



The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

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## Pikes Peak Group Program – September 17

### Dean Waits Presents: *Mysteries of Lost Creek Wilderness*

The magnificent Lost Creek Wilderness is right at our back door. Have you been there? Huge house-size granite rocks appear as if some humongous giants were playing with stones, mountains over 12,000 ft, disappearing and reappearing streams, historic log buildings, over 105 miles of trail all on 120,000 acres.

Dean Waits has led four backpack trips over various routes and several hikes to points of interest. If the Antero and Lost Park Reservoir Company had been successful in their efforts to dam Lost Creek, we may be boating instead of seeking our hiking adventures there.

With picturesque views of the Mosquito and Tenmile mountain ranges, fly fishing opportunities in streams and the Tarryall and Cheeseman Reservoirs, and horseback riding, Colorado Trail Segment 4 runs along its edge with a rock that appears to be a large lizard on a hilltop. All sorts of marvelous adventures await you.

If you'd like to learn more about this wonderful, mysterious wilderness area, come to the Ivywild School Center, 1604 S Cascade Ave, on September 17. Join us for happy hour and conversation at 6:00; program starts at 6:30 in the Barrel Room. Hope to see you there.



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## Welcome New Members!

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## Conservation Corner

### CMC Conservation and Stewardship 2019

Thank you to everyone who has helped repair and build trails with Pikes Peak Group or any of the other great conservation groups in town! While our project year is done, you can find additional opportunities with groups like Friends of the Peak, Rocky Mountain Field Institute, and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado.

### August 30: Pike National Forest Motorized Travel Planning

The Pike-San Isabel National Forest is also releasing its final plans for changing the usage of forest roads – closing some completely or in winter, allowing/restricting OHV travel, and changing maintenance to 4WD conditions. Their public meeting in Colorado Springs will be on September 12, but they have not released the time or location. Comments will also be due in September, but they have not released the deadline. You can check their [project website](#) for updates.

### By September 20: BLM Resource Management Plan Comments due

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's final "preferred" proposal for Eastern Colorado dramatically reduces the amount of conservation in this area. For example: the 2017 preliminary plan had 122K acres of Backcountry Recreation Areas, the current version has none. The current plan recognizes only 58% of the current Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and only 43% of what was in the 2017 preliminary plan. The current plan would only manage 1,300 acres of Lands with Wilderness Characteristics, 5% of what was in the 2017 preliminary plan and less than 1% of the total that BLM had inventory. In the current plan, 98% of the land would be open for oil and gas drilling. While The Pikes Peak Group will be drafting public comments which will be shared in the September newsletter, but individual comments are also encouraged. [Public comments](#) are being accepted through September 20. Learn more about [the plan](#) in [this article](#).

### Waldo Canyon Planning

Planning for new trails in the Waldo Canyon area is also 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.



To register for classes or trips,  
go to [www.cmc.org](http://www.cmc.org)



# Upcoming PPG Classes

## **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.

### **PPG High Altitude Mountaineering School**

Starts October 30

HAMS is a course designed for those climbers who want to go beyond the 14ers to take on high altitude (15,000' plus) and glaciated mountains. Classroom sessions will take place on Wednesdays 10/30, 11/13, 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18 and include such topics as equipment, medical concerns, nutrition and menu planning, fitness and training, organizing an expedition, and group dynamics. Field sessions are tentatively scheduled for 1/11, 1/26, 2/8-9, and 2/29-3/1; they will cover such topics as roped travel, crevasse rescue, climbing alpine ice, and winter camping. A graduation climb of Mt. Rainier will take place at the end of the course. Completion of Basic Mountaineering School (all modules) or equivalent, plus experience putting those skills into practice in the field are prerequisites for the course.

### **PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Wilderness Fundamentals**

Starts November 4

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.

