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Pikes Pique

The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

Pikes Peak Group Monthly Programs

The Pikes Peak Group will not be hosting monthly programs over the summer.

Be sure to watch for the next one in the fall!

And save the date!

Pikes Peak Group Annual Dinner

November 5 – The Warehouse Restaurant

PPG Supports Barr Camp

One of the functions of your Pikes Peak Group Council is to husband the funds we receive from our membership and, when opportunities come along to support worthy causes that benefit our members, to support them. Barr Camp is undertaking a \$200,000 capital improvement project, and the Council voted to contribute \$1000 toward that effort.



In 1893, after reaching the summit of Pikes Peak and feeling "on top of the world," Katherine Lee Bates was inspired to write the opening lines of "America the Beautiful". It dominates the land like no other Colorado peak; rising abruptly 8,000 feet from the high plains, it can be easily seen over 100 miles away. Pikes Peak is one of Colorado's most celebrated and difficult peaks to attain.

Working as a miner in the winters, Fred Barr would save his money to build Barr Trail and Barr Camp during the summer

seasons. The camp, finished in 1924, was used as a half-way rest station for the burro trips which Fred led to the summit of Pikes Peak. Today, Barr Camp provides safety education, a refuge, and a mountain base camp to over 20,000 hikers, campers, runners, and mountain bikers per year who travel historic Barr Trail towards the summit of Pikes Peak. Barr Camp has approximately 2,500 overnight lodgers annually.

Access to Barr Camp is very limited and the majority of the visitors approach the camp by a seven mile section of Barr Trail, beginning in Manitou Springs. Once visitors reach Barr Camp, staff instructs and advises visitors regarding the viability of continuing their ascent up the peak. Every year, Barr Camp is visited by people from around the world.



If you would like to make a donation, visit barrcamp.com.

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Interested in serving on the Pikes Peak Group Council? Please contact the Chair.

Welcome New PPG Members!

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Coty Sedgwick
Marvin Wooten
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BMS Rock Climbing



Students and Instructors for the 2016 Basic Mountaineering School class on Rock Climbing. The class climbed one day at Eleven Mile Canyon and one day at Castlewood Canyon. The students will be invited to join the weekly PPG Thursday climbing outings which are typically held at Red Rock Canyon Open Space or at the Garden of the Gods.

Introduction to Mountaineering



The mountains are calling! Take a look at the next three months on the calendar and you will see several trips being offered for those with a desire to go high. Eight 14ers up for grabs during this climbing season. More will be offered as trip leaders finish their own schedules.

Introduction to Mountaineering will be offered on July 6th where the focus is on mountain climbing. It draws from our BMS program and adds the high altitude element to hiking. Those of you who would like to learn more about climbing to high elevations should take this three-hour class and decide if this exciting activity is for you. No prerequisites for the class.

Conservation Corner



Sign up Now for Lovell Gulch Trail Work!

National Forest Travel Management Planning starts soon

This summer the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club will be continuing stewardship on the Lovell Gulch Trail near Woodland Park in partnership with the Forest Service. We will be working on the area north of the main stream crossing, and also a steep section between there and the trailhead. We provide all the tools and training – no experience needed. Age 16 and over; under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please sign up at www.cmc.org/stewardship or for the individual dates at 6/25, 7/23, 8/27, and 9/17.

Here's a less-sweaty way to get involved: The Pike-San Isabel National Forest is about to start a new Travel Management Plan. The TMP addresses which roads and trails are open to motorized travel, and also defines the categories of motorized travel allowed on each—for example, whether or not a forest road is open to ATVs or dirtbikes as well as licensed vehicles. The process does *not* include officially designating hiking or mountain biking routes.

The first step in the process is “scoping.” Scoping allows interested people and groups to help define the principles that could be used in developing the plan. If you'd like to help develop a Pikes Peak Group input to the TMP scoping, please contact Tom Mowle, 719-216-3932.



Pikes Peak Group Annual Cookout



Member Photos



Catamount Reservoir hike 5/20/16. L to R: Nancy Frazier and Jim Thieme. (Photo courtesy Nancy Altmansberger.)



Loud's Cabin hike 6/3/16. L to R: Jim Thieme, Nancy Frazier, and Linda Cherry. (Photo courtesy Nancy Altmansberger.)

