

Mueller State Park Programs



October 2021

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Friday, October 1

Hike: Peak View Pond

10:00 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow
Stroll down to Peak View Pond and see signs of wildlife and aquatic insects. Keep an eye out for bear scratches, birds and wildflowers. Led by Naturalist Marinne. Slow 1.5-miles.

Mountain Lion Touch Table

11:00 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Come learn about some of the wild feline friends that live in Mueller. See examples of furs and clues they might leave around. Join Naturalist Ben as he shares fun facts about mountain lions.

Watercolor Painting

1:00 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Get inspired by the scenic environment of Mueller to create a beautiful greeting card! Supplies provided. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Nature Crafts

2:00 p.m. At Camper Services
Make fun items using materials from nature! Ages 3 and up. Led by Volunteer Rusty

Saturday, October 2

Hiking Challenge -Trails 12, 26, 25, 27, and 28

8:15 a.m. Meet at Homestead TH
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: Grouse Mountain

9:00 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain TH
Hike to the highest point in Mueller State Park. Just under 1-mile, this hike has almost 360-degree views of Pikes Peak and the Continental Divide! Led by Naturalist Ben.

Fly Fishing

10:00 a.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond
Learn the basics of fly-fishing with Volunteer Craig. 8 years and up. Equipment provided.

Archery

1:00 p.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond
Learn to shoot a bow and arrow. Equipment provided, ages 8 and up. Led by the Naturalist Team.

Golden Hour Elk Hike

5:30 p.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain TH
Come enjoy one of the most beautiful times of year at Mueller State Park. Join Naturalist Hannah for a hike to search for elk and the golden sea of aspens that are found here.

Sunday, October 3

Mammal Touch Table

1 – 3 p.m. At the Visitor Center
Learn about the mammals of Colorado with their furs and skulls. Led by Naturalist Marinne.

Monday, October 4

History Hike

10:00 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain TH
Join Volunteer Naturalists, Joe & Felicia for a history hike. We will hike to Moonshine and Cahill Pond, stopping to visit the historical sites and discuss life, history and legends. A little over 2.5-miles total.

Hike: Outlook Ridge

1:00 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge TH
Hike out to a beautiful overlook of the Continental Divide and the mountains to the south and west. See the majesty of fall colors! Led by Volunteer Rose, 2-miles.

Tuesday, October 5

Hiking Challenge -Trails 13, 12, 31, 30, 14

8:15 a.m. Meet at Black Bear TH
See description on October 2 for more details.

Hike: Elk Meadow

9:00 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow TH
Beautiful views on this 2-mile hike of aspens and Pikes Peak! Led by Naturalist Cassie.

Wednesday, October 6

Hike: Wildernessing

10:00 a.m. Meet at Black Bear TH
Slow down and activate your senses as you take in the awe and beauty of nature through Wildernessing. This adventure helps to connect us with the element of Fire as we observe the changing leaves on the trees. What can we learn from Nature? Led by Wildernessing Guide and Volunteer Naturalist Felicia. Dress for the weather and please bring something to sit on, snacks, water, a journal, and a pen. 3 miles total.

Thursday, October 7

Hiking Challenge - Trails 12, 16, 32

8:15 a.m. Meet at Black Bear TH
See description on October 2 for more details.

Friday, October 8

Hike: Cahill Loop

11:00 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain TH
Enjoy a favorite hike during fall colors to visit the historic homestead of the Cahill brothers. This trail has great views of Pikes Peak. Moderate 3-miles with Naturalist Marinne.

Hug-a-Tree

2:00 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Basic survival in the woods for kids. Fast-moving and go home with some survival items. Ages 5 and up. Led by Volunteer Rusty.

Patio Talk: History of Mueller

4:30 p.m. Meet at Camper Services
Join Naturalist Marinne to learn more about the history of Mueller State Park and the surrounding area. Swing by anytime between 4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 9

Hiking Challenge - Trails 29 and 20

8:15 a.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond
See description on October 2 for more details.

Fall Geocaching Hike!

10:00 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Learn to use a GPS and enjoy a leisurely hike with hidden geocaches on the route! Geocaches will have a fun fall theme. Do your best to find them all! Led by Naturalist Ben.

Critter Crafts

11:00 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Join Naturalist Marinne to make a variety of crafts using materials such as leaves, twigs, and pinecones!

