



Rocky Mountain National Park



The Sound and Color of Fall in the Rockies

Bull elk bugle to gather “harems” of cows, their shrill calls ringing out through the evening twilight. The first snows come and go from the high country. Fall may be the most magnificent of seasons in Rocky Mountain National Park.

In September, you can see and hear the spectacle of the elk mating rut—an activity most easily experienced in the waning light of evening.

Prime elk viewing areas include:

- EAST**
- The meadows of Moraine Park
 - Horseshoe Park
 - Upper Beaver Meadows

- WEST**
- Harbison Meadow
 - Holzwarth Meadow
 - Throughout the Kawuneeche Valley



Bear Lake is a popular hiking spot in autumn.

Fall is colorful. Aspen glow with golden leaves. Throughout the park many shrubs and small trees show autumn colors. Peak color season varies with park elevation, moving downslope through September.

Places for a colorful walk include:

- Sprague Lake
- Bear Lake
- Along the Fall River
- The Kawuneeche Valley

A walk on a trail will reveal the flurry of activity that engages some wildlife readying for the long winter. Pine squirrels, also known as chickarees, are busy cutting pine cones and storing seeds for the winter. You may see their work in fresh cones dropped along forest trails, and hear their scolding calls.

For the good of animals and other viewers:

- Park using roadside pullouts.
 - Turn off car lights and engine upon parking.
 - Stay by the roadside when viewing animals.
 - Do not approach animals closely.
 - Do not use artificial lights or calls.
 - Do not walk into posted meadows after 5 PM.
- Five meadows are closed from 5 PM until 7 AM daily from August 29 through October 26 to minimize disturbance to elk: Moraine Park, Horseshoe Park, Upper Beaver Meadows, Harbison Meadow, and Holzwarth Meadow.

In high, rocky regions, tiny pikas are gathering, drying, and storing plants for winter. This half-pound relative of the rabbit can collect and store up to 50 pounds of hay.

The alpine-dwelling pika doesn't hibernate, and its winter survival depends upon the size of stashed hay piles. Alpine areas throughout the park provide great opportunities for viewing energetic pikas.



Pikas are active all year long.



Marmots are long hibernators, often becoming inactive by late August.

Marmots are frequently observed in summer, preferring rock outcroppings with plenty of green vegetation for food. By late August or early September, with fat at about 50% of body weight, marmots settle into burrows for eight to nine months of torpor. Their body temperature drops from 97 to less than 40 degrees, and their pulse drops to less than five beats per minute!

Why are the trees red?

Because of a beetle measuring less than 1/2 of an inch long! Mountain pine beetle (MPB), *Dendroctonus ponderosae*, is native to the forests of western North America. Periodic outbreaks of the insect, previously called the Black Hills beetle or Rocky Mountain pine beetle, can result in losses of millions of trees. Outbreaks develop irrespective of property lines, being equally evident in wilderness areas, mountain subdivisions and back yards. Mountain pine beetles develop in pines, particularly ponderosa, lodgepole, Scotch and limber pine. Bristlecone and pinyon pine are less commonly attacked. During early stages of an outbreak, attacks are limited largely to trees under stress from injury, poor site conditions, fire damage, overcrowding, root disease or old age. However, as beetle populations increase, MPB attacks may involve most large trees in the outbreak area.



Massive bull elk are very active in fall.

Viewing Elk

Elk viewing is a wonderful experience, particularly when daylight is fading, and the calls of bull elk echo through park valleys.



You Need to Know

Visitor Centers



Grand Lake Area

Kawuneeche Visitor Center

Open daily: through 9/27, 8-5; from 9/28 on, open daily 8-4:30. Features free movie and slide shows, exhibits on what to do in the park, a bookstore, and backcountry permits.



Holzwarth Historic Site

The site can be visited, but without access to the interior of these historic structures. Brochure available at trailhead.



Estes Park Area

Beaver Meadows

Visitor Center

Open daily 8-5. Features a free movie, bookstore, large 3-D park map. Backcountry permits in adjacent building.



Fall River Visitor Center

Open daily 9-5 Features life-size wildlife displays, a bookstore, and a discovery room where kids can touch objects and dress up as rangers, American Indians, and pioneers.



