



The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

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Pikes Peak Group Goings-On

Conservation Corner



RMFI Lead Mary A packing supplies across the creek

★ JULY 20: BUILD NEW DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND TRAIL!

There is still time to sign up for an exciting opportunity to build new trail! The Devil's Playground trail from the Craggs Campground to Pikes Peak is being 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!

★ JULY 22: BLM MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC MEETING

Many of the public lands we enjoy, especially cycling and climbing areas in Fremont and Teller Counties, are supervised by the Bureau of Land Management. BLM is developing a new Resource Management Plan for Eastern Colorado and will be hosting a public meeting in Colorado Springs at 5:30 p.m. on July 22 at Westside Community Center, 1628 W. Bijou St. The plan will affect both our direct access to recreational areas and also the viewscape beyond. [Public comments](#) are being accepted through September 20. Learn more about [the plan](#) in [this article](#).

★ KIT CARSON SUPPLY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the 8 CMC volunteers who helped RMFI pack up supplies to Willow Lake for their project on Kit Carson! Glenn Barr, Jason Kosola, Shane Kramer, Bobbi Leavens, Jonathan Malcolm,

Elisa McGhee, Sue Sikora, and Dean Waits!

★ 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, Colorado Springs.

HAMS starts in October



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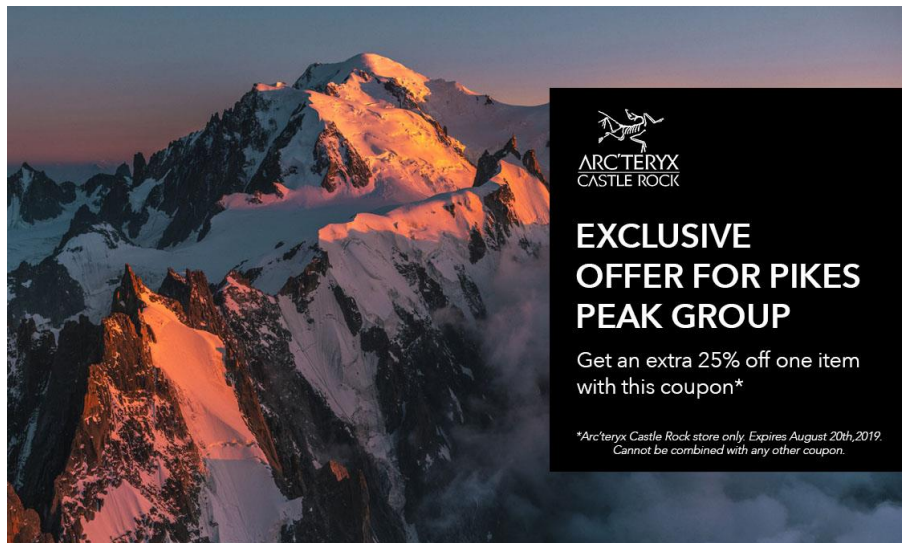
Welcome New Members!

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Carl Nehls
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Lisette Shaw
Christine Sigman
Jess Simboli
Joe Simboli
Naomi Wainwright



New Arc'teryx Partnership



We are pleased to announce a new partnership with Arc'teryx Castle Rock and the Pikes Peak Group. In addition to great discounts featured every month in our newsletter, PPG members will receive 20% full priced items in the outlet store. Bring in your CMC ID card to show proof of membership. Arc'teryx Castle Rock is also generously offering deals and discounts to students who complete our PPG classes; ask your instructor for your discount card. Thanks, Arc'teryx Castle Rock, and we look forward to a great partnership!

Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance

The Pikes Peak Group is a member of the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance (PPORA), a regional group made up of various non-profits, city and county organizations, and local retailers promoting outdoor recreation in the Pikes Peak Region.

[Here's a link](#) to PPORA's website which is loaded with information about upcoming events, trails, and all types of activities, including a local guide for families with young kids; it has lots of ideas and suggested places to get youngsters involved in outdoor activities.



