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Hear Their Call

It is fall – a magical time in the Rockies. Days get shorter, leaf and underbrush colors change, the tundra gets its first dusting of snow, and the mating season or “rut” begins for elk. The elk of Rocky Mountain National Park are able to retain their natural, wild state and go about their fall mating rituals IF we, as humans, don't interfere.

Watch carefully: Lifting his head and massive rack of antlers high, a bull elk begins his stately march across the moonlit meadow. Moving naturally in this timeless dance, he pauses – listening to something we can’t hear – and then bugles. The shrill call rings out through the meadow, echoing from the mountainsides with the slightest hesitation, as if they needed to mull the thought over for a moment before releasing it again. These remarkable vocal skills, rising over 3 octaves, serve to attract cows and intimidate rival bulls. The bugle communicates his size, strength and vigor, inviting cows to join his harem of up to 60 cows. Once the harem is assembled, it must be defended day and night from satellite bulls coming in to lure cows away. Laying his impressive antlers back along his spine to show his incredible size, the bull is constantly on the move. He is majesty, sailing on the mists of the meadows, passing his superior genes on to the next spring’s generation of calves. Our job? Watch quietly, respectfully, and stay well away from these powerful animals.

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 -- 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 September 1 through October 31 to prevent disturbance to elk during the fall rut: Moraine Park, Horseshoe Park, Upper Beaver Meadows, Harbison Meadow, and Holzwarth Meadow.

Old Fall River Road and Alluvial Fan Flood Damage

Old Fall River Road and the Alluvial Fan suffered significant damages during flooding last September. The road will remain closed to vehicles through 2014. Once construction begins to repair the road and the Alluvial Fan (date to be determined) the road west of the Lawn Lake Trailhead to the Alpine Visitor Center will be closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. Please stop at a visitor center or visit the park’s website for more up-to-date information.
Backcountry Office.

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Be Mountain Savvy

Training and technical skills are

needed to sum it up for any of Rocky's high peaks. Slipping is not the

problem when climbing steep terrain with snow and ice. It's the landing that can hurt, maim and kill.

Longs Peak is NOT a hike! There is no trail to the summit and the rocks are often coated with ice.

Avoid Bear and Mountain Lion Encounters

When hiking, ALWAYS keep children next to adults. If you encounter these animals, make yourself look big –

pick up small children, raise your arms and keep your group standing close together. Never run – instead SLOWLY back away and leave the area. If attacked, fight back!

Do Not Feed Wildlife

Wildlife, including chimpsun and birds, are beautiful to look at and it's tempting to feed them. But they can bite you, carry disease and become beggars. Human food is unhealthy for them. Plus feeding wildlife is illegal. Enjoy them from a distance.

Watch Out for Falling Trees

The Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic has increased the chances of falling trees. Avoid hiking through the forest on windy days and plan your rest breaks away from red or dead trees.

Altitude Sickness

Altitude can aggravate preexisting medical conditions and even be fatal. Acclimatize by drinking plenty of water and driving to 12,000 feet up Trail Ridge Road later in your stay. If you feel lousy at altitude, descend immediately.

Bicycles in the Park

Bicycling is prohibited on trails. By law, you must ride single file. Park roads are narrow and may not have shoulders. Shuttle buses are not equipped to transport bicycles.

Campfires

Campfires are permitted only in campgrounds and picnic areas with fire grates. During high fire danger, campfires may be prohibited. Firewood can be purchased at park entry stations.

Firearms

Possessing firearms in Rocky Mountain National Park is permitted for those who are legally authorized under federal, Colorado or local laws. However, hunting, recreational shooting, and target practice are illegal. Federal law prohibits firearms in park buildings and facilities. Those legally allowed to carry firearms must comply with all applicable state and federal firearm laws. Need to know more? Contact us at 970-586-1206.

Fishing

Fishing in the park? You’ll need a valid Colorado state fishing license. Pick up regulations at visitor centers or entrance stations.

Pets

Pets are only allowed in picnic areas, campgrounds and along roadsides. They must be on a leash, no longer than 6 feet. Pets must not be unattended in cars, or tied to trees or objects. Pets are never allowed on trails or meadows.

