



The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

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Pikes Peak Group Annual BBQ

Sixth Annual Pikes Peak Group BBQ: Sunday, July 21, 3:00–7:00 pm

Please join us again this year for a BBQ at Cheyenne Mountain State Park in southern Colorado Springs to meet other CMC members and share stories of your epic adventures—or those you are planning.

There is no cost for the food and beverages, and since we are having Rudy's BBQ prepare the meal there will be less work all around. Besides BBQ main dishes and sides, we will also provide sodas, water, and beer. Please do not bring hard liquor (e.g., vodka, tequila, etc.) as this is prohibited by the park. We will have horseshoe pits available to us, but please bring any additional lawn games that might be enjoyed as well!

The entrance to the park is across from the main gate of Fort Carson. From the junction of S Academy Boulevard and Hwy 115, proceed south and take a right on State Park Road. *Note that the park has a \$8 dollar per vehicle admission fee.* We advise carpooling from the Safeway parking lot at S Academy and Hwy 115, or finding a member with a state parks pass.



The pavilion has ample parking. Kids are welcome, and there is a playground next to the pavilion. There are new and clean bathrooms for men, women, and families next to the pavilion.



The pavilion has picnic tables with benches. Feel free to bring your own chairs if you want something more comfy.

Please sign up for the BBQ by July 16 at cmc.org so we may better prepare for the number of members that will be attending. If you are not able to sign up, or procrastinate until the last minute, please come anyway as we will have plenty of food—unless it is already gone. We will be there 3-7 pm, so please stop by. Hope to see you there!

Once past the ranger station (after paying the fee), stay on the main road and turn right at the well-marked sign for the Prairie Skipper Point group picnic area:

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Welcome New Members!

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Tasha Hueffner
Doug Kitchen
Tammi Meyer
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Justin Schroeder
Cate Snow
Clariza Snow
Mark Vozar



Conservation Corner

July 20: Build new Devil's Playground Trail!

In a few weeks we will have the exciting opportunity to build new trail! The Devil's Playground trail from the Craggs Campground to Pikes Peak is being completely rerouted onto a sustainable alignment. RMFI has contracted most of the work to the Mile High Youth Corps, and we are partnering with them on the MHYC's days off.

Please sign up for our one-day project on [7/20](#). We are also participating in a collaborative weekend with Friends of the Peak on [8/17-18](#). For that one, RMFI will provide meals, and I can promise you they do an amazing job of appreciating volunteers!

Waldo Canyon Planning

Planning for new trails in the Waldo Canyon area is underway. Learn more about the planning [here](#), and attend the next public meeting, October 23, from 6-8:30 PM at the Westside Community Center gym, 1628 W Bijou St, CS.

Ice Cave Creek Workday

Finally, *thank you* to the 14 volunteers who had a great time working on the Ice Cave Creek Trail in Palmer Lake last month. We accomplished our goals of fixing up some potential problems with the trail before they became more serious.



L-R: Mike Aman, Peter Bonsall, Will Zitterich, Jerry Helmke, Tom Mowle, Ann Schmechel, Grover Cleveland, Dan Willemyns, Kathy Willemyns, Mandy Walker, Mark Silas, Sean Medeiros, Larry Post

Memorial Day Weekend – Cedar Mesa, Utah

By JOY CIPOLETTI

"Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods [or the desert]. Wash your spirit clean." (John Muir)

Ten of us did just that – broke away for almost a week in the Utah desert this past Memorial Day weekend. It all started with an invitation from experienced trip leader and adventure guide Eric Hunter: "Come enjoy an extended backpack trip through the Ancestral Puebloan cliff ruins and rock art canyon of the Cedar Mesa area of Utah. We will see some of the best-preserved ruins and rock art of the southwest, as well as enjoy an incredible canyon adventure."



Who's "we"?, you might be wondering

Our group included leader Eric Hunter, as well as Dave Anderson, Neil Butterfield, Joy Cipoletti, Rick Keetch, Lisa Powell, Carl Reddick, Jim Taylor, Kim Wetzel, and Garry Zieske. Most of us knew each other from previous CMC classes and outings, but we all got to know each other better from days and nights spent in the desert, including sharing stories about our favorite adventures, top bucket list items, and trips we'd like to see Eric lead in the future.

