



Cheyenne Mountain State Park

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - The kids are out of school and summer is now in full swing. Nature is a wonderful outdoor classroom that makes learning fun and will keep kids, and adults, engaged.

The June program schedule is chock full of campfire talks and nature walks. Whether you are camping at the park or just here for the program, the evening campfire talks offer the experience of sitting around the fire while learning about the different animals found at the park.

If the morning hours are more your speed, join us for a walk during the cooler temps when the birds are chirping and the flowers are still covered in dew.

This month a new moon on June 13th offers a perfect chance for bug enthusiasts to enjoy Moth Night with the Mile High Bug Club. For the literary enthusiasts, this month's Walk in the Woods will feature the life works of John Denver. There is something for everyone!

June Programs 2018

Friday, June 1

Program: Bears

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camp site #19

Details: What do I do if I cross paths with a bear? Knowing about bear behaviors can help to keep you and your family safe in the outdoors. Join us for an in-depth discussion of black bear biology. Please bring a camp chair. Reservations requested.

Saturday, June 2

Program: Jr. Ranger - Camping

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Camper Services

Details: Do you have the right stuff to be a Junior Park Ranger? What does a ranger look for when patrolling campgrounds? Find out as you inspect one of our own campsites in this one and a half hour program. You can pick up a Junior Ranger training booklet at the Visitor Center or at class. Kids 7-12 years old can earn a Junior Ranger badge and/or a colorful patch depending on levels completed.

Program: Big Cats

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camp site #19

Details: What do I do if I cross paths with a mountain lion? Knowing about lion behaviors can help to keep you and your family safe in the outdoors. Join us for an in-depth discussion of mountain lion biology.

Tuesday, June 5

Program: Bird Hike

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Details: It's migration time! Join birding experts Charlie Campbell and Barry Cooper on an easy hike to look for and identify both resident and migratory bird species. We recommend that you bring water, binoculars, and a notepad. We have some binoculars you may borrow if you wish. No experience necessary. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Closed-toe shoes required. Hiking shoes recommended.

Friday, June 8

Program: Wild Turkeys

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camp site #19

Details: Join us for an in-depth discussion on Wild Turkeys. What they eat, what the behaviors mean, and how to view them in the wild. Please bring a camp chair.

Saturday, June 9

Program: Beginner's Archery Class

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Archery Range

Details: Learn to shoot like a pro! One on one instruction will help students learn how to shoot or polish up on skills you already have. All equipment is provided. Ages 8 and up. Reservations are now open for all summer sessions! Space is limited, so call the Visitor Center at 719-576-2016 to save your spot!

Program: Family Mystery Hike

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Details: This one and a half hour naturalist-led hike challenges families to solve a puzzle, riddle or mystery as they walk and search for hidden clues along a one mile, easy trail. Recommended for ages 4 years and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Program: Archery Practice Session

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Archery Range

Details: Phase 2! For those that have completed one of our beginner archery classes, you are welcome to come out and practice those skills you learned. One on one instruction will help students polish up on the basic skills they learned in the beginner session. All equipment is provided. Ages 8 and up. Space is limited, so call the Visitor Center at 719-576-2016 to save your spot!

Program: Prairie Dogs

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camp site #19

Details: Join us for an in-depth discussion on prairie dogs, which can be found in the park. What they eat and their different behaviors. And why they are important to the parks' ecosystems. Please bring a camp chair.

Tuesday, June 12

Program: Bird Hike

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Details: It's migration time! Join birding expert, Barry Cooper, on an easy hike to look for and identify both resident and migratory bird species. We recommend that you bring water, binoculars, and a notepad. We have some binoculars you may borrow if you wish. No experience necessary. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Closed-toe shoes required. Hiking shoes recommended.

Wednesday, June 13

Program: Wildflower Walk

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Center

Details: Wednesday Wildflower Walks begin again! This is a beautiful, easy guided nature walk lasts about an hour and a half and focuses on all the wonderful wildflowers that can be found around the Park. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Closed-toe shoes required. Hiking shoes recommended.

Program: New Moon Moth night

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Location: Limekiln Trailhead

Details: Moths are the most diverse and successful organisms on earth. Come join Mile High Bug Club for a fun, all ages, night of sheet lighting. Mile High Bug Club is an educational and conservation organization promoting a better understanding of insects and arachnids in Colorado and beyond.

Thursday, June 14

Program: Plant Identification Workshop: Flowers

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Camper Services

Details: Join our naturalist and learn how to ID different flowers that can be found in the Park. We will take a short hike to find different flowers. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Closed-toe shoes recommended.

Friday, June 15

Program: Rattlesnakes or Bullsnares?

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camper Services Activity Room

Details: Rattlesnakes and Bullsnares have always gotten a bad rap. Come learn about how to tell them apart and how they live. Both play key roles in the environment. Also find out what to do if you encounter one. Please bring a camp chair.

Saturday, June 16

Program: Intro to GPS Geocaching

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Camper Services Activity Room

Details: Park volunteers will teach you about this fascinating hobby and help you learn the basic operation of a GPS unit. This one and a half hour program will let you apply your skills on a treasure hunt to locate geocaches hidden in the park. GPS units will be provided. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Reservations are required.