Archery

1:00 p.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond
Learn to shoot a bow and arrow. Equipment provided, ages 8 and up. Led by the Naturalist Team.

Sunset Hike

6:00 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge
Join Naturalist Marinne to see the sun set over Pikes Peak. Easy 1-mile. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight for the way back.

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Sunday, October 10th

Elk Touch Table

10 – 12 p.m. At the Visitor Center
Learn about the secret lives of the “Ghost of the Forest” or Elk! Led by Naturalist Ben.

Elk Bugling Hike

5:30 p.m. Meet at Grouse Mtn TH
Every fall, bull elk seek out and compete for females. Visitors 10 and up can witness this amazing yearly event. This is a strenuous 3-mile round trip hike, returning after dark. Bring flashlights, binoculars, rain gear and wear layers. Led by Naturalist Hannah. Limited to 15, sign up at the Visitor Center 719-687-2366.

Friday, October 15

Tracks and Trailing

2:00 p.m. At Camper Services
Learn about animals and their tracks and play a game about tracking and trailing PEOPLE. For ages 6 and up. Led by Volunteer Rusty.

Patio Talk: Animals of Mueller

4:30 p.m. Meet at Camper Services
Join Naturalist Ben to learn about the wildlife in Mueller State Park. Bring questions and swing by anytime between 4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 16

Geocaching Spooky Spectacular!

10:00 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
As we get closer to Halloween, come participate in a fun filled geocaching adventure with a spooky twist! Help Naturalist Ben by using a GPS to find bones, ghosts, and other scary things that remain in the forest.

Tree Cookie Painting

11:00 a.m. At the Visitor Center
Make a souvenir to take home made with a real slice of aspen! Crafty fun for all ages! Led by Naturalist Marinne.

Truck or Treat

1:00 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
What tools does a park ranger need for their job? Come check out various park trucks and get an early Halloween treat too!

Sunday, October 17

Hike: Cahill Cabin

10:00 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain TH
Join Naturalist Marinne for a 3-mile hike to the view the Cahill cabin and pond and hear their colorful history! This is a fabulous trail during fall colors!

Hike: Mueller in Gold

5:30 p.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain TH
Experience the beauty of the aspens changing color along with the setting sun. Join Naturalist Hannah on this 1-mile hike. Bring a flashlight.

Tuesday, October 19

Hike: Stoner Mill Trail

9:00 a.m. Meet at School Pond TH
Explore the less travelled corner of the park on this 2-mile hike. Led by Naturalist Cassie.

Thursday, October 21

Hike: Homestead Trail

9:30 a.m. Meet at Homestead TH
Join Volunteer Rose on a 3-mile hike through the autumn woods. Fall color leads to animals getting ready for winter.

Nature Bingo

1:00 p.m. Meet at Camper Services
Come join us for a fun twist on a classic camp game. This style of bingo will include characteristics of plants and animals. Led by Naturalist Ben.

Sunday, October 24

Hike: Cahill Loop

9:30 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain TH
Enjoy a popular hike to visit the historic homestead of the Cahill brothers. This trail has great views of Pikes Peak and fabulous fall colors. Moderate 3-miles with Volunteer Rose.

Forest Bathing & Ephemeral Art Making

10:00-1:00p.m. Meet on the Visitor Center Patio
Slow down, awaken your senses, connect deeply with the forest & explore creating ephemeral (temporary) nature art with elements we find (& leave) on this mindful Shinrin Yoku (Forest Bathing) wander on a hidden ridge with Nature Therapy Guide Jane. We'll close with a tea ceremony using local plants. Ages 14 & up. Limited to 10 people. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the Visitor Center (719) 687-2366.

Bear Sunset Hike

6:30 p.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain TH
Join Naturalist Hannah on a beautiful hike and learn about the bears of Mueller State Park. Moderate 1-mile. Bring a flashlight.

Tuesday, October 26

Hike: School Pond Trail

9:00 a.m. Meet at School Pond TH
Gentle hills and a peaceful pond on this 2-mile hike. Led by Naturalist Cassie.

Sunday, October 31

Hike: Rock Pond

9:30 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center
Join Volunteer Rose on a trip down through the montane forest to a lush canyon and scenic pond. A favorite trail at Mueller! This is a moderate to steep 5-mile hike, 700 feet elevation change. Bring water and a snack!