So what did we do (besides eat, drink, sing, and tell stories)?

Well, set up and tear down camp every day, for one thing. And hike, scramble, climb, cross streams, discover ruins, and take lots of pictures for another.



Days 1 & 2: We backpacked up Lower Fish Canyon, seeing many rock art and ruin sites along the way. Eric weighed everyone's backpacks before we set out. The winner was Jim with a 36 pound backpack. Or maybe that would be the loser. Neil had the lightest backpack at 26 pounds. We hauled those backpacks up and down

the sides of the canyon every time we saw ruins until we came to a place where the trail became hard to follow in the late afternoon. We set up camp at what could pass for beach front property at a wide bend in the creek. The next morning we packed up camp and returned to the trailhead, arriving just before a large storm hit. We found a campsite nearby and set up our tents between bursts of rain. Some of the group shared cooking duties, and those who did enjoyed some delicious meals. Carl treated us to flute music on several evenings, and Eric and Dave led the singing on our first few nights. Despite fears that it would be hot and dry in the desert, it got pretty cold at night, making us glad we'd thrown in winter jackets and down blankets for sitting around the pseudo campfire (aka solar light).

Day 3: We hiked into McCloyd Canyon to visit Moonhouse Ruins. This trip included lots of fun scrambling on our way down the canyon and up the other side to some fabulous ruins. The Moonhouse has pictographs of half moon and full moon figures on opposite walls of one of its rooms, hence its name. This was a favorite day for several members of the group, both because of the canyon and ruins, and because the scramble was a lot of fun. In good CMC form, we supported each other through the tough parts, and those of us who were less experienced got a few tips and techniques along the way.



Day 4: We hiked through White and Armstrong Canyons in Natural Bridges National Monument. We set up a car shuttle and were able to hike from one end of the monument to the other. Though Eric thought it would be relatively dry, we had more than 40 stream crossings during the hike. But everyone was game to make the trip, and it was well worth it with incredible rock formations and ruins along the way, including the three big natural bridges and a bonus waterfall.

On Thursday it was time to return to the "civilized" world, but not without a few stops along the way. We made a short trip to Butler Wash Ruins with a stop at the Anasazi Heritage Center and lunch in Pagosa Springs before we made our way to our respective homes.

Some words from a few in the group sum up the experience for all of us: "...sincere gratitude to Eric for organizing and leading this trip. It was awesome! ...how wonderful it was to participate in this with you all. I had such a great time." and "It was extraordinary—I still cannot think of which day I liked the best. I enjoyed the camaraderie, both day and night, of each and every one of you."

Pikes Peak Group's 100th Anniversary

A Continuation of Our 100th Anniversary Celebration—Words from Early PPG Members

I joined the CMC (PP Group) in November of 1968. My first hike was to the west side of Pikes Peak in the fall with Spencer Swanger. I fell in love with the mountains right away and by October I had already climbed two 14ers: Mt. Bross and Mt. Democrat. Not bad for a desert rat from Arizona.

Spence and others inspired me. I was invited to join the CMC, and in those days your application had to have two signatures (one being a leader). I knew then that I wanted to be a Lifetime Member. I enjoyed hiking, backpacking, X-C skiing, climbing 14ers, and bike riding. I finished the 14ers in 1977 being the 181st and the 34th woman to do so.

When I joined the Pikes Peak Group, it only had a few schools: Basic Rock and Snow, Backpacking, X-C skiing, and later Safety and Leadership. Not many snowshoed because of how big and cumbersome the snowshoes were, especially for women. I took the schools often just to meet folks and because they were excellent and fun. The bibles were Ormes's Guide to the Colorado Mountains, and Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills.

The culture of the group is somewhat different now because of its growth and expansion. The club base is younger. The trips are more technical, harder, more adventuresome, and more goal-oriented. There are at least eight different schools now with various titles, like Canyoneering. In the past, A and B trips were in the majority. It seems like at present, there is less interest in Conservation and in the wonderful abundant history of the club.

