

Meyer Ranch Fall Colors Hike

Saturday, September 29, 2018, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

Join us for a fall hike through the changing aspens in this Jefferson County Open Space Park southwest of Denver. Abundant wildlife, including deer and elk, make this park home.

Rating: Easy

Distance: Up to 5 miles round trip

Elevation: 7,800 to 8,600 feet

Guide: **Ron Johnson** (303-745-4047 or rojo2002@msn.com)

Alderfer/Three Sisters Hike

Saturday, October 20, 2018, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

This park west of Evergreen features Precambrian Era rock outcroppings known as "The Three Sisters" and "The Brother." Scenic overlook provides great views of Evergreen and the surrounding valleys.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 3-4 miles round trip

Elevation: 6,500 to 7,450 feet

Guide: **Karen Kisch** (303-810-0456 or scottkykisch@hotmail.com)

Ridgeview/Ruth Roberts Open Space Hike

Saturday, November 3, 2018, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

We will hike the Lake Link Trail, which starts at the edge of a Broomfield neighborhood near Miramonte Blvd. and Highway 287, winds its way north from Ridgeview Open Space and

intersects with the Ruth Roberts Connector Trail. Scenic views of the Front Range can be enjoyed from these trails.

Rating: Easy

Distance: 4 miles round trip

Guide: **Jim Bull** (303-466-0576 or jebull2@hotmail.com)

- To reserve your space for the trip, contact the guide listed for the event at phone number at least five days before the event.
- Please arrive ten minutes before departure time to have all gear loaded. Vehicles will car pool and leave at the scheduled time.
- Be prepared! For hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing you should bring water, rain gear, lunch and snacks, layered clothing (the weather can be very different from Denver's), and appropriate footgear. Sunscreen and a backpack are always necessary. Check with the guide to determine whether the activity is within your personal limits.

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Dawson Butte Ranch

Open Space Hike

Saturday, June 2, 2018, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

This loop trail winds gently through ponderosa pine and Gambel oak forest and across several meadows on the south side of Dawson Butte. Occasionally you get glimpses of the tops of Pikes Peak and Devils Head, along with the ridge of the Rampart Range to the west. The area is excellent wildlife habitat with a good diversity of birds.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 5-mile loop

Elevation: 6,815 to 7,135 feet

Guide: **Ron Johnson** (303-745-4047 or rojo2002@msn.com)

Hiking in the Mount Evans Wilderness

Saturday, June 23, 2018, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

Tanglewood Trail follows a creek of the same name where the landscape alternates between forest and flowery meadows. This trail has you traveling a stony old roadbed, rocky stretches, and split-log and plank bridges. A creek-side meadow, reportedly the site of an old sawmill, is the turnaround point for this hike.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 4.4 miles round trip

Elevation: 9,250 to 10,440 feet

Guide: **Don Troike** (720-379-3676 or don.troike@gmail.com)

Caribou Ranch Hike

Saturday, July 7, 2018, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

Caribou Ranch is located between Nederland and the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. The 2,151 acres of Caribou Ranch offers a variety of landscapes to explore including wetlands, meadows, streams and forests. In the late 1800s the mining industry moved in and established the area. The Blue Bird Mine Complex was a silver mine from that era and it can still be seen in the park today.

Rating: Easy to moderate

Distance: 4.2-mile balloon loop

Elevation: 8,500 to 8,700 feet

Guide: **Karen Kisch** (303-810-0456 or scottykisch@hotmail.com)



Hall Ranch Hike

Saturday, July 28, 2018, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

A landscape of rolling grasslands and sandstone buttes at Hall Ranch near Lyons, CO provides excellent viewing opportunities for wildflowers, animals, and scenic vistas. We will hike Bitterbrush Trail to the intersection with Antelope Trail.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 4.6 miles out and back

Elevation: 5,500 to 6,100 feet

Guide: **Laurie Scott** (303-358-5864 or laurajscott@msn.com)

Staunton State Park Hike

Saturday, August 18, 2018, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

This park just west of Conifer features varied geology, soils, water features, and a climate that supports rare and unexpected plant communities and a rich diversity of wildlife. We will hike to an old mill site, passing historic buildings and following a stream.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 6.2 miles round trip

Elevation: 8,100 to 9,120 feet

Guide: **Laurie Scott** (303-358-5864 or laurajscott@msn.com)

Pine Valley Ranch Park Hike

Saturday, September 8, 2018, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

This picturesque park boasts historic buildings, a lake and an old railroad bed. We will finish up a loop hike (via Park View, Strawberry Jack and Buck Gulch trails) at a picnic spot near Pine Lake. Those who want an easier alternative with minimal elevation gain can hike the Narrow Gauge Trail and around Pine Lake.

Rating: Easy to moderate

Distance: 3 to 4 miles round trip

Elevation: 6,900 to 7,300 feet

Guide: **Don Troike** (720-379-3676 or don.troike@gmail.com)