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**RICK THOMPSON'S CANYONEERING  
101 (NORTH WASH) TRIP**

**OCTOBER 24-26, 2014**

**PHOTOS BY ROBERT GING**

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### **WMC Purpose (Article II of the WMC Constitution)**

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well-being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.



## Wanted: Board Members

The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation is looking to fill 4 positions to serve on their board of directors for a 3-year term.

The objective of the board is to preserve the Lodge that was established by the Wasatch Mountain Club and entrusted to the Foundation in 2010. The foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization and uses the money from donations, fundraisers, and rentals to maintain and improve the building as needed. Positions are volunteer and will be filled before the end of 2014.

### Open Positions

**IT Director** (IT infrastructure is basic and needs only moderately experienced person)

**Lodge Rental Coordinator** (Tasked with taking and maintaining the reservations for the Lodge)

**Fundraising** (Someone who is willing to coordinate events large and small to raise the funds necessary to keep the Lodge running)

**Lodge Maintenance** (Willing to plan and lead project teams aimed at maintaining the Lodge)

Contact Robert Myers for more information or to apply

[RobertMyers47@gmail.com](mailto:RobertMyers47@gmail.com)



[www.WasatchMountainClubFoundation.Org](http://www.WasatchMountainClubFoundation.Org)

**Message from the President**  
**Will McCarvill**  
**December 2014**



The Second 100 Years effort is up and going. John Veranth has come up with a long list of other outdoor clubs that the committee is to explore to see what they look like. Elliott Mott has come up with an exhaustive list of questions we could ask these clubs to gain insight on what are their issues and how they are dealing with them. Diane Rosenberg has helped us with SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) and we are to do this analysis in preparation for our next meeting in December. We redirected the November meeting into a budget preparation meeting as we cannot find time during the regular board meeting to get this done.

The Mountain Accord process is in the final mash together of everyone's ideal vision for the Wasatch. This has taken a year out of my life but I fully expect to see some progress on old contentious issues. I'll let you know when the opportunity comes up for you to comment on the proposed locally preferred scenario.

The Board is exploring options for our agendas to be available on the web site a few days before the board meeting so you can see what is on the menu, as well as making the minutes available on line after approval. We also need to figure out how to make much of information generated by the Second 100 Years project available on line as well.

A banner for the Wasatch Mountain Club. The top half features a photograph of a snow-capped mountain peak under a blue sky, with evergreen trees in the foreground. The text "WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB" is written in large, bold, yellow letters across the middle. Below this, in a white oval, is the text "Est. 1920". The bottom half of the banner has a tan background with text and a list of activities.

**WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB**

*Est. 1920*

**The Wasatch Mountain Club, formed in 1920, is an organization of outdoor enthusiasts who engage in recreational activities as well as social gatherings and conservation efforts.**

Check out our activities calendar and join us for an adventure!

**CLUB ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**

- Hiking, backpacking and camping
- Flat and whitewater kayaking, canoeing and rafting,
- Mountain and road biking,
- Rock and ice climbing, canyoneering and mountaineering,
- Snowshoeing,
- Nordic & alpine backcountry skiing,
- Social/entertainment activities/programs
- Conservation pursuits

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT**

 **WASATCHMOUNTAINCLUB.ORG**  
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## **2015 - 2016 BOARD NOMINATIONS**

The nominations committee is responsible for recruiting a slate of qualified and willing candidates for the Wasatch Mountain Club Governing Board for the year from March 1, 2015 to February 28, 2016.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are:

Jerry Hatch	801-583-8047	pikahatch@gmail.com
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Kyle Williams	435-258-8297	1959.kyle@gmail.com

Thanks to these Club members for being willing to serve on the committee.

Most of the current directors are willing to stay on, and the continuity is much appreciated. Contact the nominating committee listed above if you are interested in volunteering to serve on the WMC Board.

### **OPEN POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE:**

Treasurer

Membership (co-director)

Social

Mountaineering

Rambler Publications

IT (co-director)

Four-year Trustee (candidate must be a former board member)

If you want to nominate yourself for these or any of the other positions, you are welcome to do so.

The elections for the 2015 year will be at the February General Membership Meeting and the new officers and directors will take over in March. Contact the nominating committee if you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Board.

The Wasatch Mountain Club is a great place to meet new people interested in the outdoor activities that you enjoy. In addition to the many physical activities, the club also supports several social outings, picnics, potlucks, trip slideshows, live music, and of course, parties. Anyone can suggest a social event. The social committee would love to hear your suggestions and accept your participation. If you have a trip talk to present, just let us know.

