

**Plan Your Visit**

- **Enjoy a scenic drive**
  - Trail Ridge and Old Fall River roads are open for part of fall (see below left). Bear Lake Road remains open, but access is restricted when crowding becomes unsafe. For the best experience, visit on weekdays, ride the park shuttle (through Oct 9), or arrive before 10 am or after 3 pm.

- **Experience the elk rut**
  - The rut is an incredible experience! Turn to Page 3 for our Elk Viewing Guide, where you can learn about elk, get photography tips, and learn how to keep yourself and the elk safe.

- **Join a ranger-led program**
  - Ranger programs are free, fun way to learn about the park and talk with a ranger. We even have special programs for kids, including our Junior Ranger program. Learn more on Pages 4–5.

- **Hike a trail—or two!**
  - Hit the trail and immerse yourself in Rocky's beauty. Find hiking tips and a list of trails on Page 6.

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**A Golden Glow**

**Autumn is an enchanting season at Rocky.**

This is a time when herds of elk gather in low elevation meadows for their annual rut. Golden aspen leaves shimmer on the hillsides. The high peaks are powdered with snow. As bulls compete for cow elk, their musical bugles fill the air while they posture, chase, and spar with rival males.

With such beauty on display, it’s no surprise that fall is an extremely popular time to visit Rocky—especially on weekends. Please be kind, patient, and courteous to other visitors and park staff, and follow all posted regulations. If you plan to visit us again in the fall, forgo the crowds by viewing wildlife at dawn and on weekdays.

Autumn is full of experiences that rekindle our sense of wonder. Stop, listen quietly, and watch the beauty of wild life unfolding before your very eyes.

“The world was meant to be inhabited by beasts but studied and contemplated by man”

— Sir Thomas Browne

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**Road Conditions**

Trail Ridge Road usually closes for the season in mid-October. The exact closure date varies depending on weather. Temporary closures are possible in the event of hazardous weather; ice and snow are possible throughout the fall. Call 970 586-1222 for the most up-to-date status of Trail Ridge Road.

Old Fall River Road closes for the season in early October.

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**Hiking and Camping**

For tips on hiking and a list of trails, see Page 6.

Overnight stays in Rocky must be in a campground or designated wilderness site and require a permit. Staying overnight in a car or RV along roads or at trailheads is not allowed.

Rocky has five campgrounds. Most close for the season in September. For details, visit go.nps.gov/RockyCamping or stop by a visitor center. For wilderness camping, visit go.nps.gov/RockyWildernessCamping or stop at the Wilderness Office (just west of the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center) or the Kawuneeche Visitor Center (west side).

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**Free Park Movie**

See the stunning 23-minute park movie, Spirit of the Mountains in the Beaver Meadows and Kawuneeche visitor centers. Beaver Meadows and Kawuneeche have assisted listening devices for audio description and amplification and induction loops for those with hearing aids. Both visitor centers have a captioned version of the park film and a version en Español. All park visitor centers are accessible.

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**Visitor Centers**

**EAST SIDE Near Estes Park**

Beaver Meadows Visitor Center 
9/4–10/9 8 am to 5 pm. 10/10–11/4 8 am to 4:30 pm. Near the Beaver Meadows Entrance on US Hwy 36. Info, bookstore, park movie (see left). For wilderness camping permits, follow the trail east of the visitor center to the Wilderness Office.

Fall River Visitor Center 
9/4–10/9 9 am to 5 pm. 10/10–10/9 9 am to 4 pm. Closed starting 10/10. Near Fall River Entrance on US Hwy 34. Life-sized wildlife displays, bookstore.

Moraine Park Discovery Center
Open 9 am to 4:30 pm through 10/9. Closed starting 10/10. On Bear Lake Road. Interactive exhibits, nature trail offering great views of Moraine Park, family friendly activities, and a bookstore.

**TRAIL RIDGE ROAD**

Alpine Visitor Center
Open 9 am to 5 pm through 10/9 (weather permitting). Closed starting 10/10. Highest visitor center in the NPS at 11,796 feet. Extraordinary alpine views, displays, information, a bookstore, and an adjacent gift shop and cafe.

**WEST SIDE Near Grand Lake**

Kawuneeche Visitor Center 
9/4–10/9 8 am to 5 pm. 10/1–11/4 8 am to 4:30 pm. On US Hwy 34 north of Grand Lake. Information, maps, free park movie, exhibits, bookstore, wilderness camping permits.

