



The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Palmer Park Hike 1

In an attempt to hike all the trails of Palmer Park, Hike 1 was off to a good start. We hiked exactly 3 miles by way of building a route as we go. Beautiful views with weather brewing just south of us. I'm new to this part of town and oh so lucky to have such a wonderful space to stretch the legs.



L-R: Anna, Lydia, Dean, and Joe

Palmer Park Hike 2

More miles hiked in Palmer Park. 3 to be exact. I started the hike not knowing which exact trails we will see, but we ended at the cars with 3 miles exactly. New friends joined and tired legs rejuvenated!



L-R: Dave, Meegan, Anna, and Joe

Hike on Trail 756 Near Mt Herman



L-R: Randy Phillips, Bob Falcone, Terre Topp; back: Sandee Miller, Audrey Burkart, Dean Waits (leader) and Jim Guerra

PPG Wild Fun Spruce Mountain Open Space Hike



L-R: Back: Devon L., Hugh P., Meegan T., Erica L.; Middle: Janice F., Theresa C., Kenji F., Richard J.; Front : James W., Jenna M., Caroline P., and Joe P. (Co-leader)

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Welcome New Members!

Jonah Attebery	Kerry Gray
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Kristel Cronin	Jeff Severson
Elijah Gendron	



Member Discounts

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The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited

The BMS Has Changed

The Pikes Peak Group's Basic Mountaineering School has been restructured. It now consists of two series:

- **The PPG Wilderness Trekking School (WTS)** includes: Wilderness Fundamentals, Land Navigation, and Backpacking
- **The PPG Basic Mountaineering School (BMS)** includes: Scrambling, Alpine Snow, Rock Climbing, and Ice Climbing

CMC members are welcome to sign up for each course (as long as they meet the prerequisites) to learn, grow, and challenge themselves while exploring the great outdoors in different and unique ways.



The Pikes Peak Group Scrambling Course

Eagles Peak Scramble

Joe Preiss, Ed Anderson, Tony Eichstadt and David Kuenzli conducted a Scrambling Course reconnaissance trip on "Eagles Peak" near the US Air Force Academy. This iconic south Colorado peak, who's name on US Forest Service topo maps is really North peak, is now known locally as Eagles Peak. Anyone driving I-25 will note its formidable east face rising above the US Air Force Academy property.



One normally accesses the summit via the Goat Creek Trail. Park at the Barry Goldwater Visitor Center parking area (during normal visitor hours) and hike west up the Pavilion Rd to the trailhead. The standard route is about 1.5 miles with a vertical gain of nearly 2000 feet and requires Class 2 scrambling. The face of Eagles Peak is much more intimidating. It was our goal to find a route which would remain Class 4 or below. I studied the topographic map and pictures of the face, and it appeared there was a possible route up the east spur of the mountain. The four of us started on the Goat Creek Trail, then bushwhacked up a northeast gully to access the saddle between the face and a

small, rocky summit. We had a really good look at our proposed route from our break spot at the saddle (see picture 1). We all agreed that the first pitch seemed the most troubling. If we could only get above that slab, and near the clump of trees in the middle of the spur, we thought a ramp would lead us up and right. We put on our climbing gear and proceeded to move up the east spur until we arrived at the base of the face. As we suspected, the slab in front of us presented a low Class 5 pitch. Ed was able to negotiate this short section to see if the route got easier above. We could always belay others up this short section. Unfortunately, the climbing didn't get any easier. Now Ed had to down climb a low Class 5 section with a 25-foot drop below. The risk was marginal, but the consequences were high. Tony had the excellent idea of throwing Ed the light alpine rope we carried, and he could rappel the section. I was able to make a nice toss, Ed looped the rope around the base of a solid tree, and used a Munter hitch to rappel safely down the short section (see picture 2).



This was an excellent example of using all of our Basic Mountaineering School skills and teamwork. We collected the rope and then decided to bushwhack south along the base of the face to a prominent east gully which gave access to a saddle south of Eagles Peak. We even found a few sections of enjoyable Class 4 scrambling as we ascended to the saddle. Once at the saddle, we hiked up the south ridge social trail to gain the summit and its remarkable views (see picture 3). Today we had an objective to find a Class 4 scrambling route. That didn't happen. But we did successfully use our knowledge, skills, experience and judgment to enjoy a unique adventure in the Front Range mountains.

Kite Lake Trailhead Ambassador Program

Weekends 5am-11am

Who Are We?

Since 1912, The Colorado Mountain Club has been delivering conservation, education and recreational opportunities to the Colorado public. CMC is working alongside multiple stakeholders to maintain outdoor recreation access to this popular 14er hiking loop.

What Will You Do?

Help educate users on hiking etiquette and safety while gathering data and survey responses that will help inform management plans in the area. Scan the QR code to learn more or [sign up today!](#)

Your Responsibilities

01

Monitor Trail Usage

Note number of users, group size, type of usage, and vehicle information on provided template and submit on a RIMS Visitor Use Assessment.

02

Survey Trail Users

Gather information on visitor demographics, knowledge of the area and best practices. Surveys will help spark the conversation around sustainable recreation.

