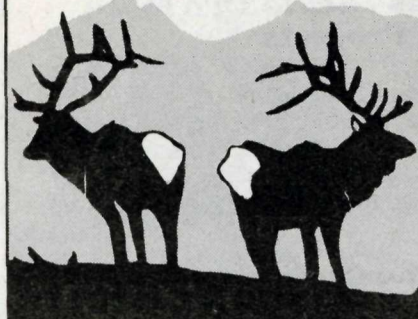


# HIGH COUNTRY HEADLINES

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK WINTER SUPPLEMENT



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### EMERGENCY INFORMATION

National Park Service rangers are here to provide assistance if an emergency occurs. In case of fire, medical or law enforcement emergency call:

#### ESTES PARK

Park Hqtrs. 911 or

(303) 586-2371

#### GRAND LAKE

Hqtrs. 911 or

(303) 627-3471

### EMERGENCY PHONES

are located throughout the park at McGraw Ranch, Lawn Lake Trailhead, Chasm Falls and Willow Park (along old Fall River Road), Deer Ridge Junction and Fall River Pass (along Trail Ridge Road), Bear Lake parking lot, Longs Peak Ranger Station, Wild Basin Ranger Station, and Never Summer Ranch.

### EMERGENCY MESSAGES FROM HOME

Emergency messages may be efficiently delivered to a camper if the caller is able to provide:

- person's name
- campground name & site no.
- vehicle description & license plate no.

Please provide this information to anyone who might need to get an emergency message to you.

### GENERAL PARK INFORMATION

#### GRAND LAKE

(303) 627-3471

#### ESTES PARK

(303) 586-2371

WRITE: Superintendent, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO 80517  
TTY-TDD - Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (303) 586-8506 Weekdays

### VISITOR CENTER SCHEDULE THROUGH MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Visitor Center Headquarters, Estes Park, CO: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kawuneeche Visitor Center, Grand Lake, CO: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