We were aware of the outings from a small CMC Schedule with trip descriptions that was published by the Denver group every six months—basically Summer and Winter. Of course, there were no computers, so registration was "with the leader" so that screening of qualifications could take place. One could easily join other CMC group trips if so desired.

There were some women leaders, mostly for A's and B's. There was a gal, Robbie Wallick, who started "Ladies Day 14er Climbs",

which I took over a few years later. I did easier ones like Quandary, Yale, and Gray's and Torrey's. Lots of men signed up too, and we had a lot of fun.

Schools were offered usually in the Spring and Fall. There was no Wilderness Trekking. If leaders taught Rock Climbing, they were skilled alpinists. Safety was particularly important and we trusted our leaders. There weren't any liability problems in those days or insurance "snaggles".

I had so many favorite CMC trips over the years. I so enjoyed the 13ers and 14ers (113) and any place at timberline or above. I guess my all-time favorite mountain would be Mt. Silverheels (13,800'). I climbed it ten times with CMC friends, including five birthday parties on its summit. I also loved the CMC-sponsored treks to the Manaslu Basecamp in 1978, and Everest Basecamp in 1981. They were to give support to Glenn Porzak (past CMC President) who was attempting his 8,000-meter peaks.

In the Pikes Peak Group I served as Conservation Chair, Safety and Leadership Chair, and State Board Member at Large. I was Chairman of Pikes Peak in 1974-75. I led trips for 25 years (hikes, climbs, backpacks, and X-C ski trips). I also named the newsletter *Pike Speak* for years until someone claimed copyright problems and then it became *Pikes Pique*.

I moved to Denver in 1988 where I continued to lead for a time and serve as a State Board member and on the Executive Committee which helped to acquire the present CMC Clubrooms.

Needless to say I have been very involved in the club that I love and I just celebrated 50 CMC years in 2018. I am active in the Over The Hill Gang section also. The CMC has a fantastic history to enjoy and we must never forget who we are. I have met wonderful friends in the CMC and so glad I knew some of the old-timers like Robert Ormes, Joe Merhar, Carl Blaurock, Paul Nesbit, Freddie Carter, Gudy Gaskill, and Spencer Swanger. What a great club!

Judy Childers

Upcoming PPG Classes

PPG ARCPro Intro to Climbing Anchors

July 20

This class is for those who have taken an introductory rock climbing class and want to learn how to set up their own top-rope and sport anchors. We will teach climbing anchor fundamentals that can also be applied to traditional rock, snow and ice anchors. Prerequisites: Registrants should have already taken BMS Rock Climbing, or have the equivalent basic rock climbing skills. Leading skills are not necessary. Cost: \$25 for Leaders, \$45 for PPG members, \$55 for all others.

PPG ARCPro Multipitch Concepts Class

Starts July 31

Students will learn techniques applicable to climbing multipitch routes, including: preparation, anchors, belaying, cleaning gear, belay transitions, descending, and climbing with a 3-person team. Prerequisites: Students should have basic rock climbing skills, such as taught in our BMS Rock Climbing or the equivalent, to include belaying, rappelling, and climbing communication. Leading skills are not absolutely necessary, but it is recommended that participants in this class take the ARCPro Gear and Anchors Class and Traditional Lead Climbing Class prior to this class, as students may practice placing trad gear and building trad anchors in this class. However, this class will be beneficial to anyone looking to climb multipitch routes—to include leaders and followers. Exact class content and student practice sessions will be tailored to the individual student's skill level and goals. Cost: \$65 for Leaders and \$95 for all others.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Wilderness Fundamentals

Starts August 12

The Wilderness Fundamentals class is an introduction to important skills and backcountry knowledge to enable participants to independently plan and safely implement a day's outing in the great outdoors—away from civilization and all it provides. Class lecture covers the fundamentals of choosing back country gear (the Ten Essentials), trip planning, nutrition, conditioning, Leave No Trace (LNT) conservation practices, mountain weather, safety, emergency planning protocol (what to do when things go wrong), and a case study of a recent, Colorado wilderness accident. This class is a pre-requisite for many of our other PPG courses and will provide participants with a copy of Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills that will be referenced in other courses! Make sure you have this one under your belt. Cost: \$45 for PPG members, \$55 for all others.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Colorado Wilderness Backpacking

