

# Mueller State Park Programs



**August 2019**

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**Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Hike: Homestead Trail**

**9:00 am** Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead  
Take a pleasant 3-mile hike through forest and meadows with Naturalist Michelle.

**Hike: Bacon Rock**

**1:00 pm** at Homestead Trailhead  
Visit the interesting Bacon Rock formation and check out one of the park's more scenic wildflower-filled valleys with Naturalist Kyle.

**Touch Table: Mystery Box**

**3:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
Test your knowledge of what lives here in the park by using only your hands! You never know what might be hiding in our mystery-touch box!

**Amphitheater: Colorado Statehood**

**8:00 pm** Naturalist Paul will give the fascinating history of how Colorado became a state and the women that propelled this movement.

**Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Hike: Elk Meadow to Murphy's Cut**

**8:00 am** Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead  
Enjoy great views of Pikes Peak and the rolling hills of Mueller with Naturalist Cindi. This unique trail is a moderate four miles.

**Touch Table: Trees of Mueller**

**2:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
Discover the trees of Mueller with hands-on examples of leaves, needles, and cones.

**Amphitheater: Bats, Creatures of the Night!**

**8:00 pm** Bats are fascinating animals that are usually misunderstood. Discover the truth about bats, led by Naturalist Linda.

**Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**NATIONAL HIKE A SUMMIT DAY**

**Hike: Grouse Mountain Overlook**

**9:00 am** at Grouse Mountain 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 Kyle.

**Watercolors**

**2:30 pm** Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead  
Be inspired by the beautiful scenery and flowers of the area and learn watercolor techniques from Naturalist Michelle. All supplies provided.

**Hike: Raven Ridge Overlook**

**5:00 pm** Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead  
Get in the spirit of National Summit Day by hiking to an overlook and learn about the other peaks in the area including Pikes Peak and the Collegiate Peaks with Naturalist Michelle.

**Amphitheater: 14ers of Colorado**

**8:00 pm** Ever wanted to hike a 14er in Colorado? Learn about climbing techniques and experiences including safety, gear, preparation and expectations from climbing master Jim as he tells his stories of climbing 14ers in Colorado.

**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: Peak View Pond**

**9:00 am** Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead  
Examine tracks and signs of the animals that live in Mueller State Park as you hike with Naturalist Michelle. Moderate 2.5-miles.

**Touch Table: Skins and Skulls**

**1:30 pm** Meet at Camper Services  
Get a hands-on experience with the skins and skulls of animals you might find here and learn fun facts from Naturalist Michelle.

**Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Geer Pond Hike**

**9:00 am** Meet at Lost Pond Trailhead  
Visit a favorite pond and valley of wildflowers on this 2.5-mile hike with Naturalist Kyle.

**Touch Table: Antlers and Horns**

**2:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
Deer, elk, bighorn sheep and mountain goats wear antlers or horns. Find out how to tell the difference with Naturalist Kyle.

**Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Nature Walk: Wapiti Trail**

**9:00 am** at the Visitor Center  
Explore the plants and animals living in Mueller with Naturalist Linda. Amazing views of Pikes Peak and the forest habitat! Easy 1-mile hike.

**Junior Ranger Program**

**2:00 pm** Meet at Dragonfly Pond  
Children of all ages! Come meet Naturalist Cassie at the Dragonfly Pond, she will help you on your way to become a Junior Ranger!

**Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Kids: Make Your Own Animal Track**

**1:30 pm** Meet at Camper Services  
Learn about tracks and the animals that made them with Naturalist Michelle. You can even go home with your own plaster track!

**Amphitheater: Harmonica Man**

**7:00 pm** Enjoy an entertaining evening of foot stomping bluegrass, Irish tunes and funky blues with guest musician Terry Lakes and harmonica. Terry will explain with stories and music, the history of the harmonica from its 19<sup>th</sup> century origins to the present. Dress warmly.

**Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Walk: Bird Walk**

**9:00 am** Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead  
Get to know the birds of the area with Naturalist Craig as he guides you through the spruce-fir forests of Mueller State Park. Slow-paced.