Service Animals

Service animals individually trained to perform specific tasks are allowed on trails and in park facilities only if they are providing a service for a disabled person. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), “therapy animals” providing emotional support do not qualify as service animals. These pets are prohibited on trails, in park buildings or other non-motorized areas. Service dogs-in-training are not service animals under ADA, but are considered pets.

Food Storage

Properly stored food and a clean camp protect you, your car, and wildlife from harm. Unattended food, toiletries and other scented items can attract wildlife including bears. Violators will be cited for improperly stored or unattended food items including food, drinks, garbage, wrappers, pet food, cosmetics toiletries, and odoriferous containers.

Ward-off Hypothermia

Avoid this potentially fatal drop in core body temperature - keep dry and warm with rain gear, a windbreaker and extra layers. Be alert for hypothermia's warning signs – shivering, confusion and drowsiness.

Important Information and Safety Considerations

Nature's beauty is alluring. Her power is also awe-inspiring and dangerous. Keep your vacation from turning into a nightmare by following these safety tips.

Entrance Fees

Automobile 7-day Pass - Valid for seven consecutive days including date of purchase. $20

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 Passport - 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 - Free unlimited entry to federal recreation sites (including National Parks) for active duty U.S. military personnel and dependents with required proper identification (CAC Card or DD Form 1173) for one year.

America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass - A free lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a permanent disability.

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America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass - Provides unlimited entry to federal recreation sites that charge an entrance or standard amenity fee for one year from date of purchase. $80

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Fall River Open daily 9-5 through September 28; Weekends Oct. 1 - 13. Features sizeable wildlife displays, a book store and discovery room where kids can touch objects and dress up as rangers, Indians and pioneers.

Alpine Visitor Center Open daily (weather permitting) 10:30-4:30 through October 13. Features extraordinary views of alpine tundra, displays, information, a bookstore, an adjacent gift shop, cafe and a coffee bar. Call (970) 586-1222 for Trail Ridge Road status.

Kawuneeche Visitor Center Open daily 8-6 through September 6, then 8-5 September 7 through September 27. Then 8-4:30. Park information and maps, free movie and exhibits on how to plan your visit, bookstore, backcountry camping permits.
Travel Tips

Essentials to wear and carry

- Lots of water
- High-energy food
- Layers of clothing (jackets & pants)
- Storm gear
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Pocket knife
- Topographic map & compass/GPS
- Sturdy footwear & extra socks
- Hat and gloves
- Sunscreen
- First aid kit
- Flashlight or headlamp
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Weather and Road Conditions

Trail Ridge Road is open for the season, weather permitting. It usually closes for the season in mid-October. For current park road and driving conditions, please stop at a visitor center or call the Trail Ridge Road status line (970) 586-1222 for current road status. Due to flood damage reconstruction, Old Fall River Road is closed to all use during 2014.

Be aware of changing weather, as conditions can deteriorate quickly.

Trail Conditions

Due to the 2013 Flood, backcountry hikers may encounter missing foot bridges, missing trail segments, difficult water crossings and unstable slopes. Please ask a ranger, stop at a visitor center, or visit the park website, www.nps.gov/romo, for more specific, updated information.

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<td>Wildflowers, waterfowl, and greenback cutthroat trout may be seen on a level walk around the lake.</td>
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<td>Tundra Communities Trail</td>
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<td>View the miniature world of the tundra and enjoy sweeping views of the park. Paved trail and interpretive signs.</td>
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<td>Follows the bank of the Colorado River, with views of the Never Summer Mountains. Packed gravel, level grade. Interpretive signs. See moose, songbirds, and wildflowers.</td>
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<td>A beautiful short hike near Grand Lake. The trail continues beyond the falls to lush meadows.</td>
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<td>Holzwarth Historic Site</td>
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<td>Explore a historic homestead cabin and 1920s dude ranch. Brochures, interpretive signs and tours available.</td>
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While You’re Here

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 Español (translation headsets available upon request) and English at Beaver Meadows and Kawuneeche visitor centers.

Junior Ranger

Free Junior Ranger books are available at park visitor centers for children of all ages. 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

Moraine Park Discovery Center

## Ranger-Led Programs | East Side

### Walks and Hikes

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All children must be accompanied by an adult. Programs may be cancelled due to high winds or lightning.
Many things happened in 1915.