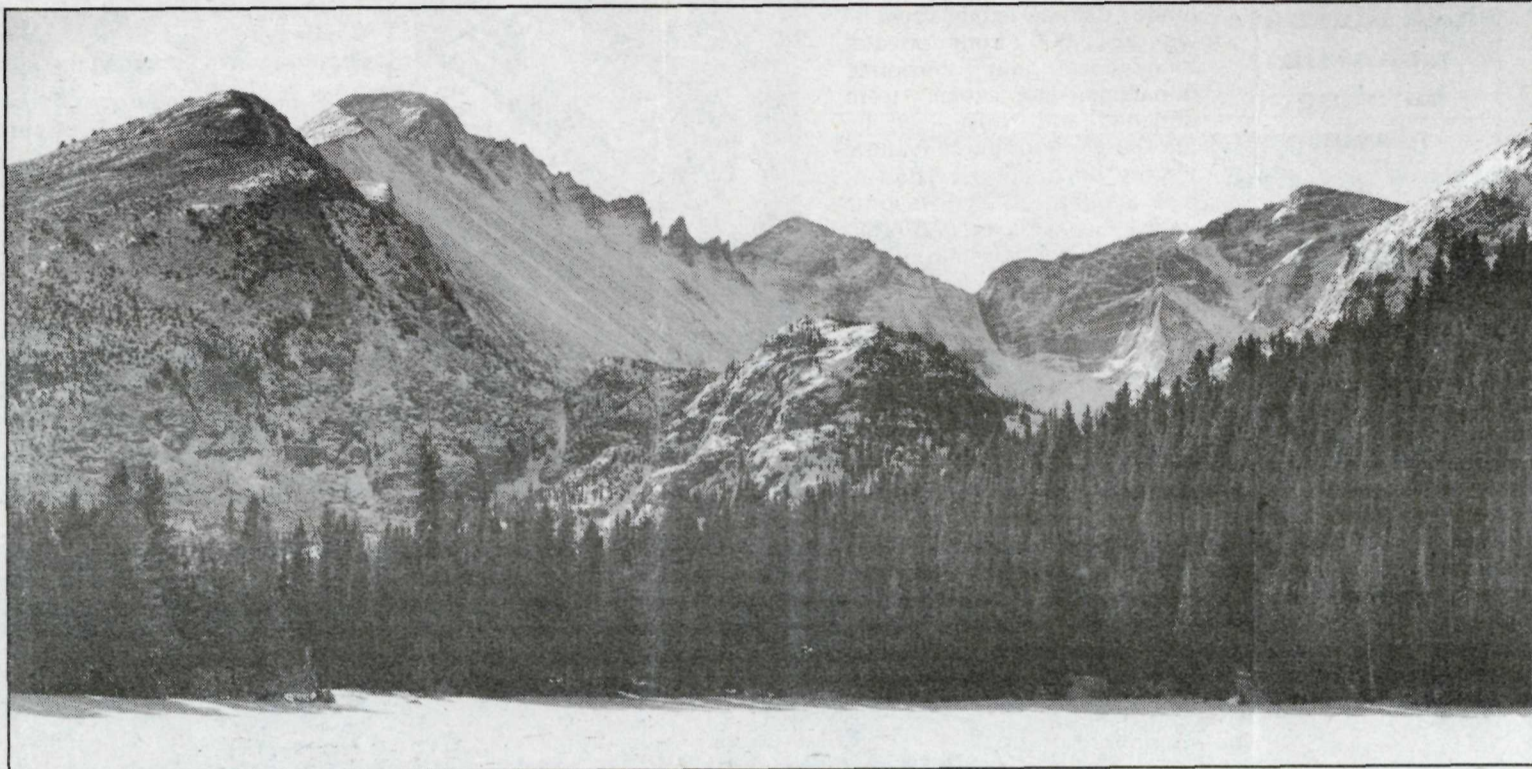
### WINTER ROAD CONDITIONS

Trail Ridge Road is anticipated to open from Estes Park to Grand Lake on Memorial Day Weekend

**OPEN - ESTES PARK:** Trail Ridge Road to Many Parks Curve and Bear Lake Road to Bear Lake - weather permitting

**OPEN - GRAND LAKE:** Hwy 34 to Timber Lake Trailhead - weather permitting. During and after winter snow-

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## Planning Your Trip - What to See and Do

Rocky Mountain National Park is filled with opportunities for adventure, exploration, solitude and reflection. Spend several hours, a day, or many days collecting memories from this special place.

Time is a treasured commodity. To make the best use of your interests and available time, try a few of the following suggestions.

### Winter

Winter in Rocky Mountain National Park offers many magical opportunities. This is the season to enjoy the sparkling snow covered peaks, watch wildlife, ski, snowshoe or hike.

#### Scenic Wonders

Magnificent alpine scenery, including 14,255 foot Longs Peak, the Continental Divide, and Never Summer Mountains, provide spectacular views for photography and sight-seeing. Even a few minutes of mountain watching can be very satisfying, but even better are several days spent exploring Rocky Mountain National Park's scenic wonders.

#### Wildlife Watching

Many animals are busy feeding and keeping energy levels up to survive the severe cold temperatures of winter. Look for elk and mule deer in open meadows and on hillsides. Bighorn sheep can be seen on rocky slopes. Watch for coyotes hunting mice in meadows. You may see the tassel-eared Abert's squirrel scurrying and bounding among the ponderosa pine trees. Stop at the Beaver Boardwalk along Trail Ridge Road to see beaver sign including aspen stumps, dams, and lodges.

You may see moose among the willows and frozen streams of the Kawuneeche Valley. Foxes are a rarer sight, sometimes seen on early mornings in open woodlands or meadows. Mountain lions are even more elusive, but you may be fortunate enough to see big cat paws printed clearly in the snow. Snowshoe hares and weasels disguise themselves in winter-white coats. Look for the weasel's black-tipped tail.

Wildlife watchers may see some of Rocky's wildlife in only a few hours. Those who wish to spend a day or several days will see abundant signs of wildlife by looking for trails and tracks in the snow.

#### Hiking, Snowshoeing and Skiing

There are many opportunities for hiking during winter on the east side of the park. Trails to The Pool, Upper Beaver Meadows, Gem Lake, Chasm Falls, and Deer Mountain offer easy to moderate hikes. Time needed ranges from two hours to all day. Because conditions are highly variable in the winter, **check with park rangers at Visitor Center Headquarters for local snow conditions, weather forecast and current avalanche hazards before each outing.** Ranger-led snowshoe hikes are offered Saturdays and Sundays at Hidden Valley, snow permitting. For more details see page three - Ranger-led Activities.

Many trails are available to snowshoers and skiers with abilities from novice to expert. Half-day, all-day, or several-day trips may be planned. Detailed descriptions of ski and snowshoe trails are available at visitor centers. **Always notify a friend of your trip plans before each outing. A non-fee permit is required for every overnight backcountry trip.**

### Summer

Nearly 75% of Rocky Mountain National Park's visitors come during the summertime. Trail Ridge Road is usually open from Estes Park to Grand Lake by Memorial Day weekend, snow pack and weather permitting. This 48-mile drive takes about two to three hours and traverses the five major ecosystems of the park as it rises to 12,183 feet above sea level. Early summer visitors will find the high country and the Kawuneeche Valley still cloaked in snow.

#### Scenic Wonders

In addition to grand mountain vistas, summer travelers can gaze at the world beneath them from the top of Trail Ridge Road. Stops at Forest Canyon Overlook, Rock Cut, Fall River Pass and Milner Pass

offer outstanding views.

#### Wildlife Watching

Many small mammals come out of hibernation as springtime nears. Please don't feed any park animals. Although they beg for handouts, feeding them only reinforces a bad habit.

