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Alert:

Due to the 2013 Flood, backcountry travelers may encounter missing foot bridges, missing trail segments, difficult water crossings and unstable slopes. Please stop at a visitor center or visit our website for more specific information. Find us on your favorite social media platform to join in on special events, photos, videos, and more!





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Prime elk viewing areas include: Moraine Park, Horseshoe Park, and Upper Beaver Meadows on the east side of the park.

On the west side, elk can often be seen throughout the Kawuneeche Valley, especially Holzwarth Meadow and Harbison Meadow.

It is fall – a magical time in the Rockies. Days get shorter, leaf and underbrush colors change, the tundra gets its first dusting of snow, and the mating season or "rut" begins for elk. The elk of Rocky Mountain National Park are able to retain their natural, wild state and go about their fall mating rituals IF we, as humans, don't interfere. Watch carefully: Lifting his head and massive rack of antlers high, a bull elk begins his stately march across the moonlit meadow. Moving naturally in this timeless dance, he pauses – listening to something we can't hear – and then bugles. The shrill call rings out through the meadow, echoing from the mountainsides with the slightest hesitation, as if they needed to mull the thought over for a moment before releasing it again. These remarkable vocal skills, rising over 3 octaves, serve to attract cows and intimidate rival bulls. The bugle communicates his size, strength and vigor, inviting cows to join his harem of up to 60 cows. Once the harem is assembled, it must be defended day and night from satellite bulls coming in to lure cows away. Laying his impressive antlers back along his spine to show his incredible size, the bull is constantly on the move. He is majesty, sailing on the mists of the meadows, passing his superior genes on to the next spring's generation of calves. Our job? Watch quietly, respectfully, and stay well away from these powerful animals.

For the good of the animals and other visitors:

- Park using roadside pullouts -- do not park on vegetation
- Turn off car lights and engine upon parking
- Stay by the roadside when viewing animals
- Never use artificial lights or calls
- Do not walk into posted meadows between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Watch for other cars & keep an eye on children
- Do not approach animals -- wildlife are unpredictable
- Never feed wildlife

Five meadows are closed to entry between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. daily September 1 through October 31 to prevent disturbance to elk during the fall rut: Moraine Park, Horseshoe Park, Upper Beaver Meadows, Harbison Meadow, and Holzwarth Meadow.

Old Fall River Road and Alluvial Fan Flood Damage

Old Fall River Road and the Alluvial Fan suffered significant damages during flooding last September. The road will remain closed to vehicles through 2014. Once construction begins to repair the road and the Alluvial Fan (date to be determined) the road west of the Lawn Lake Trailhead to the Alpine Visitor Center will be closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. Please stop at a visitor center or visit the park's website for more up-to-date information.

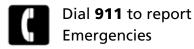
Park Phone Numbers



Trail Ridge Road Status: **(970) 586-1222** Park Information: **(970) 586-1206**



Hearing impaired persons may call the TTY at **(970) 586-1319**



Visitor Centers Estes Park Area

Beaver Meadows

Open daily 8-5 through October 13, then open daily 8-4:30. Park information, free park movie and bookstore available. Backcountry camping permits are available by following the footpath just east of the visitor center to the Backcountry Office.



Beaver Meadows Visitor Center

Fall River

Open daily 9-5 through September 28; Weekends Oct. 1 - 13. Features life-sized wildlife displays, a book store and discovery room where kids can touch objects and dress up as rangers, Indians and pioneers.



Fall River Visitor Center

Alpine Visitor Center

Open daily (weather permitting) 10:30-4:30 through October 13. Features extraordinary views of alpine tundra, displays, information, a bookstore, an adjacent gift shop, cafe and a coffee bar. Call (970) 586-1222 for Trail Ridge Road status.



Alpine Visitor Center

Grand Lake Area

Kawuneeche

Open daily 8-6 though September 6, then 8-5 September 7 through September 27. Then 8-4:30. Park information and maps, free movie and exhibits on how to plan your visit, bookstore, backcountry camping permits.



Kawuneeche Visitor Center

Important Information and Safety Considerations

Nature's beauty is alluring. Her power is also awe-inspiring and dangerous. Keep your vacation from turning into a nightmare by following these safety tips.

Ward-off Hypothermia

Avoid this potentially fatal drop in core body temperature- keep dry and warm with rain gear, a windbreaker and extra layers. Be alert for hypothermia's warning signs – shivering, confusion and drowsiness.

Be Mountain Savvy

Training and technical skills are needed to summit many of Rocky's high peaks. Slipping is not the problem when climbing up steep terrain with snow and ice. It's the landing that can hurt, maim and kill. Longs Peak is NOT a hike! There is no trail to the summit and the rocks are often coated with ice.

Avoid Bear and Mountain Lion Encounters

When hiking, ALWAYS keep children next to adults. If you encounter these animals, make yourself look big – pick up small children, raise your arms and keep your group standing close together. Never run – instead SLOWLY back away and leave the area. If attacked, fight back!

Do Not Feed Wildlife

Wildlife, including chipmunks and birds, are beautiful to look at and it's tempting to feed them. But they can bite you, carry disease and become beggars. Human food is unhealthy for them. Plus feeding wildlife is illegal. Enjoy them from a distance.

Watch Out for Falling Trees

The Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic has increased the chances of falling trees. Avoid hiking through the forest on windy days and plan your rest breaks away from red or dead trees.

Altitude Sickness

Altitude can aggravate preexisting medical conditions and even be fatal. Acclimatize by drinking plenty of water and driving to 12,000 feet up Trail Ridge Road later in your stay. If you feel lousy at altitude, descend immediately.

Bicycles in the Park

Bicycling is prohibited on trails. By law, you must ride single file. Park roads are narrow and may not have shoulders. Shuttle buses are not equipped to transport bicycles.

Campfires

Campfires are permitted only in campgrounds and picnic areas with fire grates. During high fire danger, campfires may be prohibited. Firewood can be purchased at campgrounds in summer. Collecting vegetation, dead or alive, is prohibited.

