

Mueller State Park Programs



October 2019

Always hike with a map, water, and weather protection

Tuesday, October 1st

Fall Challenge Hike: Homestead Trail

8:00 am Meet at the Homestead Trailhead 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.

Thursday, October 3rd

Fall Challenge Hike: Black Bear

8:00 am Meet at Black Bear Trailhead See October 1st.

Friday, October 4th

Hike: Kids Earth Sensory Hike

3:00-4:00 pm Meet at Visitor Center Listen to the rustling of the fall trees and smell the crisp air as Naturalist Rusty guides you through a 1-mile sensory hike.

Saturday, October 5th

Fall Challenge Hike: Grouse Mountain

8:00 am Meet at Grouse Mtn Trailhead See October 1st.

Hike: Cahill Loop

9:00 am Meet at Grouse Mtn Trailhead Join Naturalist Michelle on this moderate 2.5-mile hike, exploring the flora and fauna of Mueller and legend of the Cahills!

Hike: Black Bear Trail

1:00 pm Meet at Black Bear Trailhead Come check out the black bear trail that winds through forest and meadows with Naturalist Kyle. Moderate, 4-mile hike.

Watercolors

1:30 pm Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead Be inspired by the beautiful fall scenery and learn watercolor techniques from Naturalist Michelle. All supplies provided.

Hike: Elk Bugling

5:00 pm Meet at the Visitor Center Every fall, bull elk seek out and compete for females. Visitors over the age of 10 can witness this amazing yearly event with Naturalist Kyle. This is a strenuous 3-mile hike, returning after dark. Bring flashlights,

binoculars, rain gear, and wear layers. **Must sign up at the Visitor Center via walk-in or by calling (719) 687-2366.**

Sunday, October 6th

Hike: Lost Still

9:00 am Meet at Grouse Mtn Trailhead Explore the remains of an old distillery where illegal moonshine was made in the early 1900s. Led by Naturalist Michelle. An easy 1.5 mile hike.

Touch Table: Elk and Aspen

1:30 pm Meet at the Visitor Center Elk and aspen are as much a part of Mueller's history as the old homesteads. Learn about why they are so important to each other and the park.

Tuesday, October 8th

Fall Challenge Hike: Dragonfly Pond

8:00 am Meet at Dragonfly Trailhead Final Ceremony! See October 1st.

Wednesday, October 9th

Hike: Preacher's Hollow

9:00 am Meet at Preacher's Hollow Trailhead Join Naturalist Michelle to search for wildlife and explore one of the park's lesser known valleys on this 2-mile hike.

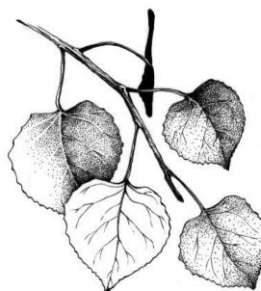
Hike: Elk Meadow

1:00 pm Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead Join Naturalist Kyle and hike the Elk Meadow, filled with magnificent views and hopefully lots of elk. 2-mile hike.

Thursday, October 10th

Hike: School Pond

9:00 am Meet at School Pond Trailhead The school pond trail has beautiful meadows, a small pond, and even a prayer tree from the Ute Indians. Join Naturalist Kyle on this 2-mile hike.



Nature Walk: Trees

1:00pm Meet at the Visitor Center Come take a walk on the trails around the visitor center where Naturalist Kyle will talk about the trees of Mueller.

Friday, October 11th

Hike: Grouse Mountain Overlook

1:30 pm Meet at Grouse Mtn Trailhead Come experience the near 360° view from Mueller's highest point. Take in amazing vistas of Pikes Peak, the Sangre de Cristo range, and the Collegiate Peaks with Naturalist Michelle.

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Saturday, October 12th

Fly Fishing

10:00 am Meet at Dragonfly Pond Learn tricks and techniques of fly fishing from fly fishing guide Naturalist Craig. All supplies provided. 8 yrs and up.

Saturday, October 19th

Hike: Rock Canyon

9:00 am Meet at Visitor Center parking Hike our favorite trail to see the last of the fall colors! 5-mile hike and 700 feet elevation make it difficult but worth it! Brings lots of water and dress in layers.

Saturday, October 26th

Hike: Elk Meadow

9:00 am Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead Join Naturalist Penny on a 2+ mile hike through meadows and forests with great views of Pikes Peak!