



Programs and Events July 2018



The 2018 Garden of the Gods Adventure Series is an array of exciting monthly presentations, classes, demonstrations, walks and hikes featuring top naturalists, interpreters, historians and special guests.

Questions? Call (719) 219-0104 or email programs@gardenofgods.com

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Garden of the Gods History Hike

Sunday, July 1, 2018, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

\$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com

Presented by Park interpreter Andy Rizzo

Experience the Park through the eyes of ancient peoples, the Ute, explorers, prospectors, pioneers, and modern Coloradans. Tour several historic sites throughout the Eastern and Central Garden. This is a two-hour, outdoor program. Hike length: Approximately 2 1/4 miles. Bring water and wear shoes suitable for hiking. Meet in the Red Rocks Room at the Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center.



Introduction to Rock Climbing

Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

\$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com

Join the knowledgeable guides from Front Range Climbing Company to learn about getting started in outdoor rock climbing. A great class for gym climbers looking to transition to outdoor climbing, or beginners who would like an introduction to the sport. All attendees will receive a coupon good for 20% off a future guided climbing trip with Front Range Climbing Company at the Garden of the Gods Park! Presentation in the Red Rocks Room.



A Hike with a Naturalist

Friday, July 27, 2018, 5:30-7:30 pm

\$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com

Join lead naturalist and Operations Administrator, Bret Tennis on a 3 mile hike from the Visitor and Nature Center through the Central Garden. The focus will be on the nature behind the park designation of National Natural Landmark. Topics may also include all things natural along the way. This hike will follow the Gateway Trail, Bretag Trail, and the Central Garden Trail. Bring your questions! Cameras and binoculars welcome. Remember to dress for the weather with hiking shoes, and bring a hat, water and sunscreen.



Star Party

Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 8:30-10:00 pm

FREE Special Event! The Colorado Springs Astronomical Society will bring telescopes for night sky viewing, and volunteer astronomers will be available to answer questions and help you to understand the night sky. All ages welcome. Weather dependent, outdoor event, held in the parking lot at the Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

FREE Presentations

Schedule subject to change, Please call ahead about specific dates.

All programs will be in the Red Rocks Room unless otherwise noted. Questions? Call (719) 219-0108

Day and Date	Time	Program
Daily	10:00 am and 2:00 pm	FREE Daily Guided Nature Walks Schedule subject to change. Weather dependent. Walks start on the Central Garden Trail. Meet at parking lot #2 (North Main Lot) in the park. Questions? Please call (719) 219-0108
Monday July 2	11:00 am	The Noisy Magpie-A Real Bird Brain What is that black and white bird with the long tail? Join us to learn more about these intelligent birds that have a lot of character.
Tuesdays July 3 and 10	12:00 pm	Introduction to Garden of the Gods Geology Join the amazing Jennifer Heiny, Park Interpreter, for a fun introduction to the geology of Garden of the Gods Park.
Wednesdays	11:30 am	Bear Essentials From white and blonde to cinnamon and black, the American black bear comes in lots of different colors. Join us to learn more about the most widely distributed bear species.
Wednesdays	4:00 pm	Rattlesnakessssss Join us to learn about the most dangerous and most misunderstood reptile of the American West.
Wednesdays	4:00 pm-5:00 pm	Falcon and Friends Bird Watch Join Volunteer Michele McMurray to watch our prairie falcons and other bird friends along the Central Garden Trail. Optics provided, simply stop by to take a closer look at some of the birds that call the Garden of the Gods home. No reservations required. Look for the spotting scope near the Central Garden Trail-Head (from parking lot #2).
Saturdays	10:30 am	Spanish Explorers and the Age of Exploration Join Andy Rizzo, Park Interpreter, to learn more about early Spanish exploration in the Pikes Peak region.
Saturdays July 7 and 14	11:30 am	Pikes Peak or Bust: the Gold Rush Come learn about the Colorado Gold Rush of 1859. You will also learn about the mining towns that boomed and died as a result, some still visitable today.
Saturdays	12:45 pm	Bighorn Sheep-Versatile Monarch of the Mountains Join us to learn about Colorado's state mammal while using optics to look for these majestic animals from our deck.

FREE Weekly Fitness Activities

Wellness Walk 9:00 am Wednesdays. Register in person. Meet in the lower lobby.

Gallop in the Garden 5K Fun Walk/Run Thursdays, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Register in person or online at gardenofgods.com. Meet in the lower lobby.

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Bat Walks

Tuesdays 6:30 pm-9:00 pm July 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2018

Free. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by calling (719) 219-0108. 45 minute indoor presentation followed by a short walk in the park to see bats and hear them using bat detectors. Weather dependent. Bring a flashlight or headlamp and wear comfortable hiking shoes.