

The Roxborough Rambles



Naturalist-guided Activities at Roxborough State Park

January - February - March 2012 4751 E. Roxborough Drive Roxborough, CO 80125 (303) 973-3959

PARK HOURS

January	8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily
February	8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily
March 1-10	8 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Daily
March 11-31	8 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Daily

VISITOR CENTER HOURS

January - March
9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Daily

2012 PARKS PASSES ON SALE!

A Colorado State Parks Pass is required on all vehicles entering Roxborough State Park. Please note that daily passes are \$7 and annual passes are \$70 and are good at all 40+ Colorado State Parks for 12 months! Support Roxborough, buy your pass here!

COSAR CARD

One and five year Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue Cards on sale now at the Visitor Center. These cards make great gifts for all occasions!

1ST DAY HIKES- STATE PARK'S NATIONAL EVENT

Carpenter Peak Hike
Sunday, January 1 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Join Naturalist Peter Laux for a guided 6.4-mile (roundtrip) hike to Carpenter Peak, at 7175' the highest point on the Park's trail system. Enjoy a panoramic view of the greater Denver area while eating lunch on the peak. Bring water, food, and clothing appropriate for the weather. *RR

Fountain Valley Hike
Sunday, January 1 12:00 p.m.
Start 2012 with a "First Day Hike". Is your resolution to get out more? Come celebrate the New Year with a 2-3 mile hike to explore the Fountain Valley Trail with Naturalist Sue Schleuder. Dress for the weather. *RR

EVERY Hike at Roxborough is a GREAT hike!
Saturday, January 21 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 18 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 17 9:30 a.m.

Join Naturalist Deb Wright for a hike around Fountain Valley Trail. See winter's wonderland and experience the rejuvenating effect of the crisp air. Time spent on this trail will lift you physically, mentally, and spiritually. This is an easy to moderate 2.2 mile round trip hike. Dress for the weather and bring water and a snack. *RR

****Reservations required, call (303) 973-3959.**

ART CLASSES

Watercolor Winter Landscapes
Tuesday, January 24 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Drawing: Shading of Forms
Tuesday, February 14 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pastels
Tuesday, March 20 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to capture the beauty of Roxborough's buildings, landscape, and foliage using a variety of techniques. Each class will have a different focus. Volunteer Naturalist Phyllis Vandehaar will provide guidance and demonstrations.

Please call (303) 973-3959 to register and to obtain a materials list.

HOLIDAY BIRD COUNT

Saturday, December 31, 2011 Starting at 7:30 a.m.

Bird lovers unite! All ability levels welcome. Join us for the 2011 annual Douglas County bird count and potluck chili dinner. Teams spend the day counting birds and at the end of the day, converge at the Roxborough Visitor Center for a potluck chili dinner. **Registration is required**; please call (303) 973-3959 before December 31 to register for this fun-filled day.

***There is a \$2.00 "chili charge". Chili and drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish to share.**

GUIDED BIRD WALKS

Wednesday, January 11	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 8	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 14	9:00 a.m.

With Volunteer Naturalists Paul & Phoebe Thayer. **Sign-up required. Please call (303) 973-3959.**

Sunday, January 15	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 19	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 18	8:00 a.m.

With Volunteer Naturalist Doris Cruze

Winter is a great time to observe birds. Grab your bird book and binoculars and join us for bird watching adventures. All ability levels are welcome. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Don't forget to stop by our Visitor Center. We have a great bookstore that offers a large variety of nature titles and trail guides. A lot of our books are signed by the authors! We also sell tee-shirts, hats, vests, and sweatshirts. Ask to see our 15 minute DVD presentation: Footprint of Past & Present.

JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAM

Become a Junior Naturalist!

Families can spend time together as they discover the many wonders of Roxborough State Park. Utilize your artistic skills and gain knowledge of this outdoor wonderland. Kids can earn a Certificate of Completion or continue on for their official Junior Naturalist Patch!