## **September PPG Trips**

### **Sentinel Point from Devils Playground**

Sunday, 9/1/2019

Moderate C

Leader: Joseph Carberry, 719-282-0667, [coloradomojo14@gmail.com](mailto:coloradomojo14@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 1000, Driving Distance 50. Location: Sentinel Point on Pikes Peak from Devils Playground. Details: We will hike from a starting altitude of ~13,000 ft at Devils Playground (on the Pikes Peak Highway) and hike Southwest along a beautiful ridge *down* to Sentinel Point. Summit of Sentinel Point is not required but for those that choose to there is 3/4 class scrambling involved at the very end. Notes: Pace will be between casual and moderate.

### **Capitol Peak-14,130'**

Monday, 9/2/2019

Scramble

Leader: Britt Jones, 719-661-4777, [britt@globalreality.biz](mailto:britt@globalreality.biz)

Trail Mileage 17, Elevation Gain 5300, Driving Distance 400. Location: Capitol Peak is in the Elk Mountains due west of Aspen, CO. [Here](#) is the info on 14ers.com. It's declared by most to be the most difficult 14er via a standard route. We will hike into Capitol Lake, go up over the Capitol-Daly saddle, up the basin veering right up to K2, over the "knife edge", and up the northeast ridge to the summit. We will return the same way. Details: Monday: We will meet at 7am the Safeway: 3275 W Colorado Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Here we will carpool to the Capitol Creek TH. The will aim to be at the TH and hiking around noon where we will hike up to Capitol Lake, about 6 miles. We will pitch tents and spend the night. Tuesday: We will aim to be hiking by 5:00am. After climbing the peak, we will return to Capitol Lake to spend a second night. (If people are needing to get home, they could pack up camp and head out this evening if they aren't hiking out alone.) Wednesday: We will get up shortly after sunrise, enjoy a leisurely breakfast and morning at the lake, then pack up and hike out. We will grab lunch in Aspen and then drive home. Thursday: I don't anticipate using this day, but it's built-in as a weather/contingency day if needed. Notes: Required gear: Micro spikes, ice axe, helmet, and 10 Essentials. If you don't know what they all are, you can watch the [video](#) I made for the CMC.

### **Evening Hike Series # 3 of 4 Red Rock Canyon Open Space**

Wednesday, 9/4/2019

A

Leader: Y Mason, [youdew@aol.com](mailto:youdew@aol.com)

Trail Mileage 4.5, Elevation Gain 600. Location: Red Rock Canyon Open Space is located just off Highway 24, west of 31st Street in Colorado Springs. Details: Specifically designed for hikers to chillax after their workday. Registered hikers will be sent an email with specific details several days prior to the hike. Moderate pace (2 miles per hour).

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

Thursday, 9/5/2019

Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, [rdk9689@hotmail.com](mailto: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 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.

### #3 of 4 Great Ridge Traverses – Little Bear Blanca

Saturday, 9/7/2019

Difficult EIII

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, [rdk9689@hotmail.com](mailto: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 drive up early Saturday and hike the heinous Lake Como road that I have vowed multiple times that I would never do again. We will camp overnight at Lake Como. Bring something to hang your bag as bears are active. Also, bring DEET as the mosquitoes are ridiculous. We will climb early in the morning on Sunday at look to summit Little Bear around 7am. The traverse is only a mile but will take forever. Travel along the ridge is tedious and dangerous. Every hold must be tested before being weighted. Once we make our way over to Blanca we will head down the standard route back to our campsite and hike out. It's a long day! 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 one's training regimen and likely go on a climb together before the climbs start. **No tickets left.\***

### Mohawk Lakes

Saturday, 9/7/2019

Difficult B

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 2000, Driving Distance 220. Location: Breckenridge, CO. Details: This is a strenuous hike from the Spruce Creek Trailhead along the base of Mount Helen past waterfalls and Lower Mohawk Lake to Upper Mohawk Lake and possibly beyond. There are incredible views of Pacific, Crystal, and Father Dyer Peaks above treeline. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Nat Geo Map 109. Register with leader.

