



## Roxborough's Wildflower Weekend

### Wildflower Patio Table

<b>Saturday, May 27</b>	<b>9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	<b>9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, May 29</b>	<b>9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</b>

Join Naturalists and Native Plant Masters for a variety of activities all weekend long to see Roxborough's beautiful landscape. Planned activities include short hikes, practice using a simple identification key, and wildflower bingo. Also, join Naturalist Jill Holden on Monday for sketching. Bring a journal and pencil. Pick up the schedule at the table.

### Colorful Characters of the Pea Family: Hike Sunday, May 28 9 a.m.

Join Naturalist Courtney Kelley for a short hike to the Lyons Overlook and meet some of the colorful characters of the Pea Family, which range from friendly and helpful to deadly poison. *\*RR/VC*

*\* RR = Reservations required for these hikes.*

*\* VC = Meet at Visitor Center. Call (303) 973-3959.*

## Guided Bird Walks

<b>Sunday, April 16</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 21* &amp; June 18</b>	<b>7:15 a.m.</b>

Naturalist Jill Holden

Grab your bird book and binoculars and join us for bird watching adventures. These hikes are for all ability levels. Dress for changing weather conditions.

**\*Please note the May hike is to Carpenter Peak.**

**This is a strenuous 6.4 – mile hike with a 1000 foot elevation gain. Bring snacks and water. \*RR/VC**

## Migratory Bird Day

**Wednesday, May 17 on the Patio 11-3 p.m.**

Birds play a crucial role in keeping our natural world and economies healthy, stop by and find out how. Join us on the patio and spread your wings for bird conservation!

## Birding By Ear

**Saturday, June 17 8 a.m.**

Please join Naturalist Alison Kondler for this unique program. She will teach you how to hear bird sounds with your eyes by using personalized creative mnemonics (helpful ways to memorize). *\*RR/VC*

## Geology, History & Archaeology

### Rox Talk

<b>Sunday, April 9 &amp; 23</b>	<b>9 a.m. - Noon</b>
<b>Sunday, May 7 &amp; 21</b>	<b>9 a.m. - Noon</b>
<b>Sunday, June 4, 11 &amp; 25</b>	<b>9 a.m. - Noon</b>

Join Naturalist Mary Taylor on the patio for informal conversation about what rocks tell us about their origins and the environments in which they were formed.

### Historic Persse Place Open House

<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	<b>12 - 3 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, June 4</b>	<b>12 - 3 p.m.</b>

Step off the Fountain Valley trail and into the early 1900s. Naturalists will give you a tour and share the history of this nationally registered historic home.

### Homesteads of the South Trails

**Saturday, May 20 9 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.**

In celebration of National History & Archaeology Month, join Naturalists Betsy Healey, Kevin Schaal and Mike Thomas for a short presentation on the events that led to homesteading in the Roxborough area and a fabulous hike to see 6 homesteads and learn of the life and times of the people who lived in them. The full hike is 7 miles but for those who want an abbreviated version, we will have turn around points to make a shorter roundtrip hikes of 1.5 miles, 2.5 miles, or 4 miles. The hike to the last two remote homesteads is steep but worth it. See a part of Roxborough that many people don't. Non-hikers are welcome to attend the presentation. If you plan to hike, bring water, lunch, and appropriate gear for weather. Reservation cut-off is May 13. *\*RR/VC*

### Roxborough Ancient Residents

**Sunday, May 21 9 a.m.**

In celebration of National History & Archaeology Month join Betsy Healey and learn how the Archaic and Woodland era people lived and thrived at Roxborough thousands of years ago. A walk along Fountain Valley trail to view a few of our archaeological sites will follow a brief lecture. *\*RR/VC*

**\* RR= Reservations required for these hikes. VC = Meet at Visitor Center. Call (303) 973-3959.**

## Hike With A Naturalists

### Nature & Knitting Sessions

**Saturday, April 1 & 29**

9 a.m.

**Friday, May 5 & 26, June 9 & 30**

9 a.m.

Begin your morning with a hike on one of our trails with Naturalist Deb Wright to get your hearts and muscles pumping. Take in the fresh air and beauty of Roxborough. Next on to your journey of yarn colors and fibers! Don't know how to knit? We'll be happy to show you how to with some spare needles and yarns on hand. Bring your lunch and stay for a while. *\*RR/VC*

### Wildflower Walk on Willow Creek Trail

**Monday, June 12**

9 a.m.

**Monday, June 26**

9 a.m.

Join Naturalist and Native Plant Master, Susan Dunn, for a walk around Willow Creek Trail to look for patriotic shapes and colors. This in an easy 1.4-mile hike. Please bring water, snacks, and dress for the weather. *\*RR/VC*.

### Silver Seniors South Rim

**Saturday, June 17**

8:30 a.m.

Join Naturalist Deb Wright for a hike on South Rim Trail. See beautiful views of Roxborough's landscape. This moderate 3-mile round trip hike will lift you physically, mentally, & spiritually. Dress for the weather. Bring water and a snack. *\*RR/VC*

### Wildflower Walk: Heart of the Park

**Monday, June 19**

9 a.m.

Join Naturalist and Native Plant Master, Susan Dunn, for a walk around the visitor center and Fountain Valley Overlook to look for what is blooming. This in an easy walk. Please bring water, snacks, and dress for the weather. *\*RR/VC*.