Firearms

Possessing firearms in Rocky Mountain National Park is permitted for those who are legally authorized under federal, Colorado or local laws. However, hunting, recreational shooting, and target practice are illegal. Federal law prohibits firearms in park buildings and facilities. Those legally allowed to carry firearms must comply with all applicable state and federal firearm laws. Need to know more? Contact us at 970-586-1206.

Fishing

Fishing in the park? You'll need a valid Colorado state fishing license. Pick up regulations at visitor centers or entrance stations.

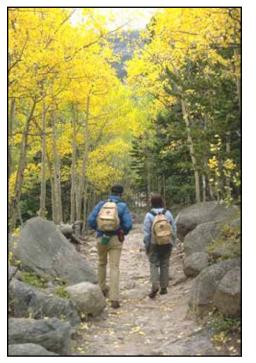
Pets

Service Animals

Service animals individually trained to perform specific tasks are allowed on trails and in park facilities only if they are providing a service for a disabled person. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), "therapy animals" providing emotional support do not qualify as service animals. These pets are prohibited on trails, in park buildings or other non-motorized areas. Service dogs-in-training are not service animals under ADA, but are considered pets.

Food Storage

Properly stored food and a clean camp protect you, your car, and wildlife from harm. Unattended food, toiletries and other scented items can attract wildlife including bears. Violators will be cited for improperly stored or unattended food items including food, drinks, garbage, wrappers, pet food, cosmetics toiletries, and odoriferous containers.



Picnicking

Check the park map for designated picnic areas.

Watch for Flood and Fire Damage

Recent floods have damaged trails or made sections impassable. Watch for collapsed or missing foot bridges and directional signs, unstable slopes, fallen trees and rough trails. Travel at your own risk. Safety is your responsibility.

Take Only Pictures

It's illegal to disturb or remove natural feature such as pinecones, rocks, antlers, artifacts, soil, rocks, or vegetation. Metal detector use is prohibited in the park.

Viewing Wildlife

View wildlife from roadside parking areas. Always pull completely off the road without parking on vegetation. Approaching animals may stress and provoke them and could get you injured. If an animal changes their behavior, you are too close. Feeding any animal or bird is illegal.

Marijuana Use Prohibited

Although small amounts of recreational marijuana are now legal in Colorado - possession and use of marijuana continues to be illegal in Rocky Mountain National Park and all federal lands.

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Pets are only allowed in picnic areas, campgrounds and along roadsides. They must be on a leash, no longer than 6 feet. Pets must not be unattended in cars, or tied to trees or objects. Pets are never allowed on trails or meadows.

Entrance Fees

Automobile 7-day Pass - Valid for seven consecutive days including date of purchase. \$20

Rocky Mountain National Park Annual Pass - Provides unlimited entry to this park for one year from the date of purchase. \$40 Rocky Mountain National Park/ Arapaho National Recreation Area Annual Pass - Provides unlimited entry to both areas for one year from the date of purchase. \$50

America the Beautiful Pass – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass - Available to everyone and provides unlimited entry to federal recreation sites that charge an entrance or standard amenity fee for one year from date of purchase. \$80 America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Senior Pass - A lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or older. \$10

America the Beautiful Military Pass -Free unlimited entry to federal recreation sites (including National Parks) for active duty US military personnel and dependents with required proper identification (CAC Card or DD Form 1173) for one year. America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass - A free lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a permanent disability.

Essentials to wear and carry

- Lots of water
- High-energy food
- Layers of clothing (jackets & pants)
- Storm gear
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Pocket knife
- Topographic map & compass/GPS
- Sturdy footwear & extra socks
- Hat and gloves
- Sunscreen
- First aid kit
- Flashlight or headlampWhistle
- Whistle
 Waterproof matches
- Common sense!

Weather and Road Conditions

Trail Ridge Road is open for the season, weather permitting. It usually closes for the season in mid-October. For current park road and driving conditions, please stop at a visitor center Call the Trail Ridge Road status line (970) 586-1222 for current road status.

Due to flood damage reconstruction, Old Fall River Road is closed to all use during 2014.

Be aware of changing weather, as conditions can deteriorate quickly.

Trail Conditions

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backcountry hikers may
encounter missing foot bridges,
missing trail segments, difficult
water crossings and unstable

slopes. Please ask a ranger, stop at a visitor center, or visit the park website, www.nps.gov/ romo, for more specific, updated information.



Trail	Location	Round Trip Distance	Elevation Gain
East Side Family Friend	Ily Trails Easy walks. Some are accessible. Some allow strollers. Most have brochures or exhibits. No pets on any park trails.	educational	
Lily Lake	On Highway 7 south of Estes Park Wildflowers, waterfowl, and greenback cutthroat trout may be seen on a level wa	.8 mile loop lk around the lake.	20 feet
Tundra Communities Trail	At Rock Cut on Trail Ridge Road View the miniature world of the tundra and enjoy sweeping views of the park. Pav	.5 mile red trail and interpr	260 feet retive signs.
West Side Family Frien	dly Trails		
Coyote Valley Trail	Coyote Valley on Highway 34, north of Kawuneeche Visitor Center Follows the bank of the Colorado River, with views of the Never Summer Moun Packed gravel, level grade. Interpretive signs. See moose, songbirds, and wildflow		10 feet
Adams Falls	East Inlet, located on the far east end of Grand Lake A beautiful short hike near Grand Lake. The trail continues beyond the falls to lu	.6 mile sh meadows.	80 feet
Holzwarth Historic Site	8 miles north of Kawuneeche Visitor Center on Highway 34. Explore a historic homestead cabin and 1920s dude ranch. Brochures, interpretiv	1 mile re signs and tours a	10 feet vailable.

While You're Here

Free Park Movie

See the stunning 23-minute park movie at both the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center during normal business hours. This film features spectacular aerial footage of the rugged high country of Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as wildlife and park history. A Captioned version is available at Kawuneeche Visitor Center and Captioned and Audio Description versions are available at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. Available in both Español (translation headsets available upon request) and English at Beaver Meadows and Kawuneeche visitor centers.



Junior Ranger

Free Junior Ranger books are available at park visitor centers for children of all ages. 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

Heart of the Rockies

Teachers, Parents, Students!