03

Educate Trail Users

Educate hikers on land management issues and Leave No Trace Principles using the provided information sheet. Responsible trail use will decrease resource damage and allows the trails to remain open.

Scan to learn more or sign up!



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Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

PPG ARCPro Basic Climbing Anchors

Starts June 18

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. Prerequisite: Registrants should have already taken BMS Rock Climbing, or have the equivalent basic rock climbing skills. Leading skills are not necessary. Cost: \$30 for Leaders and \$45 for all others.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Intro to Backpacking

Starts July 6

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: PPG CMC Wilderness Fundamentals and Land Navigation Course completion. Cost: \$25 for PPG members and Leaders, \$35 for all others.

PPG ARCPro Traditional Lead Climbing Class

Starts July 9

The Traditional Lead Climbing Class is part of the PPG Advanced Rock Climbing Program. In this class, students will be introduced to the principles and techniques of placing gear on a “traditional” rock climb. This class builds upon many of the concepts and skills taught in the PPG ARCPro Trad Gear and Anchors Class. By the end of the final field session, students will perform “mock” trad leads—backed up by a top-rope belay. Students will be evaluated for their gear placements and their understanding of key principles of how to ensure safety while leading a traditional climb. Prerequisites: Successful completion of BMS Rock Climbing, the Sport Leading Class, and the PPG ARCPro Trad Gear and Anchors class, or equivalent skills and approval from course leader. Please contact the leader for any questions as to your suitability for this class and the ARC Program in general. Cost: \$65 for Leaders and \$95 for all others.

PPG ARCPro Multipitch Concepts Class

Starts July 30

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 Trad 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 Wilderness Trekking School - Intro to Backpacking

Starts August 15

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: PPG CMC Wilderness Fundamentals and Land Navigation. Cost: \$25 for PPG members and \$35 for all others.

Pikes Peak Intro to Mountain Biking Basics

Starts September 7

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. The mountain biking classroom dates are 07 and 08 Sep from 6:00p to 9:30p, and the field dates are 10, 17, and 24 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. There are also rental costs if you don't own the gear.

PPG Wilderness Trekking School - Wilderness Fundamentals

Starts September 12

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. 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. Mandatory Field Session (Sep 17th 7:30a.m.-12:00pm) 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 prerequisite 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 Technical Canyoneering

Starts September 14

Have you completed Intro to Desert Hiking and Canyoneering and BMS Rock? 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 14 Sep from 6:00p to 9:30p. There are two evening field session in Colorado Springs to cover some basics and evaluate fitness levels on 15 and 22 Sep. Then we go on a five day trip to the desert scheduled for 02-06 Oct. This year's desert trip is planned for San Rafael Reef in Utah. A strong fitness level to go on daily 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. Prerequisite: Completion of both BMS Rock Climbing and Intro to Desert Hiking and Canyoneering is required! A city parks rock [climbing permit](#) is also required. Cost: \$250 for PPG members and leaders and \$300 for all others.

Pikes Peak Intro to Desert Hiking and Canyoneering

Starts September 21

If you have only been hiking in the high altitude of Colorado, there is another world out there. When you have climbed enough peaks to wonder what other environments there are, 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 21 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 25 Sep. Then we go on a five day trip to the desert scheduled for 28 Sep through 02 Oct. This year's desert trip is planned for the San Rafael Reef 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, and \$160 for all others.



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July Pikes Peak Group Trips

Pine River Backpack

Friday, 7/1/2022

Difficult D

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

Trail Mileage 36, Elevation Gain 4250, Driving Distance 650. Location: San Juans, CO. Details: We will spend the holiday weekend backpacking up Rio de Los Pinos from near Vallecito Reservoir to the historic site of the Granit Peak Guard Station in SW Colorado. The guard station was established in 1915 as a part of the Pine Ranger District in the San Juan NF. We will

backpack approximately 9 miles each day. We can explore and fish if time permits. Waterfalls, deep canyons, wildlife, historic cabins, etc. will make this an incredible adventure. Plus, the upper valley is one of the most beautiful places I have seen in Colorado. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Nat Geo Map 140. Register with leader.

The Crag and Beyond

Wednesday, 7/6/2022

Moderate A

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

Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 1000, Driving Distance 60. Location: The Crag (Trail 664) is approximately 3 miles west on Forest Service 383/County Road 62, west of Hwy 67 south. It is southeast of Divide, Colorado and northeast of Cripple Creek. It is considered part of Pikes Peak Massif. Please bring your ten essentials, approximately 2 liters/quarts of water, ample food for snacks and possibly lunch, rain gear, and warm layers. *All participants in this hike are required to be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID 19.*

East/West Buffalo Peaks

Saturday, 7/9/2022

Moderate C

Leader: Britt Jones, 719-661-4777, britt@globalreality.biz

Trail Mileage 11, Elevation Gain 3400. Location: These are ranked 13er peaks and are in the Mosquito Range, west of Fairplay, CO. West Buffalo Peak-ranked 372, East Buffalo Peak-ranked 399. Info on these peaks on 14ers.com. Details: We plan to start hiking from the TH/parking area at 5:00am on Saturday. We will climb both East and West Buffalo Peaks in a loop. We plan to return to the TH, then set up camp and spend Saturday night, drive home Sunday morning. Notes: No specific gear is required other than the 10 Essentials you would normally carry in the back country. If you are relaxing at camp and spending the night Saturday night, then you will need dinner/breakfast and camping/overnight gear.