**Program: Owl Pellets!**

**10:00 am** Meet at Camper Services  
What do owls eat and how can we tell? Learn all about owls with Naturalist Linda and you will find out!

**Archery**

**2:00 pm** Meet at Dragonfly Pond Parking  
Learn the age-old skill of archery! Adults and kids 8 years and up will be able to try it.

**Amphitheater: Early Man in the Pikes Peak Region**

**8:00 pm** Learn how ancient man lived in Colorado and what techniques they used to live off the land! Naturalist Paul will explain how people hunted, gathered, migrated and made a living in this cold and harsh environment.

**Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: Rock Pond and Canyon**

**8:00 am** Meet at Rock Pond Trailhead  
Join Naturalist Cindi on this trip down in the montane forest through a lush canyon and scenic pond. This is a moderate to steep 5-mile hike, 700 feet elevation change. Bring lots of water.

**Hike: Lost Still**

**9:00 am** Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead  
Explore the remains of an old distillery where illegal moonshine was made in the early 1900s. Easy 1.5-mile hike led by Naturalist Michelle.

**Pond Safari**

**2:00 pm** Meet at Camper Services  
Come meet the amazing insects that call our ponds and lakes home with Naturalist Michelle!

**Nature Crafts**

**3:00 pm** Meet at Camper Services  
Be creative with supplies provided by Mother Nature herself, with Naturalist Rusty.

**Amphitheater: Mountain Lions**

**8:00 pm** Learn about an apex predator at the top of the food chain! Join Naturalist Kyle for a look inside the life of the elusive mountain lion.

**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: Black Bear Trail and Geer Pond**

**8:00 am** at Outlook Ridge Trailhead  
Come hike a beautiful loop through the Geer Pond valley. Watch for wildlife and other pretty sights with Naturalist Nancy on this 4.5-mile hike.

**Hike: Preacher's Hollow**

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

**Fly Fishing**

**10:00 am** Meet at Dragonfly Pond  
Learn the unique skill of fly-fishing with Craig. Equipment provided, 8 years and up.

**Touch Table: Antlers and Horns**

**2:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
What is the difference between antlers and horns? Find out what they can tell us about the animals who wear them.

**Amphitheater: Coyote Tails**

**8:00 pm** Coyotes have been the focus of Native American stories for generations and are important animals in our ecosystem today! Get to know a little more about coyotes and their impact on people with Naturalist Michelle.

**Star Party**

**8:30 pm** Meet at the Visitor Center  
The Colorado Springs Astronomical Society will bring their telescopes to show us the night sky, planets, stars and constellations.

**Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Touch Table: Aspen**

**10:00 am** Meet at the Visitor Center  
Learn interesting facts about one of Colorado's most treasured trees, with Naturalist Michelle.

**Hike: Dynamite Cabin**

**3:00 pm** Meet at Grouse Mountain  
Visit one of the old hunting cabins on the park and learn why it got its name, led by Michelle.

**Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Nature Walk: Wapiti Trail**

**9:00 am** at the Visitor Center  
Come learn about the local plants and animals with Naturalist Kyle. Amazing views of Pikes Peak and the forest habitat! Easy 1-mile hike.

**Touch Table: Bears**

**2:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
Explore the world of bears with Naturalist Kyle. Touch the fur, claws and the sharp teeth!

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**Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: School Pond**

**9:00 am** Meet at School Pond Trailhead  
See the bear claw marks and a prayer tree with Naturalist Cassie! Moderate 2-mile hike.

**Touch Table: Mammals of Colorado**

**2:00 pm** Meet at the Visitor Center  
Learn about the mammals hands-on with our collection of furs! Led by Naturalist Cassie.

**Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: Rock Pond**

**9:00 am** Meet at Rock Pond Trailhead  
Explore one of Mueller's favorite trails that takes you through canyons and meadows to Rock and Geer Ponds led by Naturalist Michelle.

**Touch Table: Mystery Box**

**1:30 pm** at Camper Services  
Test your knowledge of what lives in the park by using only your hands! You never know what might be hiding in our mystery-touch box!