Rocky Mountain National Park's "Heart of the Rockies" education program provides an outdoor classroom to children throughout the region.

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!





Teachers who are interested in participating in this program may contact the park's Education Specialist at (970) 586-3777, or through the website at www. heartoftherockies.net



Moraine Park Discovery Center

Open daily 9-4:30 through Sept. 30, 10-4 Oct.1 through Oct. 13. Interactive exhibits on the past and present landscape, and a bookstore. Great views of glaciated Moraine Park.



Ranger-Led Programs | East Side

Walks and Hikes		LENGTH	LOCATION	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Tyndall Gorge Walk - Explore the breathtaking glacial landscape and lush subalpine forests above Bear Lake on this moderate hike. Ends 9/25		1.5 - 2 hour hike	Bear Lake parking area					9:30a		
Autumn Bird Walk - Join a ranger in search of fall migrants in an excellent birding area. For all levels of birders. Bring binoculars and a field guide. Ends 10/4		1.5 hour walk	Cub Lake Trailhead				8:00a	8:00a		8:00a
Autumn in the Rockies - Cool crisp air, beautiful fall colors, and bugling elk. Come on an easy walk to discover the many changes taking place this time of the year. Ends 10/13	ė	1 - 1.5 hour walk	Lily Lake parking area		2:00p		2:00p			2:00p
Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder - Much has changed in the last 100 years. Take an easy walk and join the discussion about how our past plays a role in the present and future of this amazing park. Ends 10/9	÷	1 - 1.5 hour walk	Sprague Lake picnic area	2:00p		2:00p		2:00p	2:00p	
Moraine Park Nature Walk - Discover the connections between the landscape, climate, and ecosystems of Moraine Park on this moderate walk. Ends 10/4		1 hour walk	Moraine Park Discovery Center	10:00a						10:00a
Bear Lake Stroll - Enjoy an easy walk around a lovely subalpine lake and learn about the natural and human forces that have shaped this landscape. Ends 10/10		1 - 1.5 hour walk	Bear Lake Ranger Station				10:00a		10:00a	
Talks		LENGTH	LOCATION	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Let's Talk Wild - Come learn about the park and wildlife in the autumn. In this informal chat with a ranger. Ends 9/28	ę,	Drop in anytime	Fall River Visitor Center		10:00a to 11:00a		10:00a to 11:00a	10:00a to 11:00a		10:00a to 11:00a
Elk Echoes - Learn about elk adaptations, migration, and mating behavior. Ends 10/13 Programs held simultaneously at both locations.	ę.	30 minute talk	Sheep Lakes Parking Lot & Moraine Park Discovery Center Amphitheater	6:00p	6:00p	6:00p	6:00p	6:00p	6:00p	6:00p
Road to the Top - If you think driving these roads is an adventure, come discover what it took to build and maintain them! Ends 10/13	έ	20 - 30 minute talk	Alpine Visitor Center	2:30p	2:30p		2:30p			2:30p
Bear Necessities - Come discover what is necessary to the survival of Rocky's black bears.	Ę.	20 - 30 minute talk	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center	10:30a	10:30a	10:30a		10:30a	10:30a	10:30
Arts in Parks - Discover how artists have used paintings, photographs and prose to capture nature's beauty and inspire the creation of many of our national parks. Ends 9/28	ځ	20 - 30 minute talk	Fall River Visitor Center	10:30a		10:30a			10:30a	
Portraits of the Past - Moraine Park was once a thriving community of early- day ranchers, innkeepers and influential residents. Join a park ranger for a glimpse into the lives of those who came before us.	Ę.	20 - 30 minute talk	Moraine Park Discovery Center		10:00a		10:00a		10:00a	
Ends 10/3		LENGTH	LOCATION	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Ends 10/3 Evening Programs										7:00p
	ę	45 minute talk	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center Auditorium							7.000

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Programs may be cancelled due to high winds or lightning.

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Rocky Mountain National Park 100th Anniversary Celebration

100 Years of Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder



Many things happened in 1915.

World War I was in full swing. The House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote. The Girl Scouts and the Kiwanis Club were founded. Pluto was photographed for the first time. Babe Ruth hit his first home run, and the Lusitania was sunk. Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra were born. The first transcontinental phone call was made. Ford manufactured its one-millionth Model T, and Albert Einstein formulated the theory of relativity.

On January 26th, Rocky Mountain National Park was established.

A lot of history has passed between 1915 and today. A lot of things have changed – music, science, manufacturing, technology, politics. But some things haven't.

Rocky Mountain National Park is still here. After almost 100 years, despite all the history, all the change, and all the progress, Rocky Mountain National Park is still important to people. Our need for mountains and wild places, beauty and escape is just as strong today as it was 100 years ago, if not more so.

Some visitors seek out the high country on a regular basis, using it as a portal through which to filter the world. Some have a memory of a snow-covered peak or a day on the trail to think back on fondly. Other visitors to Rocky Mountain National Park will never set foot inside its boundaries, and yet find great joy in simply knowing that it exists.



Gold never really panned out for the miners at LuLu City.



The Grand Ditch cuts across the Never Summer Mountains and can be seen from Farview Curve.

Timeline of Events

10,000 BC Clovis Paleoindian hunters enter the park as the glaciers retreat.

1200-1300 Ute enter North Park and Middle Park and Rocky Mountain National Park.

1800 Arapaho make first appearance in the park.

1820 Stephen A. Long Expedition on the plains and are first non-Indians to see Longs Peak.

1843 Rufus B. Sage is first explorer to enter east side of the park and write about it.

1858 Joel Estes enters what is now Estes Park and starts a ranch.

1868 John Wesley Powell, William Byers (Rocky Mountain News), and others make the first ascent of Longs Peak.

1871 Addie Alexander is the first woman to climb Longs Peak

1874 Hayden's "U.S. Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories"

The 100th Anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park is for everyone. It is a reminder of all that has happened here. It is a celebration of the connections that people have made with this place, the things that live here, and those who work to protect it. It is a challenge to not let Rocky Mountain National Park fade from what we value as we progress into the next 100 years. It is a renewal of the vow we made to protect this place, so that it can continue to shelter us and those who come after us.