Starts August 19

Backpacking is another way to experience the outdoors—whether as a means to get to a distant location from the trailhead to enjoy an activity (summit attempt, alpine lake fishing, etc.) or as the main goal itself (hiking a long trail like the Colorado Trail). Carrying all the gear you need to travel, eat, sleep, stay dry, treat injuries, stay found, cook food, treat water, and enjoy yourself may be intimidating—but taken one step at a time—is very manageable. This class focuses on the basics in a lecture/discussion format and concludes with an overnight backpacking trip to put our new knowledge into action. Safety and fun are key elements of this class. Prerequisites: CMC Wilderness Fundamentals and Land Navigation. Cost: \$45 for PPG members and \$55 for all others.

PPG ARCPRO Sport Lead Climbing Class

Starts August 24

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 or lowering down, along with some more advanced sport climbing skills. On Day One, 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, rappelling, 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. Cost: \$55 for Leaders and \$80 for all others.

Pikes Peak Intro to Mountain Biking Basics

Starts September 3

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 in Colorado Springs and three field sessions for the mountain biking class. There are also rental costs if you don't own the gear. The mountain biking classroom dates are 03 and 05 Sep from 6:00p to 9:30p, and the field dates are 07, 14, and 21 Sep all day. 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. Cost: \$75 for PPG members and leaders, \$100 for all others.

Pikes Peak Intro to Technical Canyoneering

Starts September 11

Have you completed Intro to Desert & Canyoneering and BMS Rock Climbing courses? Take those skills to the next level. Learn proper gear, safety, and technique for technical canyoneering. There are many nuances warranting the safe approach provided by this class. The classroom session will be in Colorado Springs on 11 Sep from 6:00p to 9:30p. There are two evening field sessions in Colorado Springs to cover some basics and evaluate fitness levels on 12 and 19 Sep. Then we go on a four day trip to the desert scheduled for 29 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 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. Cost: \$250 for PPG members and leaders, and \$300 for all others.

Pikes Peak Intro to Desert Hiking and Canyoneering

Starts September 18

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 hiking and basic canyoneering. There are many nuances to this environment that should warrant a safe approach such as provided by this class. The classroom session will be in Colorado Springs and is on 18 Sep from 6:00p to 9:30p. There is a one-day field session in Colorado Springs to cover some basics and evaluate fitness levels scheduled for 22 Sep. Then we go on a five day trip to the desert scheduled for 25 through 29 Sep. This year's desert trip is planned for the San Rafael Swell in Utah. A strong fitness level to go on full-day hikes with scrambling on moderate exposure in hot terrain, squeezing through narrows, hiking in loose sand, and wading through 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 session will be required to attend the Utah trip. Cost: \$135 for PPG members and leaders, and \$160 for all others.

Member Discounts

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Miscellany

Wilderness Fundamentals Hike

Members of the recent Wilderness Fundamentals class enjoyed a fun hike in the Spruce Mountain Open Space to review the ten essentials, trip planning, wilderness travel, Leave No Trace principles, and "what to do when things go wrong" while sharing favorite hiking and equipment tips. Lots of fun and fantastic views from up top on Windy Point. The next Wilderness Fundamentals class is August 12th. Join us to learn more about enjoying the outdoors safely and to make some new hiking friends.



Bobbi, Sam, Carmen, and Jerry on Windy Point

Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX)



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The Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) endeavors to map every trail in the state of Colorado in support of the Colorado the Beautiful Initiative. COTREX connects people, trails, and technology by coordinating the efforts of federal, state, county, and local agencies to create a comprehensive and authoritative repository of recreational trails for public use.

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July PPG Trips

Wheeler Geologic Area Backpack

Thursday, 7/4/2019

Difficult D

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 19, Elevation Gain 1250, Driving Distance 490. Location: La Garita Wilderness, CO. Details: This is a long backpack into one of Colorado's first National Monuments established in 1908, then turned over to the National Forest in 1950. It is now part of the La Garita Wilderness. The area is a panorama of geologic spires forming in a layer of volcanic tuff near Creede, CO. We will drive to Hanson's Sawmill and car camp the first night. We will then backpack into the trailhead for the former National Monument and setup camp. Then we will explore the area. The next day we can explore some more and backpack out. We will car camp at the Hanson's Sawmill site the last night and drive home Sunday. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Nat Geo Map 139. Register with leader.