## **December Boating Director's Message (Zig Sondelski)**

### **Boating Season, Permits, Co-Directors**

"A ship in the harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." Is your ship in harbor, be it your garage or basement or other location? So why have you put it away already? Is boating season really over and, if so, what criteria are we using? Sure, some rivers may be too low to float, but other rivers, as well as lakes, have plenty of water. What is your minimum air temperature to go on the water? One memorable fall trip was on Causey with a rim of ice along the shore. Why do we jump the gun and stop right when the crowds are gone and the fall colors are fantastic? Are we selling fall short? Yes, we dress warmer and take extra precautions in case we get wet. There is still time to get the canoe or hard shell kayak on the water. (Remember that the club now has TWO canoes available for rent at \$15 per day, including paddles.)

Donnie and Bret are working on reconciling our season finances, comparing equipment check-out forms against deposits to our account. (Thanks to those of you who got some outstanding checks in.) We are trying to make it easier for trip finance people to remember this by flagging the amount that needs to be paid to WMC Boating on our example trip expense form. We are also trying to make it easier for our WMC Treasurer to identify where the money goes. Will get these in the TOG (Trip Organizer's Manual).

In case you haven't noticed it in the Rambler, we have three co-directors. Why three you ask. The idea is that I am co-director emeritus, there to improve the transition (fill in, help out and offer too much advice). Kelly is really the lead co-director. Aymara is co-director trainee, there to learn what goes on, fill in and help out.

Looking ahead, December 1 (to January 31) is when you can start applying for 2015 river permits. If you are experienced enough to know what you want and when you want to try for a permit, why wait and risk forgetting. If you prefer waiting for advice at the permit party, that works well also. Most applications are through [www.rec.gov](http://www.rec.gov). A good place to get introduced to the system, get river permit information and understand the process is at <http://www.recreation.gov/marketing.do?goto=acm/faqs/lotteries.htm>.

We have a new location selected for the permit and planning parties as Rocky Mountain Pizza closed its doors, I am sad to say. Maybe it had gotten too small and it was a bit noisy on some nights, but it was sure easy to arrange. We are trying out the Wasatch Room at the 3300 South REI, and it is proving much more challenging already. We were able to get 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 14 for the permit party and 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 2 for the planning party after a lot of effort on Kelly's part. Not our preferred dates, but it will work.

Watch for plans for a river rescue class at reduced rates next year. We have a Bill Viavant Water Sports Education and Safety Fund that will be used to subsidize the fee for people willing to help out in return. More details to follow.

It was nice to see a good number of boating organizers at the Organizer Banquet helping out on October 19. With the good results from this year's organizer training, I expect it will happen again in 2015 and at a more convenient day than Sunday. We want both experienced organizers to provide input and potential organizers to learn what's involved and ask questions. A little training makes it a lot clearer and more manageable for everyone.

The boating director transition is continuing, having had a small party in November to make plans on resuming some projects we started last fall and put on hold. Expect to hear about some other parties to get together and work on something that might interest you.

Thanks again to our Equipment Coordinators, Bret Mathews and Donnie Benson, and our Canoeing Coordinator, Pam Stalnaker

## BOATING SEASON KICKOFF

Rafters

Kayakers

**New Boaters Wanted**

**Experienced Boaters Needed**

**if you've thought you'd like to try boating, now's the time to start.  
The WMC has boats and boaters who can help you learn the skill needed.  
Together we can get the permits for our favorite trips.**

**Permit Application Party at REI Wasatch Room**

**3285 East 3300 South**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

**6:30 p.m.**

Canoes

Duckies

*Winter's white snow is summer's white water*



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# THE LODGE NEEDS YOUR HELP



**We need your financial help with funding for the proposed interior remodel of the WMC Lodge and we are seeking volunteer labor for the winter maintenance of the building.**

The project we are proposing would include the refinishing of the main room and the upstairs sleeping loft areas. The remodel plans would include:

- Refinish the log and re-chinking of the logs; refinishing the logs of the ceiling, painting the wood ceiling, refinishing of the windows, doors, trim and the floor. Electrical upgrades of lighting fixtures.
- Upstairs in the loft, we would install T&G wainscoting on walls and ceilings of the rooms; refinish the floors; install trim on the windows and doors; possible partitioning for separate rooms and upgrading of electrical and lighting fixtures.

We are strong in the opinion, that preservation and maintenance requires that the interior of the Lodge needs to be improved, updated and remodeled. Only with these anticipated improvements will the building be able to attract larger numbers of rental which will enable us to attain a level of self-sufficiency. It is important for us to preserve this building which has been the center for the Club through the last eighty-five years.

We are seeking your help through your donations, which we will match, dollar-for-dollar up to \$9,000, which will enable us to reach our initial goal of \$18,000. With this goal of \$18,000 we will seek to obtain a matching grant for the same amount

which should cover our anticipated costs of \$36,000, enough to complete the interior remodeling work.