You will do many things in 2015.

Let the 100th Anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park be one that you remember.

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In 1910, Sprague's Lodge was built in the Glacier Basin Area. By the 30s, rates were \$17.50-\$40/night.

www.nps.gov/romo for detailed information on events enters the park.

1874 Abner Sprague homesteads in Moraine Park, builds Sprague's Ranch, and establishes tourism and dude ranching in the park.

1876 State of Colorado created by Congress

1874-1886 Mining occurs on the west side of the mountains; Lulu City and Gaskill Towns established.

1895-1935 Grand Ditch is built to bring water from Never Summer Range across La Poudre Pass and down the Cache Le Poudre to the plains for agriculture.

1896-1902 Mining on the east side of the park (Eugenia and Meeker Mines).

1905 Stanley Hotel constructed in Estes Park.

1906 Antiquities Act passed; allows the President to create national monuments.

What's Your Story?

When did you fall in love with Rocky Mountain National Park? What is your most memorable wildlife encounter? How has the park left its mark on your family? What pictures tell your park story?

Now there is a way to share your stories, memories, and photos of your time in Rocky Mountain National Park and be part of the Rocky Mountain National Park Centennial Celebration!

Visit *rmnp100.com* to contribute to the Centennial Family Photo Album. Click on the decade of your choosing and upload a photo or write down your story (or both!). Your memories will become part of our virtual time capsule that will be kept to help document the connections that people have made with the park over the past 100 years.

Spread the word to friends and family that might have old pictures or family stories, enter your memory, and then check back to see how the album grows.

Let your story or picture be part of the legacy of Rocky Mountain National Park!

Centennial Junior Ranger

You are the future of Rocky Mountain National Park!

Junior Rangers of all ages are invited to pick up a Centennial Junior Ranger Activity Sheet to test your knowledge and creativity. Turn in your completed page for a special Centennial Sticker.

Activity sheets and stickers are available only at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, Fall River Visitor Center, Alpine Visitor Center and Kawuneeche Visitor Center.

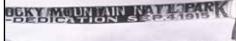




The Civilian Conservation Corps created many of the roads and trails still used in the park today.



Trail Ridge Road was constructed carefully so as to not damage the fragile alpine tundra.





Over 3000 people from all over Colorado attended the park's dedication on September 4, 1915.

www.nps.gov/romo for detailed information on events

Timeline of Events continued

1906 Road up the Big Thompson River (Hwy 34) completed.

1907 Squeaky Bob Wheeler opens the Hotel de Hardscrabble for tourists in the Kawuneeche Valley.

1907 Enos Mills, James Grafton Rodgers, and others begin lobbying for the establishment of Rocky Mountain National Park.

1914 Arapaho pack trip provides 30 Indian names for mountains and other topographic features in the park.

January 26, 1915 Congress signs legislation creating Rocky Mountain National Park

September 4, 1915 Rocky Mountain National Park is publically dedicated in Horseshoe Park

1913-1920 Fall River Road is constructed as the first road over the Continental Divide between Estes Park and Grand Lake.

1933-1942 Trail Ridge Road constructed.

1936 Hidden Valley becomes a ski area; closed in 1992 and removed by 2002.

1936 CCC crews remodel Moraine Park Lodge into the Moraine Park Museum and build the nearby amphitheater that ushered in a new era of park interpretation and education programs.

1937-1947 Colorado-Big Thompson Project and Alva B. Adams tunnel completed under the park.

1939 Abner Sprague becomes the first park visitor to pay an entrance fee.

1955 National Park Service Director Conrad Wirth announces Mission 66, a construction program designed to bring the national parks into modern conditions for increasing amount of visitors.

1960 New bridge over the Big Thompson River is completed and the present Beaver Meadows Entrance is opened as part of Mission 66.

Rocky Mountain National Park's Centennial Year by James H. Pickering, Historian Laureate, Town of Estes Park

Centennials are important events. The 100th anniversary of the dedication of Rocky Mountain National Park is certainly no exception. That event took place on September 4, 1915, on an open knoll in Horseshoe Park close by today's Lawn Lake trailhead, a twosided banner overhead. Though the day was overcast, the crowd was large. Individuals and families came from Denver and other Front Range towns as well as from Estes Park. Enos Mills, already celebrated as "The Father of Rocky Mountain National Park," served as master of ceremonies. "This is the proudest moment of my life," he told the crowd. "I have lived to see the realization of a great dream come true. It means great things for Colorado and for the nation." And indeed it most certainly has. Though the anniversary of that dedication Saturday is still a year away, a series of events are being planned that will give all of us ample opportunity both to celebrate and reflect.

its successor, Trail Ridge Road in 1932; of the Civilian Conservation Corps days of the 1930s which advanced important park projects, including trail building, by well more than a decade; and of the "holing through" of the 13-mile Alva Adams tunnel beneath the park in 1944, a key element in the Colorado-Big Thompson transmountain irrigation project. Other, more recent, accomplishments include the opening of the Beaver Meadows Visitors Center in 1967, a cornerstone of Mission '66 project, the last concerted attempt to refurbish and update America's system of national parks; and the completion in 2013 of the reconstruction and relocation of portions of much-traveled Bear Lake Road.

are gone, as are many of the other inholdings once found in places like Moraine and Horseshoe Parks. The size of the ranger force and support staff of necessity has also grown (at the time of the dedication there were only three). They are needed to take care of the more than three million visitors who enter the park each year. Balancing this accessibility with the need to protect and preserve the park's fragile ecology is, and will remain, a major challenge. Enos Mills' dream of 1915 is, in fact, an still unfinished one- it is an affirmation

streams, will surely agree. Our ability to enjoy the authenticity of such experiences, not to mention the wonder of it all, is the gift of the past to the present.

Let then this celebratory centennial year also be a year of rededication. Let it be a year in which we reaffirm our own responsibility as present-day stewards in helping to preserve this special place, so that a hundred years hence it will be said that we in our time—to quote the Organic Act of 1916 that created the National Park Service-helped "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects ... by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Put in less lofty terms: that we too helped pass Enos Mills' "great dream" forward into the hands of those whom we will never know.