Springtime in the Rockies is the time when young are born. Bighorn sheep give birth to lambs on high rocky cliffs that protect them from predators. When lambs are several days old they scamper down the mountains with their mothers (ewes). **SHEEP ENCOUNTERS**, a ranger-led activity begins in early May. For more details see page three - Ranger-led Activities.

Elk begin calving in early May. Occasionally scrawny, still wet calves are seen soon after they have been born. Do not approach the mother and calf, but observe from a distance of no less than 25 yards. Horseshoe Park and Moraine Park are good places for elk watching.

In early summer, elk and bighorn sheep climb to higher elevations and may be seen from Trail Ridge Road or Alpine Visitor Center.

Look for signs left by animals. Porcupines peel bark off trees. Elk shed their antlers and winter guard hair. Watch for otter slides by the Colorado River.

#### Birdwatching

Although several species of birds remain in the park during the winter, many migratory birds return in mid-April and early May. The peak nesting period is from mid-June to mid-July. A few hours trip in the park will allow you to see the magpie, common raven, Stellar's jay, Clark's nutcracker, and the gray jay (often called camp robber).

To see a greater variety of birds it is best to select a habitat, and then spend an hour or so there. The best time of day to watch birds is in the morning when the sun first reaches the area you plan to visit. Check at visitor centers for sunrise times.

An abundance of birds can be seen in

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## Moraine Park Museum Revitalized

**The colorful new exhibits include 3-D models, touchable specimens, and several "hands-on" exhibits which illustrate mountain building, glacier movement, and the creation of an ecosystem.**

The Moraine Park Museum on the east side of Rocky Mountain National Park will reopen May 30 with all new exhibits. Based on the theme, "The Making of a Landscape", the exhibits feature the formation of Moraine Park, its geology, climate, weather, flora, fauna, and human history.

The non-profit Rocky Mountain National Park Associates funded the new exhibits by raising \$241,000 from private, foundation, and corporate donations. The exhibits were designed and constructed by the Denver Museum of Natural History under the direction of park interpreters. The National Park Service funded the building restoration and added new restrooms and an elevator for special needs accessibility.



## RMNP Associates Tackle Two More Major Projects

Rocky Mountain National Park Superintendent Jim Thompson asked the RMNP Associates and friends of the park for their help with educational exhibits at the Lily Lake Visitor Center. In addition, three scenic trails - Sprague Lake, Bear Lake, and Adams Falls - have been selected for wheelchair accessibility improvements.

### Lily Lake Visitor Center Opens

The Lily Lake Visitor Center is located at the north edge of the Tahosa Valley on State Highway 7 - Scenic Byway. The visitor center first opened in June 1991. New exhibits will be developed by May 1993 and will cost \$158,000. Already \$58,000 has been raised toward that goal.

It's expected that the U.S. Forest Service will join the National Park Service and the non-profit Rocky Mountain Nature Association in operating the Lily Lake Visitor Center.

### Sprague Lake Wheelchair Trail Coming Soon

Rocky Mountain National Park plans to have the three wheelchair-accessible trails completed by 1993. Efforts to construct the trails began in 1987. Sprague Lake is the first of the accessibility trails to be developed. The Chevron Company pledged \$10,000 for this project and will provide volunteer labor to help construct the trail. Curt Buchholtz, Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain National Park Associates, stated that \$170,000 is needed for completion of the three projects. If you wish to help with these trail projects you may send donations to RMNP Associates, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO 80517.



# Common Sense ... Don't Leave Home Without It

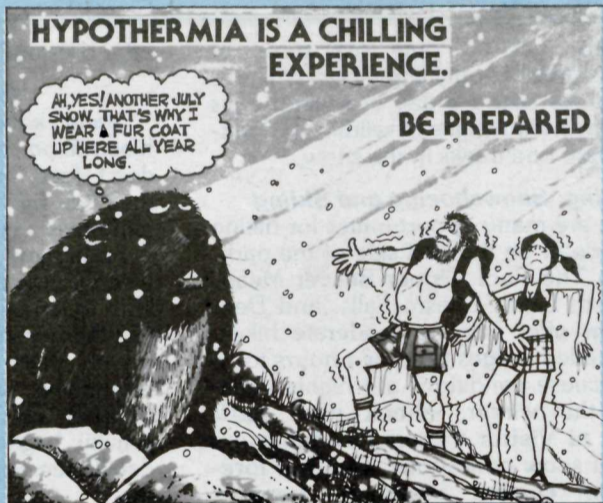
## Emergencies

**Estes Park**  
911 or (303) 586-2371

**Grand Lake**  
911 or (303) 627-3471

### HYPOTHERMIA - THE BIG CHILL

Hypothermia, the lowering of the core body temperature, is a serious and sometimes fatal threat, especially to those who are unprepared. Symptoms of hypothermia include; drowsiness, loss of judgment or coordination, slurred speech, and uncontrolled shivering. On all your explorations: **Be prepared for sudden weather changes; carry extra layers of protective clothing; wear a hat (50% of your body heat escapes from your head and neck) and carry water and snack foods such as raisins, nuts, and granola bars.**



### DON'T TAKE THE BIG DIVE

Glaciers and snowfields are extremely dangerous. Most have steep slopes and end in a jumble of boulders. Many visitors have been seriously injured or killed by venturing onto these "super slides."

