

Mueller State Park

Programs



July Park Programs 2025

Programs happen rain, snow, or shine unless posted otherwise.

***All hike and walk end times are an estimate and will depend on the pace of the group.**

Friday, July 4: Basic Fly Fishing

10-12 p.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond Parking Lot

Learn how to fly fish and how it's different from other styles like bait fishing, trolling, and spinning. Use your new or seasoned skills to try to catch a fish at one of Mueller's favorite ponds. All gear is provided. Best for ages 9 and older. Parking is limited. If parking spaces at Dragonfly Pond are full, School Pond is the next closest lot.

Saturday, July 5: Nature Trivia

7-8 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Test your knowledge of local plants and animals with nature trivia! Great for all ages.

Sunday, July 6: Osborn Homestead Hike

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Black Bear Trailhead

Hike to remnants of a cabin built in the early 1900s by the Osborn family. Learn about the park history and the environment on this 3.5 mile hike.

Sunday, July 6: Mining History of Colorado Talk

2-3:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

The 1858 discovery of Gold in the Denver area led to a mass migration to Colorado and the beginning of the mining industry that is still active today. Join us as we discuss the gold industry that led to Colorado statehood.

Sunday, July 6: Campfire Storytime

7-8 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Make a s'more, cuddle up with your sweater or blanket, and enjoy listening to some short stories, fairytales and Indigenous stories about nature. S'mores supplies provided.

Tuesday, July 8: Dark Sky Stories

8:30-9:30 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Listen to stories about the importance of the night sky and how animals and plants are affected by unnatural light at night. Then learn how you can help plants and animals you love by reducing light pollution at home and in the campground.

Thursday, July 10: Sketch Hike

8:30-10 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead

Join volunteer naturalists Eileen and Carrie on a 2-mile moderate hike on an ascent to the highest point in the park. We will stop to sketch some of the park's natural beauty guided by local artist Cyndi Deswik. No experience needed, just your zest for learning! Art supplies are provided, but you may bring your own if you desire.

Thursday, July 10: Archery

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond Parking Lot

Whether you're new or a pro to the sport, archery at Mueller is a great time to test your skills. All supplies are provided, simply come with your listening ears and a good attitude. All ages are welcome; foam bows are available for younger kids. Some adaptable equipment is also available. Call for more details. Parking is limited. If parking spaces at Dragonfly Pond are full, School Pond is the next closest lot.

Thursday, July 10: Backpacking 101 For Women

2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Are you interested in backpacking, but unsure where to start? This program will dive into what gear to bring, how to prepare, helpful skills while in the backcountry and more. You will also have the chance to sign up for a guided overnight backpacking trip in Mueller later in the month. For women ages 16 and older.

Friday, July 11: Basic Survival for Kids

2-3 p.m. Meet at Camper Services

How do you prepare for a hike? What should you pack? What do you do if you get lost? Learn survival skills everyone can use. This program is geared towards kids and their guardians, but all are welcome. Ages 3 and up.

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Saturday, July 12 : Junior Rangers in the Forest

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet in front of the Visitor Center

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the forest and critters at Mueller State Park? Explore the park's wilderness and wildlife, and become a Junior Ranger. If you attend all three different Junior ranger programs this month you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

Sunday, July 13: Forest Bathing

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Unwind and immerse in nature's joy and wonder through the wellness practice of Forest Bathing "shinrin yoku." Join nature therapy guide, Jane, for this mindful one mile wander to quiet the mind and awaken the senses, closing with forest tea. Bring water, a small backpack and rain gear. Recommended ages 12 and up. Sign up online or by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366.

Sunday, July 13: History of Railroads in Colorado Talk

2-3:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Railroads were the most efficient method of transportation in the Gold Rush era. From 1870 to 1910, 5,000 miles of railroads were built through some of the most demanding terrain, and made the settlement of Colorado possible.

Sunday, July 13: Campfire Storytime

7-8 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Make a s'more, cuddle up with your sweater or blanket, and enjoy listening to some short stories, fairytales and Indigenous stories about nature. Smores supplies provided.

