

CMSP Naturalist Programs & More

Visitor Center hours 9am-5pm Monday-Sunday

On Going Opportunities

Try our Trail Challenge or 100 mile Challenge any day of the week. Drop by the Visitor Center to learn how to earn your patch or coin!

-OR-

Relax with the yoga instructor every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00am at the VC.

Thursday, May 2

Program: Night Sky Photography Lecture

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Visitor Center Meeting Room

Details: Join Mike Pach for a free lecture on how to photograph the night sky. You will learn how to capture the Milky Way and stars as points of light and how to create star trails.

Mike Pach, is an award winning photographer and we are happy to have this lecture kick off three summer workshops on photographing the Full Moon! This lecture is offered for free, thanks to the Friends of Cheyenne Mountain State Park, although a valid park pass is required on every vehicle. Limited space is available and registration must be completed through the website: https://www.meetup.com/cplg_cos/events/260069593

Friday, May 3

Program: Roving Naturalist

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Campground

Details: Keep your eye out for Naturalist Lindsey in the campground. Learn about the weekend events and look for the special object she will be carrying.

Saturday, May 4

Program: Signs of Spring

Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Camper Services

Details: Spring is here, which means our natural landscape is transforming! Join the Naturalist for a moderately easy 1.5 mile hike to see how the park is gradually changing. We will keep our eyes peeled for different wildlife and plants.

Program: Beginner's Archery Class

Time: 9:00 am to 10:30 pm

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. Space is limited, so call the Visitor Center at 719-576-2016 to save your spot!

Program: Archery Practice Session

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

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: Stories Among Our Stars

Time: 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Location: Camper Services

Details: The new moon is a perfect time to check out constellations in the night sky. Join the Naturalist for an hour of fun beginning at the Camper Services building and ending at the Prairie Falcon Amphitheater. Learn about the Greco-Roman characters you can find in the stars. This mythology based program is perfect for children and adults. There is parking available at Camper Services.

Sunday, May 5

Program: Make a Red-tailed Hawk

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Camper Services

Details: Head over to Camper Services to learn about our park's frequent flyer, the Red-tailed Hawk. While you learn about these amazing birds of prey, you will have a chance to make one to take home! This craft is great for all ages. Children under the age of 14 will need to be accompanied by an adult.



Friday, May 10

Program: Roving Naturalist

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: Campground

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Program: Constellation Craft

Time: 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Camper Services

Details: Come to Camper Services for a fun craft that will allow you to project your very own constellation! This craft is great for all ages. Children under the age of 14 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, May 11

Program: Wildlife Mothers

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Limekiln Trailhead

Details: Join the Naturalist at the Limekiln Trailhead to celebrate mothers of all species. You will learn about the wildlife mothers that help give Cheyenne Mountain State Park its rich biodiversity. This hike will be an easy 1 mile loop.

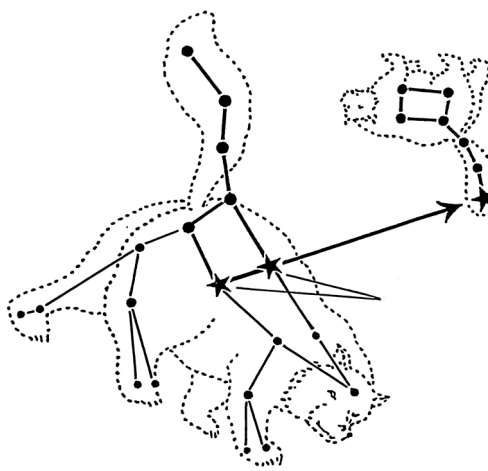
Wednesday, May 15

Program: Wildflower Walk

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Visitor Center

Details: Wildflower Wednesdays are back! Meet the park's wildflower expert at the Visitor Center for a moderately easy hike. Learn about the wildflowers that grow in the park seasonally.



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Friday, May 17

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Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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Program: (Almost) Full Moon Hike

Time: 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Location: Camper Services

Details: Hiking at night can be a blast, especially under a bright moon! Join the Naturalist for a moderately easy hike for May's almost full moon. The hike will start at Camper Services. Red cellophane will be provided for those who bring flashlights. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, May 18

Program: Kids to Park Day

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Limekiln Trailhead

Details: Join us as we celebrate Kids to Parks Day, sponsored by the National Park Trust and the Friends of CMSP. We will have a variety of fun activities including archery, an obstacle course, hiking activities, crafts, and more! Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Close toed shoes are recommended.



Program: Night Photography Workshop

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Visitor Center Meeting Room

Details: Join Mike Pach for a full-moon hike and photo shoot at Cheyenne Mountain State Park. We will meet at the visitor center for a brief lecture before heading into the park for a great view of the moon as it rises over the city. Bring your camera gear, tripod, water and headlamp or flashlight. The cost of this program is \$25 and is limited to 15 participants. A valid state park pass is required as well. Registration must be made through his website: https://www.meetup.com/cplg_cos/events/260835424

Sunday, May 19

Program: Touch Table: Animals Tracks

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Visitor Center

Details: Stop by the Visitor Center between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to take a guess at what animals are leaving tracks in the park. Learn how to identify these animals by their feet when you're out on a hike.

Tuesday, May 21

Program: Spring Migration Bird Walk

Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Location: Visitor Center

Details: Meet the park's birding expert at the Visitor Center for a moderately easy hike. Learn what bird species are making their way to Colorado for the warm season. Bringing a pair of binoculars is recommended.

Friday, May 24

Program: Roving Naturalist

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Campground

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Saturday, May 25

Program: Nature's Camo

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Camper Services

Details: Hunters are not the only ones that get to wear camo! Learn how wildlife uses their own camouflage to survive. Meet the Naturalist at Camper Services for an easy 1 mile hike on Raccoon Ridge. We will be playing a game that will stump even the savviest sleuth.

Program: Senses Hike

Time: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Camper Services

Details: How do your senses stack up against those of our park's wildlife? Find out by joining us for a moderately easy hike that will test your senses. This program is fun for all ages. Red cellophane will be provided by the Naturalist for anyone who brings a flashlight. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.



Sunday, May 26

Program: Touch Table: Skins and Skulls

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Camper Services

Details: Drop by between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to get hands-on with the animals in our park! Learn about the different adaptations that help these animals survive in the wild.

Monday, May 27

Program: Wildlife Wander

Time: 8:00 am to 9:30 am

Location: Limekiln Trailhead

Details: Being an early riser can have its advantages to seeing wildlife. Join the Naturalist bright eyed and bushy tailed at the Limekiln Trailhead to go on a moderately easy hike. We may have the chance to see the parks resident wildlife. Close toed shoes and binoculars are recommended.

Tuesday, May 28

Program: Spring Migration Bird Walk

Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Location: Visitor Center

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Wednesday, May 29

Program: Wildflower Walk

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Visitor Center

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Friday, May 31

Program: Roving Naturalist

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Campground

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