Program: Animal Tracks

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camp site #19

Details: Learn how to identify different animals just from their tracks! We can discover how animals live just by studying their feet. Please bring a camp chair.

Tuesday, June 19

Program: Bird Hike

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Details: It's migration time! Join birding experts Charlie Campbell and Barry Cooper on an easy hike to look for and identify both resident and migratory bird species. We recommend that you bring water, binoculars, and a notepad. We have some binoculars you may borrow if you wish. No experience necessary. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Closed-toe shoes required. Hiking shoes recommended.

Friday, June 22

Program: Owls

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camp site #19

Details: After the sun sets and darkness engulfs the landscape, nocturnal animals utilize heightened senses to forage for food and stay alert for danger. One of the biggest night hunters are Owls. Join us for an in-depth discussion all about Owls. Please bring a camp chair.

Saturday, June 23

Program: Family Mystery Hike

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Details: This one and a half hour naturalist-led hike challenges families to solve a puzzle, riddle or mystery as they walk and search for hidden clues along a one mile, easy trail. Recommended for ages 4 years and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Program: Hummingbirds

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camper Services

Details: There are four species of hummingbirds that come to Colorado. Come discover some of the special abilities of these tiny, feathered jewels. Please bring a camp chair as well.

Wednesday, June 27

Program: Wildflower Walk

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Details: Wednesday Wildflower Walks begin again! This is a beautiful, easy guided nature walk lasts about an hour and a half and focuses on all the wonderful wildflowers that can be found around the Park. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Closed-toe shoes required. Hiking shoes recommended.

Program: Full Moon Hike

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Details: Join us on this guided evening stroll as we explore moonlit landscapes and discover the nocturnal activities of owls and other nighttime creatures. Bring a flashlight. Reservations Requested.

Thursday, June 28

Program: Plant Identification Workshop: The Green Stuff

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Camper Services

Details: Join our naturalist and learn how to ID different plants by stems and leaves. We will take a short hike to find different plants found in the park. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Closed-toe shoes required. Hiking shoes recommended.

Friday, June 29

Program: Deer, Elk, Moose, Oh My!

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camp site #19

Details: Join us for an in-depth conversation all about our antlered friends. We will discuss the difference and the likeness of these mammals and why they are important to Colorado's ecosystems. Please bring a camp chair.

Saturday, June 30

Program: Literary Walk

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Details: Nationally-known Storyteller and Author, John Stansfield, will present the life, songs, good works, and readings from the autobiography of *John Denver (1943-1997)*. Attendees will remember his earlier portrayals of Enos Mills and Dr. Charles Fox Gardiner. The program begins in the classroom with a biography of the author, proceeds with a one-mile nature walk on Zook Loop Trail, stopping half way at the Rock Garden to read selections from the author's work. For your comfort, consider bringing a lightweight folding chair or mat to sit on. Reservations Requested.

Program: Raptors!

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camp site #19

Details: Discover what eagles, hawks and falcons live in Cheyenne Mountain State Parks. You will take home several guides which will keep your eyes glued to the skies looking for our local raptors. Please bring a camp chair.

Sunday, July 1

Program: Fun Before the Fourth!

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Prairie Skipper Group Picnic Area

Details: Celebrate Independence Day early with fun games, activities, crafts, and face painting! There will be education and exploration of the outdoors featuring the trivia wheel and discovery boxes. Food trucks will be onsite. Fort Carson fireworks can be enjoyed after the park event and will begin around 9:30 p.m. All park activities will be held at the Prairie Skipper picnic pavilion.

Ongoing Programs

Programs: CMSP Trail Challenge and 100 Mile Trail Challenge

Time: Ongoing! Begins Jan. 1st, 2018 – Ends Dec. 31st, 2018

Location: Trail System

Details: After receiving such a popular response from our 2017 participants, the Trail Challenge will continue into 2018! Join the 500+ participants who have already accepted our challenge! The goal of the Trail Challenge is to complete ALL 18 of the existing trails for a total of 21.87 miles. Not enough of a challenge for you? The 100 Mile Trail Challenge goal is to log 100 miles of trail within the park. This challenge is a go-at-your-own-pace kind of challenge. A quick sign up is necessary and sign-up sheets will be available at the visitor center during business hours. All miles must be logged and checked off by staff. Completion of the Trail Challenge will earn a special patch and the 100 Mile completers will earn a CMSP Challenge Coin.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday

Program: Yoga in the Park Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center Meeting Room

Details: What better setting for a morning workout than Cheyenne Mountain State Park! Join certified instructor Sudhanshu Semwal for Sankalp Yoga every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Beginners are welcome. Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Call 719-576-2016 to confirm classes or sign up for the weekly email reminder. Donations are appreciated and a valid parks pass is required on all vehicles entering the park.

Cheyenne Mountain State Park is located at 410 JL Ranch Heights Road, south of Colorado Springs, off of Colorado Highway 115. From the city, take Nevada Avenue south, which becomes Colorado State Highway 115 to JL Ranch Heights Road opposite the Main Gate One entrance to Fort Carson. Programs are free unless otherwise noted, but vehicles entering the park must have a valid State Parks Pass (\$7 daily or \$70 annual).

For more information, call 719-576-2016 or visit,

<http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Parks/CheyenneMountain/>