**AVALANCHES** are serious safety hazards to winter recreation enthusiasts. Check at visitor centers for avalanche condition information. Avalanches may occur on any snow covered slopes with slope angles of 25-55 degrees. Overnight camping in the backcountry requires a non-fee permit. For extended day hikes or climbs, always let someone know your plans.



### GETTING TICKED OFF

Ticks are abundant in late spring and early summer. Some carry diseases including Colorado Tick Fever and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. No cases of Lyme Disease have been reported in Rocky Mountain National Park. To protect yourself from ticks: **Tuck pant legs into socks; treat clothing with insect repellent; check daily for ticks. To remove an embedded tick pull it out gently with tweezers; it is important to remove all head and neck parts to prevent infection; notify a physician if tick parts remain in your skin or if a rash develops.**

### GIARDIA - A GUT REACTION

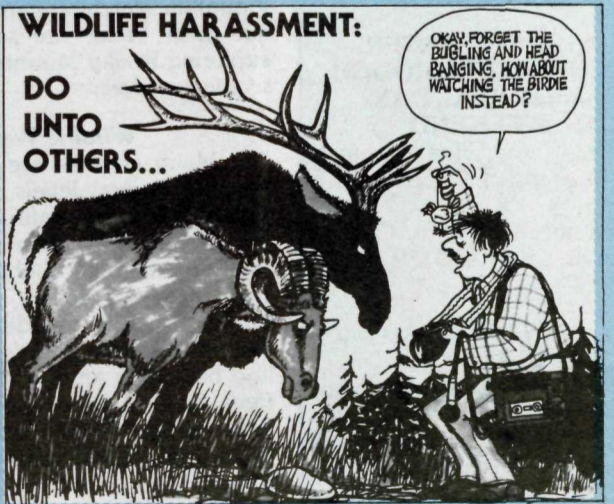
Giardia is a microscopic organism found in many lakes and streams. If ingested it can cause diarrhea, cramps, bloating, and weight loss. **To kill Giardia, boil all untreated water for 3-5 minutes.**

### NO CLOSE ENCOUNTERS - BEARS AND OTHER ANIMALS ARE DANGEROUS

Rocky Mountain National Park is not a feeding or petting zoo. Photograph all wildlife from the safety of your vehicle or from at least a 25-yard distance. Respect the wildness of other creatures by not feeding them. A \$25 fine may be issued to anyone who feeds or disturbs wildlife.

### BEAR WITH US

Grizzly bears no longer live in Rocky Mountain National Park, but black bears still find a home here. They emerge from their dens in early March and begin foraging for food. Unnatural foods can cause sickness and even death to bears. Please take the following precautions, so that neither you nor a bear gets hurt. **Never approach a bear; enjoy them from a distance. Do not store food in your tent; store food in airtight containers in the trunk of your car. Ice chests are not bear-proof. Backcountry campers should hang their food in a tree at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 horizontal feet from the tree trunk. Pack out all your refuse from the backcountry and always keep a clean camp. A \$25 fine may be issued for improper storage of food, or for feeding or harassing animals.**



