

Mueller State Park Programs



October 2018

Always hike with a map, water, and weather protection

Tuesday, October 2nd

Hike: Fall Challenge Hike

8:00 am Meet at the Visitor Center
Hike all the trails at Mueller in 4 weeks and 12 sessions – complete over 60 miles and receive a prize to commemorate your achievement! These hikes are moderate to difficult. Please bring 2 liters of water, snacks, rain gear and layers. Ask at the Visitor Center for more details.

Wednesday, October 3rd

Hike: Cahill Cabin

9:30 am Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead
Join Naturalist Cassie to hike this historic 3-mile loop to the old Cahill Cabin and Pond. This hike is rated moderate for hills.

Thursday, October 4th

Hike: Fall Challenge Hike

8:00 am Meet at the Visitor Center
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Friday, October 5th

Hike: Osborn Cabin

1:00 pm Meet at the Black Bear Trailhead
Join Naturalist Erin to visit the historic Osborn homestead and learn about the plants and animals along the way. This is a 2-mile hike.

Program: Predator Prowlers

7:00 pm Meet at the Visitor Center Auditorium
Join Naturalist Erin for hands-on activities and games to discover the importance of black bears, mountain lions, foxes and other predators. We will look at skins, skulls and tracks to identify and learn about these common Mueller animals.



Saturday, October 6th

Hike: Fall Challenge Hike

8:00 am Meet at the Visitor Center
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Program: Make your Own Animal Track

1:00 pm Meet at the Camper Services Building
What is one of the best ways to discover what species of animals are in this area? Tracks, of course! Join Naturalist Erin to learn about what different animal tracks look like and make your own track to take home!

Hike: Elk Bugling

5:15 pm Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead
Every fall, bull elk seek out and compete for females. Visitors over the age of 10 can witness this amazing yearly event with Naturalist Jim. This is a strenuous 3 mile round trip hike, returning after dark. Bring flashlights, binoculars, rain gear and layers. **Please sign up at the Visitor Center via walk-in or by calling (719) 687-2366.**

Wednesday, October 10th

Hike: Homestead Hike

9:30 am Meet at the Homestead Trailhead
Take a pleasant 2-mile hike through forest, meadows, and rock formations with Naturalist Cassie.

Saturday, October 13th

Hike: Cheesman Ranch

8:30 am Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead
Learn about the rich history of Mueller State Park as you see the sights, breathe in the mountain air and look for wildlife and wildflowers. Visit the many structures of the Cheesman Ranch, the best preserved historical buildings in the park. Naturalist Cindi will guide you on this 5-mile moderate trail.

Thursday, October 18th

Hike: School Pond Ecology Hike

9:15 am Meet at the School Pond Trailhead
Join Naturalists Paul and Gretchen for this 2 mile hike as you learn more about Mueller and the plants and animals that call this their home.

Friday, October 19th

Kids' Program: Nature Preschool

10:00 – 12:00 pm Meet at the Visitor Center
Bring your little ones for a morning of nature activities and a walk in the woods! Join Naturalist Linda for a once a month adventure with activities designed for 3-5 year olds. We'll go outside when the weather permits. Dress for the weather and bring a snack!

Saturday, October 20th

Hike: Elk Meadow to Murphy's Cut

8:30 am Meet at the Elk Meadow Trailhead
Join Naturalist Cindi on this 4 mile hike that will take you winding through meadows and open fields that showcase Raspberry Mountain, Pikes Peak and Sentinel Point. Travel to the cut made for the Midland Terminal Railroad tracks and loop back to see Peak View Pond. There is a geocache along the way, if any geocachers want to participate.

Program: Arach-NO-Phobia

1:00 pm Meet at the Visitor Center Auditorium
There are a lot of misconceptions about Tarantulas, Black Widows, Brown Recluses and other spiders. Find out the truth with Naturalist Pat as he delves into the lives of these eight-legged creatures, explains their importance in the natural world and why they deserve our respect. Recommended for ages 8 and above.

Sunday, October 21st

Hike: Four Pond Hike

9:00 am Meet at the Rock Pond Trailhead
Join Naturalist Rose on this 6-mile journey to visit Brook Pond, Rock Pond, Geer Pond and Lost Pond. This hike is difficult due to hills and distance, but well worth it for the amazing scenery!

Wednesday, October 24th

Hike: Stoner Mill

9:30 am Meet at the School Pond Trailhead
Naturalist Cassie will lead you on this 2 mile hike to Stoner Mill. Along the trail, you will see a fascinating tree that shows evidence of bear scratch marks!

Saturday, October 27th

Hike: Rock Pond to Rock Canyon

8:30 am Meet at the Visitor Center patio
Join Naturalist Cindi on this 5-mile loop. This hike will pass two beautiful ponds, Rock and Geer. We will also pass through a narrow canyon with creeks and a waterfall! This is a moderate to difficult hike due to hills. There will be an option with this hike to go to Brook Pond for an additional half mile roundtrip.