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## Join the Celebration

This year marks one hundred years since Rocky was established. See the special insert to learn about 100 years of Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder, and the events planned to celebrate the centennial birthday.

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## A Year of Celebration

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 Kiwanis Club was founded. Pluto was photographed for the first time. The Lusitania was sunk, and 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 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. Others will never set foot inside Rocky Mountain National Park's boundaries yet find great joy in simply knowing that it exists.

The celebration of Rocky Mountain National Park's 100th Anniversary 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 diligently to protect it. This celebration is a challenge to us to refresh the values that Rocky Mountain National Park embodies as we progress into the next 100 years. It is a renewal of the vow that was 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.

We invite you to join us for the celebration. Read on to find out about the many ways you can get involved!

## Free Park Movie

In celebration of Rocky's Centennial, this year both the stunning 23-minute park movie *Spirit of the Mountains*, and new inspirational 25-minute Centennial film *Wilderness, Wildlife, Wonder*, are shown in Beaver Meadows Visitor Center and Kawuneeche Visitor Center through September.



Beaver Meadows has Assisted Listening Devices for audio description and amplification and induction loops for people with hearing aids. Both visitor centers have a captioned version of the park film. Beaver Meadows has the park film *en Español*. All park visitor centers are accessible.

## Visitor Centers

### EAST SIDE Near Estes Park

#### Alpine Visitor Center

Open daily (weather permitting) 9 am–5 pm. This highest visitor center in the National Park Service is on Trail Ridge Road at 11,796 feet. Extraordinary alpine tundra views, displays, information, a bookstore, an adjacent gift shop and cafe. Call (970) 586-1222 for Trail Ridge Road status.

#### Beaver Meadows Visitor Center

Open daily 8 am–6 pm. Near the Beaver Meadows Entrance on U.S. Hwy. 36 west of Estes Park. Park information, bookstore, and two free park movies (see above). Backcountry camping permits are available by following the trail just east of the visitor center to the Backcountry Office.

#### Fall River Visitor Center

Open daily 9 am–5 pm. Near the Fall River Entrance on U.S. Hwy. 34 west of Estes Park. Features life-sized wildlife displays, a book store and the new Arts Alive Activity Center and Centennial Art Exhibit. All ages are invited to the park's drop-in studio for creating your own art starting June 15.

#### Moraine Park Discovery Center

Open daily 9 am–4:30 pm. Located along Bear Lake Road. Interactive exhibits, a nature trail offering great views of Moraine Park, family friendly activities and a bookstore.

#### Sheep Lakes Information Station

Starting May 16, open daily (weather permitting) 9 am–4:30 pm. In Horseshoe Park on U.S. Hwy. 34 west of Estes Park. Info and ranger programs. Horseshoe Park is a good place to look for wildlife, including bighorn sheep and elk.



Alpine Visitor Center Plaza  
NPS/Peter Biddle

### WEST SIDE Near Grand Lake

#### Kawuneeche Visitor Center

Open daily 8 am–6 pm on U.S. Hwy. 34 north of Grand Lake. Park information and maps, free park movie and new Centennial movie, exhibits on how to plan your visit, bookstore, and backcountry camping permits.

## Park Phone Numbers



**Park Information**  
(970) 586-1206

**Trail Ridge Road Status**  
(970) 586-1222



**TTY for deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired**  
(970) 586-1319



**Dial 911 to report Emergencies**

## Stay Safe

### You Are Responsible

It is your responsibility to be safe and to know and obey park rules. Park safety information, rules, and regulations can be found at visitor centers, entrance stations, on trailhead bulletin boards, and on the park website at [www.nps.gov/romo](http://www.nps.gov/romo).

### Altitude Sickness

Each year a number of visitors experience symptoms of altitude sickness, including headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizziness, vomiting, and in acute situations, even unconsciousness. High altitude can also aggravate preexisting medical conditions such as heart and lung diseases. Take your time and be sure to drink plenty of water, eat lightly, and get lots of rest. The only cure for altitude sickness is to go down to a lower elevation.

### Backcountry Travel

Avoid traveling alone in the backcountry. Leave detailed information about your trip itinerary with a friend so park authorities can be notified if you fail to return.

Because weather in Rocky can be so changeable and conditions variable, hikers and climbers need to remain flexible. Be prepared to turn around if conditions are more difficult than anticipated. Longs Peak, a popular climb in the park, has unavoidable and treacherous ice and snow and usually remains that way until mid-summer.

Camping is only allowed in designated sites and areas (see page 9).

### Bicycles

Bicycling is prohibited on trails. Bicycles are permitted on all roads that are open to motor vehicles, both paved and dirt, unless otherwise posted. There are no designated bicycle lanes along roads. Park roads are narrow with few or no shoulders, so ride with care. By law, you must ride single file. 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.

### Cell Service Unreliable

Don't depend on a cell phone for emergency help, as many locations in this rugged park have no cell service.

### Falling Trees

Falling trees are an ever-present hazard and can fall without warning. Be particularly watchful around dead trees when it's windy or following a snowstorm when branches are heavy with snow.

### Firearms

Firearm possession in Rocky Mountain National Park is permitted for those who are legally authorized to possess firearms 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.

### Fishing

Several species of trout are found in the park, including brown, brook, rainbow, and cutthroat (including the protected Colorado River and greenback).

Not all park lakes have reproducing populations of fish; cold water temperatures and lack of spawning habitat prevent reproduction in most high altitude lakes.

A Colorado state fishing license is required to fish in the park. The fishing brochure, including regulations, possession limits, and a list of park waters, is available at park visitor centers and on the park website, <http://www.nps.gov/romo>.

### Hypothermia

Drowsiness, impaired judgment, excessive shivering, and slurred speech are all signs of hypothermia and can happen any time of year. Prevent this condition by wearing insulated, wind-proof layers and drinking plenty of fluids.

### Lightning

Lightning can occur daily during the summer season. Before heading out check a weather forecast. Be observant and watch for building storm clouds, which are the first sign of a developing thunderstorm. Plan your activities so you can return to your car quickly if a thunderstorm occurs. When planning a hiking trip, plan to be back to the trailhead before noon. If you hear thunder, return to the trailhead immediately.

Remember there is no safe place in the backcountry when lightning strikes.

### Marijuana

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

### Pets

**PETS ARE PROHIBITED ON ALL ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK TRAILS, TUNDRA, AND MEADOW AREAS.** For the safety of your pet and the benefit of park wildlife and other visitors, leashed pets are only allowed in picnic areas, parking lots, campgrounds, and along roadsides.

Pets should never be left unattended in vehicles if it creates a danger to the animal or if it becomes a public nuisance. Pets must be on leashes no longer than six feet when outside vehicles.

Stop in a visitor center for more information on hiking options for pets outside the park or see the pets brochure on the park website, <http://www.nps.gov/romo>.

**Service animals** that have been individually trained to perform specific tasks for the benefit of persons with disabilities are allowed in the park.

**Emotional support (“therapy animals”) and service animals-in-training** are not service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act and may not access trails or other non-motorized areas.

### Rivers and Streams

Rivers and streams can be deadly. During spring runoff, waterways swell with melting snow from higher elevations. Beside being frigid, the water can be swift and strong. Powerful currents can knock a person over and quickly pull them downstream or underwater, where they may become trapped. Rocks at streamside are often slippery, and the water nearby may be deep. Always closely supervise children around any body of water but particularly near rivers and streams.

### Take Only Pictures

Regulations prohibit taking any natural features including pinecones, rocks, antlers, artifacts, or disturbing soil, rocks, or vegetation—including flowers—in the park. Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

### Wildlife Encounters: Bears and Mountain Lions

Seeing a bear or mountain lion is uncommon, and interactions are even more uncommon. But it's best to keep the following in mind:

- ▶ Travel in groups and make noise as you hike closely together. Keep children close! A predator does not distinguish a running child from running prey.
- ▶ If you see a bear or mountain lion, stop, stay calm, and back away slowly. Never approach any wildlife or turn your back and run. Stand tall and look large. Raise your arms. Protect small children by picking them up.
- ▶ If approached, make loud noises, shout, clap hands, clang pots or pans, and fight back if attacked.

See the Camping section on page 9 to learn how to properly store food and other scented items.

## Travel Tips

### It's Busy in Summer

Summer is a glorious time of year in Rocky, and most people visit here in summer and on fall weekends. These are the park's busiest times. Expect congestion on roads, in parking areas, and along popular trails.

Best tip to help: plan ahead.

- Make reservations for camping in the park and lodging in the local areas.
- Tour and hike early and late in the day; by mid-morning, parking areas are often full.
- Carpool and/or use the free summer park shuttle buses. The shuttle schedule is on the back page.

### Entrance Fees

Entrance fees will increase in October 2015. All entrance fees are paid at entrance stations (not visitor centers). Fees and passes can be paid in U.S. currency by major credit or debit card, cash, or check.

### Park Roads

Trail Ridge Road is open for the season, weather permitting. It usually closes for the season in mid-October, depending on weather and road conditions.

Weather conditions in Rocky Mountain National Park can be very changeable, and it can snow any time of the year, especially at higher elevations. Be aware of changing weather, as conditions can deteriorate quickly.

For a recorded message with current Trail Ridge Road status (is it open or closed?) call (970) 586-1222.