X Prime (12,100 ft) in the Lost Creek Wilderness

Thursday, 7/4/2019

Moderate

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

Trail Mileage 7, Elevation Gain 2580, Location: Long Gulch Trailhead: Details: Last year we climbed Peaks X, Y, and Z. This year we will go back for X Prime, the fifth highest peak in the Kenosha Mountains, that lies just northwest of Peak X. This is an area barely touched by hikers and the remote beauty and views are worth the effort. This hike starts and ends on the Colorado Trail, but a good part of it is off trail and above treeline. Please note that the leader has not yet done this peak, so be prepared for a little adventure! **No tickets left.***

Mt. Baker - North Ridge

Friday, 7/5/2019

Trad Lead

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Elevation Gain 4000. Location: Plan on flying out early on July 5th. We will head straight to the TH and reach a basecamp. We will climb the next and have the option to stay another day on the glacier based on weather, etc. Fly back out on July 7th. Completion of HAMS is requirement. Excellent physical shape and all day climbing conditioning is expected. Contact trip leader to sign up. **No tickets left.***

Palmer Lake - Ice Cave Cliffs

Saturday, 7/6/2019

Moderate B

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

Trail Mileage 6.5, Elevation Gain 1500. Location: Palmer Lake. Details: Using the new Ice Cave Creek Trail, we will hike to an overlook of the Dome Rock Complex and Pikes Peak using established (though sometimes of poor quality) non-system trails.

Thursday Evening Rock Climbing Red Rocks Canyon Open Space

Thursday, 7/11/2019

Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Location: We will meet at the main climbers parking at 4:00 and head to Quarry Wall, but for those arriving later just come on down. Go to [this link](#) to get your permit for the year. After you complete and submit the form you will receive an email. Just take a screen shot with your phone, or for the technologically challenged, print it out. We will climb till dark. No white chalk. You can purchase colored chalk from Mtn Chalet. We will climb from 5.6 to 5.10 routes. Climbing proficiency is expected as this is not a class. Standard climbing gear required.

Pyramid Peak 14,018'

Friday, 7/12/2019

Difficult D

Leader: Mark Silas, 719-748-5223, mtnshrink@c.enturylink.net

Trail Mileage 8.25, Elevation Gain 4500. Location: Maroon Lake Trailhead. Details: Start at 4:00 am from Maroon Lake trailhead. Pyramid is generally considered to be one of Colorado's most challenging fourteeners, with steep, loose, exposed class 4 rock. Previous recent experience on this type of route required. We will climb the standard Northeast Ridge route. Climbing helmet is required. Ice axe possibly required. Register with leader. **No tickets left.***

North Maroon Peak - 14,014'

Sunday, 7/14/2019

Difficult D

Leader: Mark Silas, 719-748-5223, mtnshrink@centurylink.net

Trail Mileage 9.25, Elevation Gain 4500. Location: Meet at Maroon Lake trailhead at 4:00 am. Details: Leader can provide suggestions on where to stay the night before the trip. We will start from the Maroon Lake trailhead at 4:00 am. Bring a good headlamp and a helmet. See route description for Northeast Ridge on 14ers.com. Moderate pace means able to climb at least 1,000 vertical feet per hour. Which means the ascent shouldn't take more than about 5 hours. The group needs to stay ahead of the typical afternoon storms. This is one of Colorado's harder 14ers. Should have some prior experience doing 4th class climbing. **No tickets left.***

Elk Park to Barr Camp

Sunday, 7/14/2019

Moderate C

Leader: Paul Kozlowski, 719-684-9408, paul.kozlowski@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 11, Elevation Gain 1800, Driving Distance 50. Details: Drive to Elk Park Knoll off the Pikes Peak Highway. We'll hike down scenic trail to Barr Camp. Relax at Pikes Peak classic Barr Camp with snacks, drinks, and water available. Return is up to Elk Park by same route. Lots of photo ops, High-altitude-hiking experience required. Bring essentials, especially rain gear, water, and food. Pikes Peak Highway fee is \$15/person. Register with leader.

