

Free Summer Ranger Programs - West Side



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Walks and Hikes		Length	Location	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
High Country Birding - Enjoy a 1 mile bird walk across meadow and woodland habitats. Bring a bird guide and binoculars. Ends 8/1		1-1.5 hour	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area			7:30 a.m.				7:30 a.m.
Hike through History - Hike along the river to discover what led people to try mining, homesteading, and early dude ranching.		3 hours - 3 miles	Colorado River Trailhead			9:30 a.m.				
Mountain Wildflowers - Lovely montane flowers have unusual modes of adaptation. Caravan to this week's flowers. Ends 8/1		2 hour walk	Kawuneeche Visitor Center flagpole					2 p.m.		10 a.m.
Coyote Valley River Walk - Explore the valley ecology and history on this easy walk along the Colorado River. Evening walk ends 8/12.		1 hour walk	Coyote Valley Trailhead			10 a.m.	7 p.m. Ends 8/12		2 p.m.	
Rocky Mountain Heritage Walk - Learn about prehistoric Indian people, miners and valley settlers while revisiting the Old West at an historic guest ranch.		1 hour plus time to explore 1 mile walk	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area	2 p.m.			2 p.m.			
Life at the Source - Just downstream from the source of the Colorado River, habitats provide homes for hardy plants and animals.		1.5 hours, 1 mile walk	Colorado River Trailhead						10 a.m.	
Sisters of Courage - Learn about the pioneer experience through the story of the remarkable Harbison sisters and their family. Includes a 1/2 mile walk to the homestead site.		2.5 hour walk	Kawuneeche Visitor Center flagpole		9:30 a.m.					
A Glimpse of Paradise - This easy 3 mile hike passes Adams Falls and leads to spectacular views of mountains surrounding the meadows of the East Inlet. Evening walk ends 8/10.		2.5 hour walk	East Inlet Trailhead		6 p.m. Ends 8/10					10 a.m.
Seeing Red -- and Beyond! - A tiny beetle means big changes for our forest. What lies ahead?		1 hour walk	Onahu Creek Trailhead		2 p.m.					
Children's Programs										
A Walk Backwards - Step back in time and experience life on a 1920s dude ranch--chores, games, period costumes. For children 6-12. Registration required at Kawuneeche V.C. Ends 8/14		2 hour activity	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area						9:45 a.m.	
Come Bug a Ranger - Learn fun facts about insects. Puppets, stories and activities for children 4-10 years old. Ends 8/12		1 hour activity	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area				10 a.m.			
Web Walkers - Explore a section of the Colorado River. Activities are designed for children 6-12 years old. Ends 8/13		1 hour activity	Coyote Valley Trailhead		10 a.m.			10 a.m.		
Junior Ranger Program - Join a ranger for a short program and activities to earn your Junior Ranger badge. Note ending dates.		1 hour 15 minute program	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	10:30 a.m. Ends 9/6		2 p.m. Ends 8/11		2 p.m. Ends 8/13		2 p.m. Ends 9/5
Talks & Activities										
Ranger's Flyfishing School - Learn about the park's fish management program, stream ecology, and flycasting. Bring your flyfishing gear or borrow the ranger's. Ends 8/10		3 hour activity	Timber Creek Campground amphitheater		8:30 a.m.					
Holzwarth Historic Site - Buildings are open 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily. Discuss early settlement with staff. This is a great family activity!		Drop-in tour	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area 10:30 a.m.	to 4:30 p.m.	Daily		
Never Summer, Ever Summer - View the sun through a telescope and learn of potential effects of climate change on this park. Ends 8/9		50 minutes	Coyote Valley Picnic Area	10 a.m.						
Skins and Things - Examine the skins, skulls, antlers, teeth and bones of many park mammals.		40 minutes	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.
Exploring with a Camera - Join a ranger for a photography walk. Focus on composition, light, and basic tips to improve your pictures. Ends 8/3		1-1.5 hour activity	Timber Lake Trailhead		3 p.m.					
Behind The Scenes - Join a ranger to view and discuss a series of short videos documenting how specialists at the park address challenges like elk management, pine beetles, and air quality.		1 hour discussion	Kawuneeche Visitor Center			7 p.m. Ends 8/11	10:30 a.m. Ends 9/2	10:30 a.m. Ends 9/3	10:30 a.m. Ends 9/4	
Evening Programs										
Old Ranch Campfire Stories - Roasting marshmallows (bring 'em), tall tales (the old wrangler will tell 'em) and campfire songs bring back the old days. Ends 8/14		2 hours, 1 mile walk	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area						7 p.m.	