**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Trees of Mueller Touch Table**

**2:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
Discover the trees of Mueller with Kyle, hands-on examples of leaves, needles, and cones.

**Hike: Wapiti Nature Trail**

**3:00 pm** Meet at the Visitor Center  
Explore the trees, flowers and shrubs in the park with Naturalist Michelle on a slow-paced hike.

**Amphitheater: Native Americans in the Pikes Peak Region**

**8:00 pm** Learn how the Native Americans lived in the harsh environment of the Front Range with Naturalist Paul. You will learn everything from how they made arrowheads to what they did in the cold Colorado winters.

**Hike: Full Moon Hike**

**8:30 pm** Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead  
Let the bright, full moon and Naturalist Jim lead you through Mueller, experiencing the park at night. We will walk without flashlights!

**Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Fly Fishing: Learn the Basics**

**10:00 am** Meet at Dragonfly Pond  
Learn the art and skill of fly-fishing with Naturalist Linda! Gear provided. 8 and up.

**Knots and Lashing**

**3:00 pm** Meet at the Visitor Center  
Learn the old camp skill of tying knots and lashing! Fun and practical! What can you build with sticks and rope? Led by Naturalist Rusty.

**Pond Safari**

**5:00 pm** Meet at Dragonfly Pond  
Explore the underwater world of Dragonfly Pond and meet the animals that live there led by Naturalist Michelle.

**Amphitheater: What Goes Bump in the Night?**

**8:00 pm** Imagine you are sleeping under the stars on a clear summer night, when all of a sudden you hear a rustle and a howl! What is it? Learn the critters of the night with Michelle.

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: Buffalo Rock Trail**

**8:30 am** Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead  
Hike forests and open grassland with Naturalist Michelle to look for wildlife at home in Mueller.

**Nature Walk: Wapiti**

**12:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
Check out the forests, meadows and wildlife that Mueller State Park has to offer on this 1-mile hike led by Naturalist Kyle.

**Plant Prints**

**2:00 pm** Meet at Camper Services  
Make nature part of your artistic masterpiece with the use of ink and sun-paper, led by Naturalist Michelle. All supplies provided.

**Amphitheater: What's Wild about Mueller?**

**8:00 pm** Join Naturalist Dave to take a look at some wildlife that live here all year braving the cold winters, and others like park visitors, who only come for the summer! This fun, family friendly program will give you some insight into the animals "doing what they do"!

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Watercolors**

**9:00 am** Meet at Outlook Ridge  
Be inspired by the beautiful scenery and flowers of the area and learn watercolor techniques from Naturalist Michelle. All supplies provided.

**Hike: Bacon Rock**

**2:00 pm** Meet at Black Bear Trailhead  
What is Bacon Rock and how did it get that way? Enjoy a pleasant, 2-mile hike with Naturalist Michelle.

**Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: Outlook Ridge**

**9:00 am** at Outlook Ridge Trailhead  
Hike to an overlook and enjoy the view of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and the pristine valleys below, led by Naturalist Kyle.

**Touch Table: Mammals of Colorado**

**2:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
Learn about Colorado mammals - hands-on with our collection of furs! Led by Naturalist Kyle.

**Amphitheater: Wolves**

**7:00 pm** Wolves have fascinated people for centuries. Learn the biology of these interesting animals with Naturalist Ellen. See a live wolf too!

**Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: Homestead**

**9:00 am** at Homestead Trailhead  
Visit the old Osborn homestead and imagine what it was like to scratch out a living in the wilderness! Led by Naturalist Cassie, 2.5-miles.

**Kids Crafts: Animals**

**2:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
Get creative using supplies provided by Mother Nature, led by Naturalist Cassie.

**Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Amphitheater: S'mores and Scary Stories**

**8:00 pm** Meet at the Amphitheater  
Have a sweet and spooky night with all-you-can-eat s'mores followed by scary stories told by a campfire led by Naturalist Michelle.

**Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Hike: Preacher's Hollow**

**9:00 am** Meet at Preacher's Hollow Trailhead  
Explore the wet spruce-fir forests and warm meadows of Preacher's Hollow with Naturalist Michelle on this moderate 2-mile hike.

