

Mueller State Park Programs



September 2019

Always hike with a map, water, and weather protection

Sunday, September 1st

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.

Touch Table: Horns and Antlers

1:30 pm Meet 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.

Wednesday, September 4th

Hike: Mountain Logger and Black Bear

9:00 am Meet at Homestead Trailhead. Come experience the last few days of summer on this unique 3-mile hike through shady forests and open meadows with Naturalist Michelle.

Friday, September 6th

Amphitheater: Fur Trade in the Pikes Peak Region

7:30 pm Meet at the Amphitheater. Beginning in 1820, the Beaver Fur trade was the industry of Colorado. For over 30 years this trade led to the exploration and development of Colorado and the West as a whole. Learn about this snapshot in history with naturalist Paul! Dress warmly.

Saturday, September 7th

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: Geer Pond

9:00 am Meet at Homestead Trailhead. Visit a favorite pond and valley of wildflowers on this 3-mile hike with Naturalist Michelle.

Kids: Make Your Own Animal Track

1:00 pm Meet at the Visitor Center. Learn about tracks you will see in the park and the animals that make them with Naturalist Michelle. You can even go home with your own plaster track!

Hike: Peak View Pond

2:00 pm Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead. Join Naturalist Kyle for an easy hike through Mueller's forest to peak view pond. Easy 2-mile hike.

Amphitheater: Colorado Fire Ecology

7:30 pm At the Amphitheater. Learn about fire's natural role in the ecosystem, how wildfire actually helps wildlife and keeps our forests healthy. Led by Naturalist Kyle.

Sunday, September 8th

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. Led by Naturalist Michelle. Easy 1.5-mile hike.

Touch Table: Bears

1:30 pm at the Visitor Center. Learn fun facts about one of the park's common visitors with Naturalist Michelle.

Tuesday, September 10th

Hike: Rock Pond and Canyon

8:00 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 with Naturalist Cindi.

Wednesday, September 11th

Hike: Buffalo Rock

9:00 am Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead. Join Naturalist Kyle for this beautiful 4-mile hike through aspen and pine forest and beautiful meadows!

Thursday, September 12th

Fall Challenge Hike: Preacher's Hollow

8:00 am Meet at the Visitor Center. 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.

Saturday, September 14th

Fall Challenge Hike: Ranger Ridge & Stoner Mill

8:00 am Meet at School Pond 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.

Hike: Geology at Florissant Fossil Beds

9:15 am Meet at Florissant Fossil Beds Visitor Center. Enjoy a 2-mile Geology Trail to see petrified redwoods and hear about the geologic history, which led to the preservation of these internationally-famous fossil beds.

Hike: Cahill

10:00 am Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead. Enjoy one of our favorite trails with Naturalist Kyle, as the leaves start to turn gold and the elk begin their breeding season.

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: Colorado Statehood

7:30 pm at the Amphitheater. Listen to Naturalist Paul give the fascinating history of how Colorado became a state and the women that propelled this movement!

Sunday, September 15th

Program: Watercolors

9:00 am 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: Dynamite Cabin

3:00 pm Meet at Grouse Mountain. Visit one of the old hunting cabins on the park and learn why it's called Dynamite Cabin with Naturalist Michelle!

Monday, September 16th

Amphitheater: Wolves

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



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Tuesday, September 17th

Fall Challenge Hike: Aspen and School Pond

8:00 am Meet at School Pond 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.

Hike: School Pond and Stoner Mill

9:00 am Meet at the School Pond Trailhead
Come see the black bear claw marks and an amazing prayer tree from years gone by with Naturalist Rose! 3.5-mile hike.

Thursday, September 19th

Fall Challenge Hike: Elk Meadow and Peak View Pond

8:00 am Meet at Elk Meadow 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.

Saturday, September 21st

Fall Challenge Hike: Cahill and Buffalo Rock

8:00 am Meet at Grouse Mountain 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.

Hike: Turkey Cabin Overlook

9:00 am Meet at Camper Services
Venture out to the park's far western boundary through forests and meadows looking for wildlife with Naturalist Kyle.

Touch Table: Aspen

3:00 pm Meet at the Visitor Center
Learn interesting facts about Mueller's most colorful tree!

Hike: Elk Bugling

6:15 pm Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead
Every fall, bull elk seek out and compete for females. Visitors over the age of 10 can witness this amazing yearly event with Naturalist Michelle. This is a strenuous 3-mile round trip 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, September 22nd

Touch Table: Horns and Antlers

10:00 am Meet at the Visitor Center
What is the difference between antlers and horns, and find out what they can tell us about the animals who wear them.

Hike: Homestead

2:00 pm Meet at Homestead Trailhead
Explore the forests and open valleys of the park in search of wildflowers and wildlife with Naturalist Michelle. 2-mile moderate hike.

Tuesday, September 24th

Fall Challenge Hike: Outlook Ridge

8:00 am Meet at the Visitor Center
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 details.

Thursday, September 26th

Fall Challenge Hike: Cheesman Ranch and Lost Still

8:00 am Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead
See September 24th.

Hike: Elk Bugling

5:30 pm Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead
Every fall, bull elk seek out and compete for females. Visitors over the age of 10 can witness this amazing yearly event with Naturalist Jim. This is a strenuous 3-mile round trip 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.**

Saturday, September 28th

MUELLER IN GOLD

Come enjoy Mueller in the peak of aspen season with a day with hikes focused Colorado's most popular tree.

Fall Challenge Hike: Rock and Brook Ponds

8:00 am Meet at the Visitor Center
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 details.

Hike: Cahill Loop

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

Hike: Grouse Mountain Overlook

10:00 am Meet 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 Linda.

Watercolors

1:30 pm Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead
Be inspired by the beautiful scenery and flowers of the area and learn water color techniques from Naturalist Michelle. All supplies provided.

Hike: Homestead Trail

2:00 pm Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead
Hike down into a wet meadow looking for signs of wildlife while weaving through the beautiful changing aspen trees with Naturalist Michelle on this moderate 3-mile hike

Sunday, September 29th

Hike: Cahill Loop

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