### Sentinel Point Circuit

Saturday, 9/7/2019

Difficult C

Leader: Debbie Sheinman, 719-635-7720, [sheindk@yahoo.com](mailto:sheindk@yahoo.com)

Trail Mileage 11, Elevation Gain 3200, Driving Distance 60. Location: Let's meet at Red Rocks Safeway (32<sup>nd</sup> and Colorado) in Colorado Springs at 6:30 am. We'll carpool to the trail, driving west on Hwy. 24 until Divide. We'll then turn south on Hwy 67 toward Cripple Creek. After approximately 3 ½ miles, we'll turn left (east) at the Craggs Campground sign (Teller County Road 62). This is a dirt road. We'll drive east approximately 3 ½ more miles to the Craggs Parking Lot. Our hike will pass through the Craggs Campground going east onto the Devil's Playground Trail which gains about 2300 feet in 2 miles. We'll cross the creek, walking on a steep old miner's trail, passing through a heavily wooded area. After about 1 mile we'll cross the creek, heading up the ridge to treeline. The trail starts to switchback and becomes quite steep. We'll continue on the trail above treeline to approximately 12,300 feet. We'll then veer to the southwest, leaving the trail behind across tundra. We'll traverse the tundra to the north of one to two 12,000 foot peaks, turn to the south and pass through a somewhat marshy area, crossing the start of a creek. We'll traverse southwest to Sentinel Point, climbing rock the last 150 feet to the summit. Some of the rock climb will be Class 3. We'll have our lunch at the summit, climb down the rock, and head down to Horsethief Park on a social trail. From Horsethief Park we'll hike a portion of the Ring the Peak Trail over three ridges north (including Putney Gulch) back to our vehicles. We may need to walk 1 mile more on Teller County Road 62 west to our vehicles. Please bring 2-3L or quarts of water, warm layers, food, and rain gear. Please note: Participants should be familiar and comfortable with rock scrambling on Class 3 rock. If you need to cancel your reservation, please let me know as soon as possible. On the morning of Saturday, September 7th, please do not email me when cancelling your reservation. Please do telephone me.

### Evening Hike Series # 4 of 4 Black Forest Section 16

Saturday, 9/7/2019

A

Leader: Y Mason, [youdew@aol.com](mailto:youdew@aol.com)

Trail Mileage 4.2, Elevation Gain 200. Location: Black Forest Section XVI is located in Black Forest. Details: This is the 4<sup>th</sup> of 4 hikes within the Evening Hike Series specifically designed for hikers who have the time for a Saturday evening hike in the forest. This is a mellow trail and peaceful which offers some nice views of Pikes Peak. Option to have some pizza and a beverage at a local eatery.

### Blanca Group 14ers

Wednesday, 9/11/2019

Class IV

Leader: Scott Kime, 719-235-0939, [scott.kime@live.com](mailto:scott.kime@live.com)

Trail Mileage 18, Elevation Gain 8500, Driving Distance 320. Location: Blanca Peak, Ellingwood Point, and Little Bear Peak in the Sangre de Cristo range, starting from the Lake Como trailhead. Details: We'll drive to the Lake Como trailhead on Wednesday then hike to Lake Como and set up camp. Thursday we'll plan to summit Little Bear by the standard class 4 W. Ridge/ Hourglass route and return to camp at Lake Como. Friday we'll plan on summing both Blanca and Ellingwood Point and then returning to the trailhead for the drive back home. Participants should have taken BMS classes to include Wilderness Fundamentals, Navigation, and Backpacking, and also have significant hiking/scrambling experience on 14ers. Helmets required. We will bring a rope and have the option to rappel down the hourglass section of Little Bear. Contact leader by email for the registration passcode – include your mountaineering

experience and current fitness level. You should be able to hike/climb efficiently and confidently in class 3 and 4 exposed terrain and have the fitness level to climb up three 14ers in two days.