World War I was in full swing. The House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote. The Girl Scouts and the Kiwanis Club were founded. Pluto was photographed for the first time. Babe Ruth hit his first home run, and the Lusitania was sunk. Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra were born. The first transcontinental phone call was made. Ford manufactured its one-millionth Model T, and Albert Einstein formulated the theory of relativity.

On January 26th, Rocky Mountain National Park was established.

A lot of history has passed between 1915 and today. A lot of things have changed – music, science, manufacturing, technology, politics. But some things haven’t.

Rocky Mountain National Park is still here. After almost 100 years, despite all the history, all the change, and all the progress, Rocky Mountain National Park is still important to people. Our need for mountains and wild places, beauty and escape is just as strong today as it was 100 years ago, if not more so.

Some visitors seek out the high country on a regular basis, using it as a portal through which to filter the world. Some have a memory of a snow-covered peak or a day on the trail to think back on fondly. Other visitors to Rocky Mountain National Park will never set foot inside its boundaries, and yet find great joy in simply knowing that it exists.

The 100th Anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park is for everyone. It is a reminder of all that has happened here. It is a celebration of the connections that people have made with this place, the things that live here, and those who work to protect it. It is a challenge to not let Rocky Mountain National Park fade from what we value as we progress into the next 100 years. It is a renewal of the vow we made to protect this place, so that it can continue to shelter us and those who come after us.

You will do many things in 2015.

Let the 100th Anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park be one that you remember.

Timeline of Events

10,000 BC. Clovis Paleoindian hunters enter the park as the glaciers retreat.
1200-1300 Ute enter North Park and Middle Park and Rocky Mountain National Park.
1800 Arapaho make first appearance in the park.
1820 Stephen A. Long Expedition on the plains and are first non-Indians to see Longs Peak.
1843 Rufus B. Sage is first explorer to enter east side of the park and write about it.
1858 Joel Estes enters what is now Estes Park and starts a ranch.
1868 John Wesley Powell, William Byers (Rocky Mountain News), and others make the first ascent of Longs Peak.
1871 Addie Alexander is the first woman to climb Longs Peak
1874 Hayden’s “U.S. Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories” enters the park.
1874-1886 Mining occurs on the west side of the mountains; Lulu City and Gaskill Towns established.
1895-1935 Grand Ditch is built to bring water from Never Summer Range across La Poudre Pass and down the Cache Le Poudre to the plains for agriculture.
1896-1902 Mining on the east side of the park (Eugenia and Meeker Mines).
1905 Stanley Hotel constructed in Estes Park.
1906 Antiquities Act passed, allows the President to create national monuments.
**Centennial Junior Ranger**

You are the future of Rocky Mountain National Park!

Junior Rangers of all ages are invited to pick up a Centennial Junior Ranger Activity Sheet to test your knowledge and creativity. Turn in your completed page for a special Centennial Sticker.

Activity sheets and stickers are available only at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, Fall River Visitor Center, Alpine Visitor Center and Kawuneeche Visitor Center.

**Rocky Mountain National Park’s Centennial Year**

Centennials are important events. The 100th anniversary of the dedication of Rocky Mountain National Park is certainly no exception. That event took place on September 4, 1915, on an open knoll in Horseshoe Park close by today’s Lawn Lake Trailhead, a two-sided banner overhead. Though the day was overcast, the crowd was large. Individuals and families came from Denver and other Front Range towns as well as from Estes Park. Enos Mills, already celebrated as “The Father of Rocky Mountain National Park,” served as master of ceremonies. “This is the proudest moment of my life,” he told the crowd. “I have lived to see the realization of a great dream come true. It means great things for Colorado and for the nation.” And indeed it most certainly has. Though the anniversary of that dedication Saturday is still a year away, a series of events are being planned that will give all of us ample opportunity both to celebrate and reflect.

