

Mueller State Park

Programs



October 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.**

Sat, Oct. 4: Friends of Mueller Firewood Sale

10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Or until sold out)

Wood is a mix of green and dry, unsplit and cut into 12-24in sections. The sale will be held in the park. You will access the sale area from the north gate. There will be signs along the road pointing you in the correct direction. Come prepared to load your own wood and **pay in cash**. Trucks only; no trailers. \$80 for a short bed pickup and \$120 for a long bed.

Sun, Oct. 5: Rock Canyon Hike

9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Meet at Wapiti Trailhead

Hike the Rock Canyon trail while learning about the natural beauty you see. Pass multiple park ponds along the way. This is a moderate 5.5 mile hike.

Sun, Oct. 5: Junior Naturalist

2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Jr. Naturalist is back for fall! Fall is an exciting time of year: leaves are turning colors, the winds are picking up, the drop in temperatures means that soon we will be doing fun snow activities like sledding and making snow forts! Let's step outside and discover what's going on in the forest with plants, animals and the weather. The class will end with a flower press activity. This program is oriented toward children. Guardians are required to be present.

Mon, Oct. 6: Full Moon Hike

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

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

Fri, Oct. 10: Wild Scavenger Hunt

9:15-10:15 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Come search for the signs the wildlife leave behind and learn about the animals that leave them. Good for all ages.

Fri, Oct. 10: 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.

Sat, Oct. 11: 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. Bring lunch or snacks to eat during a break between the classroom and going to the pond. You must pre register for this class by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366 or online.

Fri, Oct. 17: Pumpkin Hike

6-8 p.m. At the Visitor Center

Walk part of the Wapiti trail that will be lined with hand carved pumpkins. Then vote for your favorite carving. Other fun activities will be happening along with sweet treats and hot chocolate in the Visitor Center. Want to show off your pumpkin carving skills? Drop off a carved pumpkin at the Visitor Center between 9am-3pm October 11-16 to add your carving to the pumpkin trail and be entered to win the contest. The winner will receive a prize from the gift shop.

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Sat, Oct. 18: Forest Bathing & Ephemeral Art
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet outside the Visitor Center

Unplug & relax into nature's beauty & wonder on a mindful, sensory based Forest Bathing walk with Nature Therapy Guide Jane. Includes time to play & create with elements we find (& leave) closing with a forest tea circle. Dress for changing weather. Bring water, snacks & small backpack for hands free. Best for ages 12+. Registration requested online or by calling the Visitor Center (719)687-2366 X 0.

Sun, Oct. 19: Junior Rangers on the Trail
11 a.m.-12 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.

Sun, Oct. 19: Buffalo Soldiers Presentation
1-2:15 p.m. At the Visitor Center
 Mueller State Park welcomes guest presenter, Dennis R. Moore, a founding member of the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Committee in Colorado Springs. Dennis will share with us important history about these men (and sometimes women) who fought for the U.S. before the Revolutionary War. They were also first official post-Civil War protectors and stewards of many natural resources. For example, they were assigned the job of being parks first "Park Guardians" at places like Yosemite National Park. They also had involvement with the Ute Pass here in Colorado. Although the 25th Calvary's arduous Rocky Mountain bicycle assignment didn't pass through Colorado, the story is not to be missed. Join us as we learn some of these and other subtle stories about these brave and sometimes overlooked heroes.

Tue, Oct. 21: Dark Sky Hike
6:30-8 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.

Fri, Oct. 24 : 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.

Fri, Oct. 24: Nature Discovery for Kids
2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
 Explore nature with all your senses on a short hike, best for ages 3-5.

Sat, Oct. 25: Wandering Wagon-Bears!
10 a.m.-12 p.m. Campground
 The wandering wagon is back and will be moving around the campground with lots of fun items and information about black bears.

Sun, Oct. 26: Aspen Loop Hike
9:15 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at School Pond Trailhead
 Enjoy a challenge? This 3 mile loop is a roller coaster that features seven hills. Break a sweat while taking in nature's beauty.

Sun, Oct. 26: Get Ready for Cross-Country Skiing
2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
 Did you know that Mueller offers groomed cross-country tracks when there is enough snow? Get excited for the upcoming Nordic season. Learn how to evaluate equipment, what physical exercises you can do specifically for this sport, and examine different options available in the greater Colorado area. We won't be skiing, but bring your poles to practice some balance and strengthening exercises the instructor will demonstrate.

Fri, Oct. 31: Murder Mystery Hike
4:30-7 p.m. Meet at Homestead Trailhead
 Discover Mueller State Park's own murder mystery. Listen to the story of the unsolved disappearance of homesteader, Sumner Osborn, in 1941. This 4.5 mile hike will journey over the hill and through the woods to remnants of the Osborn Homestead.



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