

# Mueller State Park

## Programs



### September 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.**

#### **Thur, Sep. 4: Beginner Bird Walk**

##### **9:15-10:30 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead**

Come on this guided 1.5 mile hike to identify birds in the park. This hike is great for beginners who are just starting to learn about birds. Experts are also welcome. Your guide will be using the Merlin Bird App to assist with identification. You are welcome to download this app too if you'd like to practice using it.

#### **Fri, Sep. 5: Junior Rangers on the Trail**

##### **11 a.m.-12:30 p.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, learn about hiking safety and become a Junior Ranger. If you attend all three different Junior Ranger programs you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

#### **Fri, Sep. 5: 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, Sep. 5: Wildlife Viewing Hike**

##### **5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet at Black Bear Trailhead**

Spend National Wildlife Day on a hike through the forest and meadows in search of wildlife who call the park home like mule deer, black bear, foxes, elk, great horned owls and more. Also spend some time exploring the old Osborn Homestead. Bring a headlamp or flashlight, binoculars and water. This is a 2 mile, moderate hike. There are only so many spots to increase the likelihood of seeing animals so you must register online or by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366. Seeing wildlife is not guaranteed.

#### **Sat, Sep. 6: Archery**

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

Whether you're new or a pro to the sport, archery at Mueller is a great time to test your skills. All supplies are provided, simply come with your listening ears and a good attitude. All ages are welcome; foam bows are available for younger kids. Some adaptable equipment is also available. Call for more details. Parking is limited. If parking spaces at Dragonfly Pond are full, School Pond is the next closest lot.

#### **Sat, Sep. 6: Moth Night**

##### **7:30-9 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, Sep. 13: Basic Fly Fishing**

##### **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. All gear is provided. Best for ages 9 and older. Parking is limited. If parking spaces at Dragonfly Pond are full, School Pond is the next closest lot.

#### **Sat, Sep. 13: Junior Rangers at the Pond**

##### **11 a.m.-12 p.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 and become a Junior Ranger. If you attend all three different Junior Ranger programs you can earn a special badge. 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 lots of parking.

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**Sat, Sep. 13: Nature Journaling****3-4:30 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead**

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.

**Sun, Sep. 14: Forest Bathing****9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet outside the Visitor Center**

Unwind and immerse in nature's joy & wonder through the wellness practice of Forest Bathing, "shinrin yoku". Join Nature Therapy Guide Jane for this mindful 1 mile wander to quiet the mind & awaken the senses, closing with forest tea. Dress for changing weather. Bring water, snacks & small backpack for hands free. Rec.min.age 12. Registration requested online or by calling the Visitor Center at (719) 687-2366.

**Fri, Sep. 19: Beginner Bird Walk****9:15-10:30 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead**

Come on this guided 1.5 mile hike to identify birds in the park. This hike is great for beginners who are just starting to learn about birds. Experts are also welcome. Your guide will be using the Merlin Bird App to assist with identification. You are welcome to download this app too if you'd like to practice using it.

**Fri, Sep. 19: Nature Crafts****2-3 p.m. Meet at Camper Services**

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

**Sat, Sep. 20: Basic Fly Fishing****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. All gear is provided. Best for ages 9 and older. Parking is limited. If parking spaces at Dragonfly Pond are full, School Pond is the next closest lot.

**Sun, Sep. 21: Nobel Cabin Hike****9:15-11:30 a.m. Meet at Homestead Trailhead**

Hike to remnants of the Nobel cabin, the home of a homesteader in the early 1900s. Learn about some park history and nature on this 5.5 mile, moderate hike.

**Mon, Sep. 22: Wildlife Viewing Hike****5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead**

Spend the first day of Autumn on a hike through the forest and meadows in search of wildlife who call the park home like mule deer, black bear, foxes, elk, great horned owls and more. You will also see the beautiful view from the highest point in the park. Bring a headlamp or flashlight, binoculars and water. This is a 3 mile, moderate hike. There are only so many spots to increase the likelihood of seeing animals so you must register online or by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366. Seeing wildlife is not guaranteed.

**Tue, Sep. 23: Dark Sky Hike****7-8:30 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 or flashlight.

**Sat, Sep. 27: Cahill Loop Hike****9 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead**

Hike through aspen forests, past meadows and beautiful Cahill Pond. The pond is a great place to take a break and watch/listen for wildlife. This is a moderate 3 mile hike.



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**Sat, Sep. 27: Junior Rangers in the Forest****11 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet in front of the Visitor Center**

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the forest and critters at Mueller State Park? Explore the park's wilderness and wildlife, and become a Junior Ranger.

If you attend all three different Junior Ranger programs you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

**Sat, Sep. 27: Junior Rangers-Night Sky Defender****7-8 p.m. Meet in the Visitor Center**

This is the exciting launch of our new Junior Ranger program, Night Sky Defenders. Discover how light pollution affects all living things and easy ways to decrease it in your own life. Also learn about constellations and become a part of a national citizen science project to help defend the night sky. The creator of this program will lead you through activities in the book to help you earn your Night Sky Defender badge.

**Sat, Sep. 27: Star Party****8-10 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center**

Join the Colorado Springs Astronomical Society on International Fall Astronomy Day as they share their telescopes and knowledge to allow you to truly see the night sky. Please bring a red light flashlight if possible and lessen your headlights when arriving and leaving.

**Sun, Sep. 28: Flower Pressing****2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center**

Learn the art and skill of flower pressing. Flower pressing is historically used as a tool in herbarium documentation: the learning about plants and their qualities. Pressing includes gathering and preserving the plant subject, as well as documenting information about it. This activity is geared toward all ages. All materials provided.