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.

Pikes Peak Group Trip Leader Class

Starts October 3

This course provides Part 1 of the necessary training and satisfies some of the requirements of becoming a CMC trip leader (for the Pikes Peak Group). Currency in Wilderness First Aid and CPR/AED plus Part ,2 which is practice trip leading, are the other requirements for becoming a trip leader. The classroom sessions are on 3 and 10 October from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please keep the morning of 12 October open for your first practice at leading a trip. Prerequisite: Must have taken BMS Wilderness Fundamentals and BMS Land Navigation or possess equivalent demonstratable knowledge/experience (and be a PPG member for at least one year for PPG trip leader candidates). Cost: \$25 for PPG members and \$30 for all others.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) with CPR/AED in Colorado Springs

Starts October 19

This two-day, eighteen-hour ECSI accredited course presents dynamic instruction devoted to teaching you how to respond to medical emergencies in remote settings where definitive medical care is not readily available. Day one consists of classroom presentations and hands-on training on a variety of medical situations that may be encountered in the backcountry and wilderness areas, including CPR. Day two continues with classroom presentations followed by realistic scenarios in the field that simulate the type of medical situations people face in wilderness settings, when calling 911 is not an option. This course satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. The sessions are on 19 October from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm and on 20 October from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm. Your comprehensive textbook and a field guide will be distributed during the first session. You will receive your WFA with adult CPR/AED certification card emailed to you upon satisfactory course completion. Cost: \$80 for Leaders, \$90 for PPG members, and \$95 for all others.

PPG ARCPro Introduction to Self-Rescue Class

Starts October 26

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 Intro to 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. Prerequisites: Your climbing experience does not need to be extensive at all. In fact, we recommend that even rookie climbers begin their career with this knowledge. Participants should have basic rock climbing knowledge and skills, such as those gained by taking our BMS- Colorado Rock Climbing class. We encourage all levels of climbers to register- to learn new skills and to brush-up on rusty ones.

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August PPG Trips

- Surprise Lake, Upper Cataract Lake, and Cat Lake in the Eagles Nest Wilderness** Saturday, 8/3/2019 Moderate
Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com
Trail Mileage 11.6, Elevation Gain 2850. Location: Surprise Lake Trailhead. Details: The vegetation along this hike is very lush and aspen are abundant. The route involves part of the Gore Range Trail, which runs north to south from Green Mountain Reservoir to Wheeler Junction near Copper Mountain. We will pass by the small, lovely Surprise Lake on our way to Upper Cataract Lake which is dominated by the rugged slopes of Eagles Nest Mountain. Upper Cataract Lake drains by a waterfall into Cat Lake. The word "cataract" means a large waterfall. We will have lunch beside the lake and then return to the trailhead. The leader plans to spend the night around Silverthorne if anyone is interested in getting together. Note that the leader has not been to these lakes before, so expect a little adventure! **No tickets left.***
- Thursday Evening Rock Climbing Red Rock Canyon Open Space, Coyote Wall** Thursday, 8/8/2019 Rock Climbing
Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com
Location: We will meet at the climbers parking lot in RRCOS and then head to Coyote Wall. Go [here](#) 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, 8/9/2019 Difficult D
Leader: Mark Silas, 719-748-5223, mtnshrink@centurylink.net
Trail Mileage 8.25, Elevation Gain 4500. Location: Maroon Lake Trailhead. Details: Rescheduled from 7/12/19! (Waiting for some more snow to melt.) 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 needed. Register with leader. **No tickets left.***
- #1 of 4 Great Ridge Traverses Crestones Traverse** Saturday, 8/10/2019 Difficult EIII
Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com
Location: Let's do all four of the major ridge traverses in one season.
 1. Crestones
 2. Little Bear - Blanca
 3. Wilson - El Diente
 4. Bells