Upcoming PPG Classes

PPG Rock Scrambling Class

Starts July 9

The objectives of the Rock Scrambling class are to: Improve students' ability to move safely and efficiently on Class 3 routes, to provide students the opportunity to gain confidence when climbing with exposure, and to have fun! There will be a half-day instructional session at a local crag on July 9 and a full-day climb along a high ridge on July 10. Prerequisites: Students must have basic mountaineering knowledge, skills and experience, such as that taught in the CMC BMS Wilderness Fundamentals class. Students should have experience hiking Class 2 alpine routes and know how to equip themselves with the essentials for a day in the mountains. Students must be fit enough to climb a Colorado 14er at a moderate pace. The cost for this class is \$45. For more details, please contact [Hoot Gibson](#).

PPG ARCPro Intro to Multipitch Concepts Class

Starts August 9

Students will learn introductory level techniques applicable to climbing multipitch routes, including: preparation, anchors, belaying, cleaning gear, belay transitions, descending, and climbing with a 2-person team. Prerequisites: Students should have basic rock climbing skills, such as taught in our BMS Rock Climbing or the equivalent, to include belaying and climbing communication. Leading skills are not necessary. It is also recommended for participants in this class to take the ARCPro Gear and Anchors Class prior to this class, as we will have you placing trad gear and building trad anchors in this class. This class will be beneficial to anyone looking to climb multipitch routes- to include leaders and followers. The cost for this class is \$75. For more details, please contact [Collin Powers](#) or [Scott Kime](#).

Pikes Peak Intro to Mountain Biking Basics

Starts September 7

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry level techniques for basic mountain biking. Mountain biking is a great way to enjoy the wilderness with a little more skill and finesse, of getting out for a short outing after work, and for building cardio before a big climb. There will be two classroom sessions and three field sessions for the mountain biking class. The cost is \$60. There are also rental costs if you don't own the gear. The mountain biking classroom dates are 07 and 08 Sep, and the field dates are 10, 17, and 24 Sep. A strong fitness level to go on a full day technical bike ride is required for the field sessions as this will not be casual riding. The field sessions will be progressive in nature to build on skills. For more details, please contact [Eric Hunter](#).

PPG ARCPro Sport Lead Climbing Class

Starts September 11

This two-day class will teach participants the skills needed to safely lead sport climbs; to include setting up a top-rope anchor, cleaning the anchor and rappelling down, along with some more advanced sport climbing skills. On day 1 we will focus on the safety components and transitions of leading sport climbs and cleaning/rappelling sport climbs, then on day 2 students will practice leading, will learn movement techniques, how to fall safely (with some practice taking real falls), and advanced leader belaying. It is designed for the climber who has climbed top-rope style, but who would like to advance into being a fully "independent climber" able to put up ropes at the start of a climb, and safely take down ropes at the end of a climb. Prerequisites: Participants are expected to either be graduates of BMS Rock or have experience with good climbing belay skills, good climbing communications, and a good working knowledge of knots and the climber's safety system. Your experience does not need to be extensive, but this is not an introduction to climbing class. The cost for this class is \$75. For more details, please contact [Collin Powers](#) or [Scott Kime](#).

Pikes Peak Intro to Technical Canyoneering

Starts September 14

If you have completed the Intro to Desert Trekking & Canyoneering *and* Basic Mountaineering School Rock Climbing courses, here is a chance to take those skills to the next level. Come learn the proper gear, safety, and techniques for technical canyoneering. There are many nuances to this environment that should warrant a safe approach such as provided by this class. The course cost is \$130. The classroom session is on 14 Sep. There are two evening field session to cover some basics and evaluate fitness levels scheduled for 15 and 22 Sep. Then we go on a four-day trip to the desert scheduled for 02 Oct through 05 Oct. This year's desert trip is planned for the San Rafael Swell in Utah. A strong fitness level to go on daily full day hikes with scrambling and rappelling on high exposure in hot terrain, squeezing through narrows, and hiking all day in loose sand and deep water is required for the field sessions. The field sessions will be progressive in nature to build on skills. Attendance at the classroom session and local field sessions will be required to attend the Utah trip. Prerequisite: Completion of both BMS Rock Climbing course *and* Intro to Desert Trekking & Canyoneering course is required! A [city parks permit](#) to rock climb is also required and must be obtained prior to the course. For more details, please contact [Eric Hunter](#).