Your donation towards this fundraiser can be made either by check or online. Please mail your donation to:

WMC Foundation,  
C/O: Robert Myers, President,  
1390 South 1100 East, Suite 103  
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443 ..... or you can visit our website at  
[www.wasatchmountainclublodge.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclublodge.org) ..... and click on the donate tab.

In addition to your donations, we need help removing snow from the Lodge roof this winter. Snow removal depends on snow fall so we don't know exactly when that might happen, but we do need your phone numbers and e-mail address so that we can contact you. Please consider helping us.

Robert Myers

Please contact me with any of your questions or response to attend our work parties:

[Robertmyers47@gmail.com](mailto:Robertmyers47@gmail.com) or phone (801)466-3292 or cell (801)651-9965.

## SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED

We need your help at the Lodge removing snow from the roof of the building this winter. Mother Nature drops this wonderful element on the building and we need to reduce the load on the roof, as it accumulates during the winter. Moving snow off the roof can save the possibility of additional damage from this accumulation and weight. Snowfall for the upper canyons of Big and Little Cottonwood canyons average close to 500 inches in a snowfall season. That's a lot of moving.

We have a few people who have said they will join our crew, but we need more help. If you can give a day



or you want to become one of the regulars we call when we get a big storm, let me know. We can work with you. Don't stay home and wish you could do something helpful for the Club; here is the opportunity to help us preserve this historic piece of the Mountain Club history. Call Robert 801-466-3292(H), 801-651-9965(C) or email at [robertmyers47@gmail.com](mailto:robertmyers47@gmail.com).

Thanks for reading this message on behalf of the WMC Foundation, a non-profit charitable 501 (C) (3) organization created by the WMC. Visit our website at <http://wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org/>

# Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation Lodge



## Lodge Reservations

Located in Big Cottonwood Canyon



### Perfect For:

Family Reunions  
Summer Picnics  
Business Retreats  
Business Meetings



### Amenities:

- Sleeping capacity for 20
- Chairs, benches, and tables accommodate 100
- Fully functioning kitchen with two stoves
- Log benches to seat 30+ outside in the summer
- Large outdoor grill
- Separate men's and women's bathrooms with flush toilets and showers

Day Use: \$200\*  
Overnight Use: \$460

Reserve at: [wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org](http://wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org)

\*Reduced day usage price available between Memorial Day and Labor Day midweek. Sundays are based on availability.

## UTAH AVALANCHE CENTER DONATION MATCHING

Again this winter, the Wasatch Mountain Club Board has agreed to match, from Club funds, donations by Club members to the Friends of the UAC, to a maximum of \$3,000. Last winter, we raised more than \$6,000 as a matching fund to help keep the UAC going and providing all of us with the snow safety information we need!

To make your donation eligible for this matching, please write your check payable to: Friends of the UAC , and mail it to:

WMC Treasurer  
1390 South 1100 East, #130  
Salt Lake City UT 84105

The Club Treasurer will total up the donations received this way and write a Club check to match the funds collected.

The Friends of the UAC is a 501(c)3 under IRS rules, so your donation might be eligible for a tax deduction.

Thanks for your support!

Walt Haas, Winter Sports Director

# Welcome

# New Members

Lisa J.  
Julia Wythe  
James Hepworth  
Michael Naeger  
Stephanie Long  
Tyler Bench  
Keith Markley  
Patty McCourt  
Tyler Papulak  
Katrina Easton  
Roy Rowley  
Eric Tinglof



Chloe Tinglof  
Mark Dalton  
Paul and Leslie Williams



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THE WASATCH  
MOUNTAIN CLUB  
HAS BEEN AROUND FOR  
A LONG TIME.

AND SO HAVE SOME  
OF ITS MEMBERS.

Bruce J. Parsons

12-24-22

Life Time Member W.M.C.

## **A LITTLE ABOUT US . . .**

The Wasatch Mountain Club was incorporated in 1920 by an informally organized group that had been hiking together for several years. The original Club charter listed the purpose as:

- to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities;
- to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah;
- to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art;
- to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states;
- to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and

The Wasatch Mountain Club is an outdoor recreation club for adults. Club activities include:

- hiking, backpacking and camping,
- flat and whitewater kayaking, canoeing and rafting,
- mountain and road biking,
- rock and ice climbing, canyoneering and mountaineering,
- snowshoeing,
- Nordic & Alpine backcountry skiing,
- Social/entertainment activities/programs and
- Conservation pursuits.

While most activities are aimed at adult participation several activities for families are organized each season. Activities are not limited to the above list, but are dependent on volunteer organizers to form the activities and programs.

