

# RPG 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. All outings listed are general membership outings. All members and the general public are welcome.

**Saturday, July 7** 7:30am - 6:30pm  
**Weston Peak Proposed Wilderness Full Day Hike**

Weston Peak includes some of the highest elevation, scenic subalpine and alpine terrain in the Wild Ten proposal. This trip sponsored by Sierra Club, CCWC, and UASPP will explore riparian valleys in Weston's wildflower-strewn eastern realm below timberline. Participants will experience trail and off-trail hiking with a maximum of 1,500 foot elevation gain on this moderately strenuous seven mile trip. They will learn about the wilderness potential of Weston Peak and other nearby Wild Ten areas. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or email jorcstan@juno.com by 4 pm on July 6.

**Saturday, July 28** 9 am - 4 pm  
**Williams Canyon Dayhike**

Come hike up a stream bed through a paradise canyon. Just out of Manitou Springs, you are immediately isolated in the beauty of nature. We will follow a clear trail which crisscrosses the bubbling stream through a narrow canyon between towering vertical cliffs. We will stop at a cascading waterfall and learn about the conservation of natural treasures. This is an intermediate hike of about 800 feet elevation gain and about 7 miles round trip. Bring water, hiking shoes, a hat, a trail lunch, and other hiking accessories you prefer. Limited to 15. Contact John Palan at 719-559-2335 or email platojp@msn.com.

**Saturday, August 4** 8 am - 5 pm  
**Pikes Peak West Dayhike**

Pikes Peak West is an area on the western and southern side of Pikes Peak, bounded in large part by the proposed Ring the Peak Trail, and comprises pristine spruce-subalpine fir and alpine meadows which constitute important summer range for wildlife. This hike, sponsored jointly by the Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group, Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition, and Upper Arkansas south Platte Project will be a moderately strenuous dayhike to learn about how wilderness designation can protect this and similar areas from various threats, including mechanized intrusion. The hike will cover about six miles and 1000 feet change in elevation. Participants should bring suitable footgear for hiking over rough terrain, and clothing suitable for weather conditions, including rain-gear, plus lunch and water. For details and to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045.

**Saturday, August 18** 8 am to 5 pm  
**Pikes Peak Work Day**

Join members of the Pikes Peak Group and Rocky Mountain Field Institute for a workday on Pikes Peak to repair impacts to watercourses affected by the Pikes Peak Highway. The project will involve laying protective matting and reseeding areas in which rock check dams and bioengineered erosion control structures have been established. The outing will involve a short walk, possibly over steep terrain, to the work site. Tools and instruction will be provided. Participants should wear work clothes, footgear suitable for hiking, and should bring sunscreen, rain-gear, lunch, and water. Maximum participant limit 12. For further information, call Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045.

**Saturday, August 25** 8 am - 4 pm  
**Eagle Peak Dayhike**

Hike up a 9400 foot peak from the trailhead on the Air Force Academy grounds. We will follow a clear but steep trail into the national forest, with breathtaking views, as we hike over the saddle with a high meadow and up the back side of this rock faced peak. At the top we will have a panorama of the Front Range and discuss conservation of our natural treasures such as this. It is a strenuous hike of about 4 miles round trip with a total elevation gain of about 2300 feet. Bring water, hiking shoes, hat, trail lunch, and other hiking accessories you prefer. Limited to 15. Contact John Palan at 719-559-2335 or at platojp@msn.com for more information and sign up.

**Sunday, Sept 16** 8 am - 5 pm  
**Pikes Peak Work Day**

Join members of the Pikes Peak Group and Rocky Mountain Field Institute for a workday on Pikes Peak to repair impacts to watercourses affected by the Pikes Peak Highway. See listing for Saturday, August 18 for details.

**Saturday, Sept 22** 7:30am-5:30pm  
**Marmot Peak Dayhike**

This is a dayhike during the peak of aspen season to one of the scenic areas proposed for addition to the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness. With an elevation gain of 1,000 feet in six miles, the moderately strenuous trip will explore the area's primitive attributes, with participants learning details of the wilderness proposal and threats to the area's wildness. Bring your camera for great photos. The hike is sponsored by Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition, Pikes Peak Sierra Club, and Upper Arkansas-South Platte Project. Co-leader: Lorraine Streckfus. For details and to sign up, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or email jorcstan@juno.com by 4 pm September 21.



No Sierra Singles Outings were received by press time. Please check our group's website at [www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg](http://www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg) for outings as the actual outing date (month) of interest to you approaches.

**"A land ethic ... reflects the existence of an ecological conscience, and this in turn reflects a conviction of individual responsibility for the health of the land. Health is the capacity of the land for self-renewal. Conservation is our effort to understand and preserve this capacity."**

**- Aldo Leopold**