Looking back one thinks of the park's milestone events and achievements. There have been many. One thinks of the completion of Fall River Road over the Continental Divide in 1920, and Centennial years, rightly considered, should not simply focus on the past. They should draw our attention to the present and to the future as well. Over the past hundred years Rocky Mountain National Park has grown slightly in size and greatly in complexity. To be sure, it is rather less cluttered than it was in 1915. All of the great resort hotels (those "castles of woods") in progress, as all truly great dreams are.

So even as we enjoy the centennial events of the coming months let us do so with gratitude not only to those who made Rocky Mountain National Park possible but to those who labor today and will labor tomorrow to keep Enos Mills' dream alive. The late Western writer Wallace Stegner called national parks "the best idea we ever had." Those of us who have had the privilege of hiking the trails of Rocky Mountain National Park, lunching besides one of its supremely beautiful lakes, or fishing one of its peaceful and sequestered



Timeline of Events continued

1964 The Wilderness Act is passed which later allows for further protection of the park

1966 National Historic Preservation Act is created to protect historic and prehistoric resources on federal lands.

1968 Beaver Meadows Headquarters building is finished.

1982 The Lawn Lake dam collapses resulting in a flood that kills 3 people and severly impacts Estes Park.

1988 McGraw Ranch is purchased and the buildings are remodeled and turned into a research center in 2001.

1992 Lilv Lake area is purchased and the popular accessible trail is constructed.

2000 Fall River Visitor Center opens. A congressional act was required to allow a private company to build a visitor center outside the park with NPS staff.

2002 Beaver Meadows Headquarters is declared a National Historic Landmark as the only building in the NPS designed by the Frank Lloyd Wright school of architecture.

2003 Grand Ditch breach occurs.

2004 Hidden Valley reopens for winter sledding and summer picnics.

2007 Sister Park Agreement signed with Tatra National Parks.

2008 The Final Elk and Vegetation Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is signed.

2009 The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 is passed providing additional protection for over 95% of the backcountry of the park by designating it as official Wilderness.

2011 Sister Park Agreement signed with Tusheti National Park in the Republic of Georgia.

2013 Record flooding severely impacts Rocky Mountain National Park and surrounding communities.

Join the Celebration Conversation

Find us on your favorite social media platform to join in on special events, photos, videos, and more!













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CENTENNIAL

Celebration

PLEIN AIR FINE ART SHOW & SALE

September 25-28, 2014

at Fall River Visitor Center, Rocky Mtn. NP

EVENT SCHEDULE

September 25 - Thursday

GALA OPENING RECEPTION

6-8PM AT

FALL RIVER VISITOR CENTER

September 26 - Friday

STANLEY HOTEL PAINT-OUT

9am-12pm at

THE STANLEY HOTEL

September 27 - Saturday

QUICK DRAW

9AM-12 NOON AT

Moraine Park

DISCOVERY CENTER

WWW.RMPAP.ORG

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Art in the Park

How do you remember Rocky Mountain National Park? Do you treasure a particular photograph of golden aspens and Longs Peak? An oil painting of the mist rolling off Adams Falls? Have you made a sketch or written your own poem to memorialize your latest visit?

Art, it seems, is one of the most prominent ways through which Rocky Mountain National Park finds and maintains a home in our hearts and memories. Throughout the celebration of Rocky Mountain National Park's 100th Anniversary, many opportunities to appreciate the art of nature will be showcased. Which will you enjoy? You may listen to a concert or a storyteller. You may take home iconic images in a commemorative book, poster, or calendar. You may watch as a plein air painting takes shape before your very eyes. Or you may take in a program presented by one of the park's Artists in Residence.

Since 1984, the Rocky Mountain National Park Artist-in-Residence program has provided visitors to the park with opportunities to see our heritage through the eyes and ears of selected artists. For the 100th Anniversary, many of these works of art will be put on display throughout the year for new audiences to enjoy.

Art has always played a pivotal role in the protection and appreciation of national parks, and Rocky Mountain National Park is no exception. As the 100th Anniversary of the park nears, ask yourself how art has helped shape today's park and how it might help you find a new and enduring connection with this special place.

Poem for Parks by Cactus May, Artist-in-Residence 1996

On Flat-Top mountain a man in a stiff baseball cap and striped tube-socks told me every two breaths he took up here let him live one more down there.

He pointed a bony finger.

I stayed on top a little longer in case he was right.

A woman from Wisconsin stopped me at Cub Lake she swept her hand at the water-lilies and the light told me to imagine all this as John Wesley Powell saw it.

I did. And I could, without television or a coffee-table book because it's still here.



En plein air is a French expression that means "in the open air" and is particularly used to describe the act of painting outdoors.



Early light is often best for catching the nuances of the park's spectacular peaks.

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy

The nonprofit Rocky Mountain National Park's 100th Conservancy (formerly the Anniversary, the Rocky Rocky Mountain Nature Mountain Conservancy Association) was founded in commissioned both a Centennial 1931 to develop informational Poster, created by Jim Disney, brochures for the park. Today, and a Centennial Song, written through the publication and by Cowboy Brad Fitch, to help sale of educational materials, celebrate this momentous the Conservancy supports occasion. the research and educational Rocky Mountain Conservancy programs of Rocky Mountain bookstores will also carry a wide National Park and its public variety of commemorative items lands partners. throughout the celebration year. The Rocky Mountain Conservancy also raises funds Rocky Mountain for trails and improvement projects within Rocky Mountain National Park.

The Rocky Mountain

In support of Rocky Mountain



Conservancy Field Institute will be offering a special Centennial Seminar Series throughout 2014 and 2015 in order to highlight the wilderness, wildlife, and wonder of the park. Seminars are led by talented instructors and usually require some hiking, and cover a myriad of topics including wildlife biology, history, botany, and photography.

Stop by a bookstore in one of the park visitor centers to shop, pick up a seminar catalog, or learn more about becoming a member and helping to support Rocky Mountain National Park.





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The Official Poster of the Centennial, created by Jim Disney, is available for sale at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center.