Alpine Visitor Center

Open daily 10:30-4:30 through 10/13, weather permitting. Features extraordinary views of alpine tundra, tundra displays, bookstore, adjacent gift shop and snack bar. Call 586-1206 for daily information.




Moraine Park Visitor Center


Open daily 9-4:30 through 10/13. Interactive exhibits on the past and present landscape, nature trail and a bookstore.




Trail Ridge Road & Old Fall River Road may close temporarily at anytime due to snow, ice and wind. Normally Old Fall River Road and Trail Ridge Road close for the season about mid-October. Weather permitting, they may stay open longer. Check the park website or call the park information office at 970-586-1206 for up-to-date road conditions and closures.

Park Phone Numbers

 Call Park Information 970-586-1206 with your questions. We are available to assist you from 8 to 4:30 daily.

 Dial 911 or 970-586-1203 for emergencies.

 Hearing impaired persons may call the TTY at 970-586-1319 from 8 to 5 daily.

Websites

nps.gov/romo

The official Rocky Mountain National Park website provides detailed information on park features, wildlife, things to do, trip planning, conditions and more.

rmna.org

The website of Rocky Mountain Nature Association. Online book store features books, maps, and videos of the park. Seminar opportunities and fundraising projects to benefit Rocky Mountain National Park are detailed.

Keep Wildlife Wild

Never feed wildlife. A fine may be issued to violators. Animals can kick, bite or gore you. They can become dependent on human food and lose the ability to feed naturally. Wildlife also carry diseases, like rabies and plague, which can be transmitted to humans. Photograph animals from the roadside.



Lost and Found

Please turn found items in at any park visitor center. To ask about lost items, call the Backcountry Office at (970) 586-1242.

Pets

Pets are prohibited in all areas of the park not accessible by motor vehicles, including trails and meadows. They are allowed in campgrounds, picnic areas and along roadsides. Pets must be on a leash (6' or less) and attended at all times. Pets are not to be left unattended in vehicles or at campgrounds. They may not be left tied to vehicles, trees or other objects.

Fishing

Obtain specific park regulations at visitor centers or park entrance stations. To fish in Rocky Mountain National Park, you must have a valid Colorado state fishing license.

No Firearms or Hunting

Hunting and weapons are not allowed in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Recycling Available in Major Park Locations

Glass, plastic #1 and #2, and aluminum may be recycled in all park campgrounds, and more than fifteen other major park locations. Please inquire at any visitor center or campground.



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High Country Survival



Mountain Lions

It is extremely rare to see a mountain lion. However, these elusive animals are powerful and potentially dangerous. Some general guidelines for traveling in backcountry areas of Rocky Mountain which may contain mountain lions:

- 1) **Travel in Groups** and make noise as you hike. Keep your group, especially children, close together.
- 2) Closely supervise playing children, especially during dusk-dawn, when mountain lions are most active.
- 3) **Do Not Approach** a mountain lion or bear.
- 4) **Stay Calm** when you see a mountain lion or bear.
- 5) **Stop**; back away slowly. Never turn your back and run.
- 6) **Stand Tall and Look Large**. Raise your arms. Protect small children by picking them up.
- 7) If attacked by a mountain lion or bear, **Fight Back!**

Black Bear Country

Black Bears, which may be black, brown or cinnamon in color, are the only bears that live in Rocky Mountain National Park. Fall is a busy time for black bears, as they prepare for winter hibernation. In late summer and fall, black bears may consume 20,000 calories per day as they feed for up to 20 hours.

Though wonderful to view at a distance, never approach a bear. Keep children with you. If a bear approaches you, make loud noises: shout, clap hands, or clang pots and pans. If attacked, fight back!

Black bears have a powerful sense of smell. Do not attract hungry bears to campsites. Use food storage lockers provided in campgrounds, or store food in vehicle trucks or out of sight in airtight containers. Close vehicle windows completely. Do not store food in tents or popup campers in campgrounds, or vehicles at trailheads. Food, coolers and dirty cookware left unattended, even for a short time, are attractants and subject to confiscation by park rangers: citations can be issued. Dispose of garbage in bear-resistant trash receptacles. Human-fed bears usually end up as chronic problems and need to be removed - "A fed bear is a dead bear."

In the backcountry, store food, scented items and garbage in commercially available bear-resistant portable canisters, or carefully hang food ten feet up and four feet out from a tree. Pack out all garbage. Never try to retrieve anything from a bear.