Looking back one thinks of the park’s milestone events and achievements. There have been many. One thinks of the completion of Fall River Road over the Continental Divide in 1920, and its successor, Trail Ridge Road in 1932, of the Civilian Conservation Corps days of the 1930s which advanced important park projects, including trail building, by well more than a decade; and of the “holing through” of the 13-mile Alva B. Adams tunnel beneath the park in 1944, a key element in the Colorado-Big Thompson mountain irrigation project. Other, more recent, accomplishments include the opening of the Beaver Meadows Visitors Center in 1967, a cornerstone of Mission ‘66 project, the last concerted effort to refurbish and update America’s system of national parks; and the completion in 2003 of the reconstruction and relocation of portions of much-traveled Bear Lake Road.

Centennial years, rightly considered, should not simply focus on the past. They should draw our attention to the present and to the future as well. Over the past hundred years Rocky Mountain National Park has grown slightly in size and greatly in complexity. To be sure, it is rather less cluttered than it was in 1915. All of the great resort hotels (those “castles of woods”) are gone, as are many of the other inholdings once found in places like Moraine and Horseshoe Parks. The size of the ranger force and support staff of necessity has also grown (at the time of the dedication there were only three). They are needed to take care of the more than three million visitors who enter the park each year. Balancing this accessibility with the need to protect and preserve the park’s fragile ecology is, and will remain, a major challenge. Enos Mills’ dream of 1915 is, in fact, an still unfinished one—it is an affirmation in progress, as all truly great dreams are.

So even as we enjoy the centennial events of the coming months let us do so with gratitude not only to those who made Rocky Mountain National Park possible but to those who labor today and will labor tomorrow to keep Enos Mills’ dream alive. The late Western writer Wallace Stegner called national parks “the best idea we ever had.” Those of us who have had the privilege of hiking the trails of Rocky Mountain National Park, lunching besides one of its supremely beautiful lakes, or fishing one of its peaceful and sequestered streams, will surely agree. Our ability to enjoy the authenticity of such experiences, not to mention the wonder of it all, is the gift of the past to the present.

Let then this celebratory centennial year also be a year of re-dedication. Let it be a year in which we reaffirm our own responsibility as present-day stewards in helping to preserve this special place, so that a hundred years hence it will be said that we in our time—to quote the Organic Act of 1916 that created the National Park Service—helped “to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects . . . by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Put in less lofty terms: that we too helped pass Enos Mills’ “great dream” forward into the hands of those whom we will never know.
Join the Celebration Conversation

Find us on your favorite social media platform to join in on special events, photos, videos, and more!

#rmnp
@Rockynps

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy

The nonprofit Rocky Mountain Conservancy (formerly the Rocky Mountain Nature Association) was founded in 1930 to develop informational brochures for the park. Today, through the publication and sale of educational materials, the Conservancy supports the research and educational programs of Rocky Mountain National Park and its public lands partners.

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy also raises funds for trails and improvement projects within Rocky Mountain National Park.

In support of Rocky Mountain National Park’s 100th Anniversary, the Rocky Mountain Conservancy commissioned both a Centennial Poster, created by Jim Disney, and a Centennial Song, written by Cowboy Brad Fitch, to help celebrate this momentous occasion.

Rocky Mountain Conservancy bookstores will also carry a wide variety of commemorative items throughout the celebration year.

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Institute will be offering a special Centennial Seminar Series throughout 2014 and 2015 in order to highlight the wilderness, wildlife, and wonder of the park. Seminars are led by talented instructors and usually require some hiking, and cover a myriad of topics including wildlife biology, history, botany, and photography.

Stop by a bookstore in one of the park visitor centers to shop, pick up a seminar catalog, or learn more about becoming a member and helping to support Rocky Mountain National Park.

Art in the Park

How do you remember Rocky Mountain National Park? Do you treasure a particular photograph of golden aspens and Longs Peak? An oil painting of the mist rolling off Adams Falls? Have you made a sketch or written your own poem to memorialize your latest visit?

Art, it seems, is one of the most prominent ways through which Rocky Mountain National Park finds and maintains a home in our hearts and memories. Throughout the celebration of Rocky Mountain National Park’s 100th Anniversary, many opportunities to appreciate the art of nature will be showcased.

Which will you enjoy? You may listen to a concert or a storyteller. You may take home iconic images in a commemorative book, poster, or calendar. You may watch as a plein air painting takes shape before your very eyes. Or you may take in a program presented by one of the park’s Artists in Residence.