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Upcoming PPG Classes (continued)

Pikes Peak Intro to Desert Trekking and Canyoneering

Starts September 21

If you have only been hiking in the high altitude for your spring, summer, and fall there is another world out there. When you have climbed enough peaks to wonder what other environments might be out there, the next step for you may be desert terrain. Come learn the proper gear, safety, and entry level techniques for basic desert trekking and basic canyoneering. There are many nuances to this environment that should warrant a safe approach such as provided by this class. The course cost is \$90. The classroom session is on 21 Sep. There is a one-day field session in Colorado Springs to cover some basics and evaluate fitness levels scheduled for 25 Sep. Then we go on a five-day trip to the desert scheduled for 28 Sep through 02 Oct. This year's desert trip is planned for the San Rafael Swell in Utah. A strong fitness level to go on daily full day hikes with scrambling on moderate exposure in hot terrain, squeezing through narrows, and hiking in loose sand is required for the field sessions. The field sessions will be progressive in nature to build on skills. Attendance at the classroom session and local field session will be required to attend the Utah trip. For more details, please contact [Eric Hunter](#).

Pikes Peak Trip Leader Training

Starts September 22

This course provides the necessary training and satisfies part of the requirement of becoming a CMC trip leader for the Pikes Peak Group. (Completion of a Wilderness First Aid course and CPR course are the other requirements of becoming a trip leader.) The classroom sessions are on 22 September and 29 September. The field session on the morning of 2 October will be scheduled as a CMC trip. The cost for this class is \$25. For more details, please contact [Paul Schoell](#).

PPG ARCPro Crack Climbing Class

Starts October 8

This class will focus on crack-climbing techniques for climbing finger to fist-sized cracks, along with touching on chimney and off-width techniques. The class is led by Jes Meiris, our PPG ARC Program Technical Director, assisted by the program directors. We will not be teaching any gear placement or lead climbing in this class; we will focus on climbing techniques while on a top-rope belay. Prerequisites: Students should have basic rock climbing skills, such as taught in our BMS Rock Climbing or the equivalent, to include belaying and climbing communication. Leading skills are not necessary. The cost for this class is \$75. For more details, please contact [Collin Powers](#) or [Scott Kime](#).

PPG ARCPro Self Rescue Class

Starts October 18

Ever wondered how you might react if your climbing partner were injured? What about if you were injured? Would you be able to get down safely as a team? In the PPG ARCPro Self-Rescue Class, you will learn tips and techniques to deal with unpleasant situations in the mountains. Whether you are an alpine climber seeking endless ridgelines, looking to break into multipitch ice this year, or a seasoned rock climber with regular days at our local crags, this course is for you! The Self Rescue Class offered by Pikes Peak Group is a key element of our Advanced Rock Climbing Program. Students are given the skills, along with practice, to deal with many of the situations that can occur in a climbing scenario. This class does not deal with any of the medical components and implications of an injury-based rescue; that is far beyond the scope of the program. This class teaches participants the safety components and transitions that can assist a climbing team to extricate themselves from a number of situations. The class is led by ARC Pro Technical Director, Jes Meiris, who climbs, guides and teaches for a living. The cost for this class is \$95. For more details, please contact [Collin Powers](#) or [Scott Kime](#).

Pikes Peak WFA (Wilderness First Aid)

Starts October 22

This two-day, sixteen-hour ECSI accredited course consists of instruction devoted to medical evaluation and treatment in the wilderness setting where definitive medical care is not readily available. Day one consists of classroom presentations and practicals on the variety of situations you might encounter in the backcountry and wilderness areas. Day two continues with a short classroom presentation followed by almost a full day of practical, hands-on training in the field. This course satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. The sessions are on Saturday 22 Oct and Sunday 23 Oct from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. A comprehensive textbook and a field guide are included and you will receive your WFA card. **Note:** This course does not teach CPR, which is taught in a separate two-hour class (with separate sign up required) at the same location right after the completion of the WFA course. The cost for this course is \$70. For more details, please contact [Paul Schoell](#).