High Elevation

Many visitors to Rocky Mountain National Park experience some symptoms of altitude sickness. These range from headache and dizziness to nausea and unconsciousness. Rocky Mountain has the highest average elevation of any national park; even the main road climbs higher than most U.S. mountains, to 12,183 feet! High altitude can also aggravate medical conditions such as heart and lung diseases. The only cure for altitude sickness is to **go down** in elevation.

Stay Together

When hiking, always keep your family or group closely together. This is the single most important key to your safe hiking! Safety is **your** responsibility. Don't depend upon a cell phone for emergency help; many locations in this rugged park are not serviced.




Lightning

People are killed by lightning every year in Colorado. Afternoon storms are frequent and can bring an unhappy end to a hike. Watch for approaching storms and be well below treeline or back to your car before the storm hits.

Dehydration

High altitude and the dry climate are both working to dry out your body right now. Carry and drink plenty of water as you hike or travel through the park. Avoid drinking untreated water from streams and lakes as it may be contaminated with giardia. To prevent giardiasis when backcountry camping, bring water to a full rolling boil for at least five minutes, or use a water filtration system that eliminates the organism.

Camping

	Fee per night	Reservations?	Dump Stations	Elevation (feet)	Public Phones	Summer firewood, ice, water	Winter Closure
Aspenglen 54 campsites	\$20	no	no	8,220	yes	yes	9/23 Noon
Glacier Basin 150 campsites 	\$20	yes	yes	8,500	yes	yes	9/9 Noon
Glacier Basin Group Camping 15 sites No RVs	special fees	yes	n/a	8,500	yes	yes	9/9 Noon
Longs Peak 26 campsites Tents only	\$20	no	no	9,405	no	yes	Year Around - Water Off 9/14
Moraine Park 247 campsites 	\$20	yes	yes	8,160	yes	yes	Year Around - Water Off mid- Oct
Timber Creek 18 campsites Limited RV sites	\$14	no	yes	8,900	yes	wood water	End of Sept.

Campgrounds/Reservations

Two park campgrounds, Moraine Park and Glacier Basin, accept peak-season reservations (late May through September). Call (877) 444-6777 to make national park camping reservations up to 6 months prior to your visit. Internet reservations can be made at recreation.gov. Camping at the park's other campgrounds—Aspenglen, Longs Peak, and Timber Creek—is first come, first served.

Backcountry Camping Permits

Permits are required for all backcountry overnight camping. Camping is allowed only in designated sites and areas.

Summer and fall permits (through October) require a \$20 administrative fee. Permits may be obtained at the Beaver Meadows Backcountry Office or Kawuneeche Visitor Center. For further information write to: Backcountry Office, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado 80517 or phone 970-586-1242.

Sprague Lake Accessible Backcountry Campsite

Reservations and information are available through the Backcountry Office at 970-586-1242. This site accommodates 12 campers with a maximum of five wheelchair users at the camp. The administrative fee is \$20 from May 1 to October 31.



Ranger Led Programs

Starting September 2

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Alpine

Program & Time	Days Offered							Description
	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
Alpine Aspects 2 PM 30 minute talk Ends 10/13								Discover the survival strategies tundra plants and animals use to live in gale-force winds, driving snow and a severely short summer. Meet at the Alpine Visitor Center.