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**To report emergencies**

TTY for deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired 970 586-1319
Stay Safe

Be Responsible

It is your responsibility to be safe and to know and obey park rules. You can find park safety information, rules, and regulations at visitor centers, entrance stations, trailhead bulletin boards, and the park website at nps.gov/romo.

Altitude Sickness affects many visitors every year. Symptoms include headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizziness, vomiting, and in acute situations, even unconsciousness. Altitude can also aggravate preexisting conditions like heart and lung disease. Take your time, drink plenty of water, eat lightly, and rest. The only cure for altitude sickness is to go down to a lower altitude.

Wilderness Travel should be done in a group, not alone. Leave a detailed trip itinerary with a friend. This helps park authorities if you fail to return. Mountain weather changes quickly. If conditions are more difficult than anticipated, turn around. Longs Peak, a popular climb, can have treacherous ice and snow any time of year. Camping is only allowed in designated site.

Bicycles are prohibited on all roads open to motor vehicles, paved and dirt, unless otherwise posted. There are no designated bicycle lanes in the park. Roads are narrow with few or no shoulders—ride with care. By law, you must ride single file. Shuttle buses do not accept bicycles. Visit go.nps.gov/RockyBicycling.

Campfires are permitted only in campgrounds and picnic areas with fire grates. During high fire danger, campfires may be prohibited. You can purchase firewood at campgrounds in summer. Collecting vegetation, dead or alive, is prohibited.

Cell Service is unavailable in much of the park. Don’t depend on a cell phone for emergency help.

Drones are not allowed anywhere in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Falling Trees are an ever-present hazard and can fall without warning. Be extra careful around dead trees when it’s windy or following a snowstorm.

Firearm Possession in the park is permitted for those legally authorized to possess firearms 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.

Fishing requires a Colorado state fishing license. Trout in the park include brown, brook, rainbow, and cutthroat (including the protected Colorado River and greenback). Not all park lakes have reproducing fish populations. For more information, visit go.nps.gov/RockyFishing.

Hypothermia can happen any time of year. Watch for drowsiness, impaired judgment, excessive shivering, and slurred speech. To prevent, wear insulated, wind-proof layers and drink plenty of fluids.

Lightning regularly strikes in Rocky. There’s no safe place in the backcountry when lightning strikes. Check the forecast. Watch for storm clouds. Plan so you can quickly return to your car if a storm begins. If hiking, return to the trailhead before noon, and return immediately if you hear thunder.

Rivers and Streams can be deadly. Park waters are frigid. Powerful currents can knock you over and pull you downstream or underwater, where you may become trapped. Streamside rocks are often slippery, and nearby water may be deep. Always closely supervise children around all water but especially near rivers and streams.

Take only pictures. It is illegal to take any natural features including pinecones, rocks, antlers, and artifacts or to dislodge soil, rocks, or vegetation (including flowers). Metal detector use is prohibited.

Marijuana possession and use is illegal in Rocky Mountain National Park and all federal lands, even though small amounts of recreational marijuana are legal in Colorado.

Pets are prohibited on ALL park trails, tundra, and meadow areas. Leashed pets are only allowed in picnic areas, parking lots, campgrounds, and along roadways. Never leave pets in vehicles if it puts them in danger or they become a public nuisance. When outside vehicles, pets must be on leashes no longer than six feet. Service animals that have been individually trained to perform specific tasks for the benefit of persons with disabilities are allowed in the park. Emotional support (“therapy animals”) and service-animals-in-training are not service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act and may not access trails or other non-motorized areas.

Rivers are prohibited on trails. They are permitted on all roads open to motor vehicles, paved and dirt, unless otherwise posted. There are no designated bicycle lanes in the park. Roads are narrow with few or no shoulders—ride with care. By law, you must ride single file. Shuttle buses do not accept bicycles. Visit go.nps.gov/RockyBicycling.
Elk Viewing Guide

One of the most exciting events of fall in Rocky is the elk rut: the elk mating season. While incredible to watch, the rut is a vital ritual for all animals involved. This is where mates are chosen, genes are passed on, and next year’s cycle of newborn life begins. Please respect this process, the wildlife involved in it, and the experience of yourself and other visitors by following park regulations.

