

PPG Outings

Events are in or from Colorado Springs. A donation of \$1 per member per outing is requested to help our Sierra Club chapter defray costs. Added charge where noted.

Saturday, April 8, 8am - 4pm **McIntyre Hills Hike**

This exploratory hike in the McIntyre Hills west of Royal Gorge will be held in conjunction with the **Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition (CCWC hereafter)**, and is intended to search for and document motorized intrusions into the McIntyre Hills Wilderness Study Area, one of the CCWC's "Wild Ten" proposed wildernesses. Participants will learn about the wilderness study area, the effect of motorized intrusions, and ways to fight this growing threat to wilderness in Colorado. Participants should bring lunch, water, hiking boots, and clothing suitable to weather conditions, including adequate raingear. This moderate trip will cover 4-5 miles with approx. 750 feet elev. gain. Details/sign up: Jim Lockhart 385-0045.

April 29, Saturday 9am - 3pm **Leader Training Hike**

This easy 3-4 mile hike with 250 feet elev. gain is designed to train outings leaders, and will cover trip planning and basic leadership skills. To be a Sierra Club leader you must be a member, have basic first aid training, and complete the leader training process, including the training hike, and provisionally lead a hike. For details or to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045.

May 13 Saturday 8am - 5pm **Beaver Creek Proposed Wilderness Dayhike and Light Service Project**

Beaver Creek is the crown jewel on the wild south slope of Pikes Peak. This moderately-strenuous trip will combine a 5-mile canyon hike (500-foot elev gain) with light trail and stream service projects, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management and CCWC. Tools, spectacular scenery, and lots of information about the area's wilderness values provided. Info/registration: John Stansfield 303-660-5849 or email jorcstan@juno.com by 5pm 5/12.

June 3, Saturday 7:30am - 5:30pm **Dayhike in Salt Creek Proposed Addition to Buffalo Peaks Wilderness**

We will hike along with the beginner backpackers on the first day of the June 3-4 Sierra Club backpacking trip (see separate listing.) This moderate 6-mile hike (500-foot elev. gain) will traverse aspen groves,

meadows, and spruce forests below South Park's landmark Buffalo Peaks. Learn about the area's wilderness values and potential on this trip co-sponsored by CCWC. For info and to register, contact John Stansfield 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 5pm June 2.

June 3, 4 Two-day event **Easy backpack to Salt Creek**

This will be a backpack hike for beginners or those interested in an easy summer warm-up. It will be conducted in conjunction with a joint Sierra Club/CCWC dayhike (see item above). We will hike in for 2-3 miles over an easy trail with about 250 feet elev. gain, camp overnight, and return Sunday afternoon. Participants must bring basic backpacking gear, including tent, sleeping bag, hiking boots, raingear, and clothing suitable for an overnight backpack. Participants are responsible for their own meals, but may contact leader to arrange a group meal Saturday night, and breakfast Sunday morning. The backpack will be conducted in conjunction with a CCWC dayhike: participants will have the opportunity to learn about the proposed Salt Creek wilderness addition to Buffalo Peaks Wilderness. For details or to sign up, contact Jim Lockhart at 385-0045.

July 9, Sunday **Farnum Peak Proposed Wilderness Boundary Survey 4W/D and Hike**

Attention, hikers with 4-wheel drives! Sierra Club and CCWC need you — and your high-clearance vehicle — to help locate wilderness boundaries for the Farnum Peak area northwest of Lake George. We will do about 2 miles of easy to moderate (250-foot elev. gain) hiking as well. Come learn some fundamental aspects of wilderness field work. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield at 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 5pm July 8.

The moods and qualities of nature and the revelations of great art are equally difficult to define; we can grasp them only in the depths of our perceptive spirit.

— Ansel Adams

SIERRA SINGLES GROUP SPONSORED HAPPENINGS

ALL Pikes Peak Group members, regardless of marital status, are welcome at the following events. Events are in, or leave from, Colorado Springs and all area codes are 719 unless otherwise noted.

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Apr 16, Sunday 9am to 2pm **Castlewood Canyon Hike**

Join the Sierra Club Singles for a fun hike of moderate difficulty though parts of Castlewood Canyon about 5-miles R/T with an elevation gain of about 300-ft. Bring water, snack, hat & glove, jacket, hiking boots, etc. There is a modest fee to be shared of \$5 per carload for entrance to the park. This Outing is for the Sierra Singles, as well as general members - will stop for lunch afterwards. RSVP to Dave Harmer, 597-3996.

Jun 25, Sunday 9am to 2pm **Waldo Canyon Hike**

Join the Sierra Club Singles for a fun hike of moderate difficulty on the Waldo Canyon loop trail which is about 6.8-miles R/T with an elev. gain of about 1,280 ft. Bring a camera, as there are great views of Pikes Peak and the eastern plains. Bring water, snack, hat & glove, jacket, hiking boots, etc. This Outing is for the Sierra Singles, as well as general members - will stop for lunch afterwards. RSVP to Dave Harmer, 597-3996.

July 16, Sunday 9:30am to 2pm **Raspberry Mountain Hike**

Join the Sierra Club Singles for a "moderate" 6-mile RT hike up Raspberry Mountain. Elevation gain about 900-ft with great panoramic views at the top. This Outing is for the Sierra Singles, as well as general members - will stop for lunch afterwards. Bring water, snacks, hiking boots, etc. RSVP to Dave Harmer, 597-3996.



For late-breaking events and hikes, check out
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