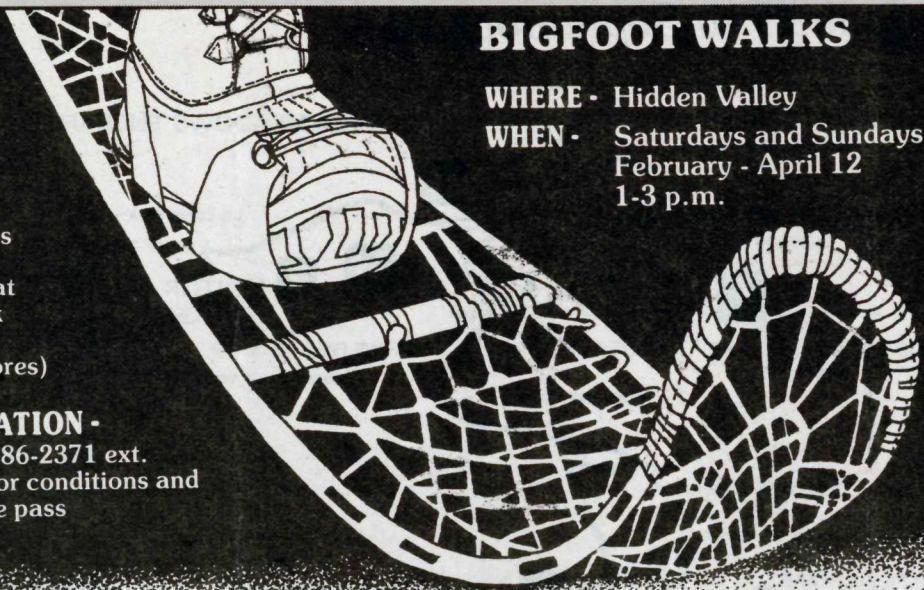


# Ranger-Led Activities

WINTER EVENTS

**WHAT -**  
Snowshoes  
(Rentals  
available at  
Estes Park  
Sporting  
Goods Stores)

**INFORMATION -**  
Call 303-586-2371 ext.  
206/223 for conditions and  
FREE hike pass



## BIGFOOT WALKS

**WHERE -** Hidden Valley  
**WHEN -** Saturdays and Sundays  
February - April 12  
1-3 p.m.

**WHEN THE SNOW MELTS ... APRIL 12-MAY 5**  
Springtime hikes meet at Cub Lake Trailhead, Saturday & Sundays, 1-3 p.m.

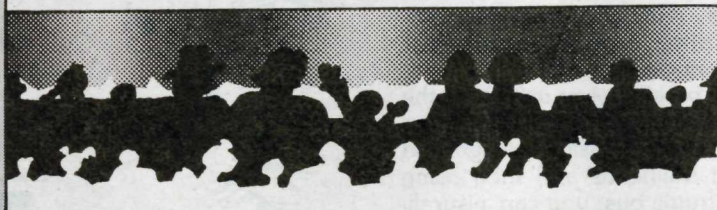
## EVERYBODY LOVES SATURDAY NIGHT!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK  
EVENING PROGRAMS

Every Saturday at 7:30 p.m.  
Headquarters Visitor Center Auditorium

Natural History Topics  
Distinguished Speakers

Topic  
Information  
Call  
303-586-2371  
ext. 206/223



SPRING EVENTS

## MAY

- Sun 10 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Wed 13 Buds & Blooms..... 10:00 a.m.
- Fri 15 Wild Things..... 10:00 a.m.
- Sat 16 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.  
Quakes, Freezes & Floods..... 2:00 p.m.  
Things That Go Bump in  
the Night..... 7:30 p.m.  
(Park Headquarters)
- Sun 17 Buds & Blooms ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Mon 18 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Tue 19 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Wed 20 Buds & Blooms..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Thu 21 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Fri 22 Sheep Encounters ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wild Things..... 2:00 p.m.  
Evening Program ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Things That Go Bump in the Night  
(Park Headquarters)  
Evening Program..... 9:00 p.m.  
Rocky Roads: Early Tourism &  
Roads  
(Moraine Park Campground)
- Sat 23 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wild Things..... 1:00 p.m.  
Quakes, Freezes & Floods..... 3:00 p.m.  
Mountains and Glaciers..... 7:30 p.m.  
(Park Headquarters)  
Evening Program..... 9:00 p.m.  
Return of the Peregrine  
(Moraine Park Campground)
- Sun 24 Raptor Rendezvous..... 8:00 a.m.  
Buds & Blooms..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Program..... 7:30 p.m.  
Freedom of the Hills: Climbing  
(Park Headquarters)  
Evening Program..... 9:00 p.m.  
Pioneer Portraits:  
A Mountain Man's Adventure  
(Moraine Park Campground)

- Mon 24 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Tue 26 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Wed 27 Buds & Blooms..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Thu 28 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Fri 29 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wild Things..... 2:00 p.m.
- Sat 30 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wild Things..... 1:00 p.m.  
Quakes, Freezes & Floods..... 3:00 p.m.  
Evening Program..... 7:30 p.m.  
Gardens of the Rockies: Plants  
(Park Headquarters)  
Evening Program..... 9:00 p.m.  
Return of the Peregrine  
(Aspenglen Campground)  
Evening Program..... 9:00 p.m.  
Backpackers Guide to the Galaxy  
(Moraine Park Campground)
- Sun 31 Hummingbirds to Eagles..... 7:30 a.m.  
Buds & Blooms..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.

## JUNE

- Mon 1 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Tue 2 Hidden Forest..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Wed 3 Buds & Blooms..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.  
Flood of '82..... 1:00 p.m.
- Thu 4 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Fri 5 Sheep Encounters..... 10:00 a.m.  
Wild Things..... 2:00 p.m.  
Evening Program..... 9:00 p.m.  
Things That Go Bump in the Night  
(Moraine Park Campground)  
Evening Program..... 9:00 p.m.  
Return of the Peregrine  
(Aspenglen Campground)

- Sat 6 Tundra Nature Walk..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wild Things..... 1:00 p.m.  
Alpine Aspects..... 2:00 p.m.  
Evening Program..... 7:30 p.m.  
Shadows & Tracks: Mammals  
(Park Headquarters)  
Evening Program..... 9:00 p.m.  
Longs Peak: Seekers of the Summit  
(Moraine Park Campground)  
Evening Program..... 9:00 p.m.  
Rocky Light: Light Affecting Life  
(Aspenglen Campground)
- Sun 7 Hummingbirds to Eagles..... 7:30 a.m.  
Tundra Nature Walk..... 10:00 a.m.  
Buds & Blooms..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.  
Flood of '82..... 1:00 p.m.  
Alpine Aspects..... 2:00 p.m.
- Mon 8 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Tue 9 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Wed 10 Buds & Blooms..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.  
Flood of '82..... 1:00 p.m.  
Wild Things..... 2:00 p.m.
- Thu 11 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
- Fri 12 Sheep Encounters..... 10:30 a.m.
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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### ALPINE ASPECTS

Explore the tundra during a 1/2 hour walk. Meet at Alpine Visitor Center.

