For the good of the animals and other visitors:
• Park using roadside pullouts – do not park on vegetation
• Turn off car lights and engine upon parking
• Stay by the roadside when viewing animals
• Do not approach animals closely -- wildlife are unpredictable
• Never use artificial lights or calls
• Do not walk into posted meadows between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m.
• Watch for other cars & keep an eye on children
• Never feed wildlife

Five meadows are closed to entry between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. daily from September 1 and October 31 to minimize disturbance to elk: Moraine Park, Horseshoe Park, Upper Beaver Meadows, Harbison Meadow, and Holzwarth Meadow.
Bicycles in the Park
Bicycling is permitted on public roads, both paved and dirt, but not on trails. There are no bike paths, and many roads are narrow with little or no shoulders. Please ride cautiously.

National Public Gateway Stables
Rocky Mountain Gateway near the Fall River Entrance on U.S. 34
(970) 586-2669

CowPoke Corner Corral Stables
YMCA Road on Highway 66 at Glacier Lodge (970) 586-3590

Hi Country Stables
In Rocky Mountain National Park: Moraine Park (970) 586-3227
Glacier Creek (970) 586-3244

Fires
A federal law allows people who legally possess firearms under federal, Colorado, and local laws, to possess firearms in Rocky Mountain National Park. It is the visitor’s responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable state and federal firearms laws.

Narrow with little or no shoulders. Pets are never allowed on trails or in meadow areas. Pets must be on leash no longer than 6 feet when outside vehicles. For the safety of your pet and for the protection of park wildlife and other visitors, pets and their food should not be left unattended. You may not leave your pet unattended in vehicles if it creates a danger to the animal or if it becomes a public nuisance. Pets may not be left tied to vehicles, trees or other objects.

A Pet Brochure is available at visitor centers and lists all regulations.

Fishing
Obtain specific park regulations at visitor centers or park entrance stations.

Lost and Found
Please turn found items in at any park visitor center. To inquire about lost items, call the Backcountry Office at (970) 586-1206.

Pets and Service Animals
Pets are allowed in the park but only in picnic areas, campgrounds and along roadsides. Pets are never allowed on trails or in meadow areas. Pets must be on leash no longer than 6 feet when outside vehicles. For the safety of your pet and for the protection of park wildlife and other visitors, pets and their food should not be left unattended. You may not leave your pet unattended in vehicles if it creates a danger to the animal or if it becomes a public nuisance. Pets may not be left tied to vehicles, trees or other objects.

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Service animals that have been individually trained to perform specific tasks for the benefit of persons with disabilities are allowed in the park. A service animal that is allowed in park facilities, trails, etc., must be doing so in the service of a disabled person. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), emotional support animals are not considered service animals. They may not access trails, park buildings or other non-motorized areas. Service dogs in-training are not service animals under ADA, but are considered pets.

Entrance Fees
Automobile 7-day pass is valid for seven consecutive days, including date of purchase. $20
Rocky Mountain National Park Annual Pass - Provides unlimited entry to this park for one year from the date of purchase. $40
Rocky Mountain National Park/Arapaho National Recreation Area Annual Pass - Provides unlimited entry to both areas for one year from the date of purchase. $50

America the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass - Available to everyone which provides access to, and use of, federal recreation sites that charge an entrance fee for one year from date of purchase. $80
America the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Senior Pass - A lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or older. $10
America the Beautiful Military Pass - National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass - Free unlimited entry to federal recreation sites (including National Parks) for active duty military personnel and dependents with required proper identification (CAC Card or DD Form 1173) for one year.

Fees may be paid by check, cash, or credit card.

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- Bears and Campground Food Storage Lockers
- Climbing Longs Peak-Keyhole Route
- The Ten Essentials

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Gifts and Food
Trail Ridge Store Gifts, café, and coffee bar. (970) 586-1319 from 8 to 5 daily

Mountaineering
- Colorado Mountain School
- Rock Climbing
Estes Park, (800) 836-4008

Picnicking
Picnic areas are located throughout Rocky Mountain National Park. Check the park map for specific locations.

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See page 6 for food storage while camping.

Take Only Pictures
Regulations prohibit disturbing and taking any natural features including pinecones, rocks, antlers, artifacts, soil, rocks, or vegetation in the park. The use of metal detectors within the park is not allowed.