The Rocky Information Office is open 8 am–4:30 pm daily and can assist with current conditions, (970) 586-1206, or stop at a park visitor center.

Old Fall River Road is scheduled to open to motorized travel in early July.



Trail Ridge Road NPS/Ann Schonlau

### Wildlife Viewing

- Obey wildlife closure areas and “no stopping” traffic zones.
- Use parking areas along the road. If not available, pull your vehicle completely off the road and do not park on vegetation.
- Approaching animals may cause them stress, leading to disease or illness.
- If you cause an animal to move or change its behavior, you are too close!



Bighorn Ram NPS/John Marino

- Wildlife can be unpredictable. For your safety and theirs, enjoy and photograph wildlife from a distance.
- Never feed wildlife, including birds and chipmunks.



Male Broad-tailed Hummingbird NPS/Russell Smith

### The Essentials

Always carry essential survival items, regardless of the length of your trip.

- ✓ Lots of water and high-energy food
- ✓ Layers of clothing including storm gear, hat, and gloves
- ✓ Sunglasses with UV protection
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Sturdy footwear and extra socks
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Topographic map and compass/GPS
- ✓ Flashlight or headlamp
- ✓ Waterproof matches, pocket knife, whistle

## Rocky's Tundra

The word tundra comes from the Lappish term *tundar*, or land of no trees. The term originally described arctic areas, but similar conditions and ecological communities also occur at high elevations. Because tundra was well studied in the Alps, high elevation tundra was named alpine. Arctic tundra can be thought of as the “land beyond the trees” to the north, and the alpine tundra as the “land above the trees.”

About one-third of Rocky Mountain National Park is carpeted with alpine tundra. Here the tundra is an exceptional resource, for not only is it exquisitely beautiful in full bloom, it is also one of the few areas where alpine tundra is easily accessible to visitors.

Trail Ridge Road is the highest continuous paved highway in North America. Where is the world's highest continuous paved route? The Karakorum Highway, which connects Northern Pakistan to Southwest China across Kunjerab Pass at 16,200 feet. The world's highest continuous unpaved highway connects Tibet with Nepal at over 17,000 feet.

A journey up Trail Ridge Road can be compared to making a journey to the Arctic. For every 1,000 feet gained in elevation the temperature drops by 3-5 degrees. Each 1,000 feet gained in elevation is similar to driving 600 miles north, so as you travel upward the resulting ecological communities resemble those of Canada and later Arctic Alaska. Incidentally, Trail Ridge was never glaciated. Instead the ridge was above the level of glacial ice which explains why the sides are steep, but the top is gentle and rolling.

**Weather.** Average precipitation in the alpine tundra is 25-40 inches annually. Most of the moisture is snatched away by dry winds or the snow is blown down into the sheltered forests below, leaving the alpine tundra arid.

There is twice the ultra violet light and 25% more light than at sea level on the tundra.

For up to eight months of the year, the average daily temperature is below freezing.

Winter wind gusts of 155 mph have been recorded on Trail Ridge. The wind broke the anemometer that day, so the wind likely gusted higher.



NPS/Jim Westfall

**Treeline.** Temperature is the primary factor dictating treeline. Treeline occurs where the mean (average) temperature of the warmest month (July for Rocky) is around 50°F. Growing season temperatures colder than this mean that the growing season is too short for trees to repair tissues from the previous winter, grow larger, and harden for the oncoming winter. You will see treeline as a fairly distinct line on park peaks, which corresponds to the 50° isotherm.

- Treeline in RMNP occurs at about 11,400 feet
- Near the equator in the Andes, treeline is near 14,000 feet
- In central Yukon, Canada treeline is 2,000–3,000 feet
- North of the Brooks Range in Alaska trees don't even grow at sea level

**Plants.** Alpine plants are highly specialized. Several species, such as moss campion, are found in the high central mountains of Asia and Rocky's sister parks, the Tatra National Parks in Poland and Slovakia. Only 3% of the world's total plant species are adapted to alpine conditions.

The most striking characteristic of alpine plants is they are small! This allows them to take advantage of the more moderate environment near the ground surface where the winds are calmer and the temperature can be 30 degrees warmer, and to conserve energy during the short growing season. Plants in the harshest environments will have tiny leaves and dense aerodynamic

pincushion forms to expose as little plant tissue as possible to cold temperatures and desiccating winds.

**Animals and Birds.** Tiny pikas are active in the winter, their small ears and tails reduce heat loss, and fur on the soles of their feet act as a nonskid device. Nearly ¾ of their food stored in hay piles consist of Alpine Avens, which contain chemicals that act as a natural preservative to retard bacterial growth. Pikas are always on the lookout for predators; when one spots a hawk, coyote, or fox it will sound a warning

Marmots are chubby members of the squirrel family that weigh 5-11 pounds. In summer, a marmot's life consists of sleeping, eating, sunbathing, and napping. They feed most heavily in July and will double their body weight and increase their body fat to almost 40% by September. In September, marmots stop eating and in a week or two the colony enters a communal hibernation burrow. The marmot's body temperature drops to around 36 degrees, its heart beats once a minute, and they breathe once every three to six minutes. They live solely on their fat reserves for about eight months.

Elk and Bighorn Sheep may stay high in winter. Deer, mountain lions, and coyotes migrate down. Tundra is like an alpine smorgasbord to grazing wildlife. They will follow snowmelt up in elevation and take advantage of plants that are high in nutrition, sweet, and easy to chew. This means they don't have to eat as much.

## The Fragile Alpine Tundra

With care, you may walk on the fragile alpine tundra of Rocky. However, there are four Tundra Protection Areas in which you MUST stay on trails as you walk: around the Alpine Visitor Center, Forest Canyon, Rock Cut, and Gore Range overlooks. All of these areas are along Trail Ridge Road.

### To help protect alpine tundra

- Stay on trails where they exist.
- Never walk single file off trail.
- Step on rocks or gravel wherever possible.
- Pets are prohibited on all RMNP tundra areas.

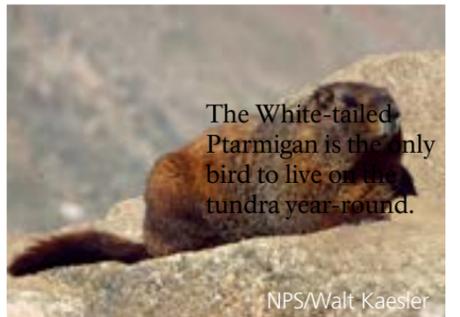
The tiny plants thank you.



NPS/Ann Schonlau



NPS/Ann Schonlau



The White-tailed Ptarmigan is the only bird to live on the tundra year-round.

NPS/Walt Kaester

During winter storms, ptarmigan will nestle together in the snow. In winter they have heavy feathers on their legs and feet which give warmth and built-in snowshoes. They seem to know when they are changing color and will hang out where they are best camouflaged.

In Rocky, the tundra world is vast, complex, and beautiful.

## Half the Park is After Dark!

By Jeremy White and Cecilia White, NPS Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division

You've spent your day at Rocky Mountain National Park enjoying spectacular wilderness, fascinating wildlife, and majestic views. But just because the sun has set doesn't mean your day is over. All night long, the sky above Rocky is putting on a show for you: stars, planets, and even the Milky Way can be seen on a clear night. Throughout history, humans have looked to the stars as a source of inspiration. Tonight, you have the opportunity to experience your own connection to our universe.

Views of the cosmos are increasingly rare in our brightly lit modern world. Light pollution from unshielded or overly bright outdoor lighting masks our ability to see the night sky. Fortunately, national parks protect some of the last refuges of natural night skies. Rocky Mountain National Park is working to preserve the natural lightscape of the park by shielding its lights, using light only where and when necessary, and



Forest Canyon Overlook /Jeremy White

"I often think that the night is more alive and more richly colored than the day."

-Vincent Van Gogh

To learn more about the night sky and what the NPS is doing to protect it, attend a ranger-led night sky program or visit [www.nature.nps.gov/night](http://www.nature.nps.gov/night).

working with neighboring communities to reduce escaped light. Protecting the night sky not only benefits park visitors but also protects the habitat of nocturnal animals, including owls and bats, who rely on natural darkness to survive.

Summer nights at Rocky reveal a spectacular night sky. The Milky Way, our own galaxy, arcs across the sky as a river of ethereal light. One of the most exciting night sky events this summer is the Perseid meteor shower, which lasts several nights, and peaks around August 10–13. This year's Perseids will occur close to the new moon, meaning the sky will be especially dark, giving viewers the best chance to see the most meteors. To maximize your night sky viewing experience, find a dark area, such as Upper Beaver Meadows. For the more adventurous, a drive up Trail Ridge Road will get you even closer to the stars. Let your eyes adjust to the darkness for 10–15 minutes, then watch as the magnificent night sky is revealed.