Tuesday, July 15: Fly Fishing Basics Plus

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Enhance your fly fishing knowledge in this fly fishing plus class which will include a three hour classroom portion. Go more in depth on techniques and equipment. This class is best for those who have some experience fly fishing or have attended a Mueller fly fishing basics class. It is suggested that you bring your own rod to continue to hone your skills on the equipment you will use outside of the class. You must pre register for this class by calling the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366 or online.

Thursday, July 17: Junior Rangers at the Pond

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Peak View Trailhead

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the ponds and critters at Mueller State Park? Investigate aquatic life in the park and become a Junior Ranger. If you attend all three different Junior ranger programs this month you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together. There is limited parking at Peak View trailhead. Homestead trailhead and the Comfort Station are close by and have lots of parking.

Friday, July 18: Nocturnal Animal Hike

8:30-9:30 p.m. Meet at Wapiti trailhead

Do you know what goes bump in the night? Learn about nocturnal animals on this moderate one mile hike. Please bring a headlight/flashlight. Dress for cool weather.

Saturday, July 19: Busy Beavers

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond

Come learn all about beavers! Kids and adults will enjoy a fun, hands-on build a beaver lodge and dam activity.

Saturday, July 19: Outdoor Story Time

2-3 p.m. Meet at the Amphitheater

Bring the kids to the amphitheater to listen to a nature inspired story. Story will be geared towards young kids. All are welcome.

Sunday, July 20: History of Agriculture in Colorado Talk

2-3:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Discover the drive and needs that led to agriculture becoming a major industry of Colorado beginning in the 1860s.

Monday, July 21: Bike Tour-Wapiti Road

2-3:30 p.m. Meet At Camper Services

Take a tour of the park via the paved Wapiti Road. We will visit 5 locations along the road and discover various aspects about the park such as history and wildlife. Wearing a helmet is required. Water and raingear is recommended. This is a roughly 2 mile, moderate bike ride. Mountain bikes and E-bikes are welcome.

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Wednesday, July 23: Beginner Bird Walk

9-10 a.m. Meet at Elk Meadow trailhead

Come on this beginner led and beginner birder friendly 1.5 mile hike to identify birds in the park. Bird experts are also welcome to come and share your expertise.

Friday, July 25: Archery

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond Parking Lot

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Friday, July 25: Tracking and Trailing

2-3 p.m. Meet at Camper Services

Learn about animals at Mueller. How do you know they've been there? Play an animal game! Best for ages 5+.

Saturday, July 26: Junior Rangers on the Trail

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the forest and hiking at Mueller State Park? Hike to the first outlook, learn about hiking safety and become a Junior Ranger. If you attend all three different Junior ranger programs this month you can earn a special badge. Children and their grown ups should attend together.

Saturday, July 26: Fishing Meetup

9:30-11:30 a.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond

Today is all about fishing. Join CPW and Trout Unlimited volunteers for fishing at Dragonfly Pond. No teaching will be done, this is simply a time for people to get together, swap tips and enjoy the sport. Bring lunch and chat before the TU seminar at 12:30 (info below). *A fishing license is required to fish at the park for ages 16+.

Saturday, July 26: Bring Back the Beaver Talk

12:30-1:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Explore the many effects of removing beavers from the landscape and the benefits of restoring this animal to the environment. Presented by Trout Unlimited.

Sunday, July 27: Basic Fly Fishing

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Sunday, July 27: History of Tourism in Colorado Talk

2-3:30 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Early Native Americans were perhaps the earliest users of Colorado hot springs as a place to rest and meditate; they were quickly followed by tourists from all over the US as they flocked to Colorado beginning in the 1870s. Come learn about one of the most visited areas in the US.

Sunday, July 27: Nature of Jazz Concert

6-7 p.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain trailhead

Enjoy a unique musical outdoor experience with musicians **Ricky Sweum and Aidan Gould**. Featuring the sounds of saxophone and bass performing forest-inspired original compositions, select jazz standards, poetry, and stories of our natural world. This concert will be in a meadow just north of the trailhead. Bring a blanket or chair, snacks and anything else you need to be comfortable.

Thursday, July 31: Tracks Craft

2-3 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center

Come check out what animal tracks you may see in the park. Learn how to tell which track belongs to which animals. Then make your own track guide.