Here are two programs to try! Reservations required for all Junior Naturalist hikes. Call (303) 973-3959.

**Junior Naturalist: Wildlife Connections
Saturday, March 3 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Join Naturalist Ann Sarg for games, discoveries and hiking to learn about Roxborough's plants, animals, habitats and how they are all connected. Come be part of the connection. Ages 7-12.

**Junior Naturalist: Geology Hike
Saturday, March 24 1:00 p.m.**

Join Naturalist Roger Dowell on a hike to learn about the geology of Roxborough State Park. You will learn answers to the geology questions in your Junior Naturalist booklet. Learn how the rocks were formed and about an ancient mountain system. Ages 7-12.

**Kids Hour
Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 10:30 a.m.**

Get your children involved in nature! Bring your kids to the park for fun activities, stories, and/or short nature hikes. Ages: for 5 and younger accompanied by an adult. Please call for more information and to register. **Registration required 24 hours prior. Call (303) 973-3959.**

**Roxy Puppet Theater
Saturday, January 28 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 25 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 24 10:30 a.m.**

Join the Puppet Players for wild and wacky tales of Roxborough wildlife. Ages: 10 years and younger, accompanied by an adult. **Registration required 24 hours prior. Call (303) 973-3959.**

RAMBLES MAILING LIST

If you would like to have the Rambles delivered via email, please send us your e-mail address at roxborough.park@state.co.us. If you would like to receive a quarterly copy of the Rambles by mail, please send four self-addressed, stamped envelopes to:

Roxborough State Park
4751 E. Roxborough Dr.
Roxborough, CO 80125
Attn: Rambles mailing



e-mail us at roxborough.park@state.co.us

NATURE WORKSHOP & HIKES

**What Kind of Conifer Tree is That?
Saturday, February 4 9:30 a.m.**

Do you know Colorado's conifers? Can you tell a spruce from a Douglas fir by the needles? If not, then join Naturalist Vickey Trammell in this workshop that was offered in December but was cancelled due to weather. Most of the time will be spent inside but we will go out and visit four types of conifers growing in the park. Dress for the weather. *RR

**Fountain Valley OLOGY Hike, Winter
Saturday, February 11 12:30 p.m.**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Lila and Peter Laux as they walk (or snowshoe) the Fountain Valley Trail and overlooks (2.2 miles) to point out and discuss the interrelationships of geology, biology and ecology in a winter setting along this popular trail. *RR

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**THE
SHAPE OF
ROXBOROUGH**



Roxborough's Visitor Center has been renovated and updated, and we still have our great geological exhibit. This interactive exhibit has five educational stations for visitors of all ages. Come learn how the rock formations came to be and much more!

FRIENDS OF ROXBOROUGH

The Friends of Roxborough State Park's mission since 1993 is to acquire land and support nature education here at the park. In 1985 Roxborough encompassed 500 acres...today there are 3378 acres. We were successful because of partnerships with Colorado State Parks, GOCO, Douglas County Open Space, the Conservation Fund, and through donors like you! The Friends of Roxborough are a non profit, 501C3, and operates by the generous time of volunteers. There is zero overhead so 100% of program revenues and donations stay in the park. The Friends sponsor park programs such as moonlight hikes, summer concerts, and the Rox-Ride.

Become a Friend for \$20 per year...Family or Individual...dues are due each January. What do you get?... The Rambles sent to you quarterly...preferably by email, it keeps our costs down and the satisfaction that the money you give supports Roxborough State Park...your park!

In 2012 the park's focus is establishing "The Barbara Fritts Scholarship Fund" which will help with transportation for low income schools to participate in volunteer naturalist led school programs.

If you would like to protect and preserve this special park and support the nature education effort...please join us...as a Friend ...a volunteer or both. Please visit the Roxborough State Park page at www.parks.state.co.us for more information or call (303) 973-3959.