# Ranger-Led Programs East Side

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

Children's Programs	Location	Length	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Art Activity for Kids</b> Unleash your creative energy while learning about the park. Ages 5-11. Ends August 16 	Fall River Visitor Center	45-60 minutes		2:30 pm				2 pm	2 pm
<b>Discovery Days</b> Discover the amazing world of the park with your family through hands-on activities, crafts, and games. Each week is something new to discover. Limited parking; take the free shuttle. Starts June 23-Ends Aug 17	Moraine Park Discovery Center	Drop-in program			1-4:30 pm	9 am-1 pm			
<b>Discovery Hikes</b> Come out and discover the natural wonders of Moraine Park with hands-on activities on this family-friendly hike. Parents must accompany children. Ends August 15	Moraine Park Discovery Center	1-1½ hours	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am		9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am
<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> Earn your Junior Ranger badge! Join a ranger for programs and activities at Junior Ranger Headquarters. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ends August 16	Junior Ranger Headquarters at Hidden Valley	30 minutes	10 am 11:30 am 1 pm 2:30 pm						
Activities, Talks, Walks & Hikes	Location	Length	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Art Activity for Adults and Teens</b> Reconnect with your inner artist while discovering how color, shapes, and patterns support the natural world. Ages 12 -100+. Ends Aug 13 	Fall River Visitor Center	1¼-1½ hours	2 pm				2 pm		
<b>Bear Necessities</b> Join a ranger to learn about the amazing lives of Rocky's bears and how you can help save them. 	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center	20-30 minute talk	10:30 am		10:30 am	10:30 am			10:30 am
<b>Bighorn Basics</b> Sheep Lakes is a popular viewing area for bighorn sheep. Meet at the Sheep Lakes Information Station to learn about this majestic symbol of Rocky. Ends August 16 	Sheep Lakes Information Station	30 minute talk	10:30 am						
<b>Birds of Upper Beaver Meadows</b> Join an experienced birder to seek bluebirds, woodpeckers, wrens, and flycatchers in a rich mixture of aspen and pine woodlands. Bring binoculars and a field guide.	Upper Beaver Meadows parking area	1½ hike			7 am	7 am	7 am		7 am
<b>Centennial Hikes</b> Hit the trail with a ranger, enjoy a longer hike to gorgeous destinations, and explore the past, present, and future of RMNP. These moderate 5-7 mile hikes will vary in location. Be prepared for changing weather conditions, and bring food and water.	Meet the Ranger at Park & Ride to take shuttle bus	4-5 hours				9 am			
<b>Coffee With a Ranger</b> Come chat with a ranger about different resource issues facing Rocky while enjoying a warm morning cup of coffee! Ends August 27 	Meet the ranger at the campground amphitheaters	1 hour			7:30 am at Moraine Park Campground		7:30 am at Glacier Basin Campground		
<b>Lily Lake Stroll</b> Enjoy an easy walk around a lovely subalpine lake. Learn about the natural and human forces that have shaped this landscape.	Lily Lake parking area	1-1½ hours	2:30 pm		9:30 am	2:30 pm		2:30 pm	9:30 am
<b>Meet the Sheep Touch Tables</b> Swing by Sheep Lakes Information Station to find out about the adaptations and behaviors that make our Bighorn Sheep special. This informal program will feature skins, skulls, horns, and other fun touchables. Weather permitting Ends August 16 	Sheep Lakes Information Station	30 minutes	2 pm						
<b>Mountains, Meadows, &amp; Moraines</b> Take a moderate hike with a ranger while exploring the relationships behind this beautiful scenery.	Upper Beaver Meadows Trailhead	1½-2 hours		1:30 pm	1:30 pm		1:30 pm	1:30 pm	1:30 pm
<b>Photo Walk</b> Capture and share your park experience through a lens, and discover the big and small sights of Rocky. Bring your own photo capturing equipment (cameras, smart phones, tablets). No professional experience necessary.	Lily Lake	1 hour		9 am				9 am	
<b>Portraits of the Past</b> 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. 	Moraine Park Discovery Center	45 minutes-1 hour			10:30 am		10:30 am		
<b>The Power of Art</b> Discover how artists have used paintings, photos, and prose to capture nature's beauty and inspire the creation of many of our national parks, including Rocky. 	Fall River Visitor Center	30 minutes			2 pm	2 pm			
<b>The Secret Lives of Mountain Lions</b> The secret lives of mountain lions will be revealed. Come learn about their habitats and how lions influence people. Ends August 15 	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center	20-30 minute talk		10:30 am		2:30 pm	2:30 pm	10:30 am	
<b>Volunteer at Rocky!</b> Join a Rocky Mountain Ranger for an hour-long volunteer project. Volunteers will get a Rocky Mountain volunteer bandana for participating. This is a great activity for all ages and a way to learn about many of the park's volunteer opportunities. Starts June 25	Thu: Glacier Basin Campground Ranger Office Fri: Moraine Park Campgrd Ranger Office	1 hour					9 am	9 am	

# Ranger-Led Programs East Side

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<b>Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder</b> Much has changed in the last 100 years. Take an easy walk, discuss how our past plays a role in the present and future of this amazing park. <b>Ends August 21</b>	Sprague Lake	1-1½ hours		9:30 am	9:30 am		9:30 am	9:30 am	
<b>Evening Programs</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<i>Find out about additional Centennial Evening Programs at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center on the Centennial website <a href="http://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/calendar.htm">http://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/calendar.htm</a></i>									
<b>Centennial Artist in Residence Program Presents: Through an Artist's Eyes</b> See the park through the creative eyes of our Artist in Residence.	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center Auditorium	45 minutes				7:30 pm			
<b>Aspenglen Campground Evening Program</b> Enjoy a variety of informative and fun programs. See the weekly schedule at a visitor center for topics. Dress warmly. <b>Ends August 30</b>	Aspenglen Campground Amphitheater	45 minutes	9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30	9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30	9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30			9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30	
<b>Glacier Basin Campground Evening Program</b> Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. See the weekly schedule at a visitor center for program topics. Dress warmly. <b>Ends August 30</b>	Glacier Basin Campground Amphitheater	45 minutes	9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30	9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30	7:30 pm		9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30		9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30
<b>Moraine Park Campground Evening Program</b> Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. See the weekly schedule at a visitor center for program topics. Dress warmly. <b>Ends August 29</b>	Moraine Park Campground Amphitheater	45 minutes		9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30	7:30 pm RMC Trivia	9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30		9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30	9 pm 6/14-7/18 8:30 pm 7/19-8/30
<b>Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b> Eureka! Park scientists share their latest discoveries.	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center Auditorium	45 minutes					7:30 pm		
<b>Astronomy in the Park</b> Observe the night sky with the help of a park ranger and expert volunteer astronomers. Dress warmly. Bring binoculars and a flashlight.	Upper Beaver Meadows Trailhead parking area	30 minute program followed by viewing	Friday, June 19 8:30 pm Friday, July 10 and July 24 8:15 pm Friday, August 14 and August 21 8 pm						
<b>Stories Behind the Moon and Stars</b> The night sky comes alive through storytelling and fun activities. Celebrate darkness in Rocky! Dress warmly. Bring binoculars and a flashlight.	Moraine Park Discovery Center	1-1½ hours	Friday, June 26 8:30 pm Friday, July 3 and July 31 8:15 pm Friday, August 7 8 pm						

# Ranger-Led Programs Alpine

	Location	Length	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>All About Lightning</b> Learn why lightning can be a hair-raising experience and how to minimize your risk of being struck.	Alpine Visitor Center	20-30 minute talk			2:30 pm		2:30 pm	2:30 pm	
<b>High Country Geology</b> The park's spectacular scenery represents a chapter in a long history of geologic events. Join us on this hike over the tundra and experience the effects of these processes. <b>Starts July 1 – Ends August 19</b>	Alpine Visitor Center Flagpole	3 hour hike				9 am			
<b>Road to the Top</b> If you think driving these roads is an adventure, come discover what it took to build and maintain them!	Alpine Visitor Center	20-30 minute talk				2:30 pm			2:30 pm
<b>Tundra Nature Walk</b> Exhilarate your senses with alpine views and miniature wildflower gardens. Dress warmly; plan to caravan to the location. <b>Ends August 9</b>	Alpine Visitor Center	1½-2 hour hike	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am
<b>Tundra to Trees</b> Hike an ancient Ute trail that leads from alpine heights down through old growth forest. Plan to carpool for this moderate 4-mile hike. Bring warm clothing, rain gear, water & snacks. <b>Starts July 4</b>	Milner Pass Parking Area	4 hour hike							9 am
<b>Twilight on the Tundra</b> Open your senses and soak in the magical twilight hour in the land above the trees! Join a ranger and discover how the alpine tundra habitat and natural darkness make Rocky an amazing wilderness. Make reservations in person the day of the program at either the Fall River or Kawuneeche Visitor Center. Programs are limited to 20 people (6 people per reservation). Outdoor gear appropriate for the conditions will be required. <b>Ends August 27</b>	Location and times will vary through the summer and will be given when reservations are made	1½ hours				Evening times will vary	Evening times will vary		

# Ranger-Led Programs West Side

Walks and Hikes	Location	Length	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Beyond the Falls</b> A pleasant 1-mile stroll to Adams Falls and a spectacular view just beyond.	East Inlet Trailhead	1½ hour	2:15 pm						
<b>Coyote Valley River Walk</b> Explore ecology and history on this easy 1-mile walk along the Colorado River.	Coyote Valley Trailhead	1 hour					2:30		