Viewing Wildlife
When viewing any wildlife, please:
- Obey wildlife closure areas and “no stopping” zones.
- Use parking areas along the road.
- Do not park on vegetation.
- Approach animals may cause them stress, leading to disease or illness.
- If you cause an animal to move or change its behavior, you are too close!
- Wildlife can be unpredictable. For your safety and theirs, enjoy and photograph wildlife from a distance.
- Never feed wildlife, including birds and chipmunks.

Hearing impaired persons may call the TTY at (970) 586-1319 from 8 to 5 daily

Park Phone Numbers
Trail Ridge Road status: (970) 586-1222
On Call Park Information (970) 586-1206 with your questions. We are available to assist you from 8 to 4:30 daily.

Dial 911 to report emergencies
Stay Safe

Mountain Climbing
Specialized skills and equipment may be required to safely reach a summit. Autumn climbing can present unique challenges since lingering snow and ice can be present. Summiting Longs Peak is not a hike, but a climb. Ask for information before you climb or visit the park website at http://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/longspeak.htm

Hiking Safety
With over 350 miles of trails, the park offers a vast array of choices. In autumn, it can snow in the high country at any time. Please check at a visitor center for current conditions before hiking. Even for short day trips, be sure to pack gear for all types of weather (sun, rain, snow, wind). Windproof/waterproof clothing is essential gear to wear or carry.

Trail Tips. Stay together: this is the most important tip that comes from the experience of park search and rescue teams! Be prepared for the rigors of park search and rescue. Experience of park search and rescue teams! Be prepared for the rigors of park search and rescue. The Keyhole Route can experience heavy traffic requiring greater skill and judgment. Be prepared for quick, uncontrolled shivering. If these symptoms occur, warm the chilled person with dry clothing and warm, nonalcoholic liquids. Get back to your car and seek medical attention. Carry a windproof/snowproof outer shell and extra layers of clothing. Drink plenty of water; high elevation, wind, and cold can dry us out and chill us. Most importantly, stay dry!

Longs Peak Keyhole Route
The Keyhole Route is NOT a hike! It is a climb with exposure requiring scrambling where an unroped fall would likely be fatal. The route has narrow ledges, loose rock, and steep cliffs. A permit is not required. The best route follows red and yellow bulls-eyes. If you lose the bulls-eyes you are likely off route and will encounter more difficult climbing with more severe consequences. It is important to retrace your steps back to the bulls-eyes before continuing. The Keyhole Route can experience winter-like conditions at any time, requiring greater skill and judgment. Be prepared to turn back during sudden, drastic weather changes.

High Elevation
A large number of visitors to this park each year experience symptoms of altitude sickness. Symptoms range from headaches and dizzy spells to nausea and eventually unconsciousness. Rocky Mountain has the highest average elevation of any national park -- even the main road climbs to 12,083 feet! The road is higher than most U.S. mountains. High altitude can also aggravate existing medical conditions such as heart and lung diseases. Take your time and be sure to drink plenty of water. The only cure for altitude sickness is to go down to a lower elevation.

Avoid drinking untreated water from streams and lakes as it may be contaminated with giardia.

Hiking Safety

Lightning
People are killed by lightning every year in Colorado. Afternoon storms are frequent and can bring an unhappy end to a hike. Watch for approaching storms and be well below treeline or back in your car before the storm hits. If you are caught out in the open during a lightning storm, do not seek shelter under a tree or rock overhang. You want to squat down as low as you can, keeping both feet together and avoid being the tallest thing around you. Keep your pack, hiking poles, and all metal away from you while you are exposed.

Lightning

Mountain Lions and Bears
There are no grizzly bears in Rocky Mountain National Park. Mountain lions and black bears are powerful and potentially dangerous. Here are some general guidelines for traveling in backcountry areas of Rocky Mountain where wildlife may be encountered:

1) Travel in Groups and make noise as you hike. Keep your group, especially children, close together.
2) Do Not Approach a mountain lion or bear.
3) Stay Calm when you see a mountain lion or bear.
4) Stop; back away slowly. Never turn your back and run.
5) Stand Tall and Look Large. Raise your arms. Protect small children by picking them up.
6) Leave immediately if bear cubs are present, or if a bear huffs, pops its jaw, stumps a paw, or if a bear or mountain lion doesn’t leave the area.
7) If approached, make loud noises, shout, clap hands, clang pots and pans.
8) If attacked by a mountain lion or bear, Fight Back!

Falling Trees
Falling trees are an ever-present hazard. When traveling or camping in the forest, remember that trees can fall without warning. Be particularly watchful when it’s windy. Avoid parking where trees could fall.

