



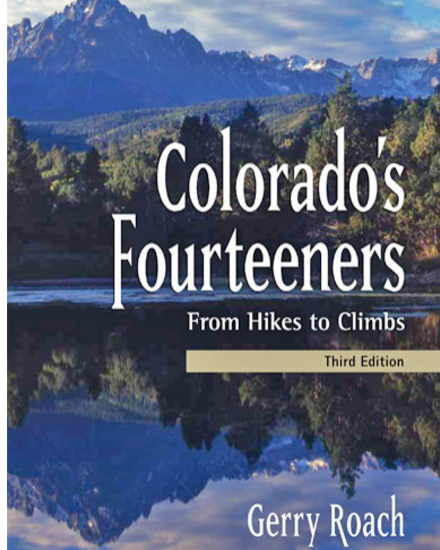
CMC hike down to the Gunnison River via the Curecanti Trail. Photo by John Broadbooks.

See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!

Canyon to Crest Call

Western Slope Group

June 2021



SAVE THE DATE! Western Slope Group's 70th Anniversary Annual Dinner, Saturday, October 2, 4-8pm

Our WSG Annual Dinner and 70th anniversary bash will be held at the Ute Museum in Montrose! This event will be subject to COVID protocols.

Our Speaker: World-class mountaineer **Gerry Roach**! In 1985, he became the 2nd person to climb the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. In 2003, he became the 1st person to climb every major peak over 16,000 feet in North America. Gerry will give his Northern

Heights presentation which highlights this 2003 achievement. He is also an accomplished rock climber and author. Autographed copies of Gerry's guidebooks and narratives will be available for purchase at the dinner. To plan ahead, check out his [guidebooks](#) and [narratives](#). We anticipate online sign-ups to start around mid to late August.

Seeking Volunteers: Do you enjoy planning/scheduling shindigs? Email WSGofCMC@gmail.com if interested. We'd like your input and help!

WSG 70th Anniversary

Camping & Hiking

Summer Outing

Let's get together and celebrate! Join us for all or part of the fun (per CMC Covid protocols):

- Thursday 8/12 to Sunday 8/15: 3 nights camping near Marble. Reserve your site at Bogan Flats Campground (shared sites available) or other camping area of your choice. Or motel in Carbondale. Or meet us for a day hike!
- Thursday 8/12 Backpack 1 Night, Mt Sopris Ascent 8/13. Mod C. Register with John Broadbooks.

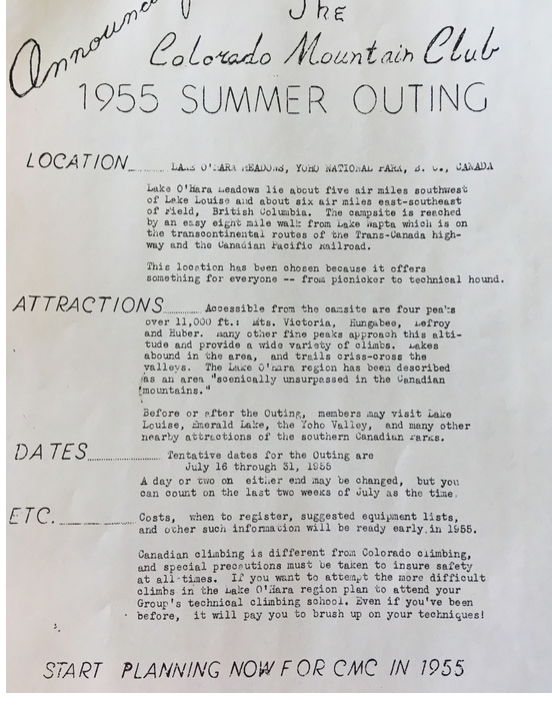
- Thursday 8/12 ?Crystal Mill afternoon hike.

- [Friday 8/13 Thomas Lakes Hike](#). Mod B. Anne Keil. Registration open!

- [Saturday 8/14 Raggeds Trail #820](#). Mod B. Brenda Leach. Registration open!

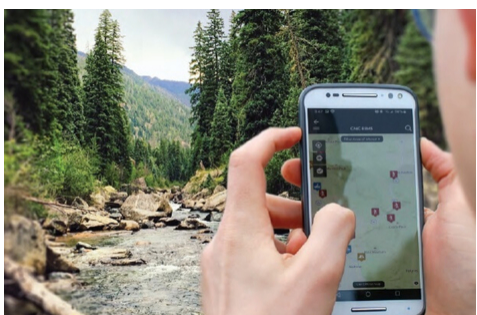
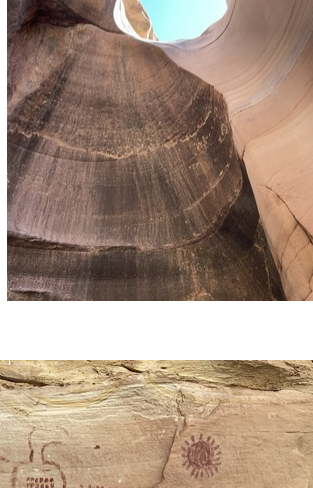
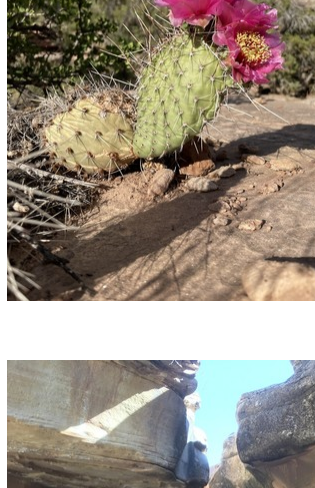
- Sunday 8/15 TBD

Contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com for more details or for suggestions or to help lead trips.