After Work Rock Climbing Red Rock Canyon Open Space

Monday, 7/11/2022

Rock Climbing

Leader: Kristen Buckland, 419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 300. Details: After work rock climbing in Red Rock Canyon Open Space. You are welcome to lead or top rope, leading will be encouraged. Meet at the smaller parking lot at 5pm. If you plan to arrive later, email the leader for directions and just meet us at the climbing wall. You must have completed BMS Rock or equivalent to join; knowledge of climbing knots, belay, and climbing commands is required. Email the leader with your experience to sign up. Bring your own climbing gear; you can lead or climb on top ropes. Bring a climbing rope if you have one. You will need to have signed the climbing waiver for the City of Colorado Springs Parks found online (required every calendar year by the City). *Helmets and headlamp required.*

Sentinel Point

Tuesday, 7/12/2022

Difficult C

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

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 3300, Driving Distance 60. Location: Sentinel Point at 12,500 feet is southwest of Pikes Peak and part of the Pikes Peak Massif. It is southeast of Divide and northeast of Cripple Creek. Please note: This is a difficult hike with some Class 3 scrambling involved (approximately 50 feet). Hikers should be acclimated to high altitude and familiar with rock scrambling. *No hares please.* Please bring your ten essentials including 2-3 liters/quarts of water, ample food for lunch and snacks, warm layers, and rain gear. *All participants in this hike must be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID 19.*

After Work Rock Climbing Red Rock Canyon Open Space

Monday, 7/18/2022

Rock Climbing

Leader: Kristen Buckland, 419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 300. Details: After work rock climbing in Red Rock Canyon Open Space. You are welcome to lead or top rope, leading will be encouraged. Meet at the smaller parking lot at 5pm. If you plan to arrive later, email the leader for directions and just meet us at the climbing wall. You must have completed BMS Rock or equivalent to join; knowledge of climbing knots, belay, and climbing commands is required. Email the leader with your experience to sign up. Bring your own climbing gear; you can lead or climb on top ropes. Bring a climbing rope if you have one. You will need to have signed the climbing waiver for the City of Colorado Springs Parks found online (required every calendar year by the City). *Helmets and headlamp required.*

Mt Sherman

Wednesday, 7/20/2022

Moderate C

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

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 2800, Driving Distance 180. Location: Mt. Sherman is southwest of Fairplay, Colorado and southeast of Leadville, Colorado in the Mosquito-Ten Mile Range. Please bring your 10 essentials including at least 2-3

liters/quarts of water, ample food for snacks and lunch, warm layers, and rain gear. *All participants in this hike are required to have COVID 19 vaccinations and boosters.*

Staunton Ranch State Park

Tuesday, 7/26/2022

Moderate B

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

Trail Mileage 7, Elevation Gain 1400, Driving Distance 160. Location: Staunton Ranch State Park is approximately six miles west of Conifer, Colorado near Hwy 285 South and Elk Creek Road (Shaffer's Crossing). Please remember to bring your ten essentials including at least 2 liters/quarts of water, food for lunch and snacks, and rain gear. *All participants in this hike are required to be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID 19.* Details: We'll start at the parking lot between the Davis Ponds Loop Trail and the Staunton Ranch Trail. I'd like to hike the Staunton Ranch Trail to the Bugling Elk Trail and stop at Elk Falls Pond. If time and energy allow, we can return via the Marmot Passage Trail, the Scout Line Trail, and finally the Staunton Ranch Trail. However, we can shorten the hike if participants so desire or hike alternative trails. Hike length will probably be between 7 and 9 miles.

Tabeguache 14er and 13er

Saturday, 7/30/2022

Moderate CII

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 6.7, Elevation Gain 3615, Driving Distance 320. Location: Call leader to register.



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Potpourri

Horsethief Park Trail Work this Weekend! June 18 & 19

There is still time to sign up for our stewardship partnership with Friends of the Peak. Please sign up to help us reroute a section of the trail to Horsethief Park and Pancake Rocks (Trail 704) to avoid private property!



Here are the trip links: [Saturday June 18](#), with [Sunday June 19](#) tentative. Please sign up for either or both!

This project is open to non-CMC members, so please share the event with friends who like trailwork.

Get Outdoors Day in Memorial Park



Dean Waits and Alan Bridges

More Potpourri

RMFI is Hiring!



Do you love being outside?
Are you passionate about the environment?
Do you love meeting and working with new people?
Is blue your favorite color?

New positions are open on our seasonal staff.
With all the amazing projects we've got lined-up in the coming months, this is
an exciting time to join the team!

Do good work. Meet great people. Make a difference.

For more information and to apply, please [visit us](#).

Apex Mountain Bike



Apex Mountain Bike Racing, Festival, and Expo: Sept 22–25. Ride or volunteer.
[Sign up now.](#)

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:

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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.