



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Pictures

Not-Quite-a-Picnic Pineries



L-R: Dean Waits, Dawn Rockett, Jessica Cheatham, Audrey Burkart (leader), and Jennifer Waller.

Not-Quite-a-Picnic Eagles Peak



L-R: Sara Gordon, Megan Rieger, Julie Haverluk, Zephyr Smith, and Adrienne Ross. Trip leader David Kuenzli.

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Garden of the Gods Hike



L-R: The Ryan Family, Paul Schoell (leader), Audrey Burkart and the doggies, Redda and Gustav. Photo by Dean Waits.

Capitol Peak



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The Mountaineers Books

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TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited

HAMS Starts in October

The Pikes Peak Group High Altitude Mountaineering School will start in October. This 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 10/27, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, and 12/15 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 1/9, 1/23, 2/12-13, and 2/26-27; 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. Cost for the class is \$175. For information and to get the registration code, contact Greg Long at (719) 659-0345 or e-mail to at_90@yahoo.com. Register online at cmc.org.

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Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

PPG BMS - Wilderness Fundamentals

Starts September 20

The Wilderness Fundamentals class is an introduction of important skills and back country 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. The class lecture via Zoom 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. The mandatory field session explores the lecture concepts during an actual outing and gives students a chance to further address any questions or concerns while meeting new hiking friends and sharing ideas about gear, snacks, and hiking spots. 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: \$35 for PPG members, \$45 for all others.

Pikes Peak Intro to Desert Hiking and Canyoneering

Starts September 22

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 on 22 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 26 Sep. Then we go on a five day trip to the desert scheduled for 29 Sep through 03 Oct. This year's desert trip is planned for the San Rafael Swell in Utah. A strong fitness level to go on daily full day hikes with scrambling on moderate exposure in hot terrain, squeezing through narrows, 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, \$160 for all others.

PPG ARCPro Introduction to Self-Rescue Class

Starts September 25

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. Cost: \$65 for Leaders, \$95 for all others.

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

Starts October 7

This 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 and to think creatively in order to make the right decisions. Two evening classroom presentations are followed by an outside field day consisting of hands-on training and realistic scenarios on a variety of medical situations that may be encountered in the wilderness setting (including CPR) where calling 911 is not an option. This course satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. You will receive your WFA with adult CPR/AED certification card emailed to you upon satisfactory course completion. Cost: \$100 for Leaders, \$115 for PPG members, \$125 for all others.

PPG Trip Leader School

Starts October 18

The Pikes Peak Group (PPG) Trip Leader School (TLS) provides a self-paced online curriculum (Google Classroom), a 3-hour online meeting (Zoom), and a 5-hour Leader-In-Training field trip to review important trip leader topics such as trip planning, group dynamics, situational awareness, communication skills, leadership, CMC policies, and leader liability considerations. The TLS is the first step to certification as a CMC Trip Leader. Cost: \$25.

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October Pikes Peak Group Trips

Lost Creek - Shafthouse Overlook

Saturday, 10/2/2021

Moderate B

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

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 1500, Driving Distance 110. Location: Goose Creek Trailhead, in Lost Creek Wilderness. Details: There's nothing quite like the rock formations along Goose Creek—unless it's adding splashes of aspen and riparian color in the fall. All but the very end is a relatively easy trail hike. The final approach to the Shafthouse overlook requires a little class 2-3 bouldering and dropping down into a very narrow passage (narrow = walk sideways without a pack on). We will pass the old cabin ruins on the way out, hang out at the overlook for a while, and visit the final upwelling of Goose Creek on the way back. Walking pace will be moderate, but overall pace likely will be fairly slow. This is a fabulous hike for autumn photos, so we will be free to pause as desired. Please don't sign up if you just want to move fast all the time. However, 10 miles is 10 miles and days will be getting short, so when we are moving, we will want to move reasonably quickly between points of interest so we can spend plenty of time at them. Thus also please don't sign up if you just want to move slowly all the time. For this trip, priority is given to Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. Members of other groups will be waitlisted offline until 1 week prior to the trip. No dogs or other non-human companion animals.

