



WHAT'S SHAKIN' AT CMSP?!

The Cheyenne Mountaineer

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Coordinator's Corner

by Senior Ranger Stacey Lewis

Happy Spring CMSP volunteers! The park's busy season hasn't even hit yet, but our volunteer busy season has been going strong! Many of you have begun working away at programs, trailwork, raptor monitoring, trail hosting, helping with new volunteer recruiting and training, and many other activities. It is already shaping up to be a great year!

As the volunteer coordinator, it is one of my goals to make sure you are having fun being a volunteer here at CMSP. To add to the excitement of what you already do here on the park, we will be scheduling field trips and social gatherings throughout this year. The first field trip will be to the Pueblo Raptor Center in May. The May 28th trip has been filled up, but we still have 6 openings for the May 18th field trip.

In the spirit of fresh spring beginnings, CMSP will be adding new staff in April. On April 27th, we will be welcoming a new full-time ranger, Mike Wall, who comes to us from Ridgeway State Park. Jeanette Lara, with previous experience at Lake Pueblo State Park, will be the new administrative assistant on May 1st. We will have pictures in the next newsletter.

Thank you all for everything you do. Many visitors consider us to be one of the nicest state parks to visit in Colorado, and this park would not be able to offer the services and amenities that it does without your help!

See you on the trails!

Stacey Lewis

Senior Ranger



Yucca Momma Tells All

Lucy Bell, CMSP naturalist, writes an amazing piece on the yucca moth. Click on this link to read the full article in Greenwoman Magazine:

[On Yucca Moths & Four-Leaf Clovers](#).



Congrats to Lee!

Park volunteer, avid hike leader, and Zebulon Pike historian, Lee Tatum, celebrated his 80th birthday this past December. The above picture was taken during an Earth Week event at Fort Carson. Lee donned a turkey costume for the students on base.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **April 13:**
Volunteer Graduation
CMSP Visitor's Center
- **April 14:**
Family Mystery Hike
CMSP Visitor's Center
- **April 18:**
Pre-School Nature
Adventures (Rain Makers)
CMSP Visitor's Center
- **April 20:**
Earth Day Activities
CMSP
- **April 20:**
2nd Annual Tool Day
CMSP Maintenance Compound
- **April 24:**
Wildflower
Wednesday Hike
CMSP Visitor's Center
- **April 24-25:**
School Field Trip
CMSP Trailhead
- **April 26:**
Almost a Full Moon Hike
CMSP Visitor's Center
- **April 28:**
Family Mystery Hike
CMSP Visitor's Center



- **May 24:**
VOC Training Session #1
CMSP

VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Meetings are usually the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm.

QUESTIONS?

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Upcoming Special Events

PRE-EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES April 20, 2013

In celebration of Earth Day, we have some exciting activities for everyone to enjoy:

8 a.m.-11 a.m. - Highway Clean-Up Project
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Un-natural Trail Hike
1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. - Junior Ranger Program

If you are interested in assisting or observing, please contact Pat Grove via e-mail at scatmando49@hotmail.com.



TENTATIVE PLANS FOR RANCH DAY June 8, 2013

We are hoping for a cooler day this year. Possible activities include: watermelon seed spitting contest, live chickens, leatherwork, steer roping, branding, horseshoe toss, cornhole, and fun with water!

Please contact Kris Baril for information and volunteer opportunities at (719) 576-2016.

Attention Trail Dogs (i.e. trail workers)! Here are some upcoming trail work dates: April 24 (5:30p.m.-dark), May 15 (5:30p.m.-dark), May 18 (8a.m.- 2p.m.), May 21 (5:30p.m.-dark) and May 30 (5:30p.m.-dark). For summer dates, visit the Friends of CMSP website at www.friendsofcmosp.org

A Walk in the Woods with...

Brought to you by: Lucy Bell and Jack Busher



This new series will acquaint you with some of the best nature writers of all time. What better place to read them than out in nature!

Each program begins at the Visitor Center, where volunteer naturalists will introduce and discuss each author and pass out copies of a selection from the writer's work.

After the introduction, everyone will hike to the Rock Garden area of Zook Trail Loop. Under the shade of ponderosa pine trees, selections of each author's will be read and discussed.

Hiking Distance: one mile round trip

Time: 1 PM to 3 PM

Cost: Class is free. State Parks pass required.

- **May 19** : Henry David Thoreau

- **June 19**: John Muir

- **July 21**: Ann Zwinger

Join us volunteers and friends!

OH Deer!

By: Pat Grove

You are probably familiar with the distinct, large ears of the mule deer but what other characteristics distinguish it from the white-tailed deer? Both species are common in Colorado. See the comparison of mule and white-tailed deer below.

Mule Deer

Predominant color

- reddish tan in summer
- Brownish gray in winter

White rump and belly, tail is small and pale with a black tip; paler muzzle contrasts with grayer forehead; brownish spots on upper nose area

White-Tailed Deer

Predominant color

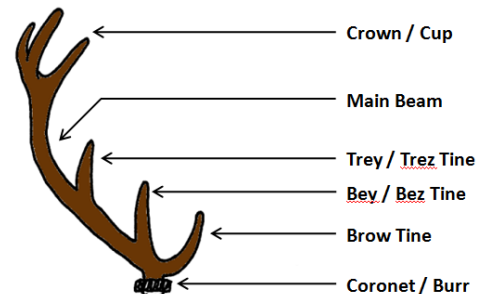
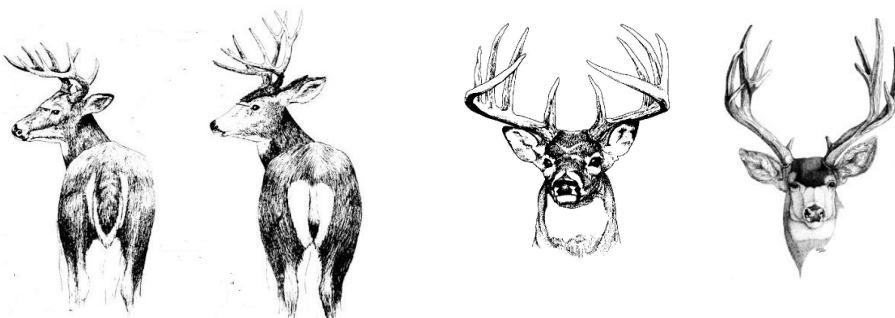
- reddish in summer
- grayish in winter

White belly; white ring around muzzle; white eye ring; tail is wide, reddish brown on top, bright white underneath (held high when running)

Mule-single main beam splits in two about half way up. Tines also split.

White-Tailed-single main beam all the way to the end with single tines; antlers point forward to create a basket-like structure

Can you distinguish mule from white-tailed deer in the pictures below?



Steve Johnson