Never Approach Wildlife

Elk are large animals that can injure or even kill you. While 25 yards (23 m) is the legal minimum, any distance that changes a wild animal’s behavior is too close. Approaching a wild animal can cause it serious stress, which can negatively affect its health, disrupt important natural processes (like the rut), and provoke defensive behavior that could harm you and those around you.

Please remember: you are in these elk’s home. They work hard throughout the year to survive in a challenging environment. This is not a wildlife park or zoo.

Learn to Take Great Photos

For many of us, our smartphone is our go-to camera. But smartphone cameras have limited zoom. There’s simply no way to get close-up photos without getting too close to wildlife.

The solution? Bring a camera with a telephoto lens! You can keep a safe distance, and wildlife will be less disturbed, netting you better photos. Binoculars are also great for getting a closer look from a distance.

Respect Meadow Closures

- Park only in designated pull-offs. Park staff will move your vehicle if it impedes traffic.
- Do not park on vegetation or in “no parking” areas.
- Turn off your engine and car lights.
- View elk from the roadside. Stay next to your car for protection—elk can charge or cross roadways suddenly.
- Use of artificial calls and spot-lighting is prohibited.

All meadows are closed to entry between 5 pm and 7 am daily from September 1 to October 31, including:
- Moraine Park
- Horseshoe Park
- Upper Beaver Meadows
- Harbison Meadow
- Holzwarth Meadow

Take the Rocky Pledge

We need your help to preserve and protect Rocky and the wildlife who call this place home.

How can you help? Take the Rocky Pledge! Covering six key areas where you can truly make a difference, the pledge is an easy, educational way to learn about and support Rocky.

To learn more, visit go.nps.gov/RockyPledge.

Learn More About Elk

- Elk are one of the largest members of the deer family. Large males, called bulls, can weigh 700–1000 pounds and stand five feet at the shoulder. Females, called cows, usually weigh 500–600 pounds.
- Only males have antlers, which grow in the spring and drop each winter. Antlers can grow up to an inch a day! While growing, they are covered with a protective layer of velvety skin. When the antlers are fully grown, the bulls scrape this layer off.
- Each fall, elk gather in montane meadows for the annual breeding season. In this season of excitement, bull elk compete for the right to breed with a herd of females. Prime bulls, eight to nine years old, stand the best chance of mating.
- While competition is high among bulls, it includes little fighting, since fighting causes injury and depletes energy. Instead, mature bulls compete for cows by displaying their antlers, necks, and bodies. They emit strong, musky odors and bugle.
- Bull elk signal the mating season with a crescendo of deep, resonant tones that rise rapidly to a high-pitched squeal before dropping to a series of grunts. The eerie call echoes through the autumn nights and serves to intimidate rival males. Cows and younger bulls may also bugle, but they cannot match the strength or range of the older bulls’ calls.

Learn more: go.nps.gov/RockyElk.
**Ranger-Led Programs**

**East Side**

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**Special Programs and Events (East and West)**

**Join Us for Elk Day**
Kawuneeche Visitor Center
10 am to 2 pm
Saturday, September 16 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!

See our Elk Viewing Guide on Page 3 to learn more about the fall rut and how to view elk safely.

**Become a Junior Ranger**
Drop in any time this fall and tell park staff you want to be a Junior Ranger!

Junior Rangers have fun discovering the natural world and learning why we need to protect our national parks. We need the help of ALL our rangers to keep Rocky protected for many years to come.

Pick up a free Junior Ranger Activity Booklet at any visitor contact station, discover the park, and earn your badge! There are activity books for ages 5 and under, 6 to 8, and 9 and up.

WebRangers is the online extension of the Junior Ranger program. A website for all ages, if you love our national parks, historic sites, and monuments, this site is for you. nps.gov/webrangers

**Party with the Stars**
Moraine Park Discovery Center
6 pm
Friday, October 20 only

Watch as night descends on Rocky Mountain National Park. Volunteers will be available with telescopes to help you experience the magic of the night sky.
## Plan Ahead for a Better Hike

Rocky is extremely busy on fall weekends. Most trailheads completely fill by early morning, and road restrictions must sometimes be put in place for visitor safety. Here are some tips to help you plan ahead for your next hiking adventure.

