

# Mueller State Park Programs



**September 2021**

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**Wednesday, September 1**

**Hike: Osborn Cabin**

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at Black Bear TH  
Imagine what it was like to homestead here and survive living off the land! Hear the Osborn family story. Led by Volunteer Penny. 3-miles.

**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. Moderate 3-miles with Naturalist Marinne.

**Thursday, September 2**

**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 round trip, this hike has almost 360-degree views of Pikes Peak and the Continental Divide! Led by Naturalist Ben.

**Watercolor Painting**

**3:30 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.

**History of Native Americans in the Pikes Peak Region**

**7:30 p.m.** Meet at the Amphitheatre  
The Ute Indians evolved from the early Paleo Americans of the ice age and never migrated from this region. The settlement of Colorado resulted in the Ute Indian lands being greatly reduced and many treaties broken. Hear the history of Native Americans in the development of Colorado from 1470s to 1880s. Dress warm and join us for this interesting period in the History of the Pikes Peak region.

**Friday, September 3**

**Hike: School Pond**

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at School Pond TH  
Join Naturalist Ben on a moderate, 2-mile hike on School Pond Loop. Watch for signs of wildflowers and birds!

**Knots and Lashing**

**2:00 p.m.** Meet at Camper Services  
Learn the camp skill of tying knots and lashing! Fun and practical! Make a project to take home. Ages 6 and up. Led by Volunteer Rusty.

**Saturday, September 4**

**Geocaching Hike**

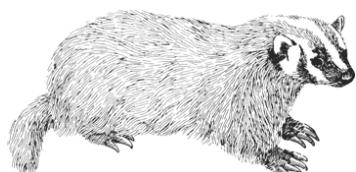
**10:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center  
Enjoy a leisurely hike with hidden geocaches on the route! Learn to use a GPS. Do your best to find them all! Led by Naturalist Ben.

**Junior Ranger Adventure**

**2:00 p.m.** Meet at Dragonfly Pond  
Join Naturalist Ben for an adventure around Dragonfly Pond. Learn about the trees and critters that live in and around the pond. Complete some of your Junior Ranger Booklet.

**Campground Roving: Wildlife Safety**

**3:00-5:00 p.m.** throughout Campground  
Catch Naturalist Marinne and her little red wagon to talk about wildlife safety within Mueller State Park.



**Colorado Fire Safety**

**7:30 p.m.** Meet at the Amphitheatre  
Come learn about fire safety and how fire impacts Colorado. Campfire building methods will be discussed and demonstrated. S'mores will be provided! Led by Naturalist Marinne.

**Sunday, September 5**

**Skins and Skulls**

**10:00 a.m.** Meet at Camper Services  
Get a hands-on experience with the skins and skulls of animals you might find here in the park and learn fun facts from Naturalist Marinne.

**Monday, September 6**

**Hike: Lone Eagle Overlook**

**8:30 a.m.** Meet at Outlook Ridge TH  
Enjoy a nice 2.5 mile round trip to a great view of Pikes Peak and the mountains surrounding Mueller. Led by Naturalist Ben.

**Bear Sunset Hike**

**7:30 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, September 7**

**Hike: Wapiti Nature Trail**

**9:30 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center  
Explore an easy trail with Naturalist Cassie. Learn about the local trees and wildlife at Mueller State Park.

**Wednesday, September 8**

**Hike: Geer Pond**

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at Lost Pond TH  
Take a trip down to Geer Pond, Mueller's largest pond and view the wetlands around it. Learn about beavers and other wildlife that live close by! Moderate 3-mile hike. Bring water!

**Friday, September 10**

**Hike: Red Tail Overlook**

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at Outlook Ridge TH  
Join Naturalist Ben on this 2-mile hike to a beautiful overlook.

**Nature Crafts**

**2:00 p.m.** Meet at Camper Services  
Learn the camp skill of tying knots and lashing! Fun and practical! Make a project to take home. Ages 6 and up. Led by Volunteer Rusty.