## TAKE A HIKE!

Roxborough has great hiking. Call us for more information and trail conditions. We suggest planning your hike during the week or very early on the week-end. We have limited parking and may go to capacity as early as 10 a.m. on the week-end

## Roxborough Revealed

Naturalist led hikes, programs or activities almost every Saturday, May – Oct..

**Saturday, May 6**

Naturalist Barb MacRae

**Nature Hike**

10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, May 13**

Naturalist Mary-Margaret Coates

**Patio Geology**

10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, May 20**

Naturalist Doris Cruze

**Trees of Roxborough**

10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, May 27**

Naturalist Roger Dowell

**Wildflower Hike**

10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, June 3**

Naturalist Ann Sarg

**Wildflower Hike**

10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, June 10**

Naturalists Jim & Sue Schleuder

**Hiking Mindfully**

10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, June 17**

**The Beautifully Ugly Turkey Vulture**

Naturalist Mike Thomas

10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, June 24**

Naturalist Roger Dowell

**Nature Hike**

10:30 a.m.

## Educators



Ask about our Pre K-6 Colorado state standards based school programs. We also offer a transportation scholarship to schools that qualify. Call Angel Tobin, Volunteer & Interpretive Services Manager, at (303) 973-3959 X15 for more information and to schedule your fieldtrip.

## Rambles Mailing List

**Email:** roxborough.park@state.co.us

**Mail:** 4751 East Roxborough Drive.

Roxborough, CO 80125 Attn: Rambles Mailing.

Please send four self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

**Online:** Go to cpw.state.co.us, bring up the Roxborough page, and a downloadable copy of the "Rambles" is available on the right side of the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/roxboroughstatepark/>

*\*RR = Reservations required for these hikes.*

*\*VC = Meet at Visitor Center. Call (303) 973-3959.*

## Just for Kids

### Roxy Puppet Theater

**Saturday, April 22, May 27 & June 24 10:30 a.m.**

Join the Puppet Players for fun, wild, and wacky tales of Roxborough wildlife. Ages: eight and younger, accompanied by an adult. **\*RR/VC 24 hours prior.**

## Junior Naturalist Program

### Become a Junior Naturalist!

Families can spend time together as they discover the many wonders of Roxborough State Park. Gain knowledge of nature in this outdoor wonderland. Kids can earn a Certificate of Completion or continue on for their official Junior Naturalist Patch! Two Naturalist led hikes are required for patch. **Geared for ages 7-12.**

### Junior Naturalist: Walk on the Wild Side

**Sunday, May 21 1-2:30 p.m.**

Join Naturalist Ann Sarg for a hike searching for wildflowers and plants. We'll discover if any of the flowers look like those in your garden or yard. You'll learn some cool things about our plants such as who eats them, did early inhabitants use them, could they be used for medicine and much more! **\*RR/VC**



## FAMILY BACK PACKS

Stop by the visitor center and pick up a family back pack to take on your hike. It is filled with nature guides, crayons, pencils, binoculars, bug boxes, activities, and more! Leave a special message in the journal for the next group. ID required to be left behind to borrow back pack and there is a small charge for broken or missing items when returned. This is fun for the entire family!

## Friends of Roxborough

The Friends of Roxborough is a not-for-profit 501(c)3, and operates by the generous time of volunteers. Our mission since 1993 is to acquire land and support nature education here at the park. All proceeds stay in the park to further this mission. For additional information, email: friendsrspsec@gmail.com.

**\*D = Donations; \*RR = Reservations required for these hikes. \*VC = Meet at Visitor Center.**

## Moonlight Hikes- Friends Sponsored

### NEW EVENT PLAN

Join Naturalists for an evening hike. Afterwards enjoy the evening sky by telescope on the patio.

A donation of \$5.00 per hiker is requested. To reserve, send a check payable to the Friends of Roxborough. The address is 4751 E. Roxborough Drive, Roxborough, CO 80125.

Reservations for each hike close approximately one week prior to the event as no money can be taken that evening. Non-refundable tickets for your confirmed hike will be sent to you. Look to the next Rambles for additional dates. **\*RR/VC/D**

Moonlight Hike Dates:

June 8 @ 7 p.m. Reservations close June 1

July 8 @ 7 p.m., Reservations close July 1

August 6 @ 6:30 p.m. Reservations close July 30

September 5 @ 6 p.m. Reservations close August 29

October 5 @ 6 p.m. Reservations close September 28

## Summer Concerts- Friends Sponsored

Bring your own chair and join us on the patio for a summer of music "on the Rox". There is no fee, but we will pass the hat and your generous donations will go directly to the pavilion fund. Look to the next Rambles for additional dates. **\*VC/D**

**Thursday, June 29**

**6:30 p.m.**

◆ Marianne Goodland

**Sunday, July 16**

**6:30 p.m.**

◆ Jubilant Bridge

**Saturday, August 12**

**6 p.m.**

◆ Deborah Solo

**Sunday, August 27**

**6:30 p.m.**

◆ Skanson & Hansen

## New Project Funded By The Friends Of Roxborough!

Ever wonder how many people visit the park each day and when the busiest times occur? Friends is working with park staff on a long-term project to collect and analyze data. We installed 4 trail sensors to count people using the park trails and a vehicle sensor to get an accurate count of vehicles, on an hourly basis. The results will help park staff in planning and managing resources, prioritizing projects and supporting budgetary and grant requests.

Educational programming is funded in part by the Friends of Roxborough. Support Roxborough by joining today!