- **Plan early.** How early? Popular trailheads filled at these times in 2016:
  - Glacier Gorge: 6 am
  - Bear Lake: 8:30 am
  - Park & Ride: 10:30 am
  - Wild Basin Corridor: 9 am
- **Hike early.** How early? Popular trailheads filled at these times in 2016:
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- **Hike late.** How late? Popular trailheads filled at these times in 2016:
  - Bear Lake: 8:30 am
  - Wild Basin Corridor: 9 am
- **Glacier Gorge**
- **Park & Ride: 10:30 am**
- **Wild Basin Corridor: 9 am**

- **Hike late.** How late? Popular trailheads filled at these times in 2016:
- **Glacier Gorge: 6 am**
- **Bear Lake: 8:30 am**
- **Park & Ride: 10:30 am**
- **Wild Basin Corridor: 9 am**

- **Hike late.** How late? Popular trailheads filled at these times in 2016:
  - Bear Lake: 8:30 am
  - Wild Basin Corridor: 9 am

- **Always bring essential items,** including water, food, layers of clothing (storm gear, hats, gloves), sunglasses with UV protection, sunscreen, map and compass, flashlight or headlamp, and a whistle.

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<td>End of Bear Lake Road</td>
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<td>Follow a self-guiding nature trail around beautiful Bear Lake. First part of trail in both directions is accessible.</td>
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<td>Cub Lake</td>
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<td>A park favorite, this hike to a mountain pond travels through woods that blaze with color in the fall.</td>
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<td>Deer Mountain</td>
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<td>One of the few mountains in RMNP with trail to the summit. Great views of mountains and valleys.</td>
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<td>Mills Lake</td>
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<td>Tundra Communities Trail</td>
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<td>Ute Trail</td>
<td>Across road from Alpine Visitor Center</td>
<td>1.8 mi/1.6–12.9 km</td>
<td>1038 ft/316 m</td>
<td>Tremendous open views above treeline. Start and finish early, before lightning and thunderstorms!</td>
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## West Side

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<td>Adams Falls</td>
<td>East Inlet Trailhead</td>
<td>0.6 mi/1 km</td>
<td>80 ft/24 m</td>
<td>A beautiful short hike near Grand Lake. Trail continues beyond the falls to lush meadows with mountain views.</td>
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<td>Cascade Falls</td>
<td>North Inlet Trailhead</td>
<td>6.8 mi/10.9 km</td>
<td>300 ft/91 m</td>
<td>A relatively level hike to a rocky cascade.</td>
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<td>Coyote Valley Trail</td>
<td>Coyote Valley Trailhead</td>
<td>1 mi/1.6 km</td>
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<td>Follows bank of the Colorado River with views of Never Summer Mountains. Look for wildlife. Packed gravel, level grade.</td>
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<td>East Shore Trail</td>
<td>East side of Shadow Mountain Lake</td>
<td>5.2 mi/8.4 km</td>
<td>100 ft/30 m</td>
<td>2.6 mi to Green Ridge Campground. A side loop to Ranger Meadows reconnects with main trail, adding 1.4 mi.</td>
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<td>Granite Falls</td>
<td>Green Mountain Trailhead</td>
<td>10.4 mi/16.7 km</td>
<td>1406 ft/429 m</td>
<td>Hike through a quiet forest along a mountain stream. Longer return loop (13.6 mi) available, coming out on Onahu Creek Trail.</td>
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<td>Holzwarth Historic Site</td>
<td>US Hwy 34</td>
<td>1 mi/1.6 km</td>
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<td>Explore a historic homestead cabin and 1920s dude ranch. Brochures, interpretive signs.</td>
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<td>Lulu City</td>
<td>Colorado River Trailhead</td>
<td>7.4 mi/11.9 km</td>
<td>350 ft/107 m</td>
<td>Little remains of historic Lulu City on this gentle trail. Longer return loop available along Grand Ditch to Red Mountain Trail.</td>
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<td>Onahu Creek – Green Mountain Loop</td>
<td>Onahu Creek or Green Mtn trailheads</td>
<td>7.6 mi/12.2 km</td>
<td>1100 ft/335 m</td>
<td>Nice loop through a quiet forest and meadow along flowing mountain streams.</td>
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Did You Know That Rocky Mountain National Park Has Sisters?

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Park Shuttle Bus

Shuttle Service at a Glance

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<td>30 min 11 am to 6 pm</td>
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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 visitestespark.com

Most shuttle buses are accessible and can accommodate wheelchairs. Contact shuttle staff or rangers if accommodation is needed.

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