Mt. Olympus

Thursday, 7/18/2019

Difficult EIII

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Elevation Gain 7200. Location: Where else can you start in a rain forest and finish on a glacier? The mountain requires over 5000' of elevation gain by its shortest route, one of only 12 Washington County Highpoints to do so. The mountain is one of only seven "Ultra" peaks (*i.e.* mountains with over 5000' of prominence) in Washington. The mountain is also considered one of the 20 most technically difficult county highpoints in the lower 48 States, also known as "Apex" peaks. These aspects make the mountain only one of ten total "Triple Crown" county highpoints in the lower 48 States. "Triple Crown" county highpoints are those with at least 5000' of gain, at least 5000' of prominence, and on the "Apex" list of most technically difficult peaks. Completion of HAMS is a requirement for this trip. Day one, we will fly in on July 18th and drive ~4hours to the TH and hike into a campsite along the Hoh river trail. The mice are thick as thieves and it's recommended you bring something to hang your food. Also, adequate rain gear is mandatory as we will be starting in a rain forest. Hiking in tennis shoes or lightweight hikers is recommended as the Hoh River trail is a Class One trail. Day two, we will hike up to a basecamp and climb the morning of Day 3. After summiting and taking a long nap, we will head back down the trail and stop somewhere along the Hoh River trail or hike all the way out and stay in a hotel. Finish the hike out and fly home Day 4.

No tickets left.*

Rock Creek to "Kenosha Peak" (12,100)

Saturday, 7/20/2019

Difficult C

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 11, Elevation Gain 2600, Driving Distance 160. Location: Kenosha Mountains, CO. Details: Come join us for Monica's first co-lead. This is a strenuous hike and a full day on the SW side of Lost Creek Wilderness. We will hike up the Ben Tyler Trail past historic ranches and a historic logging camp to just below treeline. There we will leave the trail and hike off trail to the summit. The route is Class 2 to the summit from the point we leave the trail. We will return by the same route. Deer, elk, moose, turkey, and many other species of wildlife have been spotted in this area. Boot traction is highly recommended. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Nat Geo Map 105. Register with leader.

Dry Lakes in the Sangre de Cristos Wilderness

Saturday, 7/20/2019

Difficult

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

Trail Mileage 9, Elevation Gain 3300. Location: Horn Creek Trailhead. Details: This hike follows Dry Creek, ascending steeply into a gorgeous high basin encircled by Little Horn Peak, Fluted Peak, and Horn Peak. We will hike past Dry Lake Number One to the second and largest lake, at 11,865 ft, for a lunch stop, enjoying the beauty before hiking back down to the trailhead. The leader will probably spend the night in Westcliffe the night before if people are interested in getting together. No tickets left.*

Devils Playground Trailbuilding

Saturday, 7/20/2019

Moderate

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

Trail Mileage 3, Elevation Gain 1000. Location: New routing of the trail from the Craggs to Devil's Playground on Pikes Peak. Details: Trail Work / Day Hike. Ages 16+; under 18 requires parent/guardian to accompany. Bring your lunch. This is a rare chance to build part of a new trail—a sustainable rerouting of the trail from the Craggs to Devil's Playground on Pikes Peak! This work day will be for CMC in partnership with RMFI; there will also be a stewardship weekend on August 17-18. Volunteers must bring work clothes and gloves, water, snacks, sunscreen, and hat. This project is open to the public. If you are a CMC member, it is recommended that you log on to register; non-CMC members will have to sign a liability waiver. Once the project is full, we will not be able to accommodate any additional volunteers. 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.

Thursday Evening Rock Climbing Garden of the Gods

Thursday, 7/25/2019

Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Location: We will meet at the main parking lot in the Garden of the Gods at 4:00 but for those arriving later just come on down. Go to [this link](#) to get your permit for the year. After you complete and submit the form you will receive an email. Just take a screen shot with your phone, or for the technologically challenged, print it out. We will climb till dark. No white chalk. You can purchase colored chalk from Mtn Chalet. We will climb from 5.7 to 5.11 routes. Climbing proficiency is expected as this is not a class. Standard climbing gear required.