Hypothermia
Hypothermia is a serious and sometimes fatal condition brought on by exposure to wet and cold. The core body temperature drops to a level that impairs normal muscle and brain activities. Symptoms include drowsiness, loss of judgment or coordination, slurred speech, and uncontrolled shivering. If these symptoms occur, warm the chilled person with dry clothing and warm, nonalcoholic liquids. Get back to your car and seek medical attention. Carry a windproof/snowproof outer shell and extra layers of clothing. Drink plenty of water; high elevation, wind, and cold can dry us out and chill us. Most importantly, stay dry!

Essentials to Wear and Carry

- Lots of water
- High-energy food
- Layers of clothing (jackets & pants), including insulating, windproof clothing like synthetic or wool
- Sturdy footwear & extra socks
- Storm gear
- Hat and gloves
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Sunscreen
- First aid kit
- Topographic map & compass/GPS
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Waterproof matches
- Pocket knife
- Whistle
- Common sense!

Weather and Road Conditions
Trail Ridge Road is open daily, weather permitting. Trail Ridge Road usually closes for season around mid-October. For current park road and driving conditions, please stop at a visitor center. Call the Trail Ridge Road status line (970) 586-1222 for current road status.

Old Fall River Road is open when weather permits. It usually closes for the season in early to mid-October. The road is narrow, one-way up only, has tight switchbacks, and no guardrails. Vehicles over 25 feet long and trailers are prohibited.

Be aware of changing weather, as conditions can deteriorate quickly. Trail Ridge and Old Fall River Road can close temporarily at any time. The park Information Office operates seven days a week and can be reached at (970) 586-1207. For more information see www.twitter.com/RMNPoffical, or the park website at www.nps.gov and click on road conditions.

Scan with your mobile device for the Keyhole Route Site Bulletin.
**Free Ranger Programs - Alpine & East Side**

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Programs may be cancelled due to high winds or lightning.

### Daytime Programs - East

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<td><strong>High Country Tails</strong> - Discover what alpine animals can tell us about living life on the mountaintops.</td>
<td>End 10/14</td>
<td>Alpine Visitor Center</td>
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<td><strong>Autumn Bird Walk</strong> - Join a ranger in search of fall migrants in an excellent birding area. For all levels of birders. Bring binoculars and a field guide.</td>
<td>Ends 10/5</td>
<td>Upper Beaver Meadows Trailhead</td>
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<td><strong>Autumn in the Rockies</strong> - Cool crisp air, beautiful fall colors, and bugling elk. Come on an easy walk to discover the many changes taking place this time of the year.</td>
<td>Ends 9/20</td>
<td>1-1.5 hour walk Upper Beaver Meadows Trailhead</td>
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<td><strong>Lily Lake Stroll</strong> - Enjoy an easy walk around a lovely lake beneath Longs Peak while exploring the natural and human forces that have shaped this landscape.</td>
<td>Ends 10/10</td>
<td>1-1.5 hour walk Lily Lake parking lot</td>
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<td><strong>Predators of Rocky</strong> - Discover the secret lives of Rocky’s predators and how they shape the ecosystem.</td>
<td>Ends 9/29</td>
<td>20-30 minute talk Fall River Visitor Center</td>
<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Amazing Beavers</strong> - Beavers drastically change their environment, and they have wonderful adaptations to do so.</td>
<td>Ends 10/14</td>
<td>20-30 minute talk Beaver Meadows Visitor Center</td>
<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Elk Echoes</strong> - Learn about elk adaptations, migration, and mating behavior.</td>
<td>Ends 10/14</td>
<td>30 minute talk Sheep Lakes Parking Lot &amp; Moraine Park Visitor Center Amphitheater</td>
<td>6 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Bear Lake Stroll</strong> - Enjoy an easy walk around a lovely subalpine lake and learn about the natural and human forces that have shaped this landscape.</td>
<td>Ends 9/30</td>
<td>1-1.5 hour Bear Lake Ranger Station</td>
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<td><strong>Fire in the Forest</strong> - Explore the dynamic changes that fire brings to the landscape.</td>
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<td>1-1.5 hour walk Cub Lake Trailhead</td>
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<td><strong>Beaver Meadows Evening Program</strong></td>
<td>Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs.</td>
<td>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center</td>
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<td><strong>Night with an Artist</strong></td>
<td>Explore the world of art through the eyes and ears of a Musician and composer.</td>
<td>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center Auditorium</td>
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### Junior Ranger

Free Junior Ranger books are available at park visitor centers for children ages 12 and under. A successfully completed book earns a badge! You are an important part of this park. Stay in touch. Contact us anytime at: romo_junior_ranger@nps.gov

Los libros de guardaparque juveniles son para niños que tiene 12 años o menos. se pueden obtener sin costo en el centro de visitantes del parque. Si se completa el libro con éxito puede recibir una insignia!

