichens are everywhere, but they are experts at playing hide-and-seek. They look like crust on a tree or rock, but are actually tiny living worlds hiding right in front of your eyes. Come take a closer look and see what secrets they're keeping on this 1 mile hike.

Thu, Aug. 6: Campground Sing-Along

6:30-7:30 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Sing-along to some of your favorite and familiar tunes in this upbeat, interactive event while moving and clapping to the rhythm! Ranging from Disney songs to familiar Classic Rock tunes for the whole family to dance to & enjoy! Bring your ukulele or guitar if you play.

Fri, Aug. 7: Drawing Birds of Colorado Class

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Auditorium

Learn how to use different mediums of sketching while drawing birds of Colorado. Anyone with an interest in art is welcome to join!

Fri, Aug. 7: Moth Night

8:30-11 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Join the Mile High Bug Club for a fascinating Moth Night at Mueller! Explore the world of moths and other nocturnal insects as we observe these amazing creatures up close in their natural habitat. Whether you're a seasoned entomologist or just curious about nighttime critters, this event is perfect for all ages. Bring your flashlight, a sense of wonder, and your love for nature.

Sat, Aug. 8: Archery

(Registration required)

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

Test your skills or try a new one at this beginner archery class. All supplies are provided, simply come with your listening ears and a good attitude. All ages are welcome; bows have a draw weight of 6-20lbs. A nerf bow station will be available for those unable to pull back the bow string. Some adaptable equipment is available. Call for more details. Sign up on cpw.state.co.us/events.

Sat, Aug. 8: Star Party

8:30-10:30 p.m. At Visitor Center Parking Lot

Join volunteer astronomers from the Colorado Springs Astronomical Society to see the night sky in a whole new way. Get up close and personal with stars, planets, galaxies and more via a variety of telescopes. Keep your night vision in tact and be respectful of others by bringing a red light flashlight and keeping your headlights on low when entering or leaving the parking lot.

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Sun, Aug. 9: Fly Fishing Basics

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

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. Bring a camp chair and water. Best for ages 10 and older. Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. 21 spots available.

Mon, Aug. 10: 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.

Wed, Aug. 12: Fly Fishing Basics

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

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. Bring a camp chair and water. Best for ages 10 and older. Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wed, Aug. 12: Sensory Hike

1-2:30 p.m. Meet at Lost Pond Trailhead

Do you know what a Ponderosa Pine smells like? Have you ever noticed the color of your hand after touching an aspen tree? Use your sense of sight, touch, hearing and smell to connect to nature in new ways on this 1 mile hike.

Wed, Aug. 12: Full Moon Hike

8:15-9:15 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Watch the night sky unfold with the Full Moon rising in the east. Learn how to find the north star, constellations and fun facts about the cosmos. Easy 1-mile round trip hike. Dress for cool weather. Bring a headlamp.

Thu, Aug. 13: Sketch Hike

8:30-10:30 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead

Explore this 2 mile loop with views at the highest point in the park. We will stop along the way to sketch some of the park's natural beauty guided by local artist Cyndi Deswik. No experience needed. Art supplies are provided, but you may bring your own if you'd like.

Thu, Aug. 13: Guided Pond Hike

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet at Wapiti Trailhead

Explore aquatic areas in the park including Brook, Rock and Geer Ponds on this 5 mile moderate hike including 900ft of elevation change.

Friday, Aug. 14: Lichens Hike

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Peak View Trailhead

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Fri, Aug. 14: Basic Survival for Kids

2-3 p.m. Meet at Camper Services

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, Aug. 14: Colorado Trivia

8-9 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

How well do you know this beautiful state? Take a guess, learn something new and win a small prize.

Sat, Aug. 15: 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.

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Sat, Aug. 15: 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.

Sun, Aug. 16: Yoga in the Woods

10-11:15 a.m. Meet at Rock Pond Trailhead

Use yoga based standing movements among trees, plants, animals, earth and sky to build strength and resilience in our bodies and minds. There is a short hike to the location. Please dress in comfortable clothes that you can move in and wear sturdy lightweight walking shoes. Bring a water bottle. All levels of fitness are welcome. No equipment needed. Participants must be able to walk independently on uneven surfaces.