**Amphitheater: Songs & Stories with Isaiah**

**7:00 p.m.** Join frontiersman, Isaiah Stonecreek, for a mountain music sing-a-long in the woods! He will bring his banjo, guitar, and harmonica, and you bring YOUR favorite, family legend to tell. Take a turn as part of the 'band' -can you play the washtub or spoons?

**Saturday, September 11**

**Girls Scouts Love State Parks Day**

**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.

**Nature Hike**

**10:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center  
Explore the beauty of the mountains with a naturalist! Discover local plants and animals.

**Archery**

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

**Hug-a-Tree: Survival for Kids**

**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.

**Sunset Hike**

**6:45 p.m.** Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead  
Join Naturalist Ben for a hike to see the sun set over the mountains. Easy 1-mile, bring a flashlight for the way back.



**Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Black Bear Touch Table**

**11:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center  
Enjoy a hands-on experience learning about some of our biggest predators in Mueller State Park. Learn about Black Bears and common misconceptions that make them seem much scarier than they actually are.

**Monday, September 13**

**Nature Walk**

**8:30 a.m.** Meet at Elk Meadow TH  
Enjoy a leisurely walk through the calm and cool forest and see what you find! Great opportunity to see wildlife and wildflowers.

**Hike: Black Bear**

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at Black Bear TH  
Enjoy a moderate 2.5-mile hike lead by Naturalist Ben. Bring water and snacks. This hike will not talk about Black Bears

**Campfire Talk: Wildlife Safety**

**7:00 p.m.** Meet at the Amphitheatre  
Mueller State Park is home to many animals and we are only the visitors. Learn the proper ways to be safe around wildlife and to respect their homes from Naturalist Hannah. Dress warmly.

**Tuesday, September 14**

**Fall Challenge Hike: Preacher's Hollow and Wapiti Trails**

**8:00 a.m.** 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.

**Hike: Trails # 13-12-31-13**

**9:30 a.m.** Meet at Black Bear TH  
Join Naturalist Cassie for this exciting loop, which features a beautiful area of Mueller State Park. Keep your eyes out for small critters and wildflowers!

**Hike: Cahill Loop**

**10:00 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. Moderate 3-mile hike with Volunteer Rose.

**Wednesday, September 15**

**Hike: Homestead Loop**

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at Homestead TH  
Watch for signs of wildlife and wildflowers on this 2-mile hike with Naturalist Marinne.

**Thursday, September 16**

**Fall Challenge Hike: Ranger Ridge and Stoner Mill**

**8:00 a.m.** Meet at School Pond Trailhead

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**Thursday, September 16**

**Fall Challenge Hike: Ranger Ridge and Stoner Mill**

**8:00 a.m.** 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: Preacher's Hollow**

**10:00 a.m.** Meet at Preacher's Hollow Trailhead Join Naturalist Marinne on a hike to the elusive Never/Never Pond and the surrounding wetlands. 2-miles.

**Friday, September 17**

**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.

**Tracking and Trailing**

**2:00 p.m.** Meet 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.

**Basic Wilderness Survival**

**7:00 p.m.** Meet at the Amphitheater Join Naturalist Ben for a presentation on basic wilderness survival. Dress warmly.

**Saturday, September 18**

**Fall Challenge Hike: Aspen and School Pond**

**8:00 a.m.** Meet at School Pond Trailhead See description of Fall Challenge Hike on 9/16/21.

**Nature Bingo**

**2:00 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.

**Mobile Campground Talk: Bears!**

**3:00 p.m.** Meet around campground area Come find Marinne traveling around the campground of Mueller to learn more about Colorado's resident Black Bears.

**Hike: Elk Bugling**

**5:30 p.m.** Meet at Grouse Mountain TH Every fall, bull elk seek out and compete for females. Visitors 10 and up can witness this amazing yearly event with Naturalist Pam. This is a strenuous 3-mile round trip hike, returning after dark. Bring flashlights, binoculars, rain gear and wear layers. Led by Naturalist Marinne

**Sunday, September 19**

**Pond Safari**

**9:30 a.m.** Meet at Dragonfly Pond Explore the underwater world of the pond to see who lives there! Hands-on and fun! Led by Volunteer Rose.

