

9 a.m. with a Naturalist

Spend time with a Master Naturalist each Saturday and learn something new! No reservations are required—just show up! All programs begin at 9:00 a.m.

September 12—History of Bobcat Ridge

9:00 am to Noon

In addition to being a beautiful natural area, Bobcat Ridge has a rich human history. Learn about Native Americans and early settlers who have called this place home. Includes an easy two-mile, round-trip hike to a pioneer cabin. Meet in the parking lot. Accommodations can be made for accessibility.

September 19—Owls and Bats, Friends of the Night

9:00 am to 11 am

Discover the real truth and amazing facts about these nighttime animals. Facts really ARE much cooler than fiction! Bring your family and enjoy this hands-on programs with activities for young and old. Meet at the picnic shelter.



September 26—Sensational Senior Hike

9:00 to 11:00 am

Enjoy a short hike at Bobcat Ridge at a more leisurely pace, and learn some interesting facts about the plants and wildlife along the way. Meet at the picnic shelter.



Winter Exploration

Are you up for a winter hike? It's difficult to plan in advance for snow, but after a snowfall is a great time to hike or snowshoe and look for animal tracks. If you're interested, send your name and contact information to dprice@fcgov.com. We'll notify you if we add an impromptu winter walk!

Groups and Organizations: We are happy to provide free programs for your group. Call 217-3075 or email dprice@fcgov.com for information.



The City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program invites you to participate in the programs offered at Bobcat Ridge. All are free, but some require reservations.



One of our wildlife study cameras captured this shot of bear cubs frolicking through the trees at Bobcat Ridge in mid-August. Bears are looking for lots of food in preparation for winter hibernation. Look for signs of bears—tracks, or scat (poop) full of berry and fruit seeds. Be sure to give bears plenty of room if you see one, and back away slowly.



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Look for these upcoming family programs at Bobcat Ridge

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Evening Programs

Bobcat Ridge Stars

Thursday, September 24—Jivin' Jupiter

Thursday, October 22—Shifting Seasons



Enjoy the wide open skies at Bobcat Ridge! A 30-45 minute program is followed by viewing of the night sky with telescopes, courtesy of the Northern Colorado Astronomical Society. Reservations are required—time of program and location will be given when calling to register. Call 416-2815 or email

naturalareas@fcgov.com Monday through Friday.

Fall is a nice time to view the sky, but be sure to bring along a jacket for chilly nights!

Moon Magic

The moon provides a natural night light—great for an evening stroll! Two program topics are featured:

Moon Folklore and More—Monday, September 7

The Moon has captivated people for centuries. Hear stories and tales about the Moon and some interesting lunar facts as you enjoy a walk under the moonlit sky.

Nocturnal Animal Senses—Wednesday, October 7

Explore the wonderful senses that nocturnal wildlife use to survive during this interactive program and walk.



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Discover Bobcat Ridge

Guided Equestrian Ride

Tuesday, September 1

8:30 am to 1:00 pm OR

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Get to know the trails of Bobcat Ridge by horseback with a Natural Areas Program staff member who will share behind-the-scenes tidbits! Riders must bring their own horse, water, and lunch. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED—call 416-2815 or email naturalareas@fcgov.com.

Wildlife Watching

Monday, September 7

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

You know that wildlife live here, but it's hard to spot them!

Learn techniques to better observe wildlife and how to find the signs that wildlife leave behind on this short hike. Meet at the picnic shelter. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED—call 416-2815 or email naturalareas@fcgov.com.



Bobcat Tales

Puppets and interactive play make this a fun learning experience for children ages 3-7. Programs run from 10-11 am and begin at the picnic shelter. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED—call 416-2815 or email naturalareas@fcgov.com.

September 9: Drink with Your Feet! Discover how plants eat and drink, and how their parts are different (and like) your own.

September 23: Clever Clyde's Animal Homes. Clever Clyde the fox, along with his puppet friends, explores the different types of homes that animals build .



**For more information about Bobcat Ridge Natural Area, visit
www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/finder/bobcat**

These programs are made available through the generosity of the D.R. and Virginia D. Pulliam Charitable Trust. For more information, call 217-3075 or email dprice@fcgov.com