

# 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.

## **Jan. 10, Tuesday (indoor session) 6pm** **Jan. 14, Saturday (outdoors) All Day** **Beginners' Cross-Country Ski Clinic**

Join the Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group's annual beginner cross-country ski clinic to learn the basics of cross-country skiing equipment and techniques. The indoor session will be held at Beidleman Environmental Center, 740 W. Caramillo from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Steve Balsiger from Mountain Chalet will talk about equipment and clothing, including the latest sport innovations. We'll also discuss where to rent or buy equipment, where to go, and how to ski safely. The outdoor session is an all-day learning and "easy" practice session, taught by PPG members. The session will cover basic skiing techniques, held locally where the best snow can be found, and we'll travel about 2 miles with an elev. gain/loss of 250 ft. Bring a lunch, water, clothing for the weather conditions, and cross-country ski equipment (owned or rented) to enjoy the benefits of skiing on America's public lands.

The total cost for both sessions is \$20 (\$10 for additional family members). Participants without equipment will have to arrange rentals. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member to join in the fun, and to learn something about the value of forests in preserving our unique local wildlife and flora. For reservations and further details, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045.

## **Jan. 28, Saturday 9am - 1pm** **Stratton Open Space Hike**

This easy to moderate 4 mile hike in Colorado Springs is in a diverse region of five ecosystems; elev gain 700 ft. Come and learn something about this beautiful community open space!! Bring winter gloves & boots, extra socks, a good coat, warm pants, multiple layers of clothing protection for the central body area, snacks and water. Singles are also invited to attend! For details, call Spencer Johnston at 719-649-3837.

## **Feb. 5, Sunday 8:30am - Late Day** **Easy Cross-Country Ski Trip**

This is an easy cross-country ski trip to the best available local snow, emphasizing practice of basic cross-country skiing techniques, including downhill and off-trail skiing. We'll cover 3 to 4-miles, with an

elev gain/loss of 250 ft. while "recreating" on protected National Forest lands. This is an ideal follow-up to the January Cross-Country Ski Clinic, but is open to all. You should bring a lunch, water, clothing for weather conditions, cross-country ski equipment (owned or rented). For details or to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045.

## **Mar. 4, Saturday 8am to Late Day** **Horsethief Park Snowshoe**

This will be a moderate 3-4 mile snowshoe trip to Horsethief Park on the west side of Pikes Peak. It will be an all-day trip with emphasis on learning and practicing basic snowshoe techniques while enjoying the great out-of-doors in one of our protected National Forests. Bring lunch, water, and clothing suitable for the weather conditions. Participants will have to own or rent snowshoes and ski poles, plus suitable footwear. For details or to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045.

## **Mar. 18, Saturday 9am - 2pm** **Red Rock Canyon Open Space Hike**

This easy to moderate 4 mile hike is in Colorado Springs; elev gain 350 ft. Come and learn about our town's newest open space and something about its history! Bring winter gloves & boots, extra socks, a good coat, warm pants, multiple layers of clothing protection for the central body area, snacks and water. Singles are also invited to attend! For details, call Spencer Johnston at 719-649-3837.

## **CCWC-Sierra co-sponsored Hike**

### **Jan. 21, Saturday Full Day** **Table Mountain Proposed Wilderness Winter Exploration**

Hike the rough and rocky Table Mountain, forming the north slope of the Arkansas River canyon west of Royal Gorge. Co-sponsored by Sierra Club and the Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition, this moderately strenuous hike of up to seven miles and less than 1,000 feet in elevation gain explores scenic Hindman Gulch. Come learn about the Wild Ten and their potential for future wilderness designation. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorstan@juno.com by 5 pm January 20.

## **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.

A *donation of \$1 per member per outing is requested to help our Sierra Club chapter defray costs of offering you these activities.*

### **Jan. 7, Saturday 7am - 4pm** **Pikes Peak/Barr Camp Hike**

This strenuous 13 mile R/T Manitou Springs area hike starts at at the Barr Trailhead at 6,700 feet, elev gain 3,500 feet. For those interested, we will eat at a restaurant in Old Colorado City afterwards and talk about area trails and related conservation issues. Bring winter waterproof gloves & boots, extra socks, a very good coat, warm pants, multiple layers of clothing protection for the central body area, food and water for 2 meals, snacks, a blanket and waterproof tarp, matches, flashlight and a backpack. Call Spencer Johnston for details at 719-649-3837.

### **Jan. 22, Sunday 9:30am - 2pm** **Williams/Waldo Canyon Hike**

Join the gang for a "moderate" 6-mile RT. Hike begins at the trailhead west of Manitou Springs just off of Highway 24 through picturesque Williams Canyon. With year round access, this popular hike offers a wonderful view of upper Pikes Peak and of the high plains; elev gain 1200 ft. Bring water, snacks, hat & gloves, winter jacket, hiking boots, etc., and carpool to trail head. This Outing is for the Sierra Singles, as well as general members. We'll stop for lunch afterwards to discuss the hike and the protection of resources like this. RSVP to Dave Harmer, 597-3996.

### **Jan. 27-29, Friday - Sunday All Day** **Ski Lodge Trip to Breckenridge**

We (12 of us) have room for 2 more lucky people - for just \$140 each you receive 2 nights' lodging! Bring a potluck to help with a group meal, your own "special" diet foods, and you're set to go. Some of us downhill ski, some snowshoe, while some cross country ski, so dress for your choice of outdoor fun! This "moderate" activity is at 8,750 ft elevation; RT travel is 270 miles. We're a friendly group and willing to share; not everyone knows everyone, so anyone can fit in just fine. Come and see how ski areas should - and should not - be constructed to be conservation-minded. Only 2

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