

Ranger-Led Programs

East Side

WALKS AND HIKES	LENGTH	LOCATION	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Autumn Bird Walk Join a ranger in search of fall migrants in an excellent birding area. For all levels of birders. Bring binoculars and a field guide. Ends 10/3	1.5 hour walk	Cub Lake Trailhead			8 am		8 am		8 am
Autumn in the Rockies Cool crisp air, beautiful fall colors, and bugling elk. Come on an easy walk to discover the many changes taking place this time of year. Ends 10/12	1 to 1.5 hour walk	Upper Beaver Meadows Trailhead		2 pm		2 pm	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm
Bear Lake Stroll Enjoy an easy walk around a lovely subalpine lake and learn about the natural and human forces that have shaped this landscape. Ends 10/10	1 to 1.5 hour walk	Bear Lake Ranger Station		9 am	9 am	9 am	9 am		9 am
Centennial Hike Hit the trail with a ranger and enjoy a longer hike to gorgeous destinations exploring the past, present, and future of parks. These moderate 5–7 mile hikes will vary location. Be prepared for changing weather, and bring food and water. Ends 9/29	4 to 5 hour hike	Meet the Ranger at Park & Ride to take the shuttle bus			9 am				
Moraine Park Nature Walk Discover the connections between the landscape, climate, and ecosystems of Moraine Park on this moderate walk. Ends 10/2	1 hour walk	Moraine Park Discovery Center		10 am	10 am			10 am	
TALKS AND ACTIVITIES 	LENGTH	LOCATION	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Arts Alive Activity Center Get your creative juices flowing! Draw, write, capture your memories in our drop-in studio. Open to all ages and skills. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ends 10/3	Drop in anytime	Fall River Visitor Center							
Bear Necessities Come discover what is necessary to the survival of Rocky's black bears. Ends 10/12	20 to 30 minute talk	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center	10:30 am	10:30 am		10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
Elk Echoes Learn about elk adaptations, migrations, and mating behavior. (Programs at the same time at both locations.) Ends 10/12	30 minute talk	Sheep Lakes Parking and Moraine Park Discovery Center Amphitheater	6 pm						
High Country Tails Discover how alpine animals' amazing adaptations help them make their home on mountain tops. Ends 10/12	20 to 30 minute talk	Alpine Visitor Center	2:30 pm	2:30 pm		2:30 pm		2:30 pm	2:30 pm
Leave It to Beaver Discover how beavers change the landscape and benefit Rocky's plant and animal communities. Ends 10/12	20 to 30 minute talk	Fall River Visitor Center	2 pm	10:30 am	2 pm	10:30 am		2 pm	2 pm
National Parks: The Legacy of Artists Discover how artists have used paintings, photographs, and prose to capture nature's beauty and inspire the creation of many of our national parks. Ends 10/8	20 to 30 minute talk	Fall River Visitor Center			10:30 am		10:30 am		
Portraits of the Past Rocky Mountain National Park and the National Park Service were influenced by the lives and stories of many different people. Join a park ranger for a glimpse into the lives of those who came before us. Ends 10/1	30 to 45 minute talk	Moraine Park Discovery Center	2 pm				2 pm		

Notes and Tips

- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Programs may be canceled due to weather.
- Accessible programs are marked with a blue icon. 
- Programs and hours will change starting October 14. An updated schedule will be printed in the winter newspaper.
- For outdoor programs, be sure to bring the essentials to wear and carry (see page 3).

West Side

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	LENGTH	LOCATION	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Beyond the Falls A pleasant stroll to Adams Falls and a spectacular view just beyond. Ends 9/30	1.5 hour hike	East Inlet Trailhead				2 pm			
Coyote Valley River Walk  Explore ecology and history on this easy walk along the Colorado River. Ends 9/27	1 hour hike	Coyote Valley Trailhead	2 pm						
Hike Through History Discover hidden remnants of mining and dude ranch history along the Colorado River on this gentle 3-mile hike. Ends 9/28 No program 9/21	3 hour hike	Colorado River Trailhead		1 pm <i>No program 9/21</i>					
Skins and Things  Examine the skins, skulls, antlers, teeth, and bones of many park mammals. Ends 9/30 No program 9/12 or 9/21	40 minute talk	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	10:30 am	10:30 am <i>No program 9/21</i>	10:30 am	10:30 am		10:30 am	10:30 am <i>No program 9/12</i>
Rocky Mountain Heritage Walk  Learn about the human history of the Kawuneeche Valley while strolling to the grounds of a historic guest ranch. Ends 9/29 No program 9/12	1.5 hour hike	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area			2 pm				2 pm <i>No program 9/12</i>
Wilderness Connections Celebrate wilderness with a moderate hike to a hidden meadow and picturesque creek. Ends 9/25	1.5 to 2 hour hike	Onahu Trailhead						1:30 pm	

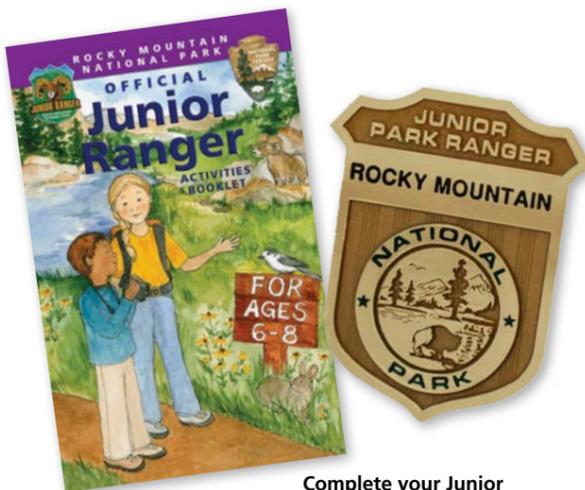
EVENING AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS	LENGTH	LOCATION	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Timber Creek Campground Program  Check at the campground or Kawuneeche Visitor Center for topics. Ends 9/30	1 hour program	Timber Creek Campground amphitheater	7:45 pm <i>7:30 pm after 9/20</i>	7:45 pm <i>7:30 pm after 9/20</i>	7:45 pm <i>7:30 pm after 9/20</i>		7:45 pm <i>7:30 pm after 9/20</i>	7:45 pm <i>7:30 pm after 9/20</i>	7:45 pm <i>7:30 pm after 9/20</i>

Special Programs and Events (East and West)



A bull elk lifts his head and issues a resonant bugle.

NPS PHOTO



Complete your Junior Ranger booklet and earn a badge!



Visitors of all ages drawing on the windows at Fall River Visitor Center.

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Join Us for Elk Day

Kawuneeche Visitor Center
10 am to 2 pm
Saturday, September 12 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 cover story 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/webangers

Get Your Creativity Flowing!

Fall River Visitor Center
9 am to 5 pm
Drop in any time

Do you like being creative and making art? Then we've got the activity for you.

Visit our Centennial Wildlife Art Exhibit and the Arts Alive Activity Center at the Fall River Visitor Center. Draw, write and capture your memories in our drop-in studio. Open to all ages and skills. Children must be accompanied by an adult.