

# Mueller State Park Programs



**Always hike with a map, water, and weather protection**

## October Park Programs

### Tuesday, October 1: Morning Bird Hike

**Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead 8:30 a.m.**

Migrating birds are passing through Mueller for the annual flight south. Join naturalist and bird enthusiast, Micheal, on this one mile slow-paced walk looking and listening for local birds.

### Saturday, October 5: Hike to Grouse Mountain

**Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead 9:00 a.m.**

Hike up the mountain to the Grouse Mountain overlook. This is a beautiful overlook with a stunning view, and is the highest point in the park. See a bit of natural history and entertain the question, "do moss prefer the north side of a tree?" 1-mile slow-paced loop. Led by volunteer naturalist Michael.

### Saturday, October 5: Nature Reflection for Kids

**Meet at Camper Services 2:00 p.m.**

Specifically for kids, come and enhance your observational skills through art and quiet time in nature. Guardians/parents must be present and are also welcome to participate. Usually lasts 1-1.5 hours.

### Wednesday, October 9: Wandering Wagon-Bears!

**At Camper Services 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Have questions about bears? The wagon will be wandering around camper services and the campgrounds to chat with visitors about the amazing Colorado animal, the black bear.

### Friday, October 11: Hug a Tree

**At the Visitor Center 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Basic survival and wilderness safety for kids (and parents). Ages 5 and up.

### Friday, October 11: Sunset Elk Hike

**Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead 5:30 p.m.**

Fall is a great time of year to see and hear elk. Join us on this three mile hike through elk habitat to learn about elk and their behavior. Bring binoculars if you have them because the group will stop at certain locations to spend time looking for elk and other wildlife. The hike back to the trailhead will be dark, so also bring a headlamp or flashlight. This hike does include hills. Fun is guaranteed, seeing and/or hearing elk is not.

In order to have a better chance at seeing wildlife the number of spots for this hike are limited. Please call the visitor center to sign up at 719-687-2366.

### Wednesday, October 16: Bear Lunch

**At the Amphitheater 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Fall is a time for bears to eat as much food as possible before winter. See how your lunch compares to a bear's lunch. And learn how you can protect bears during this crucial time of their lives. You're welcome to bring your own lunch to eat during this program.



### Friday, October 18: Nature Crafts

**At the Visitor Center 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Make cool things with help from Mother Nature. Ages 3 and up.

### Friday, October 18: Pumpkin Hike at Mueller!

**At the Visitor Center 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Calling all fall enthusiasts! Want to show off your pumpkin carving skills? Drop off a carved pumpkin at the Visitor Center between 9am-3pm on October 16 and 17 or between 9am-5pm on October 18. Pumpkins will be placed along the trail for visitors to see and vote for their favorite! The winner will receive a prize from the gift shop.

There will also be a storyteller to unravel the mysteries surrounding the hunter's moon and the Mueller disappearance of Sumner Osborn.

Learn about glowing animal eyes on a nocturnal animal hike.

End by warming up in the Visitor Center with some hot chocolate and candy. Come prepared with a headlamp or flashlight and warm clothes.

The storyteller will tell their tales at 6, 6:30, 7, and 7:30 p.m.

Nocturnal animal hikes will begin at 6 and 7 p.m. Snacks and pumpkin viewing will be available the entire time. Contact Anna Miller with questions at 719-687-2366 ex 107.

### Wednesday, October 23: Wandering Wagon-Bears!

**At Camper Services 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Fall is prime time for black bears to be prepping for winter. Find the wagon to hear about this process and other cool things about bears.

### Friday, October 25: Unnature Trail

**Meet at the Visitor Center 2:00 p.m.**

Take a short hike to practice your observation skills and learn more about camouflage in nature. Age 6 and up.

### Friday, October 25: Osborn Mystery Hike

**Meet at Black Bear Trailhead 10 a.m.**

Hike to the Osborn cabin and listen to the tale of Sumner Osborn, a homesteader who lived at Mueller in the early 1900s. Learn of his life living off the land, disputes among neighbors, and his sudden disappearance. This is a two mile, moderate hike.

### Saturday, October 26: Nature Journaling for Adults

**Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead 2:00 p.m.**

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 roughly 1.5 hours.

### Wednesday, October 30: Wandering Wagon-Skulls!

**At the Visitor Center 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

In celebration of Halloween, the wagon will be wandering around the Visitor Center full of various animal skulls. Can you tell which is witch? Take a look if you dare!