Rocky Mountain National Park 2014 Centennial Calendar of Events

For complete details of 2014 and 2015 events, please visit www.nps.gov/romo

September 2014

3	Centennial Kick-off Ceremony
VESCI!	Hidden Valley, RMNP
3	Wonder of the Wild
No seaso	Images of RMNP Gallery
	Estes Park, CO
4-7	Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival
	Estes Park, CO
4	Centennial Kick-off Ice Cream Social
	Holzwarth Historic Site, RMNP
4	Wonder of the Wild II
5	Grand Lake Art Gallery
	Grand Lake, CO
5	RMC Centennial Seminar: Hike the Ute Trail with a Naturalist
Com	970-586-3262 for details
6	Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary
Net-1	Wilderness Walk
	Lily Lake, RMNP
6-7	Oil Painters of America Great Paint
Level	Trail River Ranch, RMNP
7	Music, Munchies, and Maybe a Moos
200	Trail River Ranch, RMNP
8	RMC Centennial Seminar:
200	The First 100 Years
S Server	970-586-3263 for details
13	RMC Centennial Seminar:
	Bighorn Sheep Ecology
a the	970-586-3263 for details
15	The Women of Wind Research
1	in RMNP
20	Beaver Meadows Auditorium, RMNP RMC Centennial Seminar:
20	Photographing the Wildlife and Won
- ASIA	Autumn with John Fielder
	970-586-3263 for details
20	Constitution Week Concert
	featuring Peggy Mann
20	Grand Lake, CO
21-3	0 Paint Something Grand
PATE I	Grand Lake, CO
25-2	8 Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters
1937	Opening Reception and Art Sale
1	Fall River Visitor Center, RMNP
26	Centennial Speaker Series:
15	Mary Taylor Young
Contract Cont	Kawuneeche Visitor Center RMNP

26-27	Trappers Wild Game Culinary Affair
	Grand Lake, CO
27	Centennial Speaker Series:
	Mary Taylor Young

Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP

October 2014

4	The Playground Trail: The National Park to
1000	Park Highway
1.5	Estes Park Museum
10 11	Estes Park, CO
9	The Geology of Estes Park
100	Rock Climbing
10.26	Estes Park Museum
1	Estes Park, CO
10	Centennial Speaker Series: Robert Stanton
100	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP
25	Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder Halloweer
A	Grand Lake CO

November 2014

3	Meet Me @ the Muse
	Souvenirs of RMNP
	Estes Park Museum
1	Estes Park, CO
8	Whooo's There?
	Estes Park Museum
	Estes Park, CO
28	The Wonder of Christ
	Grand Lake, CO

December 2014

20-21	Home for the Holidays: The Wonder of
	Christmas in the Rockies
	Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater
	Grand Lake, CO
26-31	Centennial Holiday Melodrama
	Grand Lake, CO
31	New Year's Eve Fireworks Celebrating RMNI
	Grand Lake, CO
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For complete details, please visit www.nps.gov/romo

Long Term Events - starting September 2014

Year Round **Centennial Ranger Programs** Rocky Mountain National Park

September 1 - November 30, 2014 **One Book, One Valley Events** Estes Valley Library, Estes Park, CO www.estesvalleylibrary.org

September 4, 2014 - September 4, 2015 Colorado Mountain Club Hikes, Climbs, and Snowshoes in RMNP www.cmc.org for more details September 4, 2014 - September 4, 2015 **YMCA of the Rockies Centennial Hikes** www.y-hikes.com/index.html for details

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September 4, 2014 - September 4, 2015 Grand Lake Chamber and Visitor Center 100th Anniversary Activities grandlakechamber.com/100th

September 4, 2014 - September 4, 2015 Centennial and RMNP Information at The Old Gallery 14862 Peak to Peak Hwy, Allenspark, CO September 26, 2014 - October 4, 2015 Climb On! - an exhibit Estes Park Museum Estes Park, CO

November 22 , 2014 - January 11, 2015 **The Wonder of Art from the Park - an Art Exhibit** Grand Lake, CO

Ranger-Led Programs | West Side

Programs & Activities		LENGTH	LOCATION	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Skins and Things - Examine the skins, skulls, antlers, teeth and bones of many park mammals. Ends 9/21	Ę.	40 min talk	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	10:30a		10:30a		10:30a		10:30a
Behind the Scenes - Short videos documenting how the park addresses challenges like elk management, pine beetles, and bear safety. Ends 9/17	È	1 hour	Kawuneeche Visitor Center		10:30a		10:30a		10:30a	
Beyond the Falls - A pleasant stroll to Adams Falls and a spectacular view just beyond. Ends 9/16		1.5 hour 1 mile	East Inlet Trailhead			2:00p				
Rocky Mountain Heritage Walk - Learn about the human history of the Kawuneeche Valley while strolling to the grounds of an historic guest ranch. Ends 9 /	17	1.5 hours 1 mile	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area		2:00p		2:00p			
Coyote Valley River Walk - Explore ecology and history on this easy walk along the Colorado River. 9/11 & 9/18 only	Ŷ	1 hour 1 mile	Coyote Valley Trailhead					2:00p		
Inside the Fence - Enter an exclosure to learn about moose, elk and beaver and to explore habitat recovery first hand. 9/6 and 9/20 only		1 hour 1 mile	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area							2:00p
Wilderness Connections – Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act with a moderate hike to a hidden meadow and picturesque creek. Ends 9/21		1.5 - 2 hours 2 miles	Onahu Trailhead	2:00p					2:00p	
Evening & Special Programs		LENGTH	LOCATION	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Timber Creek Campground Program Check at the campground or Kawuneeche Visitor Center for topics. Ends 9/20	ţ.	1 hour program	Timber Creek Campground Amphitheater	7:45p	7:45p	7:45p	7:45p	7:45p	7:45p	7:45p
Holzwarth Historic Site – Tour a 1920s-era dude ranch for a taste of early homesteading and tourism. September 2-7 only.	È	Drop-in tour	Holzwarth Historic Site parking area	10:30a to 4:30p		10:30a to 4:30p	10:30a to 4:30p	10:30a to 4:30p	10:30a to 4:30p	10:30a to 4:30p
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All children must be accompanied by an adult. Programs may be cancelled due to high winds or lightning.

