

COLORADO SPRINGS  
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APRIL  
26-29  
2019

# CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

## JOIN THESE ACTIVITIES!

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

#### MY LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE!

This program will focus on animal dwellings at Bluestem Prairie, from animals like the Pronghorn who sleep where they pop down, to the different kinds of bird nests and homes, to the interwoven towns of the prairie dogs. This program should relate to all visitors need for shelter and homes of their own.

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 10-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m.

**Location:** Bluestem Prairie Open Space, Trailhead parking lot

**Required:** long pants, closed toed shoes, water

**Activity # 11944 (10 a.m.)**

**Activity # 11945 (1 p.m.)**

*15 participant max per activity*



#### NIGHT TIME IS OUR TIME!

This night hike will focus on the different adaptations nocturnal animals have developed to survive at night.

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 8-9 p.m.

**Location:** Red Rock Canyon, Main Entrance Picnic Parking Lot

**Required:** flashlights, warm clothing, closed toed shoes, water

**Activity # 11956**

*15 participant max*

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

#### STRATTON OPEN SPACE

##### EARLY HIKER SEES THE BIRD

Join park rangers for an eye-opening early morning birding hike! *Please bring your own binoculars; limited quantities available.*

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 7-9 a.m.

**Activity # 11946**

*30 participant max*

**Location:** La Veta Entrance *Due to limited parking at the trailhead, please park in the lower lot at Cheyenne Mountain High School.*

**Required:** Appropriate footwear and headwear, dress in layers, water and snacks, ~2-mile hikes (moderate difficulty)

##### STRATTON EXPLORATION HIKE

Join park rangers for a moderate hike around Stratton Open Space to discover its flora, fauna, and history. *Please bring your own binoculars; limited quantities available.*

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

**Activity # 11947**

*30 participant max*

##### OAK TREES AND YUCCA AND THISTLE, OH MY!

Plant the seed of knowledge on this botany-based hike around Stratton Open Space.

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 2-4 p.m.

**Activity # 11948**

*30 participant max*

#### AUSTIN BLUFFS OPEN SPACE

##### ARBOREAL ABODES

Join a Park Ranger as we learn about how trees shape local ecosystems, and provide for other living things in our parks and open space.

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 8 a.m.; 12 p.m. (Noon)

**Activity # 11949 (8 a.m.)**

**Activity # 11952 (12 p.m.)**

*15 participant max per activity*

##### REPTILIAN RESIDENTS

Join a Park Ranger to learn about our scaly neighbors found throughout the city. We will try to find and identify local reptiles, and discuss their unique adaptations.

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Activity # 11950**

*15 participant max*



##### BATHING BUGS

Join a Park Ranger as we learn about macroinvertebrates! On this hike, we will sample water to find and identify these tiny animals that live right under our noses!

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Activity # 11951**

*15 participant max*

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### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

#### **MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE: URBAN WATERWAYS**

Urban waterways provide a unique and valuable habitat for many flora and fauna in an ever expanding urban landscape; in addition to providing habitat, urban waterways provide safe movement corridors for wildlife moving through the urban landscape. This program will consist of an hour talk while strolling along the Pikes Peak Greenway where we will focus on the importance of urban riparian areas as habitat for a large variety of flora and fauna. The short walk will also serve to teach participants how to submit observations of flora and fauna with the iNaturalist app, while also focusing on some of the lesser known flora and fauna that call our urban waterways home.

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 8-9 a.m., 12 (noon)-1 p.m.

**Location:** Legacy Loop Parking Lot on Recreation Way

**Required:** Paved <1 mile. hikes (easy difficulty)

**Activity # 11954 (8 a.m)**

**Activity # 11955 (12 p.m)**

*40 participant max per activity*

#### **TABLING AND INATURALIST INSTRUCTION**

Tabling will include activities aimed to show the importance of urban riparian habitats. Also samples will be collected from the creek for people to try and identify the many invertebrates that may call Monument Creek home. Handouts on the importance of protecting our watersheds and urban waterways will be available. Tutorials on the City Nature Challenge and iNaturalist will be available for interested participants.

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Legacy Loop Parking Lot on Recreation Way

**(NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

#### **YOUR OWN BACKYARD: A WORLD OF DIVERSITY**

This is a great learning opportunity to explore Rampart Park as we dive into the City Nature Challenge together. This guided hike will allow participants to identify the diverse species of plants and animals that reside in Rampart Park through the iNaturalist app, which is a fun and easy way to learn about and connect with the biodiversity found in our very own backyard. This 1-hour hike will be an engaging, interactive exploration around the park with frequent stops for plant and animal identifications.

**For:** All Ages

**Time:** 1-2 p.m.

**Location:** Rampart Park, Main Parking Lot

**Required:** Paved <1 mile. hikes (easy difficulty)

**Activity # 11953**

*20 participant max*



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