### Heart of the Rockies

**Teachers, Parents, Students!**

Rocky Mountain National Park’s “Heart of the Rockies” education program provides an outdoor classroom to children throughout the region. Teachers who are interested in participating in this program may contact the park’s Education Specialist at (970) 586-3777, or through the website at www.heartoftherockies.net

### Free Park Movie

See the stunning 23-minute park movie at both the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center during normal business hours. This film features spectacular aerial footage of the rugged high country of Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as wildlife and park history. A Captioned version is available at Kawuneeche Visitor Center and Captioned and Audio Description versions are available at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. Available in both Spanish (translation headsets available upon request) and English at Beaver Meadows and Kawuneeche visitor centers.
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<td><strong>Wilderness Connections</strong> – A moderate hike on a new section of the Continental Divide Trail featuring a lovely meadow and creek.</td>
<td>1.5-2 hours 2 miles</td>
<td>Onahu Trailhead</td>
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<td><strong>Coyote Valley River Walk</strong> – Explore ecology and history on this easy walk along the Colorado River. No program 9/7 or 9/26, ends 9/28</td>
<td>1 hour 1 mile</td>
<td>Coyote Valley Trailhead</td>
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<td><strong>Rocky Mountain Heritage Walk</strong> - Learn about the human history of the Kawuneeche Valley while strolling to the grounds of an historic guest ranch. Ends 9/17</td>
<td>1.5 hours 1 mile</td>
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<td><strong>Beyond The Falls</strong> - A pleasant stroll to Adams Falls and a spectacular view just beyond. Ends 9/20</td>
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<td><strong>Timber Creek Campground Evening Program</strong> - Check at the campground or Kawuneeche Visitor Center for topics. Fri-Sat only after 9/12, ends 9/21</td>
<td>1 hour presentation</td>
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<td><strong>Behind The Scenes</strong> - Short videos documenting how the park addresses challenges like elk management, pine beetles, and bear safety. Sundays only after 9/21, ends 9/29</td>
<td>1 hour presentation</td>
<td>Kawuneeche Visitor Center</td>
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<td><strong>Skins And Things</strong> – Examine the skins, skulls, antlers, teeth and bones of many park mammals. Weekends only after 9/21, ends 10/13</td>
<td>40 minute talk</td>
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**Elk Day, Kawuneeche Visitor Center**
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 7 only
Learn all about these bugling beauties in a special day of elk activities. Rangers will be on hand at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center with fun family activities to share. Please drop in!

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### Resource Issues

**Tell Me More About the Fences**

Research has shown that the elk herd in Rocky Mountain National Park and the Estes Valley, is larger, less migratory and more concentrated than it would be under natural conditions. As a result, willow and aspen stands were declining, depriving other wildlife of the important habitat they need. Fences are one of the many tools we are using in the implementation of the park’s Elk and Vegetation Management Plan.

Each fall since 2008, the park has installed exclosure fences on elk winter range in the Moraine Park, Beaver Meadows, Kawuneeche Valley and Horseshoe Park areas. These exclosures are protecting important riparian willow and aspen habitat from elk browsing.
Fall Camping 2013

Backcountry Camping

Permits are required for all overnight backcountry camping, and reservations are recommended for summer. Camping is allowed only in designated sites and areas. Permits may be obtained at the Beaver Meadows Backcountry Office or Kawuneeche Visitor Center. For further information write to: Backcountry Office, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado 80517 or phone (970) 586-1242. The administrative permit fee of $20 is required for backcountry permits between May 1 and October 31; there is no charge in winter.

Sprague Lake Accessible Backcountry Campsite

Reservations and information are available through the Backcountry Office at (970) 586-1242. This site accommodates 12 campers with a maximum of five wheelchair users at the camp. The administrative permit fee is $20 from May 1 to October 31.

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- Inside vehicle trunks; be sure windows are closed and doors are locked.
- In vehicles without trunks, items should be placed as low in the vehicle passenger compartment as possible and covered from sight, with windows closed and doors locked.
- Visitors with convertibles or motorcycles are encouraged to use food storage lockers, available in all park campgrounds. Food storage lockers, which are approximately 3 ft x 4 ft x 3 ft are shared with other visitors and cannot be locked. Food storage locker symbols are located on all campground maps.

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