CMSP Naturalist Programs & More

Visitor Center hours 8am-5pm Monday-Sunday

On Going Opportunities

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

Sunday, June 2

Program: Ask a Naturalist **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Camper Services Outdoor Education Office **Details**: Visit the Naturalist, Lindsey, at the Camper Services Outdoor Education Office with all of your nature questions. See what fun activity she has planned for you! All ages are welcome.

Tuesday, June 4

Program: Spring Migration Bird Walk

Time: 8:00 am – 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.

Wednesday, June 5

Program: Junior Ranger Fire Safety **Time**: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Camper Services Activity Room

Details: Do you love outdoor activities and think you have what it takes to be a Junior Park Ranger? Come join the Naturalist for a lesson in fire safety for the next time you want to enjoy a campfire. The Junior Ranger Handbook will be provided at the class thanks to the Friends of Cheyenne Mountain State Park. This program is recommended for ages 7-14.

Friday, June 7

Program: Roving Naturalist **Time**: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Location**: Campground

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Saturday, June 8

Program: Fireside Talk

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Site 19

Details: Join the Naturalist, Lindsey, by the campfire of Site 19. She will discuss the sounds you may hear while camping in the Colorado State Parks. This program will last 45 minutes and is recommended for all ages.

Sunday, June 9

Program: Ask a Naturalist **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm **Location:** Camper Services Outdoor Education Office **Details:** Visit the Naturalist, Lindsey, at the Camper Services Outdoor Education Office with all of your nature questions. See what fun activity she has planned for you! All ages are welcome.

Tuesday, June 11

Program: Spring Migration Bird Walk **Time**: 8:00 am – 10:00 am **Location**: Visitor Center

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Wednesday, June 12

Friday, June 14

Program: Roving Naturalist **Time**: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Location**: Campground

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Program: Fireside Talk **Time**: 6:00 pm **Location**: Site 19



Details: Join us by the campfire of site 19, for an engaging discussion on black bear behavior and why they like "Fast Food". This program will last about 30 min and cover important safety information when camping in bear country.

Saturday, June 15

Program: Beginner's Archery Class for Dads & Kids **Time:** 9:00 am to 10:30 pm

Location: Archery Range

Details: Bring Dad to Class! In honor of Father's Day, we are encouraging new archery shooters to bring dad along. Whether he's already a pro or a newbie like the kids, it will be a good time for everyone. 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: Slithering Snakes

Time: 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Location:** Visitor Center Meeting Room

Details: Come to the Visitor Center to learn about Cheyenne Mountain State Park's resident snakes. You will have a chance to

Mountain State Park's resident snakes. You will have a chance to meet our snake ambassador, Sully. This program is recommended for ages 4 and up.

Program: (Almost) Full Moon Hike

Time: 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Limekiln Trailhead

Details: Join the Naturalist for a moderately easy hike for June's almost full moon. The hike will start at the Limekiln Trailhead. Red cellophane will be provided for those who bring flashlights. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Close toed shoes are recommended.

Sunday, June 16

Program: Ask a Naturalist

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Camper Services Outdoor Education Office **Details:** Visit the Naturalist, Lindsey, at the Camper Services Outdoor Education Office with all of your nature questions. See

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Monday, June 17

Program: Butter fly Bonanza **Time**: 11:00 am – 11:45 am **Location**: Visitor Center **Details**: We are kicking off National Pollinator Week with butterflies! Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center to learn about the butterflies that can be found in CMSP. This program will be 45 minutes long. It is recommended for ages 6 and up.

All participants must have a valid park pass.

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Program: Flying Jewels **Time**: 11:00 am – 11:30 am **Location**: Visitor Center

Details: Hummingbirds may be tiny, but the feats they overcome to survive every season is mighty. Join the Naturalist for a 30 min program discussing these amazing birds and the traits that make them mighty pollinators.

Wednesday, June 19

Program: Magical Moths **Time:** 11:00 am – 11:45 am **Location:** Visitor Center

Details: Join the Naturalist to learn about the only species of moth that pollinates the yucca plant. You will have a chance to make your own yucca moth caterpillar to take home with you. This program is recommended for ages 5-12.

Thursday, June 20

Program: Busy Bees **Time:** 11:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: Visitor Center

Details: Bees are a well-known pollinator, but their intricate society may not be as well-known. Join the naturalist to dive into the secret life of the bee world. This program is recommended for ages 7 and up.

Friday, June 21

Program: Beetles are Pollinators!? **Time:** 11:00 am – 11:30 am **Location:** Visitor Center

Details: That's right, beetles are pollinators too! Join the naturalist is discuss the different types of beetles that help pollinate the plants at CMSP. This program is recommended for ages 6 and up.

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Saturday, June 22

Program: Honey Tasting **Time**: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Location**: Visitor Center

Details: Not all honey tastes the same. Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center to taste different types of honey and learn why they are so different from each other. This program is great for all ages.

Program: Feathered Pollinators **Time**: 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm **Location**: Limekiln Trailhead **Details**: Meet the Naturalist at the Limekiln Trailhead for an easy 0.5 mile walk. Program is recommended for ages 7 and up.



Sunday, June 23

Program: Ask a Naturalist **Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Camper Services Outdoor Education Office Details: End National Pollinator Week with a BUZZ. During the hours for Ask a Naturalist, there will be a bee craft available for your enjoyment. Feel free to stop by to ask the Naturalist, Lindsey, your nature questions. This opportunity is fun for all those that are kids at heart.

Program: Life of a Honey Bee Keeper **Time:** 1:00-1:30pm



Location: Camper Services Activity Room

Details: Experience the life of a real honey bee keeper! Hear the story of how Vic Boley became a bee keeper and created his own small business, Boley's Bee Haven, which sparked from his interest in gardening and bees. A beehive will be on site to get the full effect of these amazing creatures and all they do for our food supplies!

Wednesday, June 26

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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.

Program: Junior Ranger Birding Binoculars

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Camper Services Activity Room

Details: Do you love outdoor activities and think you have what it takes to be a Junior Park Ranger? Come join the Naturalist for a lesson in binoculars. This hour long program will have a demonstration and a game to learn the art of birding.

Friday, June 28

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Saturday, June 29

Program: Beginner's Archery Class for Women **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. This session is intended for women only, ages 14 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: Trotting Turkeys **Time:** 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Limekiln Trailhead

Details: Cheyenne Mountain State Park is home to a healthy population of wild turkeys. Join the Naturalist for a 1.5 mile hike to learn all about turkeys. We make have a chance to see the birds in action! This program is recommended for ages 7 and up.

All participants must have a valid park pass.