October 2019

Always hike with a map, water, and weather protection

Tuesday, October 1st
Fall Challenge Hike: Homestead Trail
8:00 am Meet at the Homestead 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.

Thursday, October 3rd
Fall Challenge Hike: Black Bear
8:00 am Meet at Black Bear Trailhead
See October 1st.

Friday, October 4th
Hike: Kids Earth Sensory Hike
3:00-4:00 pm Meet at Visitor Center
Listen to the rustling of the fall trees and smell the crisp air as Naturalist Rusty guides you through a 1-mile sensory hike.

Saturday, October 5th
Fall Challenge Hike: Grouse Mountain
8:00 am Meet at Grouse Mtn Trailhead
See October 1st.

Hike: Cahill Loop
9:00 am Meet at Grouse Mtn Trailhead
Join Naturalist Michelle on this moderate 2.5-mile hike, exploring the flora and fauna of Mueller and legend of the Cahills!

Hike: Black Bear Trail
1:00 pm Meet at Black Bear Trailhead
Come check out the black bear trail that winds through forest and meadows with Naturalist Kyle. Moderate, 4-mile hike.

Watercolors
1:30 pm Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead
Be inspired by the beautiful fall scenery and learn watercolor techniques from Naturalist Michelle. All supplies provided.

Hike: Elk Bugling
5:00 pm Meet at the Visitor Center
Every fall, bull elk seek out and compete for females. Visitors over the age of 10 can witness this amazing yearly event with Naturalist Kyle. This is a strenuous 3-mile hike, returning after dark. Bring flashlights, binoculars, rain gear, and wear layers. Must sign up at the Visitor Center via walk-in or by calling (719) 687-2366.

Sunday, October 6th
Hike: Last Still
9:00 am Meet at Grouse Mtn Trailhead
Explore the remains of an old distillery where illegal moonshine was made in the early 1900s. Led by Naturalist Michelle. An easy 1.5 mile hike.

Touch Table: Elk and Aspen
1:30 pm Meet at the Visitor Center
Elk and aspen are as much a part of Mueller’s history as the old homesteads. Learn about why they are so important to each other and the park.

Tuesday, October 8th
Fall Challenge Hike: Dragonfly Pond
8:00 am Meet at Dragonfly Trailhead
Final Ceremony! See October 1st.

Wednesday, October 9th
Hike: Preacher’s Hollow
9:00 am Meet at Preacher’s Hollow Trailhead
Join Naturalist Michelle to search for wildlife and explore one of the park’s lesser known valleys on this 2-mile hike.

Hike: Elk Meadow
1:00 pm Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Join Naturalist Kyle and hike the Elk Meadow, filled with magnificent views and hopefully lots of elk. 2-mile hike.

Thursday, October 10th
Hike: School Pond
9:00 am Meet at School Pond Trailhead
The school pond trail has beautiful meadows, a small pond, and even a prayer tree from the Ute Indians. Join Naturalist Kyle on this 2-mile hike.

Nature Walk: Trees
1:00pm Meet at the Visitor Center
Come take a walk on the trails around the visitor center where Naturalist Kyle will talk about the trees of Mueller.

Friday, October 11th
Hike: Grouse Mountain Overlook
1:30 pm Meet at Grouse Mtn Trailhead
Come experience the near 360˚ view from Mueller’s highest point. Take in amazing vistas of Pikes Peak, the Sangre de Cristo range, and the Collegiate Peaks with Naturalist Michelle.

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Saturday, October 12th
Fly Fishing
10:00 am Meet at Dragonfly Pond
Learn tricks and techniques of fly fishing from fly fishing guide Naturalist Craig. All supplies provided. 8 yrs and up.

Saturday, October 19th
Hike: Rock Canyon
9:00 am Meet at Visitor Center parking
Hike our favorite trail to see the last of the fall colors! 5-mile hike and 700 feet elevation make it difficult but worth it! Brings lots of water and dress in layers.

Saturday, October 26th
Hike: Elk Meadow
9:00 am Meet at Elk Meadow Trailhead
Join Naturalist Penny on a 2+ mile hike through meadows and forests with great views of Pikes Peak!