# Ranger-Led Programs West Side

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

Walks and Hikes	Location	Length	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Hike Through History</b> Discover hidden remnants of mining and dude ranch history along the Colorado River on this gentle 3-mile hike. <b>Starts 6/21</b>	Colorado River Trailhead	3 hour hike	9:30 am						
<b>Mountain Wildflowers</b> A ranger will lead you to the best current blooms and explore why they're special. Caravan to this week's flowers. <b>Ends August 1</b>	Kawuneeche Visitor Center Flagpole	2 hours							1:45 pm
<b>People of the Kawuneeche Valley</b> In this Centennial Season, join us for a look back at the people who have called the Kawuneeche Valley home. 3/4 mile walk.	Bowen-Baker Trailhead	1½ hour			11 am				
<b>Rocky Mountain Heritage Walk</b> Learn about the human history of the Kawuneeche Valley while strolling on this 1-mile round-trip walk to the grounds of a historic guest ranch. <b>Starts June 22</b>	Holzwarth Historic Site Parking Area	1½ hours		10 am		2:15 pm			
<b>Wilderness Connections</b> Celebrate wilderness with a moderate 2-mile hike to a hidden meadow and picturesque creek. <b>Starts July 3</b>	Onahu Trailhead	1½-2 hours						9:30 am	
Children's Programs	Location	Length	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Come Bug a Ranger</b> Learn fun facts about insects. Puppets, stories and activities for children 4-10 years old. <b>Ends Aug 5</b>	Holzwarth Historic Site Parking Area	1 hour				10:30 am			
<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> Join a ranger for a short program and activities to earn your Junior Ranger badge. <b>June 28 - Aug 7</b>	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	1 hour	2 pm	2 pm			2 pm	2 pm	
<b>A Walk Backwards</b> Step back in time and experience life on a 1920s dude ranch: chores, games, period costumes. For children 6-12. <b>Registration required at Kawuneeche Visitor Center or call 970-627-3471. Ends July 31</b>	Holzwarth Historic Site Parking Area	2 hour activity						9:45 am	
<b>Web Walkers</b> Explore a section of the Colorado River. Activities are designed for children 6-12 years old. <b>June 23 - August 4</b>	Coyote Valley Trailhead	1 hour			10:15 am		10:15 am		
Talks & Activities	Location	Length	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Behind the Scenes</b> Short videos documenting how the park addresses challenges like elk management, pine beetles, and bear safety. <b>Starts June 23</b>	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	1 hour			2 pm		11 am		
<b>Exploring with a Camera</b> Focus on composition, light, and basic tips to improve your pictures during this photography walk. <b>Ends 7/31</b>	Timber Lake Trailhead	1-1½ hours						2:30 pm	
<b>Holzwarth Historic Site</b> Tour a 1920s-era dude ranch for a taste of early homesteading and tourism.	Holzwarth Historic Site Parking Area	Drop-in tour	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	10:30 am - 4:30 pm
<b>Ranger's Flyfishing School</b> Learn about fish management, stream ecology, and flycasting. Bring your flyfishing gear or borrow the ranger's. We'll cast but not catch. <b>Ends August 10</b>	Timber Creek Campground Amphitheater	3 hours		8:30 am					
<b>Sisters of Courage</b> 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.	Kawuneeche Visitor Center Flagpole	2½ hour activity		1 pm					
<b>Skins and Things</b> Examine the skins, skulls, antlers, teeth, and bones of park mammals.	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	40 minutes	3:15 pm	3:15 pm	3:15 pm	3:15 pm	3:15 pm	3:15 pm	3:15 pm
<b>Wildlife Watch!</b> Assist a ranger to monitor birds and other wildlife. Bring binoculars if you have them. <b>Ends July 25</b>	North Inlet Trailhead	1½ hour activity							8:30
Evening Programs	Location	Length	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Celestial Wilderness</b> Use a telescope to explore the astronomy of Rocky's night sky. If overcast, meet at Kawuneeche Visitor Center for an indoor presentation. <b>Ends August 13</b>	Harbison Meadow parking area; If cloudy, meet at Kawuneeche Visitor Center	1-1½ hour activity					9 pm 6/18-7/30  8:45 PM 8/6-13		
<b>Old Ranch Campfire</b> Roasted marshmallows (bring 'em), tall tales (the old wrangler will tell 'em), and campfire songs bring back the old days. Dress warmly. 1 mile walk. <b>Ends August 14</b>	Holzwarth Historic Area Parking Area	2 hours						7 pm	
<b>Saturday Night in the Park</b> Enjoy an evening program in the auditorium. For topics, ask at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center.	Kawuneeche Visitor Center	1 hour							7 pm
<b>Timber Creek Campground Evening Program</b> Check at the campground or Kawuneeche Visitor Center for topics.	Timber Creek Campground Amphitheater	1 hour	8:45 pm thru 7/18 then 8:30	8:45 pm thru 7/18 then 8:30	8:45 pm thru 7/18 then 8:30	8:45 pm thru 7/18 then 8:30	8:45 pm thru 7/18 then 8:30	8:45 pm thru 7/18 then 8:30	8:45 pm thru 7/18 then 8:30
<b>Walk Into Twilight</b> Enjoy a leisurely stroll as darkness, night sounds, and wildlife fill the valley. Bring warm clothes, good hiking shoes, and a flashlight. <b>Ends Aug 9</b>	Onahu Creek Trailhead	2 hour walk	8 pm 6/14-7/26 7:30 pm 8/2-8/9						

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# RMNP

Rocky Mountain National Park

## 100th Anniversary Celebration

### 100 Years of Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder



#### How to Protect a World Treasure *by Barry Sweet, Backcountry Supervisor*

One hundred years ago,  
We were given a gift.  
13 miles wide by 26 miles tall.  
A little rectangle.  
Wrapped from corner to corner  
with a ribbon of continental divide.

They didn't know our names.  
But they knew the gift would sustain us,  
delight us, renew us, transform us.  
The gift was filled with  
Wild Life,  
Wild Water,  
Wild Dreams.  
And the gift has transformed us.

For there is something at work here.  
Something greater than just the power of Rocky Mountain National Park.  
Something immeasurable.

Driving through the congested city the other day, packed with buildings, I saw one little patch of ground and a flock of Canada geese walking merrily around on that patch of open ground.

My mind drifted to this little patch of open ground, 13 miles wide by 26 miles tall...  
I could not think of any place better that we should protect,  
I could not think of any place more valuable that we should preserve as an open space.  
Filled with mountains, rivers, the continental divide...  
Beautiful, lovely, magnificent open space.

It is a world treasure.  
And on preserving a world treasure...  
That is not just something that Park Rangers do.  
It's something that we all do.  
We vote with our feet.  
Every time we come into the entrance of this National Park, we make a statement to our leaders, to humanity, to our children, to our friends that this is one of the things that counts in life.

We come to this little rectangle.  
We use it. We play in it. We visit. We bask in it. We protect it.

The honor, is in standing behind something that will last, enjoying it, preserving life-giving things, with dedication to ideals that matter and giving our lives to something that is larger than ourselves.

I figure that in 4000 years, they will be here.  
We do not know their names.  
Likely, they will be in search of fresh mountain air, beautiful mountain scenery, wildlife roaming free...

One hundred years ago,  
We were given a gift.  
4000 years from now, we will give one.

How to protect a World Treasure? Merrily.

Like geese.

Voting with our feet.

#### 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 park visitor centers: Kawuneeche, Alpine, Fall River, Moraine Park, and Beaver Meadows.



[www.nps.gov/romo](http://www.nps.gov/romo)  
for detailed information on events



# Rocky Mountain National Park June Centennial Calendar of Events

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- 17 Art Adventures  
Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class**  
For kids 6-9, Limited to 14 participants  
\$15, 970-586-3262 for information
- 17 Centennial Artist in Residence:  
RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes**  
Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP
- 18 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery**  
Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP
- 18 Living History Tales of the West: Iron Thumb  
Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class**  
\$10, 970-586-3262 for information
- 18-21 Rocky Mountain Irish Gathering**  
Stanley Park Fairgrounds  
Estes Park, CO
- 19 Sisters of Courage**  
Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP
- 20 Kid's Fun Bicycle Ride**  
Reservations Required  
Rocky Mountain National Park
- 20 KIDS, KIDS, KIDS: BIKE, RUN, FUN!**  
Estes Park, CO
- 20 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park-  
The Living Dream (90 minute film)**  
Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP
- 20 Art & Architecture Home Tour**  
Grand Lake, CO
- 20 Transformation in RMNP: The Effects of  
Climate Change and Human Intervention**  
Estes Park Museum  
Estes Park, CO
- 21 Ride Along Bear Lake Road**  
Reservations Required  
Rocky Mountain National Park
- 23 Moraine Park Bicycle Ride**  
Reservations Required  
Rocky Mountain National Park
- 24 Art Adventures  
Rocky Mountain Conservancy Seminar**  
For kids 6-9, Limited to 14 participants  
\$15, 970-586-3262 for information
- 24 Centennial Artist in Residence:  
RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes**  
Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP
- 25 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery**  
Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP
- 25 Living History Tales of the West: Isabella Bird  
Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class**  
\$10, 970-586-3262 for information
- 26 Happy 100th!**  
Images of RMNP Gallery  
Estes Park, CO
- 26 Bob Flame: Rocky Mountain Ranger**  
Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP
- 27 Golfing by the Wilderness:  
A 100th Anniversary Golf Tournament**  
Grand Lake, CO
- 27 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park-  
Past, Present, and Future of the Colorado River  
Headwaters**  
Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP
- 27-28 100 Years, 100 Flowers  
Rocky Mountain Conservancy Seminar**  
\$80/one day, \$140/two day, Limited to 14 people  
970-586-3262 for information
- 29 Pioneers of the Peaks:  
Surviving a Fall on Longs Peak**  
Estes Park Museum  
Estes Park, CO