**Thursday Evening Rock Climbing Red Rock Canyon Open Space, Sayer's Wall** Thursday, 9/12/2019 Rock Climbing  
Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, [rdk9689@hotmail.com](mailto:rdk9689@hotmail.com)  
Location: We will meet at the main climbers parking at 4:00 and head to Sayer's 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.

**Rappel RRCOS** Thursday, 9/12/2019 Scramble  
Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)  
Trail Mileage 2, Elevation Gain 150. Location: Colorado Springs, CO. Details: This is the local field trip for those completing the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Technical Canyoneering classroom session only. We will hike to a wall in Red Rock Canyon Open Space and set up a rappel station. We will then work as a team on rappelling from that station. We will use the latest canyon descending tools and block off, pass knots, self rescue, etc. Our focus is on evaluation of everyone's terrain/route selection, scrambling and stemming skills, and endurance. Further details will be provided in the class.

**Lost Man Lake Loop Backpack** Saturday, 9/14/2019 Moderate B  
Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)  
Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 1300, Driving Distance 300. Location: Independence Pass, CO. Details: This is a moderate loop backpack from just west of Independence Pass. We will backpack up Roaring Fork River to Independence Lake and over the pass to Lost Man Lake. We will follow Lost Man Creek to the first junction and setup camp. There will be time to explore beyond that point or just relax. The next day we will backpack over the saddle of Geissler Mountain and back to the trailhead. Each day will be about 3.5 to 4 miles and over 1,300 feet elevation. The entire trip is above 11,500 feet elevation. The views in this area are incredible and expansive. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Nat Geo Map 127. Register with leader.

**Thursday Evening Rock Climbing Garden of the Gods, E Face Kindergarten** Thursday, 9/19/2019 Rock Climbing  
Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, [rdk9689@hotmail.com](mailto: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 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. Afterwards we will grill out and have drinks at Roger Kilcoyne's house to celebrate another successful Thursday evening/night climbing season.

**Rappel RRCOS** Thursday, 9/19/2019 Scramble  
Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)  
Trail Mileage 2, Elevation Gain 150. Location: Colorado Springs, CO. Details: This is the local field trip for those completing the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Technical Canyoneering classroom session only. We will hike to a wall in Red Rock Canyon Open Space and set up a rappel station. We will then work as a team on rappelling from that station. We will use the latest canyon descending tools and block off, pass knots, self rescue, etc. Our focus is on evaluation of everyone's terrain/route selection, scrambling and stemming skills, and endurance. Further details will be provided in the class.

**#4 of 4 Great Ridge Traverses – Bells** Saturday, 9/21/2019 Difficult EIII  
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Location: Let's do all four of the major ridge traverses in one season.  

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We will leave for the TH on Saturday morning. In years past, we have camped at Crater Lake. Last I heard camping is closed at Crater Lake due to bear activity. If that is the case, we will have to do it from the TH in a very long and committing day! I have done North to Peak two times so I might change it up and go Peak to North this time. We'll decide later. 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

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**Runs-Down-Fast Mtn 11,048, Pt 11,639, Mt Almagre Loop 12,367**

Saturday, 9/21/2019

Difficult D

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 18, Elevation Gain 5000. Location: Cheyenne Cañon, Colorado Springs, CO. Details: This is a strenuous loop hike from the hub parking lot in Cheyenne Cañon. We will hike up Seven Bridges Trail to Trail 720 to the Forester Trail. Then we will hike off-trail up the face of Runs-down-fast Mountain and summit. From there we will hike across the west ridge and up to unnamed Point 11,639 and summit, then across the southwest ridge and up to Mount Almagre. From here we will hike down the secondary trail paralleling North Cheyenne Creek and cross the Forester Trail and come down the Pipeline Trail and Seven Bridges Trail. There are many wonderful views of Cheyenne Cañon, 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. Class 2. Register with leader.