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Upcoming PPG Classes (continued)

Pikes Peak CPR Training

October 23

Knowing CPR can be life-saving! Did you know the number four cause of death in the backcountry is heart attack? If you never had CPR training or it's been a while, this two-hour American Heart Association accredited training is for you. It includes the latest classroom instruction and hands-on training in CPR/AED for the Adult/Child/Infant (choking conscious and unconscious). This class satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. A CPR card good for two years will be issued upon completion. The cost for this class is \$25. For more details, please contact [Paul Schoell](#).

July PPG Trips

Pancake Rocks Bill Brown's Way

Friday, 7/1/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Nancy Altmansberger, 719-471-9549

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 1500, Driving Distance 70. Details: We will hike in this pretty area that is off of Hwy 67 on this side of Cripple Creek. Part of the hike will be off trail because we will go up and back by way of the ravine behind Horsethief Falls. We will have our snacks or lunches perched on the Pancake Rocks. CMC members only. A limited number of well behaved, friendly dogs are welcome. Please register with leader by phone.

Hizer Trail to Experimental Forest

Saturday, 7/2/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 8.2. Details: Contact leader at least two days prior to the trip.

Crystal Park Reservoir

Saturday, 7/9/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Details: Crystal Park Reservoir out of Green Mountain Falls. 6 hours RT. Steep trail for 2 miles. Bring \$ for tourist center. Contact leader at least two days prior to the trip.

Jake and Elwood's Long Loop

Saturday, 7/9/2016

Moderate D

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-273-1018, ehunter67@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 20, Elevation Gain 2700, Driving Distance 200. Location: St Elmo, CO. Details: This is a long loop trail that encircles Wildcat Gulch near St Elmo. Do not be fooled as this is a very long hike and a huge undertaking. Do not expect this day to be easy. We will hike from the parking lot just outside St Elmo up Hancock Road past the town sites of Romley and Hancock and several mining history sites. We will then hike the historic Alpine Tunnel Trail past "Jake and Elwood's Spring" and turn north on Tunnel Lake Trail to Tincup Pass Road. We will then hike down the Tincup Pass Road back to St Elmo. There will be minor time for photos and exploring. Nat Geo Map 130. 200 mi. 20/2700'. Register with leader.

Devil's Playground to Pikes Peak Summit

Friday, 7/15/2016

Difficult B

Leader: Nancy Altmansberger, 719-471-9549

Trail Mileage 4, Elevation Gain 1200, Driving Distance 50. Details: From Devil's Playground we will hike to the summit of Pike's Peak. The drive up the Pike's Peak Highway is gorgeous. And this hike is gorgeous! Hike is at high altitude from 12,900' to 14,110' and 33 degrees and windy. Cost for Pikes Peak Highway is \$12/ person or \$40/car. CMC members only. Please register with leader by phone.

Dewey Loop

Saturday, 7/16/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Details: 2.5 hours. Short but delightful hike up and down Dewey Mountain. Brunch/lunch at The Pantry afterwards. Contact leader at least two days prior to the trip.

Devil's Playground via the Craggs Campground

Saturday, 7/16/2016

Difficult B

Leader: Nancy Altmansberger, 719-471-9549

Trail Mileage 4, Elevation Gain 1200, Driving Distance 50. Details: From Devil's Playground we will hike to the summit of Pikes Peak. The drive up the Pikes Peak Highway is gorgeous. And this hike is gorgeous! Hike is at high altitude from 12,900' to 14,110' and 33 degrees and windy. Cost for Pikes Peak Highway is \$12/ person or \$40/car. CMC members only. Please register with leader by phone.

July PPG Trips (continued)

Spruce Creek to Copper Mountain Hike

Saturday, 7/16/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Trail Mileage 9, Elevation Gain 2400. Location: We will meet at the Frisco Transit Center at 1010 Meadow Drive. From here we will make a car shuttle to the Spruce Creek trailhead south of Breckenridge on Highway 9. Once in Copper Mountain we will take the public transit to the Frisco Transit Center, retrieve a car(s) and return to the Spruce Creek trailhead to retrieve the car(s) parked there. Details: We will hike the Spruce Creek trail (south of Breckenridge) to the Wheeler Trail, then connect to the Colorado Trail and hike to Copper Mountain. This is a very scenic trail, largely above treeline, that traverses under part of the Ten Mile Range above Breckenridge. The wildflowers should be great at this time.