Art has always played a pivotal role in the protection and appreciation of national parks, and Rocky Mountain National Park is no exception. As the 100th Anniversary of the park nears, ask yourself how art has helped shape today’s park and how it might help you find a new and enduring connection with this special place.

Event Schedule

September 25 - Thursday
Gala Opening Reception
6-8pm at Fall River Visitor Center

September 26 - Friday
Stanley Hotel Paint-Out
9am-12pm at The Stanley Hotel

September 27 - Saturday
Quick Draw
9am-12 noon at Moraine Park Discovery Center

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Poem for Parks

by Cactus May
Artist-in-Residence 1996

On Flat-Top mountain
a man in a stiff baseball cap
and stripped tube-socks
told me every two breaths
he took up here let him live
one more down there.

He pointed a bony finger.

I stayed on top a little longer
in case he was right.

A woman from Wisconsin
stopped me at Cub Lake
she swept her hand
at the water-lilies and the light
told me to imagine all this
as John Wesley Powell saw it.

I did.

And I could, without television
or a coffee-table book
because it’s still here.

En plein air is a French expression
that means “in the open air” and is particularly used to describe the act of painting outdoors.

Early light is often best for catching
the nuances of the park’s spectacular peaks.

The Official Poster of the Centennial,
created by Jim Disney, is available for sale at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center.
September 2014

3  Centennial Kick-off Ceremony
   Hidden Valley, RMNP

3  Wonder of the Wild
   Images of RMNP Gallery
   Estes Park, CO

4-7  Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival
     Estes Park, CO

4  Centennial Kick-off Ice Cream Social
   Holowarth Historic Site, RMNP

4  Wonder of the Wild II
   Grand Lake Art Gallery
   Grand Lake, CO

5  RMC Centennial Seminar:
    Hike the Ute Trail with a Naturalist
    970-586-3263 for details

6  Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary
   Wilderness Walk
   Lilly Lake, RMNP

6-7  Oil Painters of America Great Paint Out
     Trail River Ranch, RMNP

7  Music, Munchies, and Maybe a Moose
   Trail River Ranch, RMNP

8  RMC Centennial Seminar:
    The First 100 Years
    970-586-3263 for details

13  RMC Centennial Seminar:
    Big horn Sheep Ecology
    970-586-3263 for details

15  The Women of Wind Research in RMNP
    Beaver Meadows Auditorium, RMNP

20  RMC Centennial Seminar:
    Photographing the Wildlife and Wonder of Autumn with John Fielder
    970-586-3263 for details

20  Constitution Week Concert
    featuring Peggy Mann
    Grand Lake, CO

21-30  Paint Something Grand
       Grand Lake, CO

25-28  Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters
       Opening Reception and Art Sale
       Fall River Visitor Center, RMNP

26  Centennial Speaker Series:
    Mary Taylor Young
    Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP

October 2014

4  The Playground Trail: The National Park to Park Highway
   Estes Park Museum
   Estes Park, CO

9  The Geology of Estes Park
   Rock Climbing
   Estes Park Museum
   Estes Park, CO

10  Centennial Speaker Series: Robert Stanton
    Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP

25  Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder Halloween
    Grand Lake, CO

November 2014

3  Meet Me at the Museum: Souvenirs of RMNP
   Estes Park Museum
   Estes Park, CO

8  Who’s There?
   Estes Park Museum
   Estes Park, CO

28  The Wonder of Christmas
    Grand Lake, CO

December 2014

20-21  Home for the Holidays: The Wonder of Christmas in the Rockies
       Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater
       Grand Lake, CO

26-31  Centennial Holiday Melodrama
       Grand Lake, CO

31  New Year’s Eve Fireworks Celebrating RMNP
    Grand Lake, CO
Beyond the Falls - A pleasant stroll to Adams Falls and a spectacular view just beyond. Ends 9/16
1.5 hour
1 mile
East Inlet Trailhead
2:00p

Skins and Things - Examine the skins, skulls, antlers, teeth and bones of many park mammals. Ends 9/21
40 min talk
Kawuneeche Visitor Center
10:30a
ten:30a
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Behind the Scenes - Short videos documenting how the park addresses challenges like elk management, pine beetles, and bear safety. Ends 9/17
1 hour
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10:30a
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Rocky Mountain Heritage Walk - Learn about the human history of the Kawuneeche Valley while strolling to the grounds of an historic guest ranch. Ends 9/17
1.5 hours
1 mile
Holzwarth Historic Site parking area
2:00p
2:00p

