



## COVID-19 and Colorado Mountain Club Programming

From the [Thursday, June 18, 2020 Update](#):

As Colorado continues to loosen restrictions surrounding COVID-19, the Colorado Mountain Club will also be loosening some of our protocol given state orders and industry guidelines. Starting July 1, we will be updating our protocols with the following changes in place:

- We will be expanding our activities to include overnights, backpacking trips, climbing, and scrambles.
- We will be eliminating the requirement for "trip/class approval" from the designated trip/school monitor.
- We will be increasing the group size to 10 (including trip leaders/school instructors).
- We will still be requiring masks at the trailhead pre-trip, when passing other recreators, and at the trailhead post trip. Breaks may be taken from the mask, as long as a distance of 6 feet or greater is kept between other recreators including CMC participants.

Please refer to our website for the official document and to keep up to date with any changes. The protocols for July can be found below here:

- [Protocols for CMC Trips](#)
- [Protocols for CMC Schools](#)
- [Checklist for Participants, Trip Leaders, and School Directors](#)
- [Protocol Graphic](#)

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## CMC Announces its Newest State Section

### Mountain Biking!

Do you love mountain biking? Do you struggle to find a place for it in the CMC? As part of the Strategic Plan's initiative to bring more relevant activities to the membership, CMC state brings to you mountain biking! Whether you're a beginner just learning the ropes as a biker, whether you're an intermediate biker who loves flow trails, or whether you're an expert downhill rider who loves to hit the jumps, we've got something for everyone in this new section. How it works: anyone from any group can join the section, participate in activities, and lead trips. We're looking for Trip Leaders. If you're interested in leading a trip, please reach out to Maddie Miller at [maddiemiller@cmc.org](mailto:maddiemiller@cmc.org). Interested in joining the section? Contact Greg McVie at [greg.mcvie@gmail.com](mailto:greg.mcvie@gmail.com). See you on the trails!



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

## Welcome New Members!

Drew Faloon  
Ed McLaughlin  
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Matthew Sutton  
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## Member Discounts

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The Custom Foot

The Mountaineers Books

The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited

## Seeking New Council Members

Your PPG Council needs your help! Would you be interested in serving? We have positions open for:

- Program Director
- Safety & Leadership
- At Large positions

If interested, please contact the Council Chair, [Kristen Buckland](#).

## Pikes Peak Apex

The Pikes Peak Apex 4-Day MTB Challenge in Colorado Springs is planned for September 24–27. Rider and volunteer information is available on [this link](#). The Challenge is planning to have timed events and staggered starts. There is a \$50 discount on the entry fee to CMC members.





# CMC Helps the USFS Evaluate Campsites in LCW

The CMC recently teamed up with the USFS Pikes South Platte Ranger District to do a campsite evaluation in the Lost Creek Wilderness. Dean Waits with co-lead and CMC Trails Inventory Chair, Grover Cleveland, Karl Ford, David Williams, and Jim Guerra spent three days backpacking in from the Goose Creek trailhead and surveying campsites, hiking up the Hankins Pass Trail, then setting up a base camp in Lake Park.



Data was collected and input into phones containing the USFS's program, SURVEY123. Using primarily Leave No Trace practices; if the campsite was too close to the trail or a stream, or not on a durable surface, it was not recommended to become a permanent site.

All fire rings were dispersed to lessen the temptation to build fires, along with logs for sitting around the rings. About eighteen campsites were located and attended. There were several beautiful spots recommended for development.



There is so much history and amazing things to see all through the 120,000-acre wilderness area. It has 105 miles of trails and elevation ranges from 8,000 to 12,431 feet, huge and unusual rock formations, along with Lost Creek itself that disappears underground eleven times within its short 15 miles distance before connecting to Goose Creek. The Antero & Lost Creek Reservoir Co tried unsuccessfully to dam Lost Creek from 1891 to 1913.



There will be more of these BPX Backpack Surveys this year.

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## More from Dean



CMC Bobcat hike to Cap Rock, Jim Guerra (leader), Greg Long (co-lead), Dean Waits, and others from the Denver group



# Conservation Corner

## Help Curb Irresponsible Recreational Firearms Use

With the PPG not sponsoring any stewardship projects this year, let's talk about a conservation and access issue: irresponsible recreational firearms use. I know many of us have begun to avoid areas along Rampart Range Road and Gold Camp Road because of concerns about unsafe shooting practices such as firing off hilltops and also the overall effect of small arms fire on our ability to enjoy the outdoors. The Pikes Peak Ranger District is also aware of these issues and has taken some steps to address them. As I understand their process—or the process of any government agency for that matter—they can only change how this is regulated if they have a basis for saying it is having an impact on recreation or resources.

Thus, I encourage all PPG members to send reports of issues to the PPRD's new Recreation Planner, Samantha Gooch, at [samantha.gooch@usda.gov](mailto:samantha.gooch@usda.gov). Effective emails will include the precise location by GPS and description (*e.g.*, "at the intersection of Gold Camp Road and FR381", or "off the end of FR935"), photos if possible of the resource damage and debris left behind (but don't confront anyone or put yourself at risk), and a description of how it affected your recreational experience (*e.g.*, "we had to take a different route on our hike to avoid passing below where people were shooting into the valley", or "we could not use our planned campsite because it was covered in shell casings"). Those of you who use RIMS may also be able to document issues on it, but I think the emails will present a better record of concern.



## Pikes Pique

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*Pikes Pique* is the monthly newsletter of the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. It is a forum for enhancing skills for backcountry travel in the Colorado mountains and communicating information, news, and upcoming events to members and interested parties.

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  
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The deadline for submissions is the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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