

# Mueller State Park Programs



## June 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.**

### **Monday, June 2: Short Nature Hike**

#### **9-10:30 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead**

Walk 1 mile to Grouse Mountain overlook. This is a beautiful overlook with a stunning view, and is the highest point in the park. A portion of this hike is steep, but we will go slow and take time for breaks as needed.

### **Wednesday, June 4: Sensory Walk**

#### **9-10 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot**

Come observe nature in a new way as we focus with each sense. This easy 1 mile walk is suitable for the whole family.

### **Thursday, June 5: Nature Loop**

#### **9-11 a.m. Meet at Preachers' Hollow Trailhead**

Ever hiked in the south end of the park? This is your chance. Explore the natural plants and animals signs seen on Ranger Ridge and Preacher's Hollow trails on this 3.5 mile hike.

### **Friday, June 6th: Wildflower Hike**

#### **10-11:30 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center**

Enjoy an easy slow one-mile round trip hike. Search for the small, beautiful Calypso orchid and listen for the echoing song of the migratory Hermit Thrush.

### **Friday, June 6: Junior Rangers in the Forest**

#### **1-2 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 this month you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

### **Monday, June 9: Basic Fly Fishing**

#### **10-12 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.

### **Monday, June 9: Wildflower Hike**

#### **1-2:30p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center**

Enjoy an easy slow one-mile round trip hike. Search for the small, beautiful Calypso orchid and listen for the echoing song of the migratory Hermit Thrush.

### **Wednesday, June 11: Fly Fishing Plus**

#### **9-1 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center**

Enhance your fly fishing knowledge in this fly fishing plus class which will include a three hour classroom portion. Go more in depth on techniques and equipment. This class is best for those who have some experience fly fishing or have attended a Mueller fly fishing basics class. It is suggested that you bring your own rod to continue to hone your skills on the equipment you will use outside of the class. You must pre register for this class by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366 or online. 15 spots available.

### **Wednesday, June 11th: Full Moon Hike**

#### **8-9:30p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trail Head**

Watch the Full moon rise over Pikes Peak. Learn fun facts about the night sky. Easy 1 mile round trip. Bring a headlamp. Dress for cool weather.

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### Thursday, June 12: Sketch Hike

#### 8:30-10 a.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Join your passion for art and the outdoors on a 3-mile moderate loop by Lost Pond. We will stop to sketch some of the park's natural beauty guided by local artist Cyndi Deswik. No experience needed, just your zest for learning! We may be lucky enough to see the elusive Calypso orchids along the trail. Art supplies are provided, but you may bring your own if you desire.

### Thursday, June 12: Archery

#### 10 a.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.

### Saturday, June 14: Forest Bathing

#### 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Unwind and immerse in nature's joy and wonder through the wellness practice of Forest Bathing "shinrin yoku." Join nature therapy guide, Jane, for this mindful one mile wander to quiet the mind and awaken the senses, closing with forest tea. Bring water, a small backpack and rain gear. Recommended ages 12 and up. Sign up online or by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366.

### Saturday, June 14: Junior Rangers at the Pond

#### 1-2 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 this month you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together. There is limited parking at Peak View trailhead. Elk Meadow trailhead is close by and has lots of parking.

### Monday, June 16 : Nature Journaling Workshop

#### 1-3 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

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 online or by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366.

### Wednesday, June 18: Beneficial Bugs

#### 10-11 a.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond

Tired of sweating the big stuff? Come enjoy the small things. Learn about the beneficial bugs in the environment here at the park.

### Saturday, June 21: Outdoor Skills Day

#### 10-3 p.m. Activities Throughout the Park

This is an annual Mueller event for the community to come and enjoy a variety of outdoor activities including: archery, target shooting, geocaching, dutch oven cooking and more.

### Wednesday, June 25: Sensory Walk

#### 9-10 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center Parking Lot

Come observe nature in a new way as we focus with each sense. This easy 1 mile hike is suitable for the whole family.

### Wednesday June 25th: Dark Sky Hike

#### 8-9:30 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trail Head

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.

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## **Friday, June 27: Basic Fly Fishing**

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

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## **Friday, June 27: Junior Rangers on the Trail**

### **1-2 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 this month you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

## **Friday, June 27: Basic Survival for Kids**

### **2-3 p.m. 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 3 and up.

## **Saturday, June 28: 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 lunch 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, June 28: Bring Back the Beaver Talk**

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

Explore the many effects of removing beavers from the landscape and the benefits of restoring this animal to the environment. Presented by Trout Unlimited.

## **Sunday, June 29: Cheesman Ranch Hike**

### **9-11:30 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead**

Enjoy a 3 mile, guided historic hike past Cheesman Ranch & Cahill Cabin.

## **Sunday, June 29: Junior Naturalist-Summer Begins!**

### **1-2 p.m. Meet at Camper Services**

As of June 20, summer has officially begun in the forest! Learn what makes this time of year different from the spring season. This program is geared towards kids ages 6-12 with their guardians, but all are welcome. Come prepared to spend time outside. This begins the first of three Summer Junior Naturalist offerings.