### BUDS & BLOOMS

Become familiar with wildflowers. Meet at the Cub Lake Trailhead for a 1-1/2 hour walk.

### FLOOD OF '82

See the effects of a flood. Meet at the first (east) parking lot at the Alluvial Fan. 1 hour.

### HIDDEN FOREST

Unravel the mysteries of a forest. Meet at the last parking area on Upper Beaver Meadows Road. 1-1/2 hours.

### HUMMINGBIRDS TO EAGLES

Meet at Cub Lake Trailhead with binoculars and bird books for this 2 hour walk.

### QUAKES, FREEZES & FLOODS

Find out what shaped the Rocky Mountains. Meet at the Moraine Park Museum. 1-1/2 hours.

### RAPTOR RENDEZVOUS

Bring binoculars and guidebooks to learn about birds of prey. Meet at Twin Owls parking lot. 2 hours.

### SHEEP ENCOUNTERS

Meet at the Sheep Lakes Information Kiosk to learn about bighorn sheep. 1/2 hour.

### TUNDRA NATURE WALK

Meet at the Alpine Visitor Center to see grand views and small flowers. 2 hours.

### WILD THINGS

Learn about Rocky's mammals. Meet at the last parking area at the end of Upper Beaver Meadows Road. 1-1/2 hours.

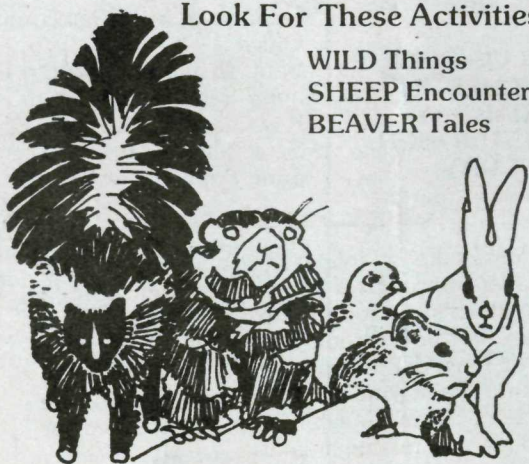


UP & COMING EVENTS

## WATCHABLE WILDLIFE

**Daywatchers ...**  
Look For These Activities...

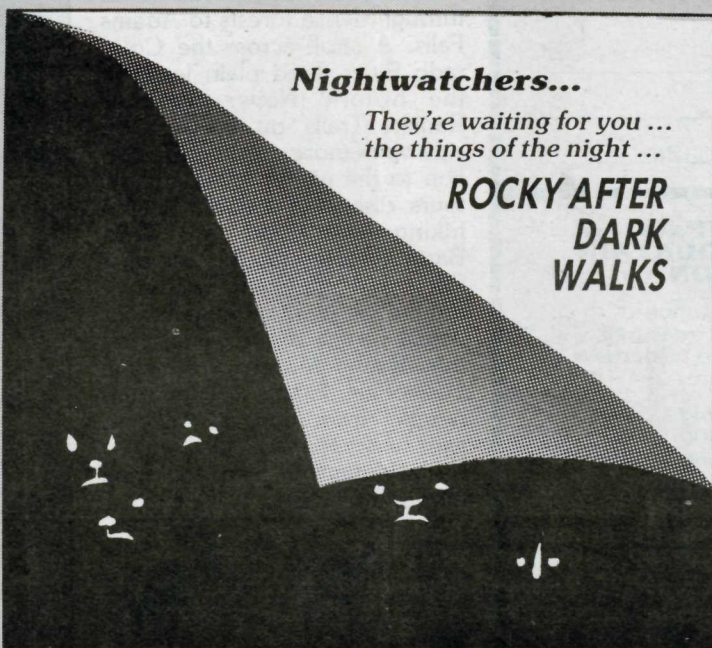
WILD Things  
SHEEP Encounters  
BEAVER Tales



## Nightwatchers...

They're waiting for you ...  
the things of the night ...

