

BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK

PARK ENTRANCE

South off of West Morrison Road, a quarter mile east of C-470. All vehicles entering the park must have a daily pass or a BCLP annual pass.

Information: 303.697.6159 | Lakewood.org/BCLP

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

Information: 303.697.6159 or Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

SATURDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Join us at the learning Circle Amphitheater behind the visitor center for an evening of fun and education for the entire family! A marshmallow roast will follow, weather permitting.

No registration required. Park entry fee applies.

Date	Day	Time	Loc
Jun 11-Aug 13	Sat	7:30 pm	BCLP Visitor Center

Leave No Trace and Summer Safety (June 11)

Celebrate National Get-Out Doors day with Leave No Trace and summer safety practices. We will learn how to minimize our impact on the environment when recreating outdoors, as well as important safety rules to follow when spending time outside this summer!

Scat and Tricky Tracks (June 18)

Join a park naturalist and discover how to identify wildlife by the clues they leave behind – scat and tracks. Participants will learn how to find and identify these clues to tell the story of where they have been, what they eat and maybe even where they are going.

Hip on Herps! (June 25)

Whether they slither, hop, swim or crawl reptiles and amphibians are sure to fascinate. Join the Zoological Discovery Center and come learn what makes these animals unique and explore some common myths and misconceptions. Stick around after the presentation for an opportunity to meet these animals up close and personal.

The Big Cycle about Recycle (July 2)

Ever wonder what you could do with your leftover pizza or your soda can? Join Julie Elam and a park naturalist in a recycling and composting adventure. We will discuss easy ways to develop a plan that the whole family can do together to save Mother Earth via one can and one compost pile at a time.

Sensational Spiders (July 9)

Do these eight legged creatures give you the creeps? Join us for an educational evening as we learn about these misunderstood arachnids!

Bodacious Bats (July 16)

Do vampire bats really exist? Are bats blind? Find out the answers to these questions and more as we unfold the secret life of bats. We will also go on a short hike in search of the bats that call the park home!

Wild Wings (Live Birds of Prey) (July 23)

Raptors of the Rockies is a program that concentrates on birds of prey found in the Rocky Mountain region, paying special attention to those birds found in Colorado. In this interactive program, we explore the tools and adaptations that different raptors use to be successful in the wild. The program features live birds – a hawk, an owl, and a falcon – all species that are found here in Colorado.



Outdoor Adventures

Cats of the Front Range (July 30)

Did you know there are 3 different big cats that call Colorado home? A park naturalist will assist us in exploring the 'Big 3' cats of Colorado. We will look at the similarities between wild cats and domestic cats, learn where they live, and what they eat.

Things That Sting (August 6)

Join Liz Wickard, an interpretive naturalist and beekeeper from Aurora Nature Center as she sets the story straight about our stinging friends. Stinging insects can change from frightening to fascinating. Learn how beneficial stinging insects can be and how to tell them apart.

Back Yard Astronomy (August 13)

Bring your sense of cosmic wondering as we look to the night skies! Lookout Mountain Nature Centers' astronomy team will join us as we learn about the tools astronomers use to explore the night skies and discover how you can use the same tools in your own backyard!

SENIOR NATURALISTS

Participants will learn about the wildlife and natural history of the park through hands on education, programs and hikes. We will meet at the Bear Creek Lake Park Visitor Center.

Ages: 55 and over

\$5/person/session, park entrance fee is waived

Registration deadline is the Monday before each session.

Session	Activity #	Date	Day	Time	Loc
Birds	259947-01	Jun 22	Wed	7-9 am	BCLP
Astronomy	259947-02	Jul 28	Thu	7:30-9:30 pm	BCLP
Nature Photography	259947-03	Aug 10	Wed	9-11 am	BCLP

BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK BEAR CUBS

Join us for this program specially designed for children ages 3-5. Participants will explore their natural environment through stories, songs and interactive programs.

Ages: 3-5

\$5/person/session, park entrance fee is waived

Registration deadline is the Monday before each session.

Session	Activity #	Date	Day	Time	Loc
Spiders	259948-01	Jun 9	Thu	10-11 am	BCLP
Cats of BCLP	259947-02	Jul 14	Thu	10-11 am	BCLP
Water Wonders	259947-03	Aug 4	Thu	10-11 am	BCLP

SPECIAL EVENTS

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NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Join us for a volunteer trail project at William Frederick Hayden Park at Green Mountain in partnership with the Colorado Mountain Bike Association. Lite breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Date	Day	Time	Loc
Jun 4	Sat	8am-noon	WHGM

LET'S GO FISHING!

The first full weekend in June has been designated as no license required fishing in the state of Colorado. Come and join park naturalists at the Stone House Shelter and learn the basics of fishing. We will learn about types of fish, bait, fishing ethics and how to catch the big one.

Registration deadline: June 2

Activity #	Date	Day	Time	Loc
259905	Jun 4	Sat	9am-12 noon	STNHS

BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK TROUT FISHING TOURNAMENT

Cast your line and reel in the big one at the Bear Creek Lake Park trout fishing tournament! The target fish for this event will be rainbow or brown trout, and the winner will be determined by weight. This is a 2-person team tournament that will take place on Bear Creek Reservoir with 25 team slots available for watercraft and 25 team slots available for shore fisherman. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third place. All boats will require a mandatory boat inspection. Check in is at 5:30 am; the tournament begins at 6:30 am.

\$60/team (includes park entrance fee)

Registration deadline: June 16

Activity #	Date	Day	Time	Loc
259902	Jun 18	Sat	5:30 am-2 pm	BCLP



SUMMER SOLSTICE EVENT WITH LIVE BIRDS OF PREY AND NIGHT SKY OBSERVATION

Join us at the Learning Circle Amphitheater and celebrate the Summer Solstice with live birds of prey and a full moon! Hawk Quest will reveal the importance of raptors and their role in the ecosystem. After the presentation view the "Strawberry" Full Moon through telescopes and enjoy gazing into the night sky. No dogs please. \$2/ person; park entrance fee is waived.

Registration deadline: June 15

Activity #	Date	Day	Time	Loc
259922	Jun 20	Mon	7:30-9:30 pm	BCLP

PULLING FOR COLORADO

Join us for this volunteer event focusing on invasive weed education and removal. Light refreshments will be served.

Date	Day	Time	Loc
Jul 9	Sat	8am-noon	BCLP

GRIN AND BEAR IT

This annual family adventure race involves teams of two completing a lake crossing, mountain bike course and a run. Participants will receive an event shirt. \$40 for team. Park entrance fee is waived.

Information: 303.697.6154

Activity #	Date	Day	Time	Loc
GIGGLING BEARS (Adult + youth 6-11 years old)				
259904-01	Jul 22	Fri	6-9 pm	BCLP
GRINNING BEARS (Adult + youth 12-16 years old)				
259904-02	Jul 22	Fri	6-9 pm	BCLP

JULY FULL MOON OBSERVATION ON THE DAM

Experience the quiet beauty of Bear Creek Lake Park at night and enjoy an adventure under the magic of the full moon. Park naturalists will have telescopes available for viewing the "Thunder" full moon. Bring a blanket or lawn chair if you'd like to sit back, relax and soak up the stars. No dogs please. We will be meeting at the northeast parking lot just past the Mountain View shelter.

Park entrance fees apply. Cost of program is free.

Registration required. Registration deadline: July 15.

Activity #	Date	Day	Time	Loc
259923	Jul 19	Tue	7-9 pm	BCLP