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## Long Term Events

September 4, 2014 - September 4, 2015  
**YMCA of the Rockies Centennial Hikes**  
[www.y-hikes.com/index.html](http://www.y-hikes.com/index.html) for details

September 4, 2014 - September 4, 2015  
**Grand Lake and Estes Park  
100th Anniversary Activities**  
[grandlakechamber.com/100th](http://grandlakechamber.com/100th)  
[www.visitestespark.com/rocky-mountain-national-park/centennial/](http://www.visitestespark.com/rocky-mountain-national-park/centennial/)

September 4, 2014 - September 4, 2015  
**Colorado Mountain Club Hikes, Climbs,  
and Snowshoes in RMNP**  
[www.cmc.org](http://www.cmc.org) for more details

September 26, 2014 - October 4, 2015  
**Climb On! - an Exhibit**  
Estes Park Museum  
Estes Park, CO

March 21 - September 4, 2015  
**We Love RMNP Exhibit**  
History Colorado  
Denver, CO

May 23 - September 4, 2015  
**Centennial Exhibit**  
Kauffman House Museum  
Grand Lake, CO

June 1 - October 31, 2015  
**Celebration of RMNP**  
Hot Sulphur Creative Arts Council  
Hot Sulphur Springs, CO

June 6 - July 27, 2015  
**Celebrating Rocky Invitational  
Art Show**  
Cultural Arts Council  
Estes Park, CO



# Rocky Mountain National Park July Centennial Calendar of Events

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| <p><b>1 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>2 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>3 Wild Inspirations</b><br/>Aspen and Evergreen Gallery<br/>Estes Park, CO</p> <p><b>4 Wilderness, Wildlife, Wonder: A Local Art Commemoration</b><br/>The Old Gallery<br/>Allenspark, CO</p> <p><b>4 Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder Independence Day Parade</b><br/>Granby, CO</p> <p><b>4 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park Sisters of Courage</b><br/>Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>6-12 Estes Park Rooftop Rodeo Parade and Rodeo</b><br/>Estes Park, CO</p> <p><b>8 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>9 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>9 Living History Tales of the West: Enos Mills Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class</b><br/>\$10, 970-586-3262 for information</p> <p><b>11 Junior Ranger Songs: A Concert for Kids</b><br/>Junior Ranger Headquarters, RMNP</p> <p><b>11 Trail Ridge Road: Highway to the Sky</b><br/>Estes Park Museum<br/>Estes Park, CO</p> <p><b>11 Centennial Speaker Series: Jim Disney</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>11 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park The Magnificent Moose</b><br/>Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>11-12 The Wonder of Local Crafts: 100th Anniversary Craft Fair Series</b><br/>Grand Lake, CO</p> <p><b>12 Grand Lake Yacht Club Celebrates the RMNP Centennial</b><br/>Grand Lake, CO</p> <p><b>15 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>16-18 Centennial Night Sky Festival</b><br/>Various locations in RMNP</p> <p><b>16 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> | <p><b>18 Living History Tales of the West: F.O. Stanley Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class</b><br/>\$10, 970-586-3262 for information</p> <p><b>18 Celebrate World Listening Day! The Sounds of Silence - Celebrating the Ban on Commercial Air Tours over RMNP</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Plaza and Auditorium, RMNP</p> <p><b>18 Bob Flame: Rocky Mountain Ranger</b><br/>Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>18 Rocky Mountain Centennial 5K Run</b><br/>Wild Basin Lodge and Event Center<br/>Allenspark, CO</p> <p><b>18 Connecting to Rocky Mountain National Park's Wilderness Through Geology</b><br/>Glacier Gorge Trail, RMNP</p> <p><b>18-19 Historic Buffalo Barbecue Days</b><br/>Grand Lake, CO</p> <p><b>19 Native Americans and the Wickiups of Rocky Mountain National Park Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class</b><br/>\$70, Limited to 14 participants<br/>970-586-3262 for information</p> <p><b>20 Enos Mills' Wildlife: Then and Now Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class</b><br/>\$70, Limited to 14 participants<br/>970-586-3262 for information</p> <p><b>22 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>23 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>24 West Side Story</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>24-26 Youth Conservation Corps Reunion</b><br/>Timber Creek Campground, RMNP</p> <p><b>25 Connecting to Rocky Mountain National Park's Wilderness Through Geology</b><br/>Glacier Gorge Trail, RMNP</p> <p><b>25 Centennial Concert with Cowboy Brad Fitch</b><br/>Performance Park<br/>Estes Park, CO</p> <p><b>25 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park Wild Light with Erik Stensland</b><br/>Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>29 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>30 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>30 Opening Reception for People in the Park Exhibit</b><br/>Loveland Museum and Gallery<br/>Loveland, CO</p> |
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## Arts Alive! at Fall River Visitor Center

Visit the Fall River Visitor Center for family friendly art displays and activities all summer long! Write a loveletter or letter of advice to the park, add a leaf and story to our memory tree, draw your own postcard, or create your own masterpiece!

Experience *Rocky's Wonder-ful Wildlife* Art Exhibition in the Fall River Discovery Room featuring artwork from our Artist in Residence Program.

This exhibit will be temporarily replaced August 29-September 7 with the *100 Images for 100 Years Instagram Photography Exhibit*.

## Long Term Events, cont.

July 25, 2015 - August 30, 2015

**People in the Park Exhibit**  
Loveland Museum and Gallery  
Loveland, CO

July 25, 2015 - November 28, 2015

**Jim Disney: Rocky Mountain Vision**  
Loveland Museum and Gallery  
Loveland, CO



# Rocky Mountain National Park

## August Centennial Calendar of Events

For complete event details, please visit [www.nps.gov/romo](http://www.nps.gov/romo)

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| <p><b>1 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park One Hundred Years in Nature</b><br/>Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>1 Rocky Mountain Half Marathon</b><br/>Visit <a href="http://therockymountainhalf.com">therockymountainhalf.com</a> to register<br/>Estes Park, CO</p> <p><b>1 Wild Light with Erik Stensland</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>1-2 The Wonder of Local Crafts: 100th Anniversary Craft Fair Series</b><br/>Grand Lake, CO</p> <p><b>5 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>6 Centennial Speaker Series: Dr. Patty Limerick</b><br/>History Colorado<br/>Denver, CO</p> <p><b>6 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>6-8 Photographing the Small Wonders of RMNP Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class</b><br/>\$250, Limited to 12 participants<br/>970-586-3262 for information</p> <p><b>7 Happy 100th!</b><br/>Images of RMNP Gallery<br/>Estes Park, CO</p> <p><b>7 Wild Inspirations</b><br/>Aspen and Evergreen Gallery<br/>Estes Park, CO</p> <p><b>8 Bob Flame: Rocky Mountain Ranger</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>8 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park Bears</b><br/>Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>10-11 Sketchbook Journaling Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class</b><br/>\$140, Limited to 14 participants<br/>970-586-3262 for information</p> <p><b>12 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>13 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>13 Music of the Mountains: Centennial "After Show" Cabaret</b><br/>Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater<br/>Grand Lake, CO</p> <p><b>14 Kids Centennial Paint Out with the Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters</b><br/>For kids 12-16, Limited to 15 participants<br/>Register 8/13 in person at Fall River Visitor Center</p> | <p><b>15 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park Kawuneeche Valley Heritage</b><br/>Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>17 100 Years of Environmental Change in RMNP Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class</b><br/>\$70, Limited to 14 participants<br/>970-586-3262 for information</p> <p><b>18 The Civilian Conservation Corps: Legend and Legacy</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>19 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>20 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>22 Code of the West</b><br/>Granby, CO</p> <p><b>22 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park Grand Chorale</b><br/>Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>24 Vintage Time Travelers Camp and Celebration</b><br/>Smith Eslick Cottage Camp<br/>Grand Lake, CO</p> <p><b>25 Vintage Time Travelers: Model T Tour of the National Park to Park Highway and Historic Car Camp</b><br/>Moraine Park Campground, RMNP</p> <p><b>26 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>27 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>29 Sisters of Courage</b><br/>Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>29 Centennial Saturday Night in the Park Preserving and Restoring Structures in National Parks</b><br/>Kawuneeche Visitor Center, RMNP</p> <p><b>30 Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder: a non denominational church service</b><br/>Timber Creek Campground, RMNP</p> <p><b>31 RMNP Centennial Celebration Concert</b><br/>featuring the Denver Brass<br/>Estes Park, CO</p> <p><b>31 History of Stewardship in RMNP Rocky Mountain Conservancy Field Class</b><br/>\$70, Limited to 14 participants<br/>970-586-3262 for information</p> |
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### September Events

- 2 Centennial Artist in Residence: RMNP Through an Artist's Eyes**  
Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP
- 3 Centennial Re-dedication Celebration!**  
Holzwarth Historic Site, RMNP
- 3 Centennial Science Behind the Scenery**  
Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, RMNP
- 4 Centennial Re-dedication Ceremony!**  
Glacier Basin Campground, RMNP
- 4 Wild Inspirations**  
Aspen and Evergreen Gallery  
Estes Park, CO
- 6 Tombstone Tales**  
Grand Lake, CO

### Long Term Events, cont.

August 13-16, 2015

#### Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters Art Show

Stanley Hotel  
Estes Park, CO

August 29, 2015 - September 7, 2015

#### 100 Images for 100 Years Instagram

#### Photography Exhibit

Fall River Visitor Center, RMNP

## Centennial Events

### What's Your Story?

When did you fall in love with Rocky Mountain National Park? 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](http://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 who might want to participate, enter your memory, and then check back to see how the album grows.