Notes from the Field

20,000 Calories a Day?!



It takes all of us to save the life

Ask most visitors: "Want to see a bear?" and the resounding answer is, "Yes – that would be cool!" But few visitors want to see a bear in their tent, ripping into their backpack or destroying their car. The purpose of bear management in Rocky Mountain National Park is to keep bears wild and prevent encounters that can threaten visitor safety, damage property, or provide food rewards to bears. Once bears get human food they can become more aggressive. Often these bears need to be killed.

In the fall when bears are preparing for winter dormancy they have an insatiable appetite and can eat up to 20,000 calories. This is a time when visitors need to be "bear aware" and keep anything bears may consider food properly stored.

Bears consume 20,000 calories a day in fall

Don't attract wildlife, including black bears, to campsites because of improperly stored food items. Food items include: drinks, toiletries, cosmetics, pet food and bowls, odoriferous attractants, and garbage.

of a bear!

- Keep a clean camp.
- Clean up spills on grills and stoves and wash dishes promptly.
- Use food storage lockers.
- Never leave food items or coolers unsecured or unattended.
- When parking your vehicle make sure all food and trash is stowed out of sight with windows closed and doors locked.
- When hiking keep your backpack with you at all times.
- Latch doors on dumpsters.
- If there isn't space in trash cans or dumpsters take items with you.
- If you see a bear where it doesn't belong or in the process of getting a food reward take action – yell, clap, honk your horn.

Camping | 2014

PARK CAMPGROUNDS	Reservable	First-Come, First-Served Sites	Firewood	Max RV/Trailer Length	Dump Station	Designated Accessible Sites	Tent Pad Size	Summer Drinking Water, Flush Toilets	Food Storage Lockers	Location and Brief Description
Aspenglen Elevation 8,220 ft 53 Sites Reservable May 22 – Sept 28 Open first-come, first-served when Moraine Park CG is closed for repaving.	•	Open first-come, first-served when Moraine Park CG is closed for repaving	Daily in September	30 ft	No; use Glacier Basin, Moraine Park or Timber Creek	•	13 ft x 15 ft	•	•	Situated in a pine forest near Fall River just inside the Fall River Entrance on US Hwy 34 west of Estes Park.
Glacier Basin Elevation 8,500 ft 150 Sites May 22 – Sept 7	•		•	35 ft	•	•	Varies	•	•	Located on Bear Lake Road across from the Park & Ride. Due to hazard tree removal there is no campground shade in the C & D Loops.
Longs Peak Elevation 9,405 ft 26 Sites May 23 - Nov 2		•	• While water is on	Tents only			13 ft x 15 ft	Only vault toilets	•	In a pine forest, nine miles south of Estes Park. Turn west at the Longs Peak Area sign.
Moraine Park Elevation 8,160 ft 244 Sites Open year-round Reservable for May 22 - Sept 28 This campground will be then temporarily closed for repaving and will reopen date TBD in October.	•	B Loop year- round	Daily in September	Limited number of sites up to 40 ft	•	•	Varies	B Loop has vault toilets year- round	•	Located in a ponderosa pine forest above the meadows of Moraine Park, this campground is a short drive from the Beaver Meadows Entrance on Bear Lake Road. A solar heated shower bag stall facility is available in summer.
Timber Creek Elevation 8,900 ft 98 Sites May 23 - Nov 2		•	•	30 ft	•	•	Varies	•	•	On the park's west side near the Colorado River, 10 miles north of the town of Grand Lake on US Hwy 34. Due to hazard tree removal there is no campground shade.

Camping Information

Overnight stays in Rocky Mountain National Park must be in a campground (or a backcountry site). You may not stay overnight in your car or RV along a road or at a trailhead.

It is common for all park campgrounds to fill up on most summer days and fall weekends. Reservations for late-May through September can be made six months to one day in advance and are highly recommended. Make a reservation online at www.reserveamerica.com or www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777.

Fees to Camp

- When the water is off (fall/winter/ spring), campgrounds are \$14/site/night.
- When the water is on (summer), all campgrounds are \$20.00/site/ night.
- America the Beautiful Senior and Access Pass holders receive a 50% discount on camping fees.
- Park entrance fees and camping fees can be paid by cash, check or credit card any time of year.

Stay Limits

The maximum length of stay is seven nights total between June 1 and September 30, plus an additional 14 nights between October 1 and May 31. Stay limits are on a parkwide basis rather than on a per campground basis.

At All Standard Campsites

- No more than eight people may camp at a given site.
- All campsites, including RV sites, have a tent pad, picnic table and fire grate.
- Shared food storage lockers are available throughout all campgrounds.
- Tents must fit on the tent pad; two or three tents are allowed, as long as they fit.
- There are no electric, water or sewer hookups at any park campsites.
- A solar-heated shower bag stall facility (no running water) is at Moraine Park Campground.
- There are no other shower facilities

except in the solar shower facility in Moraine Park Campground. Remember, toiletries attract wildlife and need to be properly stored when not in use.

Pets

All campgrounds allow pets with certain restrictions: they must be on a leash no longer than six feet; pet owners must pick up and dispose of pet excrement in trash receptacles; pets may not make noise that impacts visitors or wildlife. Pets are never allowed on any park trails or in meadow areas. Pets should never be left unattended. Keep a clean camp! Never leave pet food unsecured or unattended.

Food Storage

Do not attract wildlife, including black bears, to your campsite. Keep a clean camp! Never leave food items unsecured or unattended. Improperly stored or unattended food items will result in a violation notice. "Food items" include food, drinks, toiletries, cosmetics, pet food and in trash or recycling receptacles. Hummingbird feeders and bird feeders are attractants for wildlife such as raccoons, elk, deer, and bears, and are not allowed in campgrounds. Coolers, dirty stoves, grills, non-disposable tableware and cookware must be washed and stored in the same manner as food. Camp kitchens must be kept clean and individual items properly stored. In campgrounds, store all food items in food storage lockers; if full, store food items by one of the following methods:

- Inside vehicle trunks; be sure windows are closed and doors are locked.
- In vehicles without trunks, items should be placed as low in the vehicle passenger compartment as possible and covered from sight, with windows closed and doors locked.
- Visitors with convertibles or motorcycles are encouraged to use food storage lockers, available in all park campgrounds. Food storage lockers, which are

in the park, but showers are available in nearby communities. Portable showers are prohibited bowls, and odoriferous attractants. Garbage, including empty cans, food wrappers, etc., must be disposed of approximately 3 ft x 4 ft x 3 ft are shared with other visitors and cannot be locked. Food storage locker symbols are located on all campground maps.

