



Program Schedule August 5 – August 10 Roan Mountain State Park



Monday, Aug 5

5:00 PM

Tree ID Walk-Learn to identify some common trees as we take an easy walk out of the campground. Come discover just how diverse and important our trees are in the Southern Appalachian forests, and maybe learn a bit about the trees in your own backyard! Meet Meg at Campground Check-In.

Wednesday, Aug 7

9:00 AM

Peg Leg Mine Hike- This trail leads back from the old grist mill over an iron ore vein to a mine. Come learn about the history of the mine and the importance of this vein to the development of Roan Mountain. Meet Brian at the Visitors' Center.

10:00 AM

Hike the Balds- Come out for a hike of unparalleled views and learn about the rare ecosystems that make Roan Mountain such a unique place, all while hiking along the Appalachian Trail! Please bring sturdy shoes, water, jacket, and pack a lunch. We will be hiking 5 miles round trip along the Roan Highlands to Grassy Ridge and back. Trail can be moderately difficult and steep in sections. Meet Amanda at Park Headquarters and we'll carpool to Carver's Gap.

Thursday, Aug 8

10:00 AM

Volunteer Day-Calling all hands! Join park rangers for a rewarding day of work where we help maintain and fix sections of some of your favorite trails. No experience necessary. Please wear comfortable clothes for hiking, closed-toe shoes, pack a lunch, bring water and work gloves if possible. We look forward to working beside you! Meet at Park Headquarters.

Friday, Aug 9

10:00 AM

Blue 2 Hike- Learn some of our park's cultural and natural history while hiking this beautiful and peaceful trail. Meet Brian at the Blue 2 trailhead (Shelter 2 Entrance).

1:00 PM

Creek Walk- Come cool off in the Doe River as we learn about stream ecology and discover some aquatic life forms in their natural habitat. You may be surprised at what we find! Wear closed toed shoes and be prepared to get in the water. Meet Brian at Campground Check-In.

2:30 PM

Slithering Snakes- Meet and greet some of the park's resident reptiles, and learn the truth about these often misunderstood creatures. Meet Brian at the Visitors' Center.

3:30 PM

10 Essentials- Going hiking? Don't get caught in the woods unprepared. Come learn what items you should carry in your pack, and how to use them. Meet Amanda at Visitors' Center.

5:00 PM

Volleyball-Who says you can't play a beach game at the mountains? Meet Amanda and have a "ball" with us down at the Volleyball Court, across from the park pool!

8:30 PM

Crepuscular Creatures- After the sun goes down, the forest trails come alive with the sounds, smells, and sensations of the night. Come explore the park in the dark... the differences are like night and day! Meet Amanda at the Amphitheater.

Saturday, Aug 10

- 10:00 AM **Cornhole!**-The cornhole craze is sweeping the nation and quickly becoming a fun-time tradition. Join Ranger Josh to learn the rules, tips, and tricks to this popular game. You'll be yelling "HOLE" in no time! Meet at the Campground Playing Field (across from Campground Check-in).
- 11:00 AM **Land Navigation: Map and Compass-** People have used a map and compass throughout history to help them find their way. Come to this program to learn the parts of a map and compass and how you can use them together! Meet Brian at Shelter 3 (Campground Pavilion).
- 1:00 PM **Native American Weapons-** Meet Brian at the Campground Fire Ring to learn about some tools used by Native Americans that were converted into weapons during times of battle. You may even get a chance to try one out!
- 5:00 PM **Tom Gray Hike-** Come cool off on this leisurely hike! The Tom Gray trail meanders along the Doe River and is sure to please hikers of all ages & skill levels. Meet Brian at the Campground Check -In Station.
- 7:00 PM **The Corklickers-** Together since 1976, this Old Time String Band from the mountains of North Carolina is sure to please all audiences. Join us at the Amphitheater at 7 PM.
- 8:00 PM **To Build a Fire-** When you need a friend, a fire might be just what you need. Learn a few hot tips from Amanda! Meet at the Campground Fire Ring.
- 9:00 PM **Campground Campfire-** Come enjoy jokes, riddles, stories and S'mores at the campground area fire ring. Meet Amanda, and don't forget your flashlight!
- 11:59 PM **Midnight Meteors-**Enjoy a starry night atop Strawberry Mountain as we open the gates to the Miller Farmstead Road for a special sky-viewing event to celebrate the August return of the Perseid meteors. Please bring a flashlight, a lawn chair and/or blanket, and a jacket. Meet Amanda in the Farmstead Parking Lot. Program will be canceled in the event of rainy or overcast weather.

*****The Miller Farmstead will be open until 4 AM from August 10th through August 14th especially for viewing the Perseid Meteor Shower. Take advantage, they come but once a year!*****



****General Announcements****

- Programs are free of charge.
- Programs are for all ages unless otherwise specified.
- For all hikes, please wear appropriate shoes. Drinking water is highly recommended.
- During inclement weather, evening entertainment will be held at Shelter 3.

Enjoy your summer at Roan Mountain State Park!