

Mueller State Park Programs



August 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.**

Fri, Aug. 1: Dark Sky Stories

8-9 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Listen to stories about the importance of the night sky and how animals and plants are affected by unnatural light at night. Then learn how you can help plants and animals you love by reducing light pollution at home and in the campground.

Sun, Aug. 3: How Colorado Became A State

7:30-8:30 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

In this talk we trace the connection of Henry VIII of England's desire for a male heir to Colorado Statehood. Enjoy a campfire and s'mores while you listen.

Mon, Aug. 4 : Junior Rangers in the Forest

10-11 a.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 summer you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

Wed, Aug. 6: Cheesman Ranch Hike

8:30-11:30 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead

Hike to remnants of the historic Cheesman Ranch. Learn about some park history and the environment on this 4.5 mile, moderate hike.

Wed, Aug. 6: Sensory Walk

1-2 p.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.

Thurs, Aug. 7: 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.

Fri, Aug. 8: 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.

Fri, Aug. 8: 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. 8: Nature Trivia

7-8 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Test your knowledge of local plants and animals with nature trivia, and win a prize! Great for all ages.

Sat, Aug. 9: Cahill Cabin Hike

9:15-11:30 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead

Hike to remnants of the Cahill cabin and a bootlegging whiskey still. Learn about some park history and nature on this 5 mile, moderate hike.

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Thurs, Aug. 14: Sketch Hike

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

Explore a 2 mile moderate loop to the highest point in the park at 9,851 feet. 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! Art supplies are provided, but you may bring your own if you desire.

Fri, Aug. 15: Fly Fishing Basics Plus

9 a.m.-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.

Sat, Aug. 16: Learn to Fish

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

Ever wanted to try fishing, but not sure where to start? Learn all of the basics like fishing regulations, equipment, knot tying, fish handling and how to cast. After learning the basics you will have some time to fish at Dragonfly Pond. Equipment is provided. You must register in advance to ensure we have enough poles for everyone. Sign up online or by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366.

Sun, Aug. 17: Basic Fly Fishing

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

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Sun, Aug. 17: Bike Tour-Wapiti Road

2-3:30 p.m. Meet At Camper Services

Take a tour of the park via the paved Wapiti Road. We will visit 5 locations along the road and discover various aspects about the park such as history and wildlife. Wearing a helmet is required. Water and raingear is recommended. This is a roughly 2 mile, moderate bike ride. Mountain bikes and E-bikes are welcome.

Fri, Aug. 22: Knot and Lashing Tying for Kids

2-3 p.m. Meet at Camper Services

Tying knots is an important survival skill that aids in building shelters, fishing, first aid and more. Learn how to tie two basic knots and create a fun project to take home. For kids ages 6 and up.

Fri, Aug. 22: Sunset Stroll

7:30- 8:30 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Come enjoy a 1 mile stroll down Outlook Ridge Trail, enjoy the sunset and learn a little about the animals active at dusk and dawn. Dress for the temperature to drop as the sun goes down and don't forget your flashlight!

Sat, Aug. 23: 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 and become a Junior Ranger. If you attend all three different Junior Ranger programs this summer 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.

Sun, Aug. 24: Pollinators and Peaches

6-7 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

It only takes small steps to create habitat for important pollinators which benefits plants, animals and us. Habitat designer, Debbie, will present the steps of habitat creation as well as share examples from her own Certified Wildlife Habitat. Experience the rewards at the end with a snack of Colorado grown peaches and vanilla ice cream.

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**Tues, Aug. 26: Junior Rangers on the Trail****10-11 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, learn about hiking safety and become a Junior Ranger. If you attend all three different Junior Ranger programs this summer you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

Wed, Aug 27: 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.

Fri, Aug. 29: 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.

Fri, Aug. 29: Lunch With A Bear**2-3 p.m. Meet at Camper Services**

Learn what bears eat, play a bear food game and make and take home your own bear. Best for ages 3-5.

Sat, Aug. 30: Ponds Hike**9:15 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.

Sat, Aug. 30: Backpacking 101 For Women**2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center**

Are you interested in backpacking, but unsure where to start? This program will dive into what gear to bring, how to prepare, helpful skills while in the backcountry and more. You will also have the chance to sign up for a guided overnight backpacking trip in Mueller. For women ages 16 and older.