Coyote Valley River Walk - Explore ecology and history on this easy walk along the Colorado River. 9/11 & 9/18 only
1 hour
1 mile
Coyote Valley Trailhead
2:00p

Inside the Fence - Enter an enclosed area to learn about elk, moose and to explore habitat recovery first hand. 9/6 and 9/20 only
1 hour
1 mile
Holzwarth Historic Site parking area
2:00p

Wilderness Connections - Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act with a moderate hike to a hidden meadow and picturesque creek. Ends 9/21
1.5 - 2 hours
2 miles
Onahu Trailhead
2:00p
2:00p

Elk Day, Kawuneeche Visitor Center 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 13 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!

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

Notes from the Field

20,000 Calories a Day?!

Ask most visitors: “Want to see a bear?” and the resounding answer is, “Yes – that would be cool!” But few visitors want to see a bear in their tent, ripping into their backpack or destroying their car. The purpose of bear management in Rocky Mountain National Park is to keep bears wild and prevent encounters that can threaten visitor safety, damage property, or provide food rewards to bears. Once bears get human food they can become more aggressive. Often these bears need to be killed.

In the fall when bears are preparing for winter dormancy they have an insatiable appetite and can eat up to 20,000 calories. This is a time when visitors need to be “bear aware” and keep anything bears may consider food properly stored.

It takes all of us to save the life of a bear!

• Keep a clean camp.
• Clean up spills on grills and stoves and wash dishes promptly.
• Use food storage lockers.
• Never leave food items or coolers unsecured or unattended.
• When parking your vehicle make sure all food and trash is stowed out of sight with windows closed and doors locked.
• When hiking keep your backpack with you at all times.
• Latch doors on dumpsters.
• If there isn’t space in trash cans or dumpsters take items with you.
• If you see a bear where it doesn’t belong or in the process of getting a food reward take action – yell, clap, honk your horn.

Bears consume 20,000 calories a day in fall
Don’t attract wildlife, including black bears, to campsites because of improperly stored food items. Food items include: drinks, toiletries, cosmetics, pet food and bowls, odoriferous attractants, and garbage.

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### Stay Limits
The maximum length of stay is seven nights total between June 1 and September 30, plus an additional 14 nights between October 1 and May 31. Stay limits are on a parkwide basis rather than on a per campground basis.

### At All Standard Campsites
- No more than eight people may camp at a given site. Each person is required to have his/her own sleeping accommodations, tents, and campers with a maximum of five wheelchair users at the camp. The administrative permit fee is $20 from May 1 to October 31.
- Campsite reservations are made for a specific campsite and not a specific campsite number.
- Campers may change campsite if necessary.
- Campers must remain at their particular campsite.
- Campsite reservations are valid between May 1 and October 31; there is no charge in winter.
- Campers are limited to a maximum of four days per month per park.

### Food Storage Lockers
- In campgrounds, store all food items by one of the following methods:
  - 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 campgrounds. Food storage lockers, which are approximately 3 ft x 4 ft, are for food items by one of the following methods:

### Permits
- 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) 568-1242. 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) 568-1242. 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.

### For your safety and the protection of park wildlife, carry in/carry out, commercially-made, hard sided, bear-resistant food storage canisters are required of all backcountry campers parkwide between May 1 and October 31. Canisters may be rented or purchased at outdoor shops in surrounding communities. Pack out all garbage.
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International Sister Parks

Rocky Mountain National Park and the Tatra National Parks in Slovakia and Poland established an ongoing sister park relationship in 2007. The three parks have similar mountain terrain and ecosystems and are seeking solutions to common issues. The exchange of information and expertise to better manage these great preserves benefits all.
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There are no shuttle bus services on the west side of the park or across Trail Ridge Road. There are several commercial shuttle tours in the Estes area; contact the Estes Park Visitor Center for information, 800-443-7837, or visit estespark.com.

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A park pass is required to board the Hiker Shuttle; it may be purchased at the automated machine at the Estes Park Visitor Center.

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