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Saturday Night in the Park - Enjoy an evening program in the auditorium. For topics, inquire at the Kawuneeche visitor Center.	1 hour presentation	Kawuneeche Visitor Center auditorium							7 p.m.
Walk Into Twilight - Enjoy a leisurely stroll as darkness, night sounds and wildlife fill the valley. Bring warm clothes, good hiking shoes, and a flashlight. Ends 8/9	2 hour walk	Onahu Creek Trailhead	8 p.m. thru 7/26 7:30 p.m. thru 7/27 - 8/9						
Timber Creek Evening Program - Presentation nightly at Timber Creek. Check at the campground or Kawuneeche Visitor Center for topics.	1 hour presentation	Timber Creek Campground amphitheater	9 p.m. thru 8/15 8:45 p.m. 8/16 - 9/6	9 p.m. thru 8/15 8:45 p.m. 8/16 - 9/6	9 p.m. thru 8/15 8:45 p.m. 8/16 - 9/6	9 p.m. thru 8/15 8:45 p.m. 8/16 - 9/6	9 p.m. thru 8/15 8:45 p.m. 8/16 - 9/6	9 p.m. thru 8/15 8:45 p.m. 8/16 - 9/6	9 p.m. thru 8/15 8:45 p.m. 8/16 - 9/6
Celestial Wilderness - Explore the universe and the astronomy of Rocky's night sky. Meet at Harbison Meadow parking area. If overcast, meet at Kawuneeche Visitor Center for indoor presentation. Ends 8/13	1-1.5 hour activity	Harbison Meadow parking area. If overcast, Kawuneeche Visitor Center					9:15 p.m. in June 9 p.m. in July 8:45 p.m. in August		
Feature Film									
The Colorado: Secrets at the Source - This film tells the magnificent story of the Colorado River, which flows through some of America's most dramatic high country and canyon lands.	50 minute film	Daily at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.

Got Podcasts?



RMNP Podcasts

Rocky Mountain National Park does! The park has a New Technology Committee. The group's primary goal is to utilize new technology to provide interpretive, informational and educational content to the public. As ways to access and experience new information becomes available, Rocky Mountain National Park is committed to bringing it to you. The future is now!

- **The Ten Essentials**
- **Lightning Safety**
- **Wilderness Celebration**
- **The Mountain Pine Beetle**
- **Bighorn Sheep**

Check out nps.gov/romo and click on PHOTOS & MULTIMEDIA for more podcasts, blogs, and videos!

Junior Rangers



Free Junior Ranger books are available at park visitor centers for children ages 12 and under. A successfully completed book earns a badge!

You are an important part of this park. Stay in touch. Contact us anytime at: romo_junior_ranger@nps.gov

Los libros de guardaparque juveniles son para niños que tiene 12 años o menos. se pueden obtener sin costo en el centro de visitantes del parque. Si se completa el libro con éxito puede recibir una insignia!

Fees Enhance Visitors' Experiences

When you pay your park fees, you get so much more than just entrance into the park or a night of camping. You are helping improve your experience to Rocky Mountain National Park. In 2004, Congress extended the 1996 Fee Demonstration program with passage of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA). That act allows National Parks to retain 80 percent of collected fees for deferred maintenance and other projects to benefit visitors.



Updated exhibits at Kawuneeche Visitor Center

The remaining 20 percent is distributed across National Park Service areas that do not charge fees to address those same goals. Since the legislation was enacted, Rocky Mountain National Park has completed many projects that have enhanced our visitors' experiences such as: new restrooms, improved picnic areas, educational displays, bus shelters, refurbished campsites, rebuilt trails, and many other improvements. You can feel proud knowing your fees are helping improve the park for all to enjoy.