

Mueller State Park Programs



January 2019

Always hike with a map, water, and weather protection!

Mueller State Park is open every day for hiking, camping and enjoying the outdoors! The Visitor Center is open 9:00 am until 4:00 pm during the winter months. It will be open New Year's Day for our First Day Hikes! Start out 2019 right with a hike in a state park!

WEATHER: Winter conditions in the mountains are variable. The trails may be dry or have snow. Often the snow is deeper in the shady forest than can be seen from the trailhead. Snow shoes are recommended with deep snow. Skiing and sledding are popular also! Check the website or call for conditions:
719-687-2366

cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Mueller

Tuesday, January 1st

First Day Hikes - Happy New Year!

Colorado State Parks have taken on the tradition of hosting hikes on New Year's Day – to start the New Year out right! Four different hikes are offered for First Day Hikes at Mueller!
Bring water, snacks, and dress for snow!



Hike: Elk Meadow

9:00 am Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Enjoy a hike through forest and meadow on gentle hills. Watch for signs of wildlife and tracks with Volunteer Naturalist Rose. 2-mile, moderate hike. Dress for the weather!

Hike: Rock Pond

9:30 am Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot
One of our favorite trails year round. 5-miles, 600 feet elevation change to Rock Pond and Canyon, moderate to difficult due to elevation. Led by Volunteer Naturalist Cindi. Dress for the weather, in layers, bring lots of water and snacks.

Hike: Homestead Trail

10:00 am Meet at Homestead Trailhead
Enjoy nature in winter on a gentle 2-mile hike through the woods with Volunteer Naturalist Penny. Be prepared, dress in layers!

Hike: Outlook Ridge

11:00 am Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead
Outlook Ridge trail goes through the woods and out to overlooks to view the valleys in the foreground and the Continental Divide in the distance with Volunteer Naturalist Craig. 2-3 mile, moderate hike.



Saturday, January 5th

Hike: Outlook Ridge to Lost Pond

9:15 am Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead
This will be a short “mash-up” hike down Outlook Ridge to the first overlook, then continue over to Lost Pond then return on Revenuer's Ridge back to the Outlook Ridge trailhead. This hike should be about 3.5 miles RT. Rating is moderate to difficult due to some steep hills. Be sure to be prepared for winter hiking. Bring lots of water, dress in layers. Poles and spikes are very useful for these hikes. Led by Naturalist Nancy.



Saturday, January 12th

Hike: Elk Meadow to Murphy's Cut

8:30 am Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Enjoy a favorite trail through forest and meadow on gentle hills. Visit the site of the old railroad bed called Murphy's Cut. Watch for signs of wildlife! Led by Volunteer Naturalist Cindi. 4-mile hike. Dress for the weather and bring lots of water and snacks.

Saturday, January 19th

Hike: Preacher's Hollow to Stoner Mill

8:30 am Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot
Explore nature in winter on a 4-mile hike through the woods with Volunteer Naturalist Cindi.

Saturday, January 26th

Hike: Mini-Mashup from Outlook Ridge

9:15 am Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead
This hike goes to Black Bear Trail, then Geer Pond Trail, then looping back on Outlook Ridge Trail. In total, about 4.5 miles of moderate hiking. Join Volunteer Naturalist Nancy as you take in beautiful views of Mueller in the winter.