## ROCKY AFTER DARK WALKS





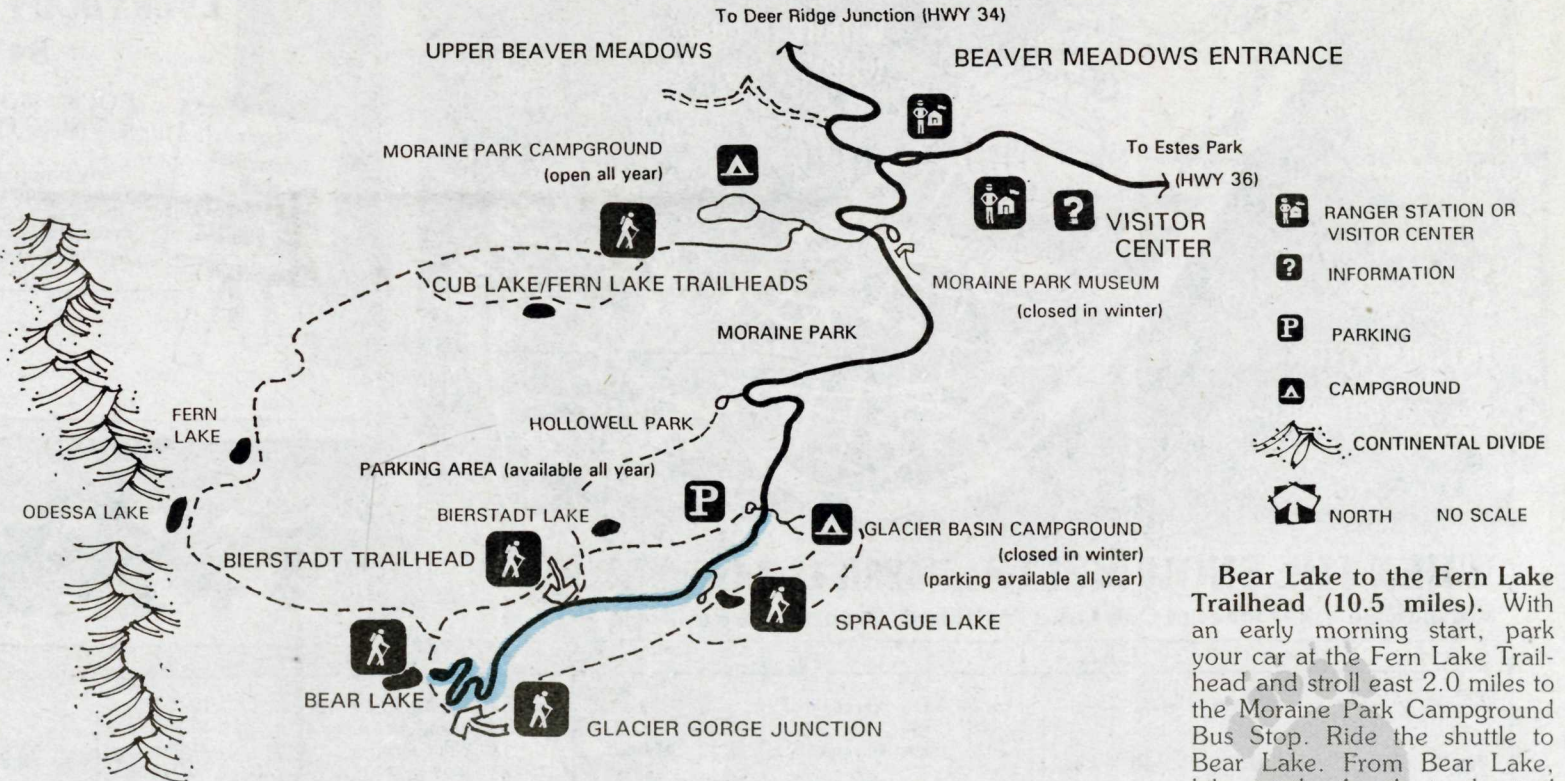
# Bear Lake Shuttle Bus System

Coming June 19 to September 20

## DOIN' THE BEAR LAKE SHUFFLE

"Leave the driving to us" and do your part to ease traffic congestion and reduce pollution by riding the free Bear Lake Shuttle Bus. Riding the bus not only allows you to enjoy the scenery along the Bear Lake Road, but also provides outstanding opportunities for exploring park trails.

By parking your vehicle at the shuttle bus parking area across from Glacier Basin Campground or at trailheads and then using the shuttle bus, you can leisurely hike classic, one-way trails. Hikes vary from half-day outings to full-day excursions. Easy to difficult hikes are suggested below.



**Bear Lake to Bierstadt Lake (3.2 miles).** Park at the Bierstadt Lake Trailhead and ride the bus to Bear Lake. (Note: An early start is recommended as this parking area fills early in the day). From Bear Lake hike northeast ascending the trail. After crossing a small hill,

descend gradually through lodgepole pine forest to Bierstadt Lake. At the trail junction west of Bierstadt Lake, hike south descending switchbacks to your vehicle. Optional trip extensions continue another 1.5 miles to the shuttle bus parking area or 2.6 miles to the Hollowell Park Trailhead.

