



# Honoring Earth Day

## Go Green at Parks and Other Community Events

This year's National Park Week, from April 20 to 28, centered on Earth Day, will offer free weekday admission to all 398 national parks from April 22 to 26, adding 134 more historic sites, preserves, recreation areas and other sites to the usual 264 with no entrance fee. Earth Day's 43rd anniversary celebrations in America and worldwide will encourage everyone to join in the next "billion acts of green," aligned with the theme: The Face of Climate Change.

"In the face of unprecedented occurrences of extreme weather, loss of species and pollution, it is clear that climate change is affecting our planet. We cannot afford to wait any longer to act," advises the Earth Day Network, which posts many ideas for participating at [EarthDay.org/takeaction](http://EarthDay.org/takeaction).

Find local park activities by state at [nps.gov/findapark/event-search.htm](http://nps.gov/findapark/event-search.htm) or check a park's website for upcoming programs. Following are other leading local events that will help citizens of all ages answer the call to go green.

## EARTH DAY EVENTS

### Throughout April:

#### Children's Museum of Denver:

2121 Children's Museum Drive, Denver. [Mychildsmuseum.org](http://Mychildsmuseum.org)

**Mondays:** Toddler Time - Sense-ational Earth

**Tuesdays:** Super Science - Earth Rangers

**Wednesdays:** Arts a la Carte - Trash into Treasure

**Thursdays:** Backyard Explorers - Throw It, Grow It & Healthy Kids - Cool Compost

#### Denver Botanic Gardens:

Classes for kids and adults from Your First Vegetable Garden, Composting and Soil Building to Berries and Grapes and Backyard Chicken Keeping. 1007 York St, Denver. [DenverBotanicGardens.org](http://DenverBotanicGardens.org)

### Daily:

#### Friday, April 5: Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield

8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. [Botanicgardens.org/our-gardens/chatfield](http://Botanicgardens.org/our-gardens/chatfield)

#### April 14-20: National Environmental Education Week

EE Week is the nation's largest celebration of environmental education held each year the week before Earth Day and inspires environmental learning and stewardship among K-12 students. The 2013 theme, [EEweek.org/greening\\_stem](http://EEweek.org/greening_stem)

#### April 18-25: Colorado State University Celebrates Earth Day with Week of Events

[green.colostate.edu/earth-week-2013.aspx](http://green.colostate.edu/earth-week-2013.aspx)

#### Saturday, April 20: Mountain Area Earth Day Fair,

10am-4pm  
Evergreen Lake House, 29614 Upper Bear Creek Road, Evergreen  
The Fair will be the feature event in a nearly month long Countdown To Earth Day celebration which will encompass a series of varying events and activities including the festivities at the Lake House. [OurEarthOurChance.weebly.com](http://OurEarthOurChance.weebly.com)

**Earth Day Fort Collins,** 11am-5pm  
Hosted by Sustainable Living Association at the Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins. [SustainableLivingAssociation.org](http://SustainableLivingAssociation.org)

**Garden of the Gods Earth Day Celebration,** 9am-3pm  
Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center, Colorado Springs. [Gardenofgods.com](http://Gardenofgods.com)

**5th Annual Earth Day Expo,** 10am-3pm  
Lakewood Heritage Center, 801 S. Yarrow St., Lakewood. [Lakewood.org/Green](http://Lakewood.org/Green)

**Saturday, April 21: Free Day at Denver Museum of Nature and Science**  
2001 Colorado Boulevard, Denver. [DMNS.org](http://DMNS.org)

11th Annual Earth Day 5K Run/Walk  
10 am. CU Boulder Research Park in Boulder, 4001 Discovery Drive, Boulder. [ConservationCenter.org](http://ConservationCenter.org)

**Sunday, April 21:** Amazing Rock the Earth Race, 8am  
Parking lot, 1536 Wynkoop Street, Denver  
Earth Day fundraiser for Rock the Earth, a national nonprofit environmental organization that partners with the music industry, that combines the excitement and adventure of the popular television show The Amazing Race, with the primary themes of Rock the Earth: music & environment.

**Sunday, April 21:** WildEarth 2013, 11am-4pm  
Wild Bear Mountain Ecology Center, 20 Lakeview Dr, Unit 107, Nederland  
[Wildbear.org](http://Wildbear.org)

#### Monday, April 22:

**EARTH DAY** was created in 1970 to spark a revolution against environmental abuse. [EPA.gov/earthday](http://EPA.gov/earthday) The global theme for Earth Day 2013 is The Face of Climate Change. [Earthday.org/2013](http://Earthday.org/2013)

**Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens**  
1007 York St, Denver. [BotanicGardens.org](http://BotanicGardens.org)

**Earth Day Denver,** 10am-2pm  
Denver City and County Building Plaza, 1437 Bannock St.  
Earth Day Denver 2013 will be the City's first zero waste, solar powered event! [Denvergov.org/earthday](http://Denvergov.org/earthday)

**Friday, April 27:** National Arbor Day  
Every year, on the last Friday in April, Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. Many states observe Arbor Day on different dates according to their best tree-planting times. In Colorado, it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April. Did you know our state tree is the Blue Spruce? [Arborday.org/states/state.cfm?State=CO](http://Arborday.org/states/state.cfm?State=CO)

## OTHER RESOURCES

National Park Week, April 20-28, offers free admission to its park system. [NationalParks.org](http://NationalParks.org)

World Environment Day, commemorated each year on June 5th, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action. Think-Eat-Save. [UNEP.org/wed/](http://UNEP.org/wed/)

**Fight Climate Change** with social networking. [OurGreenGoals.org](http://OurGreenGoals.org)

**Mercury and Air Toxics Standards in Colorado**  
[EPA.gov/mats/whereyoulive/co.html](http://EPA.gov/mats/whereyoulive/co.html)

[Realitydrop.org](http://Realitydrop.org)

[Learnstuff.com/climate-change](http://Learnstuff.com/climate-change)