We will start with the Crestones because it's the easiest and closest. I haven't decided whether we will go from Needle to Peak or the other way around. I have done both ways and thought the route finding was a little easier going from Needle to Peak. We will likely sleep at the trailhead Saturday night and do the climb Sunday. Participants who sign up for multiple or all four trips will have priority for signing up for these trips. If you are a peak bagger and lack skills and confidence to move quickly over technical terrain, do not bother signing up for these trips. I have no intention of having 20-hr epic days just because we are waiting on a slow person trying to check a box. Individuals who I don't know personally or know a common friend or have a BMS/HAMS Director vouch for one's movement on technical terrain and all day performance, we will need to assess ones training regimen and likely go on a climb together before the climbs start. **No tickets left.***
- Mt Rosa (11,499) Loop** Saturday, 8/10/2019 Difficult D
Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com
Trail Mileage 16, Elevation Gain 4700. Location: Pikes Peak, CO. Details: Come join us for Mike's first co-lead. This is a strenuous loop hike from the hub parking lot in Cheyenne Canyon. We will hike up Seven Bridges Trail, across the Pipeline Trail to Frosty Park, up Nelson Trail, and up the Mt Rosa Trail to the summit at 11,500 ft, then down Buffalo Creek past St Mary's Falls to Gold Camp Road to complete the loop. There are many wonderful views of Cheyenne Canyon, historical sites, and The Springs throughout this trip. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Nat Geo Map 137. Register with leader.
- North Maroon Peak - 14,014'** Sunday, 8/11/2019 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: Rescheduled from 7/14/19! (Waiting for some more snow to melt.) 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. Notes: Register with leader. (Leader may take a few days to respond to emails.) **No tickets left.***

Thursday Evening Rock Climbing Garden of the Gods, E Face Kindergarten

Thursday, 8/15/2019

Rock Climbing

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

Location: We will meet at the south parking lot in the Garden of the Gods at 4:00 but for those arriving later just come on down. Go [here](#) 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.

#2 of 4 Great Ridge Traverses Wilson- El Diente

Friday, 8/16/2019

Difficult EIII

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

Location: Let's do all four of the major ridge traverses in one season.

1. Crestones
2. Wilson El Diente *
3. Little Bear Blanca
4. Bells

We will leave Friday and make the drive up. We will climb Saturday. I will determine the route and trailhead we will take at a later date. If time permits, we will stay in Ouray Sat night and soak in the hot springs Sunday morning before heading back. Participants who sign up for multiple or all four trips will have priority for signing up for these trips. If you are a peak bagger and lack skills and confidence to move quickly over technical terrain, do not bother signing up for these trips. I have no intention of having 20-hr epic days just because we are waiting on a slow person trying to check a box. Individuals who I don't know personally or know a common friend or have a BMS/HAMS Director vouch for ones movement on technical terrain and all day performance, we will need to assess ones training regimen and likely go on a climb together before the climbs start. **No tickets left.***

Music Pass to Lower Sand Creek Lake Backpack

Friday, 8/16/2019

Moderate C

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

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 1700, Driving Distance 240. Location: Sangre de Cristos, CO. Details: This is a strenuous backpack from the upper 4WD TH up to Music Pass, then down into Sand Creek Drainage, then up to Lower Sand Creek Lake. We will camp for two nights allowing us to explore to Upper Sand Creek Lake on Saturday. Incredible views of the Sangre de Cristos abound on this trip. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Nat Geo Map 138. Register with leader.