PPG New Member Orientation Hike at RRCOS

Saturday, 10/2/2021

Easy A

Leader: Dean Waits, 281-352-2236, dwaits24@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 3, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 10. Location: We will meet at the Red Rock Canyon Open Space (RRCOS) in the back parking lot. Details: We will go for a short hike in the Red Rock Canyon Open Space (3 miles) and then meet at the Gazebo to review the PPG New Member Orientation materials and answer questions. Guests are welcome, so bring a friend. We will start at 8am, should be completed by 11:30ish. Dress for the weather. All attendees are required to wear a mask and social distance. If more than 10 are in attendance, the group will be split and another leader will take the overage.

Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area Dogs are welcome!

Saturday, 10/2/2021

Difficult BII

Leader: John Gray, 719-369-3163, johnphoneman@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 7.5, Elevation Gain 1700, Driving Distance 90. Location: We will meet at the Alta / Exxon gas station in Penrose at 9am at 916 CO-115, Penrose, CO 81240. Details: We should have fall colors on this low elevation, remote hiking area. Well behaved dogs (dog and people friendly) and people (at least dog friendly) are welcome! Bring lunch and enjoy this fall hike. Parts of the trail will be overgrown and two creek crossings will slow our progress. So... don't have afternoon plans and bring lunch as this will take most of the day. Be sure to bring water shoes for the two major creek crossings. Poles would be handy too! We may socialize afterwards, so bring a chair and your beverage of choice. *Please note:* A hunting or fishing license is now required to hike in wilderness study areas. Please purchase one before the hike. Hope to see you then!

Horsethief Park Reroute Day 1

Saturday, 10/9/2021

Moderate

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

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 300. Location: Horsethief Park Trail. Details: Trail Work / Day Hike. Ages 16+; under 18 requires parent/guardian to accompany. Bring your lunch. This project will reroute a part of the trail into Horsethief park, where an encroachment onto private property has recently been discovered. We are going to try to do the work in one day but are putting it on the calendar for both Saturday and Sunday if needed. This project is a high priority for preventing the closure of access to this area and avoiding the creation of unsustainable work-around routes. It is possible that this project will not happen as scheduled, given the short timeframe for getting it officially approved, designed, and cleared of trees. If it does not, the project will be rescheduled for next summer. The project area is about a half mile up the trail. Volunteers must bring work clothes and gloves, water, snacks, lunch, 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 waitlist if the trip is full. Notes: This trip may not happen because of winter weather or the short timeframe for setting it up.

Teddy's Peak 12,547 Dogs are Welcome! La Veta Area

Saturday, 10/9/2021

Difficult BI

Leader: John Gray, 719-369-3163, johnphoneman@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 5, Elevation Gain 2260, Driving Distance 250. Location: Close to Cuchara, CO. Details: Lets hike this 12,547 Peak with an elevation gain of 2,257 ft and no switchbacks, this will be a fairly tough hike. There are loads of aspen trees in the area. Hopefully, we will have some good leaf peeping! This is an experimental trip for the leader, as I have not climbed this before. My understanding is, it is not technical and has grrreat views! Well behaved dogs (dog and people friendly) and people (at least dog friendly) are welcome! Please bring water and food, if you bring your furry friend. Bring your lunch or snack to have on the peak. We may socialize afterwards, so bring a chair and your beverage of choice. Hope to see you then! Notes: I may not have cell service, as I will be staying in Cuchara. I can be contacted by email the night before, so let's all try to be on time.

Horsethief Park Reroute Day 2

Sunday, 10/10/2021

Moderate

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

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 300. Location: Horsethief Park Trail. Details: Trail Work / Day Hike. Ages 16+; under 18 requires parent/guardian to accompany. Bring your lunch. This project will reroute a part of the trail into Horsethief park, where an encroachment onto private property has recently been discovered. We are going to try to do the work in one day but are putting it on the calendar for both Saturday and Sunday if needed. This project is a high priority for preventing the closure of access to this area and avoiding the creation of unsustainable work-around routes. It is possible that this

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Monument Headwaters: Rocks and Fall Color