Daytime Programs— East

Program & Time	Days Offered							Description
	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
Autumn Bird Walk 8 AM 1.5 hours Ends 10/13								Join a ranger in search of fall migrants in an excellent birding area. For all levels of birders. Bring binoculars and field guide. Meet at the Cub Lake Trailhead.
Tyndall Gorge Walk 9:30 AM 1.5 hours Ends 10/5								Explore the breathtaking glacial landscape and lush subalpine forests above Bear Lake on this moderate walk. Meet at the Bear Lake parking lot.
Moraine Park Nature Walk 10 AM 1 hour walk Ends 10/13								Discover what lives and grows around the Moraine park visitor center. Meet at the Moraine park Visitor Center for this easy walk.
Western History Walk 10 AM 1.5 hour walk Runs 9/5 to 9/27								Stroll along Moraine Park for this 2-part walk. Thursday: The Pioneers. Friday: The Moraine Community. Meet at the Moraine Park Visitor Center.
Animals in Autumn 10:30 AM 20-30 minute talk Ends 10/13								Find out what the wildlife are up to during this changing time of year. Meet at the Fall River Visitor Center.
Amazing Beavers 2 PM 30-40 minute talk Ends 10/13								Beavers drastically change their environment, and they have wonderful adaptations to do so. To see their work first hand, meet at Sprague Lake parking lot.
Bear Lake Stroll 1:30 PM 1 hour stroll Ends 10/13								Enjoy an easy walk around a lovely subalpine lake and learn about the natural and human forces that have shaped this landscape. Meet at Bear Lake parking lot.
Elk Echoes 6 PM 30 minute talk Ends 10/13								Learn about elk adaptations, migration, and mating behavior. Programs are held simultaneously at Moraine Park Visitor Center amphitheater and the Sheep Lakes parking lot nightly.
Here Come The Beetles 2:30 PM 20 minute talk Ends 10/13								Pine bark beetles are rapidly transforming our forests. Learn what this means for all species who share the park. Meet at the Moraine Park Visitor Center.



Evening Programs – East

Program & Time	Days Offered							Description
	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
Beaver Meadows Evening Program 7:00 PM 45 minutes Every Saturday								Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. Meet in the downstairs auditorium at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center.

Daytime Programs— West

Program & Time	Days Offered							Description
	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
Life At The Source 2:30 PM 1-mile walk 1 1/2 hours Ends 9/22								Just downstream from the source of the Colorado River, plants and animals form hardy communities. Meet at the Colorado River Trailhead.
Hiking Through History 9:30 AM 3 hours, 3 miles Runs 9/13 to 9/27								Walk a lovely river trail to explore early mining, homesteading, and dude ranching. Meet at the Colorado River Trailhead.
Coyote Valley River Walk 2:30 PM 1 hour walk Runs 9/13 to 10/4								Explore the valley ecology and history on this easy walk along the Colorado River. Meet at the Coyote Valley Trailhead.
A Glimpse Of Paradise 10:00 AM 2 1/2 hours Ends 9/21								This easy 3-mile hike passes Adams Falls and leads to spectacular views of the mountains surrounding the meadows of the East Inlet. Meet at East Inlet Trailhead.
Seeing Red! 2:30 PM 1 hour walk Ends 9/28								What's killing the pine trees? Walk through a lodgepole forest to discover the mighty impact of a tiny beetle. Meet at the Onahu Trailhead.
Skins and Things 11:00 AM 40-minute activity Ends 9/28								Examine the skins, skulls, antlers, teeth and bones of many park mammals. Meet at Kawuneeche Visitor Center.

Evening Programs – West

Program & Time	Days Offered							Description
	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
Saturday Night in the Park 7 PM 1 hour presentation second Saturday of Sept. and Oct.								Enjoy a Saturday evening program in the auditorium at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center. For a description of topics, inquire at the front desk.
Timber Creek Evening Program 7:45 PM Every Fri. and Sat. 45 minutes Ends 9/27								Presentation Friday and Saturday night at Timber Creek Campground. Check at the campground or Kawuneeche Visitor Center for topics.

Special Programs and Other Activities

Special Programs

Elk Exploration Day, Holzwarth Historic Site Picnic Area 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, September 6th only



Learn all about these bugling beauties in a special day of elk activities. Rangers will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holzwarth Historic Site picnic area with fun family activities to share. Please drop in!

Junior Rangers - Parkwide



Free junior ranger books are available for kids ages 6-12 at park visitor centers. A successfully completed book earns a badge!

Los libros de guardaparque juveniles para niños de 6 a 12 años se pueden obtener sin costo en el centro de visitantes del parque. Si se completa el libro con éxito puede recibir una insignia!

Free Park Movie

See the stunning 23 minute park movie at the Beaver Meadows and Kawuneeche Visitor Centers during normal business hours. This movie features spectacular aerial footage of the rugged high country of Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as wildlife and other park resources.

Heart of the Rockies

Teachers, Parents, Students!