Devils Playground Stewardship Weekend

Saturday, 8/17/2019

Moderate

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

Trail Mileage 3, Elevation Gain 1000. Location: New routing of the trail from the Crags to Devil's Playground on Pikes Peak. Details: Spend a weekend camping and constructing part of the new Devil's Playground Trail on Pikes Peak! RMFI is partnering with Friends of the Peak, the Colorado Mountain Club, Mile High Youth Corps, and the U.S. Forest Service through the National Forest Foundation Find Your Fourteener campaign so that together we can do more on our majestic Fourteeners. We are working collaboratively to increase the pace and scale of trail improvements and ecological restoration. Our vision is to work together, with you, to build and maintain a sustainable trails network, ensuring these peaks remain healthy and inviting for decades to come. With help from skilled, passionate volunteers like you, we can complete even more on-the-ground work on Colorado's Fourteeners. On this special weekend overnight project, we will spend Saturday and Sunday, August 17-18 continuing the work to construct a new and improved Devil's Playground Trail. On Saturday night we will camp near the Crags Campground. All meals will be provided, and will be delicious and hearty to fuel our trail work!

Thursday Evening Rock Climbing N Cheyenne Canyon, The Pinnacle and Tinseltown

Thursday, 8/22/2019

Rock Climbing

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

Location: We will meet at a road pull off past the large boulder at around 4:00 and head up to Tinseltown via the Army Rte and Crack Parallel. We will climb from 5.6 to 5.10 routes. Climbing proficiency is expected, as this is not a class. Standard climbing gear required.

Apache Falls - Greenhorn Mountain Wilderness

Saturday, 8/24/2019

Difficult C

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

Trail Mileage 11, Elevation Gain 3245, Driving Distance 170. Location: Greenhorn Mountain Wilderness, CO. Details: This is a very strenuous hike from Rye, CO up the Bartlet Trail to a little known side trail that takes us down into Apache Creek. We will then hike up Apache Creek into the canyon that contains the over 100-foot tall Apache Falls. This trip is incredible (and challenging) any time of the year, and should have a lot of water coming over the falls this year. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. San Isabel National Forest Map. Register with leader.



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Mt. Sherman

Saturday, 8/24/2019

Moderate C

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

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 2800, Driving Distance 100. Location: Please note - I will be camping out the night before at Fourmile Campground. We will meet 100 yds past Fourmile Campground on the south side of Park County Road 18 to carpool. If you wish to carpool and camp with me, you will need to bring your own tent, gear, food, and water. Let's meet at 7:00 a.m. just west of the entrance to Four Mile Campground on Park County Road 18 to arrange carpools. There is a parking area on the south side of the road. For those of us who have AWD or Four Wheel Drive vehicles, we'll continue to drive west on Park County Road 18 until miles 12-13 to the gate. We'll park as close to the gate as possible. We'll start our hike at the gate and walk the four wheel drive road into the upper basin of Four Mile Creek, passing by several mine ruins. We'll then head up the trail on the rocky ridge to the saddle at 13,140 feet between Mts. Sherman and Sheridan. From the saddle, we'll hike northeast up Sherman's rocky, windy ridge to the summit. Please bring food, at least 2L of water, warm layers, and rain gear. We'll eat lunch on the summit. If time and/or weather allow, we can also try to summit Mt Sheridan or the Gemini Peaks. We'll return via the same route.

Thursday Evening Rock Climbing, Wiggins Wall Thursday, 8/29/2019 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 Wiggins Wall, but for those arriving later just come on down. Go [here](#) 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.

Rito Alto Four Pass Loop Backpack

Friday, 8/30/2019

Difficult D

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

Trail Mileage 30, Elevation Gain 6900, Driving Distance 170. Location: Sangre de Cristos, CO. Details: This is a long, strenuous loop backpack from the Comanche Venable TH in the Sangre de Cristos north on the Rainbow Trail to Hermit Road to our first camp. Then we will backpack up to Hermit Pass, then down the Rito Alto Trail to an unnamed pass and over to San Isabel Lake for our second camp. We will then backpack over another unnamed pass and over Venable Pass to our third camp. We will continue down the Venable Creek Trail to the TH on the last day. Incredible views abound on every day of this trip. This will be a great test of your multi-day backpacking (ultralighting) skills. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Well behaved dogs on leash are welcome. Nat Geo Map 138. Register with leader.

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



Pikes Pique

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