Massive Minor

Friday, 7/22/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Details: One of Mount Massive's sub-14,000' peaks. Contact leader at least two days prior to the trip.

Colorado Trail Segments 19 & 20

Friday, 7/22/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Trail Mileage 27.4, Elevation Gain 2920. Location: This will be a backpack of Segments 19 & 20 of the Colorado Trail. We will start with a shuttle ride from the Saguache Park Road TH to Creede. We will overnight in Creede and take a shuttle to near the top of San Luis pass. From here we will begin our backpack. Details: We will meet on Friday the 22nd of July at 3:00 at the Saguache Park TH. From here we will take a pre-arranged shuttle to Creede where we will overnight. Early the next morning we will go by shuttle to about a mile below San Luis pass (the price of the shuttle is \$45 each assuming 3 participants). We will start our backpack here. The first day we will hike about 10 miles and camp on Segment 20. The next day we will hike about 10.4 miles and camp on Segment 19. Monday the 25th we will get an early start and hike the last 7 miles of Segment 19 to our car(s). From here we will return home.

Sentinel Point Circuit

Saturday, 7/23/2016

Difficult C

Leader: Debbie Sheinman, 719-635-7720, sheindk@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 3200, Driving Distance 60. Location: We'll start our hike at the Craggs Campground Trailhead and ascend via Trail 664a (the Devil's Playground Trail or old Banana Rock Trail). A few hundred feet below the saddle near Devil's Playground we'll veer off the trail to the southwest, heading over the tundra to Sentinel Point (12,500 feet). If time and weather allow, we'll climb the rocks to the top of Sentinel Point. This will involve rock scrambling. (Participants should be familiar with rock scrambling.) We'll return via Horsethief Park and Putney Gulch on the Ring the Peak Trail. We'll walk about a mile on the road back to our cars unless we have enough cars for a shuttle. Details: We'll meet at 6:30 am at Red Rocks Safeway at 31st and Colorado (3275 W. Colorado Ave.) on the west side of Colorado Springs. We'll carpool driving west on Hwy. 24 to Divide. We'll turn south onto Hwy. 67 at Divide travelling south for about 3 ½ miles. We'll turn left onto a dirt road at the wooden sign for the Craggs Campground. From that point we'll travel 3 ½ more miles west past the Mennonite camp to the Craggs Campground parking lot. Our hike will begin at the parking lot. If you wish to meet the group at the trailhead, please contact the leader before the actual hike. We should be at the parking lot by 7:30 am. Register with leader.

Eric's Lunch Rock 10,250 Loop

Saturday, 7/23/2016

Moderate C

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-273-1018, ehunter67@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 14, Elevation Gain 2500. Location: Cheyenne Cañon, Colorado Springs, CO. Details: This is a strenuous hike and a full day. We will hike up the Seven Bridges Trail to the Forester Trail and up to Frosty Park. There is an excellent lunch spot with a view atop the rocks when we reach the Forester Trail. We will then take the Forester Trail to the Pipeline Trail and back to Seven Bridges to complete our loop. This hike will pass many sites of historic homesteads and interesting features.



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July PPG Trips (continued)

Lovell Gulch Trail Project #6

Saturday, 7/23/2016

Moderate

Leader: Thomas Mowle, 719-216-3932, tommowle@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 1.5, Elevation Gain 200. Location: North of Woodland Park. Details: Trail work. Open to the public. Ages 16+; under 18 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Day hike. Bring your lunch. The Pikes Peak Group is continuing to help the National Forest with maintenance on Lovell Gulch Trail #706 near Woodland Park. This year we will be working on the area around the main stream crossing, and some eroding slopes on the "stem" of the trail. At the final workday, we will be doing restoration work. Volunteers will have about a ¾-mile hike to the work area, carrying tools. Volunteers must bring work clothes and gloves, water, snacks, sunscreen, and hat. If you are a CMC member, please log on to register. Once the project is full, we will not be able to accommodate any additional volunteers unless additional leaders/tools are recruited. This is for safety's sake—to retain a safe crew leader to volunteer ratio—and due to the number of tools available. Please cancel if needed to make room for others, and join the wait list if the trip is full. Notes: Additional workdays on 8/27 and 9/17.