Rocky Mountain National Park's "Heart of the Rockies" education program provides an outdoor classroom to children throughout this region. Teachers who are interested in participating in this program may contact the park's Education Specialist at (970) 586-3777, or through the website at heartoftherockies.net



Family-Friendly Trails

Rocky Mountain National Park has a number of strolls and hikes that are short, scenic and family-friendly. These beautiful areas offer more than just opportunities to stretch your legs - they offer more ways to learn about your national park. Remember: pets are not permitted on any park trails.

Trail	Trailhead Location	Round Trip Distance	Cool Stuff
West Side Trailheads			
Coyote Valley Trail	Located 6 miles north of the Kawuneeche Visitor Center on Highway 34.	1 mile	The trail follows the bank of the Colorado River with views of the Never Summer Mountains. Look for moose, songbirds and wildflowers. Features educational exhibits along the trail. Accessible. Strollers permitted. Picnic tables.
Lulu City	Starts from the Colorado River Trailhead 10 miles north of the Kawuneeche Visitor Center on Highway 34.	7.4 miles	Follows a gentle grade to the site of the old gold mining camp of Lulu City. Not much remains now, but this historic area is written up in a trail booklet available at visitor centers for a nominal price.
Holzwarth Historic Site	8 miles north of the Kawuneeche Visitor Center on Highway 34.	1 mile	Visit the site of the Holzwarth Trout Lodge, a set old cabins dating back to the early days of Colorado tourism. The packed gravel trail has interpretive signs, plus a booklet is available at the trailhead for a nominal price. Accessible. Strollers permitted.
Up High			
The Toll Memorial	Along scenic Trail Ridge Road - Highway 34, just east of Rock Cut.	1/4 mile	These short paved trails feature scenic vistas, and educational exhibits. Strollers permitted.
Forest Canyon Overlook Trail	Along scenic Trail Ridge Road - Highway 34.	1/8 mile	
East Side Trailheads			
Alluvial Fan	2.5 miles west of the Fall River Visitor Center.	1/4 mile	Large boulders prove the force of water in this area at the lower end of Old Fall River Road. The steep paved trail approaches from both east and west sides. Features educational exhibits. Strollers permitted. Picnic tables. Be watchful of small children around rapid water.
Sprague Lake	Along Bear Lake Road.	1/2 mile	Lovely Sprague Lake offers views of the high peaks. This level hardened gravel trail encircles the lake, and features educational exhibits. Accessible. Strollers permitted. Picnic tables.
Bear Lake Nature Trail	At the end of Bear Lake Road.	1/2 mile	This scenic lake is encircled by a packed gravel trail. Some steep sections. Self-guiding brochure available for a nominal price. Accessible. Strollers permitted.
Lily Lake	Located 6.4 miles south of Beaver Meadows Visitor Center on Highway 7.	3/4 mile	Lily Lake offers splendid views of Longs Peak and Mount Meeker amid rocky outcrops. A level packed gravel trail encircles the lake featuring educational exhibits. Accessible trail and fishing pier. Strollers permitted.

Hiking Trails

With over 350 miles of trails, the park offers a vast array of choices. A sampling of trails are described below. When properly equipped, hiking at Rocky Mountain National Park is often inspiring and invigorating. Trails are typically less crowded on the west side of the park (Grand Lake entrance) than on the eastern slope. Even for short day trips, be sure to pack gear for all types of weather (sun, rain, wind). Windproof/waterproof clothing is essential gear to wear or carry. Snow comes early to the high country; check conditions at a visitor center.

Falling trees are an ever-present hazard when traveling or camping in the forest. Be aware of your surroundings. Dead trees can fall without warning.

Leave No Trace

Do your part to preserve this park by following the Leave No Trace principles:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find



- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors



Trail	Trailhead Location	Round Trip Distance	Elevation Gain	Cool Stuff
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West Side Trailheads

Adams Falls	East Inlet , on the West Portal Road, located on the far east end of Grand Lake	.6 mile	80 feet	A beautiful short hike near Grand Lake. The trail continues beyond the falls to lush meadows.
Cascade Falls	North Inlet Trail off Tunnel Road in Grand Lake	6.8 miles	300 feet	A relatively level walk to Cascade Falls.
Onahu Creek/Green Mountain Loop	Onahu Creek Trailhead or Green Mt. Trailhead in Kawuneeche Valley	7.6 miles	1,100 feet	Excellent loop trail through quiet forest and meadow, along flowing mountain creeks.
Timber Lake	Timber Lake Trailhead on the West Side in Kawuneeche Valley	9.6 miles	2,060 feet	Strenuous hike to a beautiful backcountry lake.
Shadow Mountain Fire Lookout	East side of Shadow Mountain Lake , just south of Grand Lake	9.4 miles	1,533 feet	Strenuous hike to a former fire lookout with spectacular views.
East Shore Trail	East side of Shadow Mountain Lake , just south of Grand Lake	5.2 miles	100 feet	2.6 miles to Green Ridge Campground; a side loop trail to Ranger Meadows reconnects with main trail, adding 1.4 miles.

