



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Cheyenne Mountain State Park**

DATELINE (COLORADO SPRINGS) - All vehicles entering the park must display an annual (\$70) or daily (\$7) State Parks Pass. Passes may be purchased at the Visitor Center between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Daily passes may also be purchased at the self-serve station next to the entrance booth. Check or exact change required. Program reservations and information at 719 576-2016.

### **SEPTEMBER 2011 Saturday Evening Programs**

#### **The Bear Facts About Bear Hibernation Saturday, September 3 7:00-8:00 PM**

Could you sleep for 100 days and survive without food or water? Find out how researchers are unraveling the mysteries of bear hibernation by studying bears in their winter dens. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at amphitheater.

#### **Life in a Prairie Dog Colony Saturday, September 10 7:00-8:00 PM**

Meet the world's largest prairie dog and observe how this burrowing rodent interacts with colony members as well as a variety of friends and foes that share its habitat.

Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at Camper Services.

**The Great Migration Challenge**  
**Saturday, September 17**  
**7:00-8:00 PM**

What motivates birds to travel thousands of miles every spring and fall?

What obstacles do they face? How do they find their way? Discover the answers to these questions, and more, if you dare to take The Great Migration Challenge. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at amphitheater.

**Wednesday Evening Lecture Series**

**Identification of Waterfowl**  
**Wednesday, September 7**  
**7:30-8:30 PM**

As autumn approaches, the seasonal migration of waterfowl along

Colorado's waterways brings opportunities to view a variety of interesting birds. Learn tips and techniques for identifying the many colorful species of ducks and geese that reside and pass through our state. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at Visitor Center. No park pass required.

**The History Behind The Mountain**  
**Wednesday, September 14**  
**7:30-8:30 PM**

From the Native Americans to early settlers and cattle ranchers to Filipino

investors, Cheyenne Mountain has had an intriguing past. Using the park's recently completed history mural, volunteer naturalists will take you through a pictorial account of the families that lived here from the late 1800s to present day. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meets at Camper Services building.

**Colorado's Lesser Known Wildlife**  
**Wednesday, September 21**  
**7:30-8:30 PM**

Get to know elusive species like the wolverine, pine marten and river otter

and learn about their behaviors, habitats, and conservation status in Colorado. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at Visitor Center. No park pass required.

## **Ice Fishing High Country Reservoirs**

**Wednesday, September 28**

**7:30-8:30 PM**

Want to extend your fishing season? If the answer is yes, attend this informative show and tell session on the latest ice fishing garb and gear. Lunker trout are catchable for those anglers with the savvy and stamina for winter fishing. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at Visitor Center. No park pass required.

## **Programs for Children and Families**

### **Junior Ranger Programs for 7-12 year-olds**

**On the Following Saturdays**

**September 3            10:00 AM**

**September 10        2:00 PM**

**September 17        10:00 AM**

**September 24        2:00 PM**

Our Junior Ranger programs focuses on the skills and duties of a State Park ranger including topics like wildland fires/fire safety, first aid, park rules and regulations, binoculars/birds and wildlife encounters. Take the class and/or complete the booklet to earn a Junior Ranger badge and/or colorful patch depending on levels completed. Reservations at (719) 576-2016. Meet at Camper Services.

### **Kids Konnecting with Nature Series**

**Pre-School Trail Adventures**

**Two Tuesdays, September 6 and 20**

**9:30-11:00 a.m.**

3-5 year-olds and their parents are invited to an exploration hike along park trails to discover the wonders of nature. Plan and dress appropriately for an all-outdoor excursion. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at Camper Services.

### **Family Mystery Hikes**

**Saturdays, September 3 2:00 PM      September 17 3:00 PM**  
**Sundays, September 11 1:00 PM      September 25 1:00 PM**

This naturalist-led hike challenges families to solve a puzzle, riddle or mystery as they walk and search for hidden clues along a 1 mile, easy trail. For ages 5 and up. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at the Visitor Center.

### **“New” Sunday Afternoon Puppet Shows**

#### **“Bob” the Cat Explores Cheyenne Mountain**

**Two Sundays, September 11, September 25 3:00 PM**

Cheyenne Mountain is proud to unveil its new puppet stage and collection of animal puppets. “Bob” the Cat invites everyone to laugh and learn as he takes us on a guided discovery of park wildlife and habitats. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at Camper Services.

#### **Introduction to GPS and Geocaching**

**September 17 1:00-2:30 PM**

Here’s your chance to learn the basics of operating a GPS and get some practice finding geocaches hidden in the park. GPS units will be provided. All vehicles entering the park must have a daily or annual State Parks pass. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at Camper Services.

### **Special Interest Hikes for Adults and Families**

#### **Almost Full Moon Hike**

**Sunday, September 11 8:00 PM**

As the sun dips behind the mountains, Mother Nature resets the stage for night-time activities and nocturnal creatures emerge. Join us on this guided, evening stroll and experience the Park in whole different way. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot.

### **Interpreting Signs of Fall Hike**

**Monday, September 12 9:00-10:30 AM**

Although the early signs of fall can be subtle, to an experienced observer many interesting changes can be seen. Discover these changes with Native Plant Naturalists Lucy Bell and Pat Cooper. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at Visitor Center.

### **Autumn Discovery Hike**

**Monday, September 26 9:00-10:30 AM**

Join Native Plant Naturalist Lucy Bell and Pat Cooper on a botanical trek to see how various plants react to less daylight and the approach of winter. Reservations at 719 576-2016. Meet at Visitor Center.

## **DATELINE (COLORADO SPRINGS) – NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE EVENT**

**October 1, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (All activities are outdoors.)**

Cheyenne Mountain State Park is excited to invite everyone to our second annual "NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE DAY" on October 1st, 2011! Come and explore the wonder and beauty of the park while enjoying a variety of fun and educational outdoor activities. Steve Lucero and John Koshak from Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be teaching archery and Watchable Wildlife skills, respectively. Other activities/presentations include: animal track identification, Backyard Bass casting game, prairie dog observation, The Great Migration Challenge, bees and bee keeping, bullsnakes and rattlesnakes, ecosystem hikes, ranching and roping, park history, skins and skulls, hummingbirds, nature sculpturing, Junior Ranger training, and bear awareness.

The "No Child Left Inside" campaign is a national initiative to get children out of the house and classroom and outside to exercise, explore, and enjoy the natural environment. The campaign is sponsored nationally by the No Child Left Inside Coalition, which

is made up of more than 1500 organizations, including many in Colorado. The goal of the campaign is to expose more students and teachers to opportunities for outdoor learning and highlight the importance of environmental education.

Opening ceremony and presentation will be at the Prairie Skipper Picnic Pavilion starting at 9:00 a.m. Each vehicle entering the park is required to display either an annual (\$70) or daily (\$7) parks pass. Passes may be purchased at the entrance booth, self-serve station or the Visitor Center. Please join us for a day of outdoor fun and enjoyment. No extra charge for activities. For additional information call 719 576-2016.

Attracting more than 12 million visitors per year, Colorado's 42 State Parks are a vital cornerstone of Colorado's economy and quality of life. Colorado State Parks encompass 242,531 land and water acres, offering some of the best outdoor recreation destinations in the state. Colorado State Parks is a leader in providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, protecting the state's favorite landscapes, teaching generations about nature and partnering with communities. Colorado State Parks also manage more than 4,300 campsites, and 63 cabins, yurts, and teepees. For more information on Colorado State Parks or to purchase an annual pass online, visit [www.parks.state.co.us](http://www.parks.state.co.us).

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