Trip Report: McDonald Creek Canyon

CMC trip leader Mary Pitz scheduled a hike to McDonald Creek Canyon in the Rabbit Valley area close to the Utah border. Ward Luthi led the hike as his Leader In Training (LIT) trip for becoming a CMC trip leader. The hike was unique thanks to the Fremont culture pictographs and petroglyphs close to the trail. Photos taken by Ward Luthi, Mary Pitz and Brenda Leach.



Conservation Corner

"Trail Assessments Requested by the BLM"

Interested in helping the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with trail assessments in the Western Slope? The BLM has requested assessments using the CMC's Recreation Impact Monitoring System (RIMS) app. With RIMS, you can identify items that need attention such as

downed trees, erosion issues and structure damage. See [RIMS](#) for more info on the app and online training. Contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com for more info.

Here's the list of priority areas in the Western Slope:

- Bridgeport Trailhead, Big Dominguez Canyon
- Little Dominguez
- Gunnison Gorge Trails – especially along the West River Trail, Bighorn Loop, Ute Trail, etc.
- McInnis Canyon – Kokopelli Trail network
- Jumbo Mountain Trails near Paonia

Please take a moment to click on the button below to take our Conservation Survey. Thanks!

[Take the CMC WSG Conservation Survey](#)

ALL OUTINGS LINK: [The CMC Calendar](#)

TRIPS (click on titles for more info and to sign up):**

[Monday 5/31-6/3 Canyonlands Hiking and Camping](#). Denver Group.

[Saturday 6/5 Dark Canyon](#). Mod B. Anne Keil.

[Wednesday 6/9-12 Lone Cone and Car Camping](#). Denver Group.

[Sunday 6/13 Baldy Peak](#). Mod B. John Broadbooks.

[Saturday 6/19 Bear Creek National Recreation Trail](#). Mod B. Brenda Leach

[Monday 6/28-Wednesday Difficult C Backpack 3 peaks + Deluge Lake](#). John Broadbooks.

[Sunday 7/11. Marble Peak](#). Mod B. Roaring Fork Group.

****All members and guests must sign a new [liability waiver \(effective March 2020\)](#).**

COVID policy for trips: [COVID-19 and CMC Programming, revised 5/5/2021](#)

PRESENTATIONS

[Anytime: Banff Mountain Film Festival-Virtual](#). 72 hour access thru October (fee).

[Tuesday 6/8. Beginning Birding](#). Webinar 6:30-7:30. Denver Group.

[Tuesday 6/22. Introduction to Bird Hiking](#). Webinar 6-7:30. State CMC.

[Tuesday 6/29. Hiking in Buena Vista and Salida](#). Webinar 6-7:30. State CMC.

[CMC Classes & Schools Webpage:](#) ****For some classes and schools that are offered on the full CMC calendar (typically on the front range or via ZOOM), we can arrange field days on this side of the state but need a minimum number of participants between the various CMC groups. Please let us know if something interests you.**

[Wilderness First Aid:](#) The CMC is offering a hybrid 16-hour course: 1-day of reading, live Zoom lectures and watching short videos AND 1-day of an in-person field class. This serves as both an initial cert and recert. \$200 members, \$245 nonmembers, and FREE for leaders or potential field leaders with online application and 6 trip commitment in 2 years. ****Western Slope summer field day now scheduling via this [survey](#)****; otherwise, field days in Golden are regularly available.

[Trip Leader Training:](#) We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

Seeking Monthly Newsletter Volunteers

We'd like your help! If you have requests for newsletter content or would like to contribute, let us know! Deadline to submit information, articles or photos is the **25th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. Email us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

We are also looking for a volunteer to be the **Newsletter Editor**. For more info, click here: [Newsletter Editor job description](#). We use myEmma, a tool which has many features that facilitate creating our monthly newsletter.

Click on these links to see past issues of our monthly *Canyon to Crest Call* newsletter.

2021: [January](#), [February](#), [March](#), [April](#), [May](#).

2020: [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

2021 Western Slope Group Council

Chair: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

Vice Chair & Outings Chair: Anne Keil (Montrose)

Treasurer: John Broadbooks (Montrose)

Secretary: Karen Mann (Montrose)

Conservation Chair: Ross Mittelman (Palisade)

We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#).

Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm on July 13, September 14 and November 9, Zoom availability and location will be determined closer to the meeting date. WSG members are welcome to attend.

CMC connects Coloradans with more than 3,000 trips, hikes and activities annually. Members also receive huge deals on outdoor gear, lodging, events and more.

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