**Tracks and Scat**

**11:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center Learn to read the clues animals leave behind. Their tracks and scat may be the only clues left behind that show animals have been there! Led by Naturalist Marinne.

**Monday, September 20**

**Nature Hike**

**8:30 a.m.** Meet at Elk Meadow TH Explore the trees and flowers of Mueller. Discuss fun facts about the ecology of our mountain environment with Volunteer Craig.

**Tree Hike**

**10:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center. Trees are essential! Come learn how to identify the trees that surround you in Mueller and the unique characteristics that each has to offer. This hike will include hands-on examples of leaves, needles and cones. Led by Naturalist Ben.

**Mueller in Gold Sunset Hike**

**6:00 p.m.** Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead 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, September 21**

**Fall Challenge Hike: Elk Meadow and Peak View**

**8:00 a.m.** Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead See description of Fall Challenge Hike on 9/16/21.

**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. Moderate 3-mile hike with Naturalist Cassie.

**Wednesday, September 22**

**Hike: Rock Pond**

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at Rock Pond Trailhead Join Volunteer Penny on a trip down through the montane forest to a lush canyon and scenic pond. This is a moderate to difficult 5-mile hike, 700 feet elevation change. Bring lots of water and a snack.

**Hike: Peak View Pond**

**10:30 a.m.** Meet at Elk Meadow TH Stroll down to Peak View Pond and see evidence of wildlife and aquatic insects. Keep an eye out for bear scratches, birds and wildflowers. Led by Naturalist Marinne. Slow 1.5-miles.

**Thursday, September 23**

**Fall Challenge Hike: Cahill Pond, Buffalo Rock and Moonshine**

**8:00 a.m.** Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead See description of Fall Challenge Hike on 9/16/21.

**Hike: Elk Meadow**

**10:00 a.m.** Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead Join Naturalist Marinne on a beautiful journey through the lush forests of Mueller. 2-mile hike.

**Friday, September 24**

**Hike: Aspen Trail**

**8:30 a.m.** Meet at School Pond TH Meet at School Pond TH This is a conditioning hike designed to build endurance, there will be minimal stopping. This trail consists of 7 steep hills and is strenuous. Bring plenty of water. Difficult 3.5-miles RT. Led by Naturalist Ben.

**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 Lori.

**Saturday, September 25**

**Fall Challenge Hike: Outlook Ridge, Geer Pond, Lost Pond and Revenuer's Ridge**

**8:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center See description of Fall Challenge Hike on 9/16/21.

**Gold Panning**

**10:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center Learn about gold panning, the art, history and skill. Led by Naturalist Marinne.

**Hike: Elk Bugling**

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**Sunday, September 26**

**Big Predators Touch Table and Safety Tips**

**11:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center Join Naturalist Ben for a hands-on learning experience with some of the bigger predators that call Mueller home. Learn about them and how to be safe if encountered on a trail.

**Geocaching**

**2 p.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center Learn how to use a GPS to find a geocache! Led by Naturalist Ben.

**Monday, September 27**

**Nature Painting: Colors of Autumn**

**5:00 p.m.** Meet at Camper Services Join Naturalist Hannah to paint the beautiful colors of Mueller. All supplies provided.

**Tuesday, September 28**

**Fall Challenge Hike: Cheesman Ranch and Lost Still**

**8:00 a.m.** Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead See description of Fall Challenge Hike on 9/16/21.

**Hike: Homestead Trail**

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at Homestead TH Watch for signs of wildlife on this 2-mile hike in the backcountry with Volunteer Rose.

**Wednesday, September 29**

**Hike: School Pond**

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at School Pond TH Join Volunteer Penny on a moderate, 2-mile hike on School Pond loop. Watch for signs of wildflowers and birds!

**Thursday, September 30**

**Fall Challenge Hike: Rock Pond, Rock Canyon, and Brook Pond**

**8:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center See description of Fall Challenge Hike on 9/16/21.

**Hike: Trail Bingo**

**10:00 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center Join Naturalist Ben on a fun-filled hike where you will be participating in a bingo game with a twist. Search for certain plants and other features on the trail to complete your bingo board!

