



Routt Finders

Summer Day Camp Theme Descriptions

June 13-June 17: Journey down a River: Routt Finders

From snow melting off the ski hill down to water running past Dinosaur Bones, the Yampa is an amazing river that defines the landscape of Northwestern CO. Join us on an expedition to learn about the impact it has on the lives of those who are living and those who have lived in the Yampa Valley. We will get to see the Yampa all up and down its course as well as learn how to do important water measurements like discharge, biological monitoring, and chemical tests.

June 20-June 24: Living from the Land: Routt Finders

Learn about agriculture and its rich history in the Yampa Valley. Identify how the land here supports both organisms and people and how it has done that in different ways over time. We'll explore some local ranches, farms, and gardens, and camp out with some delicious and traditional cattle trail cooking.

June 27-July 1: The Green Scene: Routt Finders

Come and join our Naturalist as we spend an awesome week looking at forest habitats! We'll explore both the living and nonliving things that make up this vital ecosystem, look at how different inhabitants interact with each other, and understand how humans have a role to play in this ecosystem too! We will journey looking at some of the different unique forest environments around Routt County.

July 5-July 8: Moose Safari: Routt Finders

Join our Naturalists as we bring back this amazing summer program where we'll learn about Moose, their role in the Rocky Mountains, and about the dangers and benefits of introducing an organism to an environment. We'll end our week with an exciting trip to the Moose Capitol of Colorado, State Forest State Park! There we will camp out and hike as we search for signs of Moose and attempt to track some down!

July 11-July 15: Survival Olympics: Yampatykes, Nature Explorers, and Routt Finders

Survival is a competition! Animals have all sorts of strategies and physical abilities to help them get ahead. Join as we learn about how different animals compete for survival and as we compete in epic nature themed challenges for the survival of the fittest! At the end of the week, we will face one of the ultimate challenges of surviving the night in the woods, just like animals do every night!

July 18-July 22: Finding Bigfoot: Routt Finders

Has the Sasquatch been around for centuries or was it never here at all? What other strange things might be hiding behind the trees in our backyard? Join our Naturalists as they help you look for the signs of the elusive creatures that live here in Routt County and where they go when we can't see them.

July 25-July 29: Underwater World: Routt Finders

What is different about living in the water compared to living on land? What would you need if you were to move into a river or a lake? Come and explore an underwater world with our Naturalists to figure out the kinds of organisms that live there and how they survive. We will end our week with an epic aquatic expedition as we camp near one of the awesome bodies of water in the Yampa Valley.

August 1- August 5: Rocks and Ice: Routt Finders

You may not know it, but there are two forces that have been battling each other here in the Yampa Valley for eons. Join our Naturalists as they take the Routt Finders on excursions all over the county to search for signs and learn the impact of these incredible forces at work. We will end our search by finding a place where we can sleep under the towering peaks that are a result of the battle between Rocks and Ice.

August 8-August 12: Kid Vs. Wild: Routt Finders

Journey with Yampatika into the elements as we learn how to survive in the outdoors! We'll learn about what we need to be prepared and stay safe, how to read changing weather conditions, and work on our fire and shelter building. We'll also learn how to plan hikes and a camping trip as well as about Leave No Trace. We'll end our week with a harrowing tent camp out in the wilderness!

August 15-August 19: Expeditions and Exploration: Routt Finders

What makes an area a great place to live? How do people discover things when they go to a new place? Join our Naturalists as they take you on a journey that will show you how the Yampa River Valley was explored and settled as well as how to become familiar with an unfamiliar place.