Newlin Creek Trail

Saturday, 7/27/2019

Moderate B

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 1700, Driving Distance 120. Details: Come join us for Joy's first co-lead. This trail is in the northern Wet Mountains and follows an old logging road up a canyon with several stream crossings to the remains of the Herrick Sawmill built in 1887, but never put into use. We will hike the trail to the ruins, with an option to explore further by going off trail up to the ridge. There are endless rock spires and walls, many with climbing routes, in this canyon. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Register with leader.

*You may want to get on the waitlist in case participants cancel.

Trip Leader Trail Status

PPG Trip Leaders,

I sent all of you an email about a month ago regarding restricting trips in certain high-use US Forest Service (USFS) areas. I wanted to remind everyone again here and provide further information. CMC State Office contacted us and asked to remind trip leaders that the USFS - South Platte Ranger District has asked CMC to not conduct trips to Harmonica Arch in the Lost Creek Wilderness because of the environmental impact of high and off trail use. We want to maintain a strong relationship with the USFS as we're partners in Colorado outdoor recreation, stewardship and permitted access for classes. We have access to such wonderful public resources and these gifts must be shared with all and preserved for future use. I've included a "Trip Tips" information bulletin for your consideration (see the last two pages of the newsletter). Thanks for your cooperation. It looks like there are some exciting upcoming trips this summer. Thank you to those leading trips to some of our toughest 14ers in Colorado. Also, there's lots of opportunities to rock climb each Thursday evening. It's certainly not too late to pick a great summer weekend and get your trip on the boards. Finally, it was my honor to lead a trip on May 30th up Eagles Peak near the United States Air Force Academy during their Graduation. We watched the Thunderbirds perform their show from this peak which overlooks your Academy. What a great way to share the day with a wonderful group of people.

See you in the mountains... David Kuenzli



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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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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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.

Please send to:

David Anderson, editor
danderso@uccs.edu

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

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



Trip Tips

Reduce Your Recreation Impacts

As a CMC Trip Leader, you provide incredible recreation experiences to members on hikes, climbs, skis, scrambles and more. But with that recreation comes a **responsibility to help minimize the impacts** to public lands inherit in all outdoor activities and a group of 4+ can have a much greater impact than you do as an individual. The club helps get people outside to adventure in the mountains, please help us preserve these spaces so we can continue to host our trips around the state.

Here are a few tips to help in planning and implementing a minimum-impact trip!

- **Know whose land you are traveling on** and any regulations that may pertain to group size limits, allowable activities, dispersed camping, etc. Call the local land manager if you have questions.
- **Avoid Hot Spot Areas** (listed on back) where land managers have specifically requested that CMC NOT lead group trips due to resource degradation
- **Identify other local Hot Spots** that you and your fellow leaders may want to avoid. These could include:
 - Off-trail hikes where *social routes, erosion and other resource damage* is occurring
 - Dispersed camping areas where *waste* is prolific
 - 14ers or climbing crags that are *inundated with people*
 - Trailheads where *parking is overflowing*
- Mid-week and off-season timing will help you *avoid crowds*
- **Always review LNT** with your group before departing!



Agency-Identified Hot Spots to Avoid

Location	Agency	Issue
Harmonica Arch	USFS – South Platte Ranger District	Off-trail hiking: multiple social routes, erosion & resource damage
Mt. Bierstadt	USFS – South Platte Ranger District	High volume of users: parking issues, human waste

Other High-Traffic Areas

Location	Agency	Issue
Conundrum Hotsprings	USFS – Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilderness	Backcountry camping: human waste, resource damage, and bear activity
West Maroon Pass Trailhead	USFS – Crested Butte Area	High Use = crowding, unsustainable trail
Monarch Crest Trail	USFS – Salida Ranger District	Mountain Bike Traffic = high volume and user conflict
Blue Lakes	Mt. Sneffles Wilderness	Hiking & Camping = resource degradation, fire hazards & impacts, crowding
South Colony Lakes	Sangre de Cristo Wilderness	Dispersed Camping = human waste near water
Guffey Gorge	BLM – Guffey, CO	Day use = trash, human waste & user conflicts