Programs and Events
August 2019

The 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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Star Party
Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 8:00 pm-10:00 pm
FREE, no reservations required.
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 better understand astronomy. All ages are welcome. This is a weather-dependent outdoor event held in the parking lot at the Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

History Hike-Julia Archibald Holmes
Sunday, August 11, 2019, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com
Join us for a special presentation and hike in Garden of the Gods Park to learn about Julia Archibald Holmes, the first recorded woman to hike Pikes Peak in 1858. Included is a hands-on chance to explore a rock and outfit like what Julia used in 1858. Hike length: Approximately 3 miles. Dress for the weather with hiking shoes and bring a daypack with water, a hat, snacks and sunscreen. Meet in the Red Rocks Room at the Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center. Presented by Elizabeth Barber, Program Coordinator for the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center.

Introduction to Rock Climbing
Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 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. Learn about different types of climbing gear and basic knots. This class is great for gym climbers wanting to learn about outdoor climbing, or beginners who would like an introduction to the sport. This is an indoor presentation in the Red Rocks Room. All attendees will receive a coupon good for 20% off a future guided climbing trip with Front Range Climbing Company.

Survival Plants of Colorado
Saturday, August 17, 2019, 9:00 am-12:00 pm or 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
$20 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com
Join us for a special guided hike in Garden of the Gods Park with author and survival skills expert Robert Seibert "Cattail Bob". Cattail Bob will teach how to identify edible, medicinal, poisonous and tool-craft plants found in the Pikes Peak region. We will meet in the Red Rocks Room at the Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center, and then hike into the park. Dress for the weather, wear hiking shoes, and bring a daypack with water, snacks, hat, sunscreen, notebook and pencil, and camera or cell phone.

Geology Hike
Saturday, August 24, 2019, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com
Hiking through the Garden of the Gods presents a unique opportunity to understand not only the geology of the Garden but the general geology of the entire Front Range. Please join us for a hike with geologist Jay Temple to learn more about these beautiful rock features. This program starts in the Red Rocks Room at the Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center followed by a 2.5-mile hike into the park. Dress for the weather, wear hiking shoes, and bring a daypack with water, snacks, a hat and sunscreen.

Hike with a Naturalist
Friday, August 30, 2019, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
$5 per person, reservations required at www.gardenofgods.com
Join lead naturalist and Operations Administrator, Bret Terns on a 2.5 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. Bring your questions! Cameras and binoculars welcome. Dress for the weather with hiking shoes, and bring a hat, water and sunscreen.
# FREE Presentations

FREE short educational presentations are provided by dedicated and knowledgeable park staff and volunteers. This schedule is subject to change. All FREE Presentations are in the Red Rocks Room unless otherwise noted. Questions? Call (719) 219-0108

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<td>Daily</td>
<td>10:00 am and 2:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>FREE Guided Nature Walk</strong> Join a short nature walk guided by park staff or volunteers. Weather dependent. Meet at the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center near the American flagpole.</td>
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<td>Mondays August 12, 19, 26</td>
<td>11:00 am</td>
<td><strong>The Noisy Magpie &amp; a Real Bird Brain</strong> 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. Presented by Carol Wilcox.</td>
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<td>Mondays</td>
<td>9:30 am</td>
<td><strong>Big Horn Sheep-Monarch of the Mountains</strong> Join us to learn about Colorado’s state mammal while using optics to look for these majestic animals from our deck. Presented by Michelle McMurray.</td>
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<td>Tuesdays</td>
<td>2:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Intro to Geology</strong> Join Jennifer Henry, Park Interpreter, for a fun introduction to the geology of Garden of the Gods Park.</td>
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<td>Tuesdays</td>
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<td><strong>Bat Walks</strong> Free RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by calling (719) 219-0108. 6:30 pm-9:30 pm. Meet in the Red Rocks Room for a 30 minute indoor presentation followed by a walk in the park to see bats and hear them using bat detectors. Weather dependent. Bring a flashlight or headlamp and wear hiking shoes.</td>
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<td>Wednesdays</td>
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<td><strong>Junior Ranger Walk</strong> RESERVATIONS REQUIRED at 219-0108. Join Park Interpreter and Junior Ranger coauthor Jennifer Henry for this family-friendly guided nature walk. After a brief indoor introduction, families will walk along the Gateway Trail into the Park. Stroller friendly, approximately two miles and 1.5 hours. $2.00 cost for the Jr. Ranger Booklet.</td>
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<td><strong>Bear Essentials</strong> Join volunteer Larry Reisinger for an educational presentation to learn about our local black bears.</td>
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<td><strong>Rattlesnakes</strong> Join volunteer Jane Gasko to learn about the most misunderstood reptile of the American West.</td>
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<td>Thursday August 1, 15 and 22</td>
<td>11:00 am</td>
<td><strong>Civilian Conservation Corp in Colorado Springs</strong> Join Bowen Gillings, Park Interpreter, to learn about the CCC and their work at the Garden of the Gods.</td>
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<td>Thursdays August 8</td>
<td>11:00 am</td>
<td><strong>Lost Structures of Garden of the Gods</strong> Learn the history and stories of structures that once stood in the park. Presented by Park Interpreter Bowen Gillings.</td>
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<td>Saturdays August 3, 10, 24, 31</td>
<td>10:30 am</td>
<td><strong>Spanish Explorers</strong> Learn about the history of early Spanish exploration in the Pike’s Peak region. Presented by Park Interpreter Andy Rizzo.</td>
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<td>Fridays</td>
<td>3:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>People of the Pikes Peak Region</strong> Join Park Interpreter, Brook Bock to learn about some of the influential people of the Pikes Peak Region. Historical and current people will be discussed.</td>
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<td>Sundays August 4, 11, 18</td>
<td>12:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Wild Cats of Garden of the Gods</strong> Join Park Interpreter, Larry Jones to learn about mountain lions and bobcats in the park.</td>
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**Wellness Walk**

**Wednesdays 9:00 am**

FREE Group meets in the lower lobby at the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center. Maps are provided for a 1, 2, or 3 mile walk in the Garden of the Gods Park. Register in person.

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**Gallop in the Garden Weekly 5K Fun Run/Walk**

**Thursdays, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm**

FREE A fun way to get in your weekly 5k walk, hike or run. Maps for 5k routes provided at check-in. During summer follow a marked course through the park. Earn fun prizes from our sponsors, or complete 10 runs to get a Gallop in the Garden shirt for only $10! Register in the lower lobby.