

# CMSP Naturalist Programs & More

Visitor Center hours 9am-4pm Monday-Sunday

The Visitor Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day

## Sunday, November 24

**Program:** Adventure Mountain Bike Ride on Sundance

**Time:** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Location:** Limekiln Trailhead

**Details:** Novice mountain bikers, ready for something a little more challenging? Join the Naturalist at the Limekiln trailhead for a mountain bike ride on the Sundance Loop. Bring bikes, helmets, snacks and water for a great day in the park. The Naturalist will make stops along the route to point out plants, animal signs, historical features to share information with participants. This ride is not intended to be a mountain bike lesson (but you might pick up some tips along the way). This program is intended for novice riders, recommended for ages 12 and up. This program is weather and trail conditions permitting. Call the Visitor Center to sign up and be notified in the case of a cancellation.

## Friday, November 29

**Program:** Fresh Air Friday; Free Park Entrance!

**Time:** All Day

**Details:** Avoid the hectic crowds of the typical Black Friday event. Instead, stretch your legs (and stomach!) by enjoying the great trails at CMSP! Join us during the featured activity times below or just enjoy the park on your own. Still want to start your holiday shopping? Stop by the Visitor Center from 9am – 4pm for gift certificates and a sale on retail items at 25% off regular prices. Join us – outside! – for this annual initiative to give every Coloradan an opportunity to get outside after a great day of feasting and giving thanks!

Free entry into all 41 Colorado State Parks, made possible by the support of Great Outdoors Colorado.

**Toddler Walk:** 9:30 am meets at Limekiln Trailhead. Led by the local group “Hike It Baby”, this walk will follow a toddler’s pace, including special stops to investigate nature items! Strollers not recommended due to terrain along the one mile Zook Loop trail.

**Skins & Skulls Touch Table:** 10 am – 2 pm at Visitor Center

**Adventure Hike:** 11 am – 3 pm meets at Limekiln Trailhead. Led by our volunteer naturalist, this out and back hike on Talon Trail will ascend 539 feet over 2.5 miles; completing 5 miles roundtrip. We will discuss features of the three ecosystems that we will traverse during the hike. Make sure to wear sturdy shoes and bring a snack and water. We will be stopping for a break midway through the hike.

## Saturday, December 14

**Program:** Annual Holiday Open House; Free Event!

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Location:** Visitor Center

**Details:** We invite the community for a chance to get to know their local state park during our annual Holiday Open House. Enjoy hot chocolate and special treats by the fire. Let the kids create a special craft to take home after they visit with Santa! We’ll have engaging activities to learn about animal adaptations through fun trivia and touch tables. Take an adventure walk utilizing the free app Agents of Discovery to earn a special prize!



Looking for the perfect gift for the outdoor enthusiast in your life? The gift shop is full of clothing, books, and other great gift items that will be on sale at 25% off! Gift certificates are also available.

No park pass required for guests parked at the Visitor Center during this event! All vehicles beyond that point will require a park pass.

## Wednesday, January 1, 2020

**Program:** First Day Hikes

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Limekiln Trailhead

**Details:** Sleet, snow or 20 below, come and enjoy the first day of 2020 with a hike! Choose from three different hikes ranging from 1, 3, and 5 miles long. All hikes will start at 10 a.m. from the Limekiln Trailhead. After you finish, stop by the Visitor Center for some hot chocolate. Fun swag giveaways and an all-around great time make this the best kickoff event to ensure you have a healthy and fabulous new year!

## First Day Hike January 1st



All participants must have a valid park pass.