Be part of the legacy of Rocky Mountain National Park!



### Across the Divide GeoTour



Do you love a treasure hunt? Are you looking for a new, fun way to discover the Wilderness, Wildlife, and Wonder of Rocky Mountain National Park and the surrounding area? Then this activity is for you!

What is geocaching? Geocaching is a free world-wide, high-tech treasure hunt that starts with the internet and then gets people outside to hunt and explore for "caches"—usually a container and a logbook for others to find and write in. There are many of these traditional caches in Grand Lake and Estes Park that lead you to examples of the wilderness, wildlife, wonder, and history of the area. In order to follow Leave No Trace principles, traditional caches are not allowed in Rocky Mountain National Park. Instead, virtual and Earthcaches bring you to meaningful locations, spots with a great view, or spots with geological significance in the park. These caches have a question you must answer in order to "log" your visit.

What is a Geo-Tour? This Geo-Tour is a series of geocaches that takes you around Estes Park, over the Continental Divide through RMNP (when Trail Ridge Road is open), and around Grand Lake. Do part of the tour or the whole thing! Commemorative collectible coins are awarded for various levels of completion.

What do I need to participate? You'll need:

- A GPS unit or a smartphone with a downloadable geocaching app (such as c:geo)
- The GeoTour Passport, available only at the Estes Park and Grand Lake Visitor Centers (this passport is not available at RMNP visitor centers)
- A free online account with Geocaching.com

**Need more information? Visit the Estes Park or Grand Lake Visitor Centers for more information** on this fun way to celebrate our Centennial and we'll see you Across the Divide!



*Traditional geocaching is not allowed in Rocky Mountain National Park. Please practice Leave No Trace ethics and do not take items from or leave caches in the national park.*



Thousands of people attended the original dedication of Rocky Mountain National Park in 1915. (*Dedication in Horseshoe Park September 4, 1915.*)



This year thousands more will attend the many Centennial events planned in the park and surrounding communities. (*Kickoff event at Holzwarth Historic Site September 3, 2014.*)

## Rocky Mountain National Park's Centennial Year

*James H. Pickering, Board Member, Rocky Mountain Conservancy, 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 two-sided 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.

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 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 trans-mountain irrigation project. Other, more recent, accomplishments include the opening of the Beaver Meadows Visitors Center in 1967, a cornerstone of the 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.

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") are gone, as are many of the other in-holdings 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, a still unfinished one—it is an affirmation 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 beside one of its supremely beautiful lakes, or fishing one of its peaceful and sequestered 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 re-dedication. Let it be a year in which we re-affirm 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.

# Hiking Trails

## Family-Friendly Trails

The stunning beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park is on display along over 350 miles of trails to lakes, waterfalls, mountain summits, and more. A few are described below. Check with a ranger about current conditions.

Remember! Pets are prohibited on ALL Rocky Mountain National Park trails, tundra, and meadow areas.

Don't hike alone and stay together—never let a group member lag behind. Always tell someone where you're going and stay on the marked route. Weather conditions in Rocky Mountain National Park can change quickly. Be observant. Watch for and be aware of changing weather and adjust plans accordingly. Expect snow, ice, wind, and quickly changing temperatures at any time. Hikers and climbers need to remain flexible. The journey itself can be an enjoyable experience; be willing to turn around at any time if conditions are more difficult than anticipated. Be prepared with plenty of water and high-energy food, good footwear and layers of clothing, sunglasses, and map/compass or GPS.

Longs Peak, a popular climb in the park, usually has unavoidable and treacherous ice and snow until mid-summer.

### Leave No Trace

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- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of others



**Flood Damage:** *Some trails remain damaged and bridges missing from the 2013 Flood. Safety is your responsibility.*



NPS/John Marino

Trail Some Trails Family-Friendly	Trailhead	Round-Trip Distance	Elevation Gain	Highlights
<b>West Side Trails</b>				
Adams Falls	East Inlet Trailhead, located on the far east end of Grand Lake	0.6 mile	80 feet	A beautiful short hike near Grand Lake. The trail continues beyond the falls to lush meadows.
Cascade Falls	North Inlet Trailhead off Tunnel Road in Grand Lake	6.8 miles	300 feet	A relatively level hike to a rocky cascade.
Coyote Valley Trail ♿	Coyote Valley Trailhead on US Hwy 34, 6 miles north of Kawuneeche Visitor Center	1 mile	10 feet	Follows the bank of the Colorado River with views of the Never Summer Mountains. Look for moose, songbirds, and wildflowers. Packed gravel, level grade.
East Shore Trail	East side of Shadow Mountain Lake, just south of Grand Lake	5.2 miles	100 feet	2.6 miles to Green Ridge Campground; a side loop trail to Ranger Meadows reconnects with the main trail, adding 1.4 miles.
Holzwarth Historic Site ♿	8 miles north of Kawuneeche Visitor Center on US Hwy 34	0.5 mile	10 feet	Explore an historic homestead cabin and 1920s dude ranch. Brochures, interpretive signs, and tours available.
Granite Falls	Green Mountain Trailhead, 3 mi north of Kawuneeche Visitor Center on US Hwy 34	10.4 miles	1,406 feet	Hike through a quiet forest along a mountain stream. A longer return loop is available (13.6 miles), coming out on the Onahu Creek Trail.
Lulu City	Colorado River Trailhead, 10 miles north of Grand Lake Entrance on US Hwy 34	7.4 miles	350 feet	Not much is left of historic Lulu City along this gentle trail. A longer return loop is available along the Grand Ditch to Red Mountain Trail.
Onahu Creek - Green Mountain Loop	Onahu Creek Trailhead or Green Mtn Trailhead on US Hwy 34	7.6 miles	1,100 feet	Nice loop trail through a quiet forest and meadow along flowing mountain streams.
<b>East Side Trails</b>				
Bear Lake ♿	At the end of Bear Lake Road	0.5 miles	20 feet	Follow the self-guiding nature trail as it encircles beautiful Bear Lake. The first portion of the trail in either direction is accessible.
Deer Mountain	Deer Mountain Trailhead at Deer Ridge Junction where US Hwys 34 & 36 from Estes Park meet	6 miles	1,083 feet	One of the few mountains in RMNP with a trail to the summit. Great views of mountains and valleys.
Estes Cone	Storm Pass Trailhead at Lily Lake	7.4 miles	2,369	Great views reward this strenuous hike to the top of a peak.
Eugenia Mine	Longs Peak Trailhead	2.8 miles	508 feet	A pleasant hike to an abandoned (never productive) mine site.
Gem Lake	Lumpy Ridge Trailhead on Devils Gulch Road north of Estes Park	3.2 miles	1,000 feet	Big rocks and nice views on this rather steep hike. The lake is small and spring-fed (no stream).
Lily Lake ♿	South of Estes Park on Highway 7	0.8 mile loop	20 feet	Wildflowers, waterfowl, and mountain views may be seen on this level walk around pretty Lily Lake. <b>Caution: the trail was flood-damaged along the south shore.</b>
Moraine Park Discovery Center Nature Trail	On Bear Lake Road	0.8 mile	20 feet	A self-guiding trail booklet is available for this trail. It winds up and down the hillside behind the Discovery Center and has beautiful views.
The Pool	Fern Lake Trailhead off of Bear Lake Road	3.4 miles	245 feet	A pretty, shaded hike in a deep valley along a rushing stream.
Sprague Lake ♿	On Bear Lake Road	0.5 mile loop	10 feet	This packed gravel, level grade trail circles lovely Sprague Lake.
<b>Trail Ridge Road Trails</b>				
Alpine Ridge Trail ♿	Near Alpine Visitor Center	0.5 mile	209 feet	Amazing views in all directions from this small summit adjacent to the Alpine Visitor Center. Keep an eye on the sky and stay off if storm clouds approach.
Tundra Communities Trail ♿	At Rock Cut on Trail Ridge Road	0.5 mile	260 feet	View the miniature world of the alpine tundra and enjoy sweeping views of the park.
Ute Trail	Across the road from Alpine Visitor Center plus other access points	1–8 miles	1,038 feet	Tremendous open views above treeline. Start and finish early, before lightning and thunderstorms!