Blodgett Peak

Friday, 7/29/2016

Moderate C

Leader: Nancy Altmansberger, 719-471-9549

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 2600. Details: From the Air Force Academy, we will hike into Pike National Forest on West Monument Creek Trail and then on to the top of Blodgett Peak to enjoy great views of the plains, Pikes Peak, and Rampart Reservoir. We will pass and get to see the plane wreck. CMC members only. A limited number of friendly, well behaved dogs are welcome. Please register with leader by telephone.

White Mountain (+ Antero)

Saturday, 7/30/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Details: White Mountain (13,000') and possible Antero (14,000'). Contact leader at least two days prior to the trip.

Mt Sherman

Saturday, 7/30/2016

Difficult C

Leader: Debbie Sheinman, 719-635-7720, sheindk@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 2800, Driving Distance 200. Location: We will hike Mt Sherman starting at the Four Mile Creek Trailhead. We'll hike to the northwest up the four-wheel drive road past the many remnants of mines and mine tailings and take switchbacks to the saddle between Mt Sherman and Mt Sheridan. From the saddle we'll turn to the northeast and hike the ridge to the summit. If time and weather allow, we can opt to also summit either Mt Sheridan or Gemini Peak. Details: Please note: I will be camping in the Mt Sherman area the night before at Fourmile Campground and will meet you at the trailhead at 7:00 am. The trailhead starts at the closed gate on Fourmile Road (County Road 18) at about 12,520 feet. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended for this road. If you wish to camp with me, please do contact me at 7196357720 or sheindk@yahoo.com. For those of you wishing to drive to the trailhead the day of the hike, directions are provided on the cmc.org site. Register with leader.

Willowbrook to Wilderrest Hike

Saturday, 7/30/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Member Price

Free

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 2500. Location: We will meet at the Silverthorne Transfer Station on West 4th Street. From here we will make a car shuttle to the Willowbrook trailhead just north of Silverthorne on Highway 9. We will start our hike at the Willowbrook trailhead and finish at the Lily Pad Lake trailhead well we will catch a bus back to the Silverthorne transfer station and our car(s). We will then retrieve our car(s) at the Willowbrook trailhead. Details: We will start at the Willowbrook TH (north of Silverthorne), hike up to Eccles Pass (on the west side of Buffalo Mountain.) hike down Meadow creek over to Lily Pad Lake and then hike down to the top of Wilderrest where the Summit Stage has a stop where we can catch the bus to the Silverthorne Transfer Station.



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Paria Canyon–Vermillion Cliffs Wilderness



In May, a group of CMC members and a guest enjoyed a spectacular, colorful, 65-mile backpack through the Paria Canyon–Vermillion Cliffs Wilderness. This trip involved parking vehicles at Lee's Ferry, AZ, the designated exit point, and taking a shuttle to Wire Pass Trailhead, east of Kanab, UT to start the hike. Camping the first night at Wire Pass TH, the group broke camp at daybreak the following day and headed out early, hiking Wire Pass Canyon 1.7 miles to reach the entrance to Buckskin Gulch, noted to be the longest, deepest slot canyon in the world with walls 400-500 feet tall and only 10 feet across in some sections. After hiking about sixteen miles the first day, the group pitched their tents near the Buckskin/Paria River confluence, and proceeded to hike the canyon along the river and exiting at Lee's Ferry three days later. The trek also included a side trip to Wrather Arch, once thought to be the longest natural arch outside of Utah with a 246-foot span, but lost such ranking when new assessments came in at 180 feet. It still holds claim to being the least accessible arch in the Southwestern United States. Exploring side trails along the Paria River afforded opportunities to view Anazasi pictographs. Pictured in photo are, left to right: Scott Kime, Kim Kime, Rick Thompson (Utah guest), Clint Schneider, and Donna Gail Schneider (trip leader).



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The purpose of the CMC is to unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature, art, recreation; to stimulate public interest in our mountain areas; to encourage the preservation of flora, fauna, and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

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Have a fun story or trip you want to share? Please submit your articles, along with pictures, to be considered for publication in the next *Pikes Pique* newsletter.

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The deadline for submissions is the 14th of each month.

Use the above contact information for corrections and comments as well.