Tue, Aug. 18: 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, Aug. 19: Boots and Books

9-11 a.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Share about your favorite stories you've read on this two mile guided hike through the forest. Bring an audio book with headphones, a paper book or just your thoughts. There will be time to sit and chat about your books at a scenic overlook.

Thu, Aug. 20: Archery

(Registration not required on weekdays)

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

Test your skills or try a new one at this beginner archery class. All supplies are provided, simply come with your listening ears and a good attitude. All ages are welcome; bows have a draw weight of 6-20lbs. A nerf bow station will be available for those unable to pull back the bow string. Some adaptable equipment is available. Call for more details.

Fri, Aug. 21: Lichens Hike

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Peak View Trailhead

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Fri, Aug. 21: Campground Sing-Along

6:30-7:30 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Sing-along to some of your favorite and familiar tunes in this upbeat, interactive event while moving and clapping to the rhythm! Ranging from Disney songs to familiar Classic Rock tunes for the whole family to dance to & enjoy! Bring your ukulele or guitar if you play.

Sat, Aug. 22: Guided Pond Hike

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet at Rock Pond Trail

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 led by volunteer naturalist, Rose.

Sat, Aug. 22: Junior Rangers in the Forest

10-11 a.m. Meet in front of the Visitor Center

Explore the park's wilderness and wildlife, earn a Junior Ranger badge and collect a bear keychain. Come prepared to spend time outside. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

Sun, Aug. 23: Fly Fishing Basics

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

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. Bring a camp chair and water. Best for ages 10 and older. Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. 21 spots available.

Sun, Aug. 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.



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Sun, Aug. 23: 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.

Mon, July 24: Junior Rangers at the Pond

10-11 a.m. Meet at Peak View Trailhead

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the ponds and critters at Mueller State Park? Investigate aquatic life in the park, become a Junior Ranger and collect a dragonfly keychain. Children and their grown ups should attend together. There is limited parking at Peak View trailhead. Homestead trailhead and the Comfort Station are close by and have extra parking.

Tue, Aug. 25: 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, Aug. 26: Yoga in the Woods

10-11:15 a.m. Meet at Rock Pond Trailhead

Use yoga based standing movements among trees, plants, animals, earth and sky to build strength and resilience in our bodies and minds. There is a short hike to the location. Please dress in comfortable clothes that you can move in and wear sturdy lightweight walking shoes. Bring a water bottle. All levels of fitness are welcome. No equipment needed. Participants must be able to walk independently on uneven surfaces.

Wed, Aug. 26: Dark Sky Hike

8:15-9:15 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Watch the night sky unfold. Learn how to find the north star, constellations and fun facts about the cosmos. Easy 1-mile round trip hike. Dress for cool weather. Bring a headlamp.

Thu, Aug. 27: Guided Pond Hike

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet at Wapiti Trailhead

Explore aquatic areas in the park including Brook, Rock and Geer Ponds on this 5 mile moderate hike including 900ft of elevation change.

Fri, Aug. 28: Knee High Nature

2-3 p.m. Meet at Camper Services

Explore the wonders of nature at your level! Fun program for kids. Best for ages 3-5, but all are welcome

Sat, Aug. 29: Bird Hike

8:30-9:45am Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead

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 guide. 1-mile slow-paced walk.

Sat, Aug. 29: Bird Talk with Joe LaFleur

10:00-11:00 a.m. Meet at Visitor Center

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

Sat, Aug. 29: Drawing Cats of Colorado Class

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

Learn how to use different mediums of sketching while drawing wild cats of Colorado. Anyone with an interest in art is welcome to join!

Sun, Aug. 30: Junior Rangers on the Trail

10-11:30 a.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the forest and hiking at Mueller State Park? Hike to the first outlook, record sightings in your own nature journal and collect a compass keychain. Best for ages 6-12, but all are welcome. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

Sun, Aug. 30: Beadwork Workshop

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

Create a necklace inspired by Indigenous cultures while learning about the practice of beadwork.