# Camping

Campground	Reservable for Summer?	Firewood & Ice	Max RV Trailer Length	Summer Dump Station	Designated Accessible Sites	Tent Pad Size	Summer Flush Toilets	Location and Brief Description
<b>Aspenglen</b> Elevation 8,220 feet 52 sites May 21-Sep 27	Yes. May fill by reservation	Yes	30 ft	No. Use Glacier Basin, Moraine Park or Timber Creek	Yes	13 ft x 15 ft	Yes. B Loop will have no comfort stations 5/21-7/31/15	In a pine forest by rushing Fall River just inside the Fall River Entrance on US Hwy 34 west of Estes Park.
<b>Glacier Basin</b> Elevation 8,500 feet 150 sites May 21-Sep 7 C & D & Group Loops closed to camping Sep 3-4	Yes. The A, B, D, and Group Loops may fill by reservation. C Loop is first-come, first-served all season	Yes	35 ft	Yes	Yes	Varies	Yes	Along Bear Lake Road, it is across from the Park & Ride (see page 8 for summer shuttle bus schedule). Hazard trees were removed so there is no shade in the C, D, & Group Loops, but there are good views and night sky, and it's good for slideouts.
<b>Longs Peak</b> Elevation 9,405 feet 26 sites May 22-Nov 1	No. All sites are always first-come, first-served	Firewood only in summer only	Tents only	No	No	13 ft x 15 ft	No, vault toilets only	In a pine forest 9 miles south of Estes Park off of Highway 7. The trailhead to Longs Peak and other destinations is a short walk away.
<b>Moraine Park</b> Elevation 8,160 feet 244 sites summer 77 sites winter Open Year-round Reservable for May 21-Sep 27	Can be full by reservation in summer. First-come, first-served in winter	Yes, in summer only	Limited number of sites up to 40 ft	Yes	Yes	Varies	Yes except B Loop always has vault toilets	In a pine forest above the meadows of Moraine Park, this campground is a short drive from the Beaver Meadows Entrance on Bear Lake Road; see page 8 for summer shuttle bus schedule.
<b>Timber Creek</b> Elevation 8,900 feet 98 sites May 22-Nov 1	No. All sites are always first-come, first-served	Firewood only	30 ft	Yes	Yes	Varies	Yes	The only campground on the park's west side, it is near the Colorado River 10 miles north of Grand Lake on US Hwy 34.

## Camping Information

Overnight stays in Rocky Mountain National Park must be in a campground (or a backcountry site). Staying overnight in a car or RV along a road or at a trailhead is not allowed.

It is common for all park campgrounds to fill up on most summer days and fall weekends.

Reservations for late-May through September can six months to one day in advance and are highly recommended. Make a reservation online at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com) or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call 1-877-444-6777.

### Fees to Camp

- When the water is on (summer), all campgrounds are \$20.00/site/night.
- When the water is off (winter), Moraine Park Campground Loop B is \$14/site/night.
- America the Beautiful Senior and Access Pass holders receive a 50% discount on camping fees.
- Park entrance fees and camping fees may be paid in US currency by major credit or debit card, cash, or check.

### 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

- Eight people or less 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 on the pad.
- There are no electric, water or sewer hookups at any park campsites.
- There are no shower facilities in the park, but showers are available in nearby communities.
- Portable showers are prohibited except in the two solar-heated shower bag stall facilities at 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 bowls, and odoriferous attractants. Garbage, including empty cans, food wrappers, etc.,** must be disposed of 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 with windows closed and doors 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 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. Backcountry permits may be obtained at the Beaver Meadows Backcountry Office or at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center.

An administrative fee of \$26 is required for backcountry permits between May 1 and October 31. The nonrefundable, non-exchangeable fee must be paid when reservations are made. There is no administrative fee in winter.

For your safety and the protection of park wildlife, backcountry campers are required to use carry in/carry out, commercially-manufactured, hard-sided, bear-resistant food storage containers in all areas of the park between May 1 and October 31. Containers may be rented or purchased at outdoor shops in nearby communities.

For further information write to: Backcountry Office, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado 80517, or call (970) 586-1242.

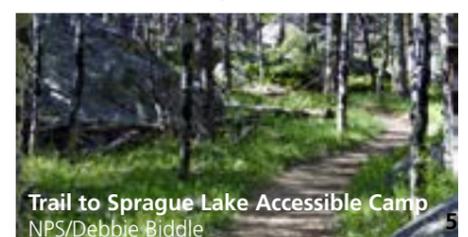
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### Sprague Lake Accessible Backcountry Campsite

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 \$26 from May 1 to October 31.



Trail to Sprague Lake Accessible Camp  
NPS/Debbie Biddle

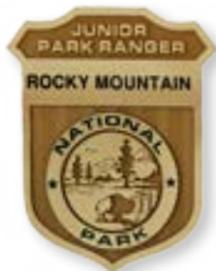
## Junior Ranger

### Become a Junior Ranger

Junior Rangers at Rocky Mountain National Park have fun discovering the natural world, while learning about why we need to protect the special treasures found in our National Parks. We need the help of all our rangers to keep Rocky protected for many more years to come. Pick up a free Junior Ranger activity booklet at any visitor contact station, discover the park, and become a ranger by earning your badge! There are activity books for kids ages 5 and under, 6-8, and 9 and up.

This year, you can earn a special Centennial sticker by completing the 1-page activity sheet celebrating Rocky's 100th Birthday. You can also attend an Astronomy program on Friday nights to earn the Junior Ranger Night Explorer patch, and on Thursdays at Junior Ranger Headquarters you can become a Junior Wildland Firefighter by learning about fire's role in shaping our park lands.

The Park's Junior Ranger Program is funded by the Rocky Mountain Conservancy and is a great way to get kids out exploring and discovering our National Park.



**WebRangers** is the online extension of the Junior Ranger program. It's a website for kids of all ages. If you love our National Parks, Historic Sites, and Monuments, then this site is for you.  
<http://www.nps.gov/webrangers/>

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!



### Hey Kids, Come to The Junior Ranger Headquarters!

Hey kids, Junior Ranger Headquarters is a place just for you! Join a ranger-led program, complete your Junior Ranger book, and earn a badge. The Junior Ranger Headquarters is open from June 20 – August 16, and programs are offered 4 times a day, 7 days a week! Programs are geared for kids ages 5-13, and it is free to participate. A parent or adult must be present with children at all times. Headquarters is open 10 am–3 pm and programs are at 10, 11:30, 1:00 & 2:30 daily.



### Toward a Greener Park

#### Greening Your Ride at Rocky



Join Rocky Mountain National Park in our efforts to cut emissions and save fuel.

You can help our climate and air quality in Rocky by reducing vehicle idling. Remember to turn off your engine while parked, waiting at wildlife crossings, or stopping to take photos.

Take the **FREE Shuttle!** See page 12 for schedule

#### Greening Your Park



#### Recycling Available in Major Park Locations

Glass, plastic #1 through #7 and aluminum may be recycled in park campgrounds and at major park locations. Look for our distinctive recycling containers or ask at any visitor center or campground for their locations.

**Help us reduce the use of plastic water bottles!** There is limited potable drinking water in the park. Please remember to bring your own reusable water containers and refill them at park visitor centers.



## Did You Know Rocky Mountain National Park Has Sisters?

It's true! Rocky has "sister" park relationships with national parks in Poland, Slovakia, and Costa Rica.

Eight years ago, Rocky Mountain National Park signed a sister park agreement with the Tatra National Parks in Poland and Slovakia. All three are mountain parks and international biosphere reserves.



In 2012, Rocky signed another agreement with the Monteverde Cloud Forest, Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve, Children's Eternal Rainforest, and Arenal National Park in Costa Rica. What do we share with places in Costa Rica? Birds! Over 150 species of birds, like the Yellow-rumped Warbler (*lower right*), share the ecosystems of Rocky and Costa Rica.

Since 2007, we have engaged in staff exchanges and conferences, started joint science projects, and shared ideas and lessons learned. Issues

that once seemed specific to a single park or country are now seen through a global lens and recognized as common to many protected areas.

The future of protected areas is international. As Shakespeare said, "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Working with colleagues in our sister parks reminds us to think a bit larger in preserving our global landscapes for future generations.



### At Rocky Mountain Conservancy Nature Stores, YOUR PURCHASE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The best Rocky Mountain National Park t-shirts, games, toys, books, maps and other interesting items are here, at any of the Rocky Mountain Conservancy Nature Stores located in park visitor centers. When you make a purchase from our nonprofit organization, proceeds are returned to the park, supporting important educational and research programs. Drop by today.

Visit Conservancy Nature Stores at:

- Alpine Visitor Center
- Beaver Meadows Visitor Center
- Fall River Visitor Center
- Kawuneeche Visitor Center
- Moraine Park Visitor Center

[www.RMConservancy.org](http://www.RMConservancy.org)



### ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD INSTITUTE EDUCATIONAL BUS TOURS IN ROCKY!

**Grand Lake Safari Adventure**

Tuesdays, June 9 - August 25

**Journey to the Top! Trail Ridge Rd Adventure**

Wednesdays & Thursdays, June 10 - Sept. 3

**Trail Ridge Sunset Safari Adventure**

Fridays, June 13 - September 5

**Elk Expeditions** Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Mondays Sept. 10 - October 17

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

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### Love Rocky Mountain National Park? Help Us Make it Even Better!



If you've **walked the Lily Lake Trail, explored the Fall River Visitor Center**, or introduced a child to nature through the park's **Junior Ranger Program**, you know our work.

**Become a Member or Donate Today!**



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# Elevate Your Shopping Experience



Take the trail to the clouds and not only will you find breathtaking vistas, you'll find the best selection of Rocky Mountain National Park souvenirs including an amazing selection of authentic Native American gifts. Plus, enjoy a bite to eat at our café and coffee bar.



VISIT US AT THE TOP OF TRAIL RIDGE ROAD



[trailridgegiftstore.com](http://trailridgegiftstore.com)

# Ride the Free Shuttle Bus

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.

