

Programs and Events October 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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Two FREE special astronomy events in October! The Colorado Springs Astronomical Society will bring telescopes and volunteer astronomers will answer questions. All ages welcome. Weather dependent, outdoors, held in the parking lot at the Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

- **Sunrise Star Party** (In celebration of Motorless Morning in the park!)
Sunday, October 7, 2018, 5:00 am-8:00 am, then Solar Astronomy 8:00 am-12:00 pm
- **International Astronomy Day Star Party**
Saturday, October 13, 2018, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm



ArtPOP! Aerial Acrobatic Performance

Sunday, October 21, 2018, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

FREE. Don't miss this exciting aerial acrobatic performance featuring internationally known performing artists Emily Barber, Chris Wegert, and Julia Angevine, with Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak as a backdrop. The show will feature 4-5 performers. Each with different apparatuses. There will also be question and answer time between routines. This special performance is part of ArtPOP, a collaboration between the Cultural Office and the Pikes Peak Arts Council that includes pop-up arts events around the region.



Oh Deer!

Sunday, October 21, 2018, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

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

Presented by Elise Berheim

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between white-tail and mule deer? Find out at the Oh Deer! presentation while also learning amazing facts about the deer in your neighborhood. We will talk about their fur, digestion, antler growth and much more about these amazing creatures.



Hike with a Naturalist

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 5:30 pm-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 include all things natural along the way. Bring your questions! Cameras and binoculars welcome. Remember to dress for the weather with hiking shoes, and bring a hat, water and sunscreen.



FREE Weekly Fitness Activities:

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

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

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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 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.
Mondays	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. Presented by Carol Wilcox
Monday October 15	12:00 pm	Introduction to Archaeology Learn how ancient cultures are identified by the artifacts they leave behind. Presented by Park Interpreter Andy Rizzo.
Tuesday October 16	2:30 pm	Garden of the Gods Ecology Walk Learn about the ecology of the Garden of the Gods Park. Presented by Park Interpreter Bowen Gillings. Meet at the Central Garden Trailhead by parking lot #2.
Wednesdays	4:00 pm	Rattlesnakesssss Join us to learn about the most dangerous and most misunderstood reptile of the American West. Presented by Jane Gasko
Wednesday October 17	2:30 pm	Garden of the Gods Ecology Walk Learn about the ecology of the Garden of the Gods Park. Presented by Park Interpreter Larry Jones. Meet at the Central Garden Trailhead by parking lot #2.
Thursday October 18	2:30 pm	Garden of the Gods Introductory Geology Walk Presented by Park Interpreter Jennifer Heiny. Meet at the Central Garden Trailhead by parking lot #2.
Fridays October 5, 12, 19	10:00 am	Preschool Programs FREE but reservations required by calling (719) 219-0108 Story reading and craft time in the Red Rocks Room
Saturday October 6	10:00 am	Native American Story and Craft, Tips FREE story and craft taught by the Native American Women's Association.
Saturdays October 20 and 27	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 October 6, 20 and 27	11:30 am	Pikes Peak or Bust: the Gold Rush Come learn about the Colorado Gold Rush of 1859, and about the mining towns that boomed and died as a result. Presented by Paul Roberts
Saturdays October 6, 20 and 27	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. Presented by Michelle McMurry

Save the Date

MOTORLESS MORNING
GARDEN OF THE GODS

OCTOBER 7 • 5 AM to NOON

Free parking available at Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site
(30th Street & Gateway Road)

Complimentary shuttle to/from the parking lot to Juniper Way Loop

All park rules and regulations apply

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COLORADO SPRINGS
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7th ANNUAL FOSSIL DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 13 • 10 AM to 3 PM
Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center
1605 North 30th Street

FREE Join the FUN

BOOTHS
BRING YOUR OWN FOSSIL FOR IDENTIFICATION
GIVEAWAYS
FREE PRESENTATIONS

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