**Farish**

Saturday, 9/21/2019

Easy A

Leader: Y Mason, [youdew@aol.com](mailto:youdew@aol.com)

Trail Mileage 6.5, Elevation Gain 800, Driving Distance 40. Location: Located on Air Force Academy property northeast of Woodland Park. Details: Let us celebrate being "out there" with Mother Nature while enjoying a stroll through the forest and meadows coupled with a spectacular view of the entire eastern face of the Pikes Peak massif. Specific meet-up and hiking details will be emailed to registered hikers several days prior to the hike. \$5.00 per car Farish entry fee. Option to lunch afterwards at Joanie's Deli in Woodland. [No tickets left.\\*](#)

**Hike Ute Park and RRCOS**

Sunday, 9/22/2019

Moderate C

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 750. Location: Colorado Springs, CO. Details: This is the local field trip for those completing the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Desert Trekking and Canyoneering classroom session only. We will hike a wet canyon in Ute Park and two dry to wet canyons in RRCOS. We will spend time looking at things like terrain/route selection, scrambling and stemming skills, endurance, and emergency situation choices (camping, exiting mid canyon, water procurement, etc.). Further details will be provided in the class.

**Weekday Escape to Willow Creek - Sand Creek -Dome Rock Trail Loop**

Tuesday, 9/24/2019

Moderate

Leader: Y Mason, [youdew@aol.com](mailto:youdew@aol.com)

Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 1100, Driving Distance 70. Location: This Trailhead is located just south of Mueller State Park. Register with trip leader by Saturday 21 September. Details: Escape the "leaf peepers" traffic on this Tuesday and hike amongst Mother Nature's multi-colored artwork of aspens—weather permitting—while hiking on established trails. The middle section of Sand Creek Trail is steep, severely eroded, and can be slippery, whether the trail is wet or dry; therefore the use of hiking poles is highly encouraged for extra support for hikers with knee challenges. Expect several creek crossings. Option to lunch in Woodland Park afterwards.

**Desert Hiking and Canyoneering Trip - San Rafael Swell, UT**

Wednesday, 9/25/2019

Moderate C

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 30, Elevation Gain 1500, Driving Distance 1000, Location: San Rafael Swell, UT. Details: This is the five-day field trip for those completing the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Desert Hiking and Canyoneering classroom session only. We will drive to Goblin Valley SP, UT and set up a car base camp on BLM land. We will then hike in Goblin Valley and visit the Goblin's Lair then practice working as a team to get through some obstacles in Goblin Valley. On Thursday we will hike Wildhorse Canyon down and back and up to the Grotto and back. Class 2, A/B, III and approximately 9 miles. On Friday we will hike Farnsworth, Crack, or Chute Canyon down and back Class 1-2, A/B, III and approximately 7 miles. On Saturday we will hike up Little Wild Horse Canyon and down Bell, Class 2, B, III and approximately 8 miles. Additional things may be explored if time permits. Substitutions may be made to accommodate weather, road closures, etc. Further details will be provided in the class.

**Dome Rock SWA - Long Loop**

Saturday, 9/28/2019

Hike

Leader: Thomas Mowle, 719-216-3932, [tommowle@yahoo.com](mailto:tommowle@yahoo.com)

Trail Mileage 12, Elevation Gain 2000, Driving Distance 60. Location: Dome Rock State Wildlife Area - south of Divide in Teller County. Details: Dome Rock is an underrated nearby loop, great as long as you like rocks, meadows, trees, views, and streams. We'll hope to time it right for some good fall color. Be prepared for 7 stream crossings that will probably be deeper than your boots. All the steep climbing is in the first 2 miles, with views of Pikes Peak. After bouncing atop a ridge for a bit, we will descend a long, forested valley towards Dome Rock. We will take a short (1 mile RT, 150') off-trail to the base of the east side of Dome Rock. The return is up a much wider and gentler valley, full of meadows and willows and surrounded by rocks. Walking pace will be moderate, but overall pace likely will be slower than many CMC trips. This is a fabulous hike for autumn photos, so we will pause as desired. Please don't sign up if you just want to move fast all the time. However, 12 miles is 12 miles and days will be getting short, so when we are moving, we will want to move reasonably quickly. Thus, also please don't sign up if you just want to move slow all the time. No dogs or other non-human companion animals. [No tickets left.\\*](#)