Backcountry Camping

Permits are required for all overnight backcountry camping, and reservations are recommended for summer. Camping is allowed only in designated sites and areas. Permits may be obtained at the Beaver Meadows Backcountry Office or Kawuneeche Visitor Center. For further information write to: Backcountry Office, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado 80517 or phone (970) 586-1242.The administrative permit fee of \$20 is required for backcountry permits between May 1 and October 31; there is no charge in winter.

Sprague Lake Accessible Backcountry Campsite

Reservations and information are available through the Backcountry Office at (970) 586-1242. This site accommodates 12 campers with a maximum of five wheelchair users at the camp. The administrative permit fee is \$20 from May 1 to October 31.





For your safety and the protection of park wildlife, carry in/carry out, commericallymade, hard sided, bear-resistant food storage canisters are required of all backcountry campers parkwide between May 1 and October 31. Canisters may be rented or purchased at outdoor shops in surrounding communities. Pack out all garbage.

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Rocky Mountain Field Institute Educational Bus Tours in Rocky!

Grand Lake Safari Adventure Tuesdays, June 10 - August 26 Trail Ridge Road Adventure Wednesdays & Thursdays, June 11 - Sept. 4 Escape to Bear Lake Adventure Fridays, June 13 - September 5 Elk Expeditions Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 18

Call 970-586-3262 or register at park visitor centers

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International Sister Parks



Rocky Mountain National Park and the Tatra National Parks in Slovakia and Poland established an ongoing sister park relationship in 2007. The three parks have similar mountain terrain and ecosystems and are seeking solutions to common issues. The exchange of information and expertise to better manage these great preserves benefits all.

Republic of Poland

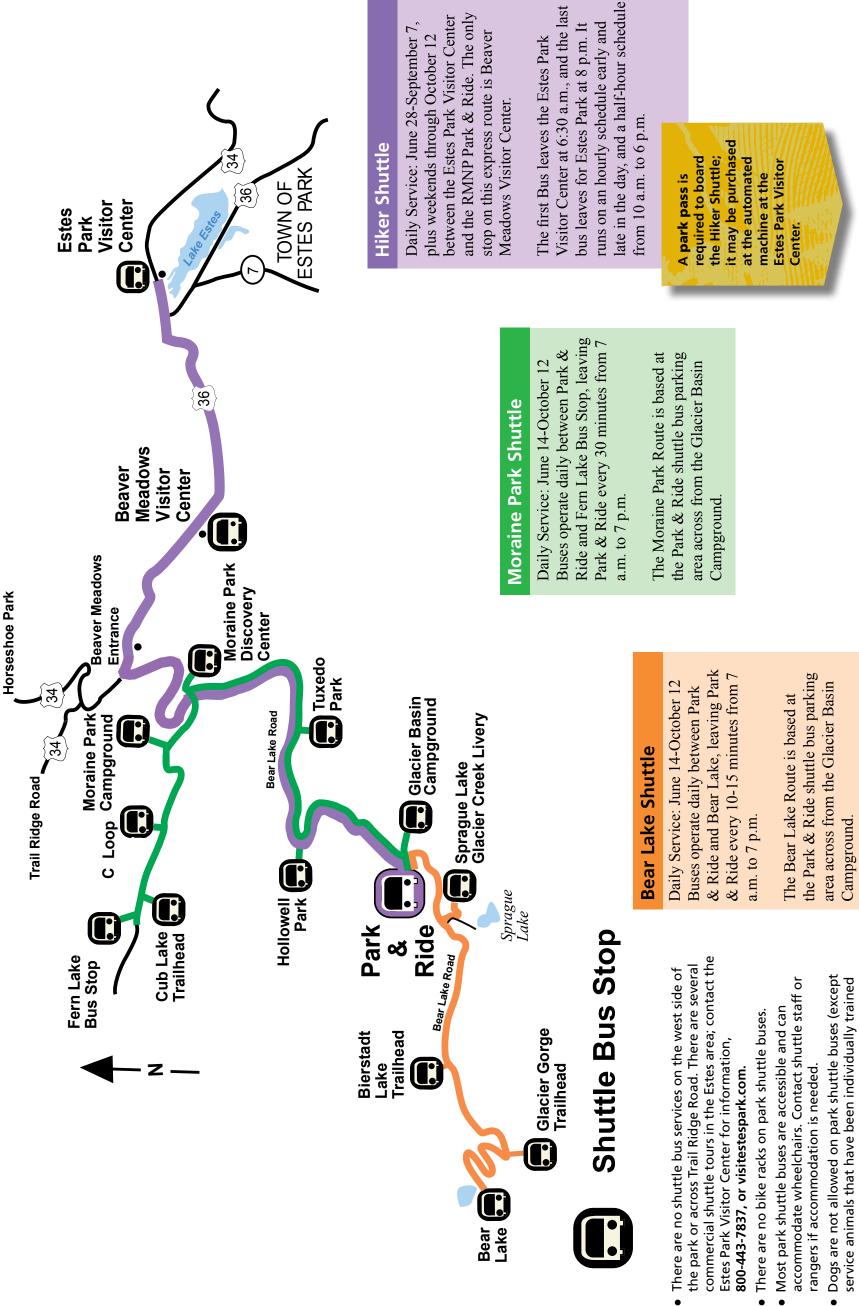
Slovakia



Tatra National Park of Slovakia and Poland



Using Rocky Mountain National Park's free shuttle bus service enables you to access many destinations and loop hikes along the Bear Lake corridor, while enjoying the beautiful scenery without the distraction and hassle of traffic congestion and limited parking.



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