**Touch Table: How Long Does Trash Last?**

**2:00 pm** Meet at Camper Services  
How long do those plastic grocery bags actually last? What about apple cores or orange peels, can you leave those in the forest? Learn crazy facts about Leave No Trace ethics and how long it takes our trash to decompose.

**Amphitheater: History of Early Explorers & Military in Pikes Peak Region**

**8:00 pm** The Spanish, Mountain Men and the US Army were among the first explorers of Colorado. They were searching for gold, furs and a route for the railroad to California. Join Paul for this interesting period in the history.

**Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Hike: Cheesman Trail**

**8:00 am** Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead  
Explore history at the Cheesman Ranch while you see the sights, breathe in the fresh, mountain air and look for wildlife with Naturalist Cindi on a moderate 5-mile hike.

**Hike: Cahill Loop**

**10:00 am** Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead  
Join Volunteer Naturalists Jeremy and Sylvia on this moderate 2.5-mile hike, exploring the flora and fauna of Mueller and legend of the Cahills!

**Archery**

**2:00 pm** Meet at Dragonfly Pond Parking  
Learn the age-old skill of archery! Adults and kids 8 years and up will be able to try it.

**Amphitheater: Bears in Colorado**

**8:00 pm** Did you know there are blonde Black Bears? Learn about the American Black Bear with Bear-illiant speakers, Jeremy and Sylvia. Remember to dress warmly!

**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: School Pond and Stoner Mill**

**8:00 am** at the School Pond Trailhead  
Come see the black bear claw marks and an amazing prayer tree from years gone by with Naturalist Nancy! 3.5-mile hike.



**WESTERN HERITAGE DAY**

**10-2 pm** at the Visitor Center and Livery  
The Mueller family raised horses and cattle on this land, and homesteaders survived here. Celebrate the ranching history of Mueller and the old west with family-fun things to do and see from our Western Heritage! Pioneer crafts, cooking, leather work, live animals and more! Watch Facebook for more details!

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Mystery Box**

**10:00 am** Meet at the Visitor Center  
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**Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: Grouse Mountain Overlook**

**9:00 am** at Grouse Mountain Trailhead  
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**Touch Table: Trees of Mueller**

**2:00 pm** at the Visitor Center  
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**Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Walk: Bird Walk**

**9:00 am** Meet at the Elk Meadow Trailhead  
Get to know the birds of the area with Naturalist Craig. Slow-paced walk.

**Fly Fishing: Learn the Basics**

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**Mammals of Colorado Touch Table**

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Learn about local mammals, hands-on with our collection of furs! Led by Naturalist Kyle.

**Amphitheater: History of Fur Trade in the Pikes Peak Region**

**8:00 pm** Beginning in 1820, the trade in Beaver Fur was the main industry of Colorado for over 30 years and led to the exploration and development of Colorado. This 'first industry' of this region led to the future development of the west. Led by Naturalist Paul.

**Hike: Dark Sky at Outlook Ridge**

**8:30 pm** Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead  
Learn hands-on where to find the stars and constellations in the night sky and the animals that may be up at night, with Naturalist Jim. Dress warm and bring a headlight.

**Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Hike: Noble Cabin**

**8:00 am** Meet at Black Bear Trailhead  
Naturalist Cindi will lead you on this 4-mile hike. Imagine what it was like to homestead here and be one of Mueller's early residents. The group will be given the option on the way back to go by the Osborn Homestead for an additional one mile. This hike includes a geocache.

**Hike: Cahill Loop**

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**Amphitheater: Did You Know That...?**

**8:00 pm** Learn fascinating trivia about bears, coyotes, foxes and other wild animals in this informative presentation of little-known facts about common Colorado wildlife. Led by Jeremy and Sylvia.

**Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Hike: Dynamite Cabin**

**9:00 am** at Grouse Mountain Trailhead  
Come check out a historic cabin and the beautiful coniferous forests that cover Mueller. Naturalist Kyle will lead this 2-mile hike.

**Watercolors**

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