

USFS Interpretive Programs provided by the Gore Range Natural Science School and the Holy Cross Ranger District for Summer 2006.

Naturalists provide **interpretive programs** on subjects such as mountain mammals, wildflowers, cultural history, and many more. Programs are offered Mondays through Saturdays at multiple locations across the Holy Cross Ranger District from June 21st through September 16th.

Interpretive Programs for 2006:

Meet the Pine Beetle

Days: Wednesday

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Grouse Creek Trailhead, on the west side of Hwy 24 just north of Minturn.

Throughout the valley, the mass of dead and dying lodgepole pines is unmistakable. What has caused their death? What do we know of the Pine Beetle? Hike with a GRNSS Naturalist to unveil the mysteries behind the dying pines.

Through Nature's Looking Glass

Days: Saturday

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: Maloit Park. Call for directions and exact meeting location.

Tumble through the 'rabbit hole' and into a fantastic land where everything is reversed: beavers build communities, water forms mountains and plants conquer rocks. Observe madcap Chickadees and signs of other wildlife in the natural wonderland we call Maloit Park.

Watchers in the Woods

Days: Monday through Saturday

Time: 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Holy Cross District Visitor Center. On Hwy 24 south of I-70, Minturn Exit.

Everyday animals see us, but we don't always see them. Stop by the US Forest Service Visitor Center in Minturn to learn more about our feathered and furry friends. Find out which animals live here during the summer and how to identify signs of their presence.

Evenings at Gore Creek

Days: Saturday

Time: 7:00 – 7:45 pm

Location: Gore Creek Campground Amphitheater

What makes the Rocky Mountains special? How about a clear night of dazzling stars, fascinating tales from mining history, or a glimpse into the lives of bear or moose? Weekly program topics vary so be sure to check out the campground bulletin board for details.

An Army Built for Snow

Days: Saturday

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Camp Hale Campground Amphitheater

Step back in time as we explore tales from Camp Hale – the former training base of the 10th Mountain Division. These elite alpine soldiers are famous for their triumph at Riva Ridge during WWII. See the training grounds where it all began and hear tales of these brave mountaineers.

* For more information, contact the Holy Cross Ranger District at (970) 827-5715.