**Technical Canyoneering Trip - San Rafael Swell, UT** Sunday, 9/29/2019 Moderate  
Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 20, Elevation Gain 1500, Driving Distance 1000. Location: San Rafael Swell, UT. Details: This is the four-day field trip for those completing the Pikes Peak Group Intro to Technical Canyoneering classroom session only. We will drive to Goblin Valley SP, UT and set up a car base camp in BLM land. We will then practice ground school once more. On Monday we will hike to the top of Goblin's Lair and rappel into the cavern, then hike out and repeat the rappel, then hike out via Carmel Canyon - Class 3, A, III plus Long rappels, and approximately 6 miles. On Tuesday we will hike Ding & Dang Canyons as a loop - Class 2-3, B, IV and approximately 6 miles. Substitutions may be made to accommodate weather, road closures, etc. Further details will be provided in the class.

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

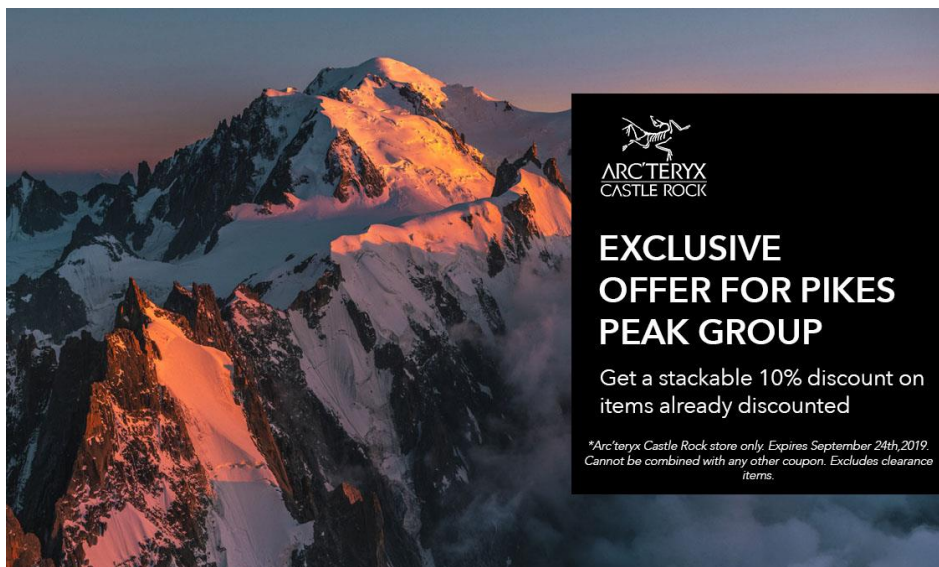
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## HAMS Starts in October



The Pikes Peak Group High Altitude Mountaineering School will start in October. This course is designed for those climbers who want to go beyond the 14ers to take on high altitude and glaciated mountains. Classroom sessions will include such topics as equipment, medical concerns, nutrition and

menu planning, fitness and training, organizing an expedition, and group dynamics. Field sessions will cover such topics as roped travel, crevasse rescue, climbing alpine ice, and winter camping. A graduation climb of Mt. Rainier will take place at the end of the course. Completion of Basic Mountaineering School (all modules) or equivalent, plus experience putting those skills into practice in the field are prerequisites for the course. Cost for the class is \$175. For information and to get the registration code, contact Greg Long at (719) 659-0345 or [at\\_90@yahoo.com](mailto:at_90@yahoo.com). Register online at [cmc.org](http://cmc.org).



## Pikes Pique

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