**Bear Lake to Glacier Basin Campground (5.8 miles).** Park at the shuttle bus parking area across from the Glacier Basin Campground, and catch the bus to Bear Lake. Hike southeast from Bear Lake descending .6 mile to the Glacier Gorge Trailhead. A side trip may include a .6 mile detour to see Alberta

Falls. From the Glacier Gorge trail junction continue east through forests and meadows to Sprague Lake. Hike past Sprague Lake another 1.4 miles to the Glacier Basin Campground. From the campground, return to your vehicle by walking west .5 mile along the campground road.

**Bear Lake to the Fern Lake Trailhead (10.5 miles).** With an early morning start, park your car at the Fern Lake Trailhead and stroll east 2.0 miles to the Moraine Park Campground Bus Stop. Ride the shuttle to Bear Lake. From Bear Lake, hike north .4 mile to the trail junction to Fern Lake. Hike west and ascend to the open woodlands of treeline. Descend to Odessa Lake continuing past Fern Falls to The Pool. Hike east on level terrain to the Fern Lake Trailhead. This is an all-day hike!

## Planning Your Trip

(Continued from page 1) streamside habitats. Watch for the gray colored water ouzel bobbing and dipping in fast moving water. Also look for the spotted sandpiper running back and forth between gravelly streamside and stream. A kingfisher may be sitting on a branch above the stream scanning for trout. Violet-green swallows and barn swallows skim above the water pursuing insects. Wilson's and yellow warblers, and Lincoln's sparrows may be seen in streamside thickets.

Forest habitats provide other birdwatching opportunities.

Look for warbling vireos and common flickers in aspen groves. Pygmy and white-breasted nuthatches, western bluebirds, brown creepers, yellow-rumped warblers and solitary vireos are found in ponderosa pine woodlands.

Higher elevation spruce-fir forests are good places to see the pine grosbeak, ruby-crowned kinglet, hermit thrush and goshawk.

In the alpine tundra you may find the rosy finch, ptarmigan and white-crowned sparrow.

One half hour to several hours can be spent in each habitat. Allow a full day if you wish to birdwatch in all habitats.

## Wildflowers

Colorful displays of wildflowers appear in April and May at the lower elevations on the eastern side of the Rockies. Hollowell Park, Upper Beaver Meadows and Moraine Park flowers bloom mid-May through mid-June.

Winter snow melts in June in the Kawuneeche Valley and in late June in the Alpine Tundra. Wildflowers spread color slowly upslope as summer progresses with the culmination of the blooming season in mid-July on the alpine tundra. A casual observer may spend a few hours enjoying springtime and summer flowers. An avid botanist may spend a lifetime becoming familiar with the park's 900 wildflower species.

## Hiking

Snow melts slowly on the western side of the Rocky Mountains. A few trails are open in the Kawuneechee Valley in early summer. The .3 mile hike on the East Inlet Trail leads through dense forests to Adams Falls. A stroll across the Colorado River flood plain leads to the historic Never Summer Ranch. Trails on the eastern side open more quickly. In addition to the winter hikes and ski tours discussed earlier, several hiking trails lead into Wild Basin, Glacier Gorge, Moraine Park and McGreagor Ranch. Inquire at visitor centers for details on the 350 miles of trails that Rocky Mountain National Park offers. Hikers will find trails ranging from easy to difficult, with walks that can take only a few minutes and hikes that may take several days.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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storms. plan on encountering large snowplows on the road. Use caution when near plows and stay 100 feet behind plows during sanding operations. Beware of slippery road conditions.

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION

McGraw Ranch Road will be under construction 8-5 daily through mid-April. Expect delays. Give road crews a brake.

## CAMPGROUNDS

OPEN ALL YEAR: Moraine Park, Timber Creek and Longs Peak. Longs Peak Campground is for tents only. Fees collected when water is available from Memorial Day weekend through October 1.

## MISTIX RESERVATION SYSTEM

for summer camping at Moraine Park and Glacier Basin  
(800) 365-2267 or write:  
MISTIX Corporation, P.O. Box 85705, San Diego, California, 92138-5705

## SUMMER VISITOR CENTER SCHEDULE, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND THROUGH LABOR DAY

Visitor Center Headquarters 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Alpine Visitor Center 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Lily Lake Visitor Center 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Kawuneechee Visitor Center 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Moraine Park Museum 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Never Summer Ranch 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sheep Lakes Information Station 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

## CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ESTES PARK

(303) 586-4431  
OR (800) 443-7837  
GRAND LAKE (303) 627-3402  
ARAPAHO-ROOSEVELT NATIONAL FOREST  
Fort Collins (303) 482-3822  
Granby (303) 887-3331

## BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

Free permits required for all backcountry camping. Send for backcountry camping information: Backcountry Office, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO 80517  
TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:  
PHONE: January-May 20 only - (303) 586-4459  
FAX: (303) 586-4702  
IN PERSON:  
Headquarters Backcountry Office  
Sept.-May 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.  
June-Sept. 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Kawuneechee Visitor Center  
Sept.-May 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
June-Sept. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

## FISHING

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