Up High

Poudre River Trail	Poudre River Trailhead just northeast of Poudre Lake and Milner Pass on Trail Ridge Road	1-16 miles	up to 1000 feet	Gentle downstream walk through open meadows along the headwaters of a major river. Return walk is uphill!
Ute Trail	Across the road from Alpine Visitor Center , as well as other access points	1-8 miles	up to 1038 feet	Tremendous, open vistas above treeline; start and finish early before lightning and thunderstorms!

East Side Trailheads

Deer Mountain	Deer Ridge Junction	6 miles	1083 feet	A busier trailhead; the summit offers great views of beautiful peaks and broad valleys.
Lawn Lake	Lawn Lake Trailhead	12.4 miles	2249 feet	A challenging hike to a beautiful lake; site of a failed dam, now a restored natural area.
Cub Lake	Cub Lake on Cub Lake Road near Moraine Park Campground.	4.6 miles	540 feet	Meadows, aspen groves, ponds and conifer forests highlight this hike.
The Pool	Fern Lake Trailhead	3.4 miles	245 feet	An easy, shaded hike along a stream. Continues up to Fern and Odessa Lake.
Nymph Lake	Bear Lake Trailhead	1 mile	225 feet	Beautiful views abound on an easy hike to a small lake.
Dream Lake	Bear Lake Trailhead	2.2 miles	425 feet	Short hike to a very scenic backcountry lake.
Alberta Falls	Glacier Gorge Trailhead	1.6 miles	210 feet	Easy hike to a plunging waterfall.
Mills Lake	Glacier Gorge Trailhead	5.6 miles	750 feet	Classic day hike to a lake rimmed by mountains.
The Loch	Glacier Gorge Trailhead	6.8 miles	990 feet	A beautiful lake surrounded by tall peaks.