Saturday, 10/16/2021

Hike

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

Trail Mileage 9, Elevation Gain 2000, Driving Distance 10. Location: Rampart Range. Loop from the intersection of FR320 (Mt Herman Road) and FR315—the closure gate to old FR322A. Details: Let's see the aspens and other fall color in the Rampart Range! Even if the timing on the leaves doesn't work out, we'll still have lots of rocks! Rocks to look at, rocks to look out from the top of, rocks to look at while standing on top of other rocks, even the OG balanced rock! This trip is mostly on rough, user-created trails; 1 downhill mile is off-trail; about 500' is technically exploratory (I believe I have in the past missed an even better overlook). There are three stream crossings that will probably be benign in fall but you might prefer boots off. We will move slowly enough to take lots of pictures, so don't sign up if that will make you impatient—this trip will take all day while we soak up the nature. Getting out to one optional rock might be Class 3 and has a bit of exposure; otherwise just the usual hazards of pea gravel where dirt bikes are chewing up the slopes and big steps on uneven ground when off trail. Don't overlook the elevation gain: Rampart Range hikes often kick people's asses more than they expect. In this case, there are three major climbs out of the upper valleys of North Monument Creek and Monument Creek. No dogs or other nonhuman animal companions. Email or call to sign up with leader.

Mid-week After Work Hike 4 of 5: South Garden of the Gods

Wednesday, 10/20/2021

Easy A

Leader: Paul Schoell, 719-440-7777, 4paul2@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 3.3, Elevation Gain 300. Location: At the end of Columbia Rd. Coordinates: 38°51'58"N 104°53'06"W. Details: Come enjoy the fall weather for this family friendly (children and dogs) hike. We will start at our parking location TH and proceed into the southern most part of the GOG. You should be ready for this as we will be doing a lollipop hike within a lollipop hike with some great scenery including the Siamese Twins in the distance. We'll return to our TH along the stem of the lollipop. Lollipops may be available on this hike and I doubt you'll see any animals on this hike. Long pants and hiking boots are recommended as we may pass through some tall grass with prickly stickers. If you're new to the CMC, this is a great way to start hiking—guests are also welcome (please sign the online waiver). Notes: This is the fourth of five easy, family friendly mid-week after work hikes sometimes spaced about two weeks apart. Hiking will be on trails less traveled in our local parks/open spaces for three to four miles at a casual pace, stopping when any family member needs to stop. The other hike in this series is East RRCOS on Oct 27th.

Mid-week After Work Hike 5 of 5: East Red Rock Canyon Open Space

Wednesday, 10/27/2021

Easy A

Leader: Paul Schoell, 719-440-7777, 4paul2@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 3.5, Elevation Gain 450. Location: Parking lot for RRCOS on 31st St. Coordinates: 38°50'53"N 104°52'23"W. Details: Come enjoy the fall weather for this family friendly (children and dogs) hike. We will start at the parking lot TH and proceed along the eastern part of RRCOS heading south. It's another lollipop hike that will bring us back to our TH. Lollipops may be available on this hike and if there is a dog on this hike, you will see an animal. If you're new to the CMC, this is a great way to start hiking—guests are also welcome (please sign the online waiver). Notes: This is the last of five easy, family friendly mid-week after work hikes. Hiking will be on trails less traveled in our local parks/open spaces for three to four miles at a casual pace, stopping when any family member needs to stop. If you made it to the other four hikes and are going on this hike—congratulations and you get to vote which hike was the best and we'll repeat that hike later.



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More PPG in Pictures

Intro to Backpacking Field Session



The backpacking crew from our recent class paused for a selfie during a 2-night adventure in the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness. With highs in the 70s and lows below freezing, participants put their skills of selecting gear, picking a campsite, preparing food, water purifying, shelter set-up, bear-bagging, and group hiking to good use. Are you interested in learning how to plan and conduct an overnight backcountry adventure? Watch for our classes in 2022.

Horsethief Park Trail Reroute

It has recently been discovered that the popular trail to Horsethief Park and Pancake Rocks encroaches on private property. The Forest Service would like to get the trail rerouted yet this season. This might be ambitious—there are a lot of steps to take and any number of things (weather!) may interfere—but we'd like to step in and make this work!

The trail construction does not look particularly difficult considering its location—it will pretty much all just be creating tread and removing roots and rocks that are hopefully not too big. Thus the work is suitable for anyone regardless of experience. PPG and possible partners will provide all the tools, instruction, and leadership. You just need to bring an enthusiastic spirit and a stamina similar to a day of doing serious yard/garden work.

We have two days scheduled. If you have a choice, please sign up for Saturday—we may be able to finish the work in a day, so Sunday may not happen.

[Sign up](#) for Saturday, October 9.

[Sign up](#) for Sunday, October 10.

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

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