## Bear Lake Shuttle

Daily Service: June 13 - October 12

Buses operate daily between Park & Ride and Bear Lake, leaving Park & Ride every 10–15 minutes from 7 am–7:30 pm.

The Bear Lake Route is based at the Park & Ride shuttle bus parking area across from the Glacier Basin Campground.

## Moraine Park Shuttle

Daily Service: June 13 - October 12

Buses operate daily between Park & Ride and Fern Lake Bus Stop, leaving Park & Ride every 30 minutes from 7 am–7:30 pm.

The Moraine Park Route is based at the Park & Ride shuttle bus parking area across from the Glacier Basin Campground.

## Hiker Shuttle

Daily Service: June 27 - September 13

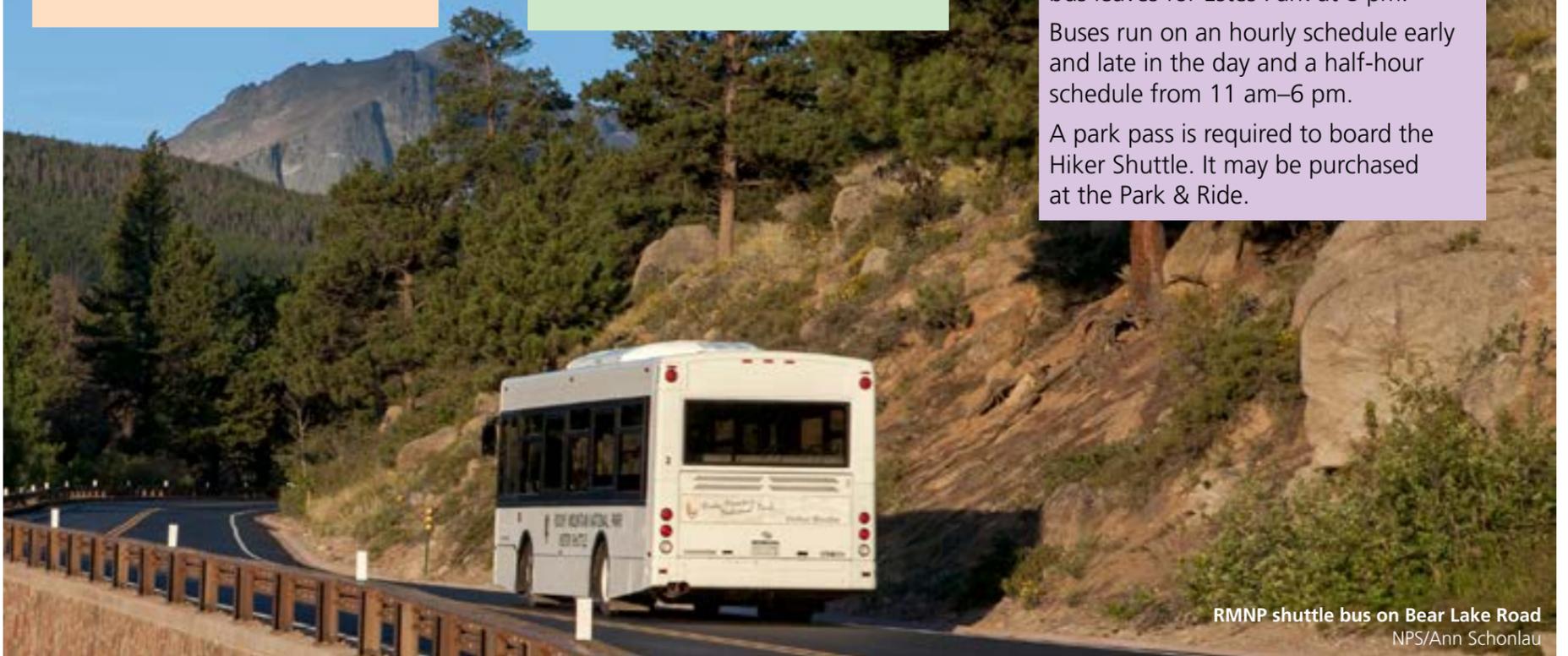
Weekends Saturdays and Sundays  
September 19 - October 11

Buses operate between the Estes Park Visitor Center and the RMNP Park & Ride. The only stop on this express route is Beaver Meadows Visitor Center.

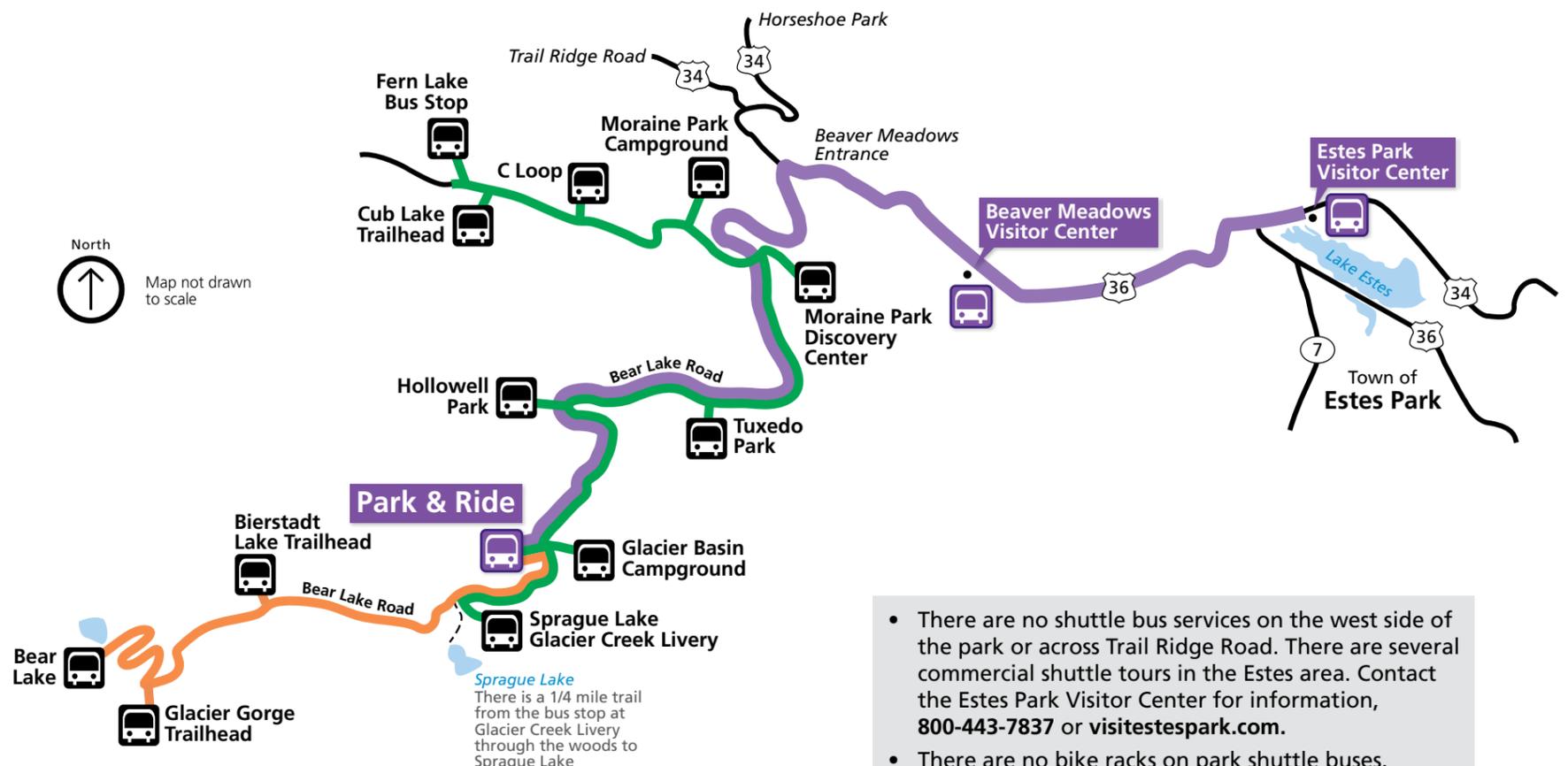
The first bus leaves the Estes Park Visitor Center at 7:30 am, and the last bus leaves for Estes Park at 8 pm.

Buses run on an hourly schedule early and late in the day and a half-hour schedule from 11 am–6 pm.

A park pass is required to board the Hiker Shuttle. It may be purchased at the Park & Ride.



RMNP shuttle bus on Bear Lake Road  
NPS/Ann Schonlau



- There are no shuttle bus services on the west side of the park or across Trail Ridge Road. There are several commercial shuttle tours in the Estes area. Contact the Estes Park Visitor Center for information, **800-443-7837** or [visitestespark.com](http://visitestespark.com).
- There are no bike racks on park shuttle buses.
- Most park shuttle buses are accessible and can accommodate wheelchairs. Contact shuttle staff or rangers if accommodation is needed.
- Dogs are not allowed on park shuttle buses (except service animals that have been individually trained to perform specific tasks for the benefit of persons with disabilities).

**Hiker Shuttle Express Route**  
Stops ONLY at Park & Ride, Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, and Estes Park Visitor Center

**Bear Lake Route**

**Moraine Park Route**

**Shuttle Bus Stop**