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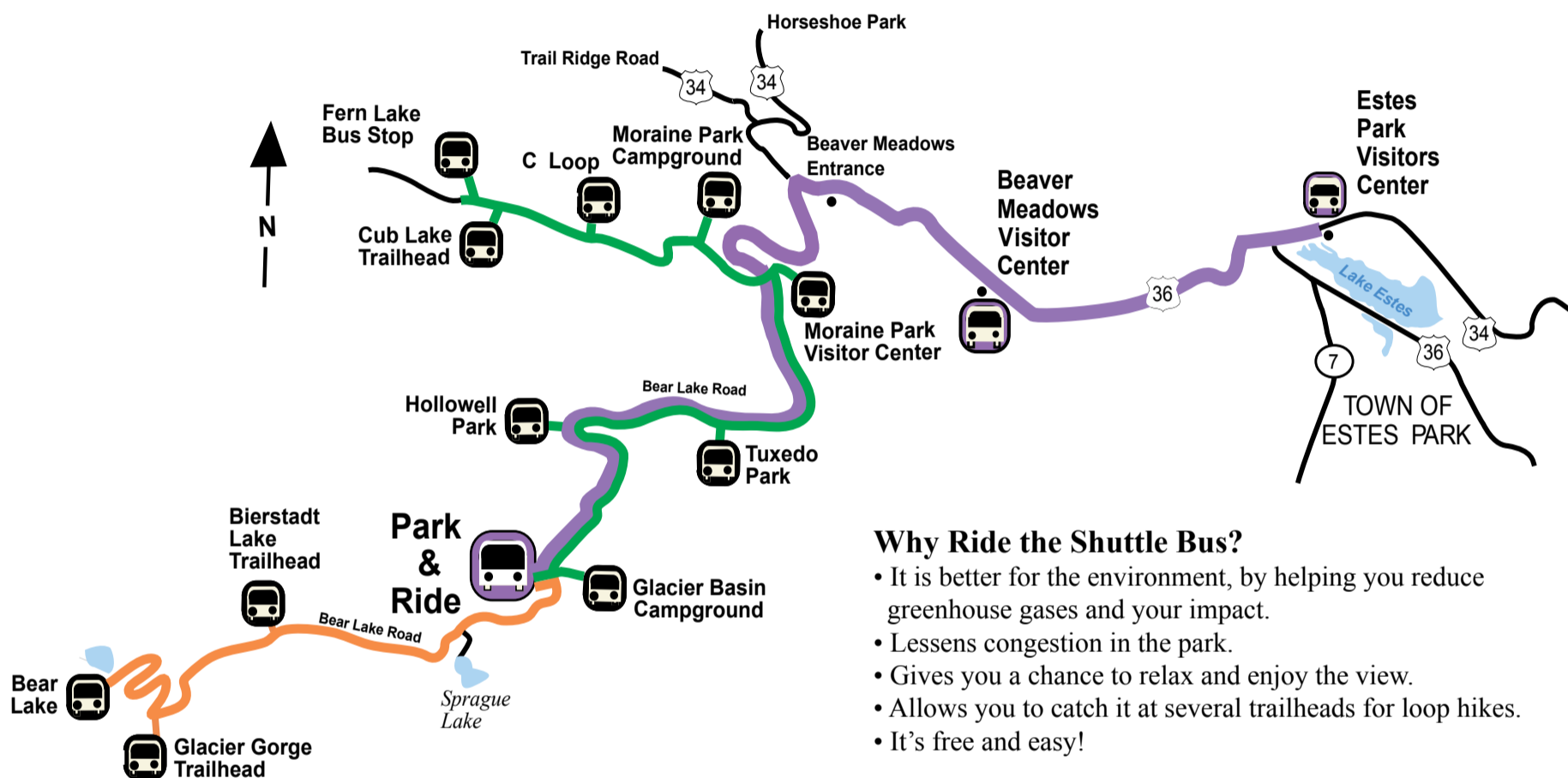
Free Shuttle Bus

The popular hiking trails along Bear Lake Road are served by free shuttle bus service through September. Park your car at Park & Ride and hop onto a free bus to the trailhead of your choice. From June 14 through September 28, shuttle buses operate every day.

Buses run on the Bear Lake Route (Park & Ride to Bear Lake) every 10-15 minutes. Buses serve the Moraine Park Route (Park & Ride to Fern Lake Bus Stop) every 30 minutes. The first bus departs from Park & Ride at 7 AM and the last bus leaves at 7 PM. The last bus of the day leaves Bear Lake and Fern Lake Bus Stop at 7:30 PM.

From June 30 through September 1, weekends only September 6 through the 28, a shuttle will travel from the Estes Park Visitors Center to Park & Ride, with one stop at the park's Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. This bus runs on an hourly schedule, leaving Estes Park from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM. A park pass is required for this bus, which may be purchased at automated machines at Estes Park and Beaver Meadows Visitor Centers. The last bus leaves Park & Ride bound for Estes Park at 8 PM.

All Shuttle Buses are handicapped accessible. 



Why Ride the Shuttle Bus?

- It is better for the environment, by helping you reduce greenhouse gases and your impact.
- Lessens congestion in the park.
- Gives you a chance to relax and enjoy the view.
- Allows you to catch it at several trailheads for loop hikes.
- It's free and easy!



Moraine Park Shuttle
 June 14-September 28: buses will operate daily between Park & Ride and Fern Lake Bus Stop, leaving Park & Ride every 30 minutes from 7 AM to 7 PM

Bear Lake Shuttle
 June 14-September 28: buses will operate daily between Park & Ride and Bear Lake, leaving Park & Ride every 10-15 minutes from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Hiker Shuttle
 June 30-September 1: buses will operate daily between Estes Park Visitors Center and Park & Ride on an hourly schedule from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Weekends only September 6th through September 28th.

The last bus will leave the Estes Park Visitors Center at 7:30 PM and Park & Ride at 8 PM.

The last bus will leave BOTH Bear Lake and Fern Lake Bus stops at 7:30 PM each evening.

Estes Park Shuttles
 Ask at the Estes Park Visitors Center about additional shuttle routes that operate in Estes Park.