The club organizes scores of activities each month. Activities are open to all members. Some activities require advanced sign-up while others just state a date, time and meeting place. Trips may range in length from a few hours to several days. Most trips are centered in or around the Wasatch Front. Occasionally there are trips to other regions of Utah or to neighboring states. The sailing trip destinations have had varied locations such as the Greek Islands, Caribbean locations and the South Pacific.

The Wasatch Mountain Club provides a social vehicle to the outdoor enthusiast who seeks others of similar interests while providing an opportunity to develop organization skills and knowledge of the various outdoor sports. Whether you are a novice or an expert, there are trips and activities designed for you. If there is some question about the difficulty of the activity, a call or email to the trip organizer will fill you in on more information.

The Wasatch Mountain Club is run entirely by volunteers. Participants are expected to help with the organization and formulation of the trip. A great experience can be had in the outdoors. Your experience with the Wasatch Mountain Club will be as great as you make it.

# WMC Annual Organizers Awards Dinner



**100 Activity Organizers  
were treated to a Thank You  
feast for their support of the  
Wasatch Mountain Club**



**Here are some of your  
Activity Directors and  
Coordinators for 2014**

**L-R: Walt Haas, Winter Sports; Zig Sondelski,  
Boating; Nick Calas, Mountain Biking; Tony  
Hellman, Social; Julie Kilgore, Hiking; Will  
McCarvill, President; Steve Duncan, Climbing  
and Diane Rosenberg, Biking**



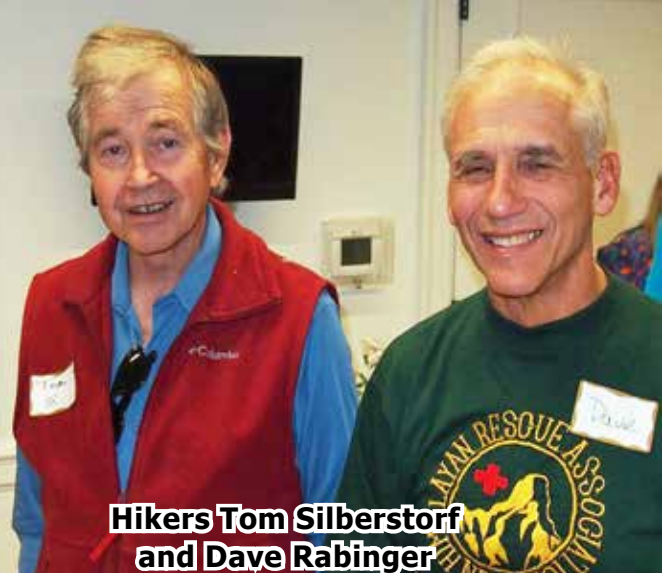
**President  
Will McCarvill  
presenting the  
Pa Perry Award  
for service to  
the WMC to  
weekday hike  
coordinator  
Mark  
Bloomenthal**



**Accepting the Alexis Kelner  
Conservation Award for Ann Wechsler  
is Mark Clemens from the Sierra Club**

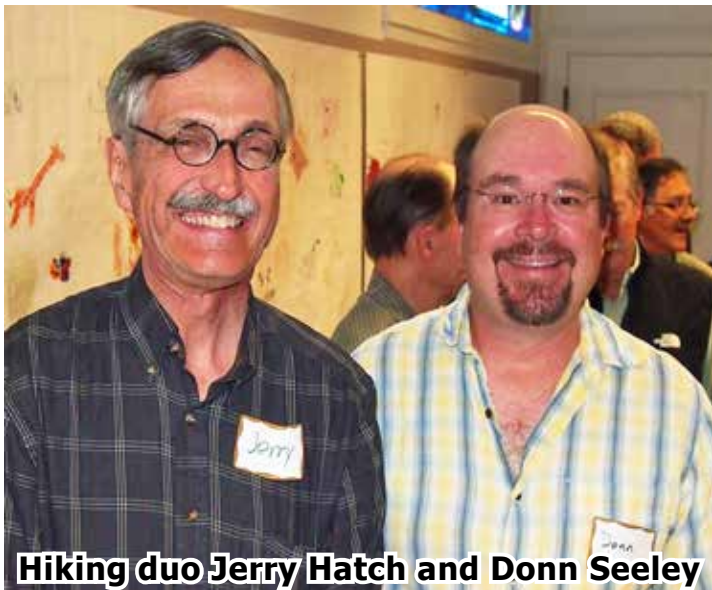


**Bart and LaRae Bartholoma,  
Sing-A-Long organizers extraordinaire**



**Hikers Tom Silberstorf  
and Dave Rabinger**

**October 19, 2014**



**Hiking duo Jerry Hatch and Donn Seeley**



**Hiking director Julie Kilgore with Chris Venizuelos, who handled the Rambler mailing for many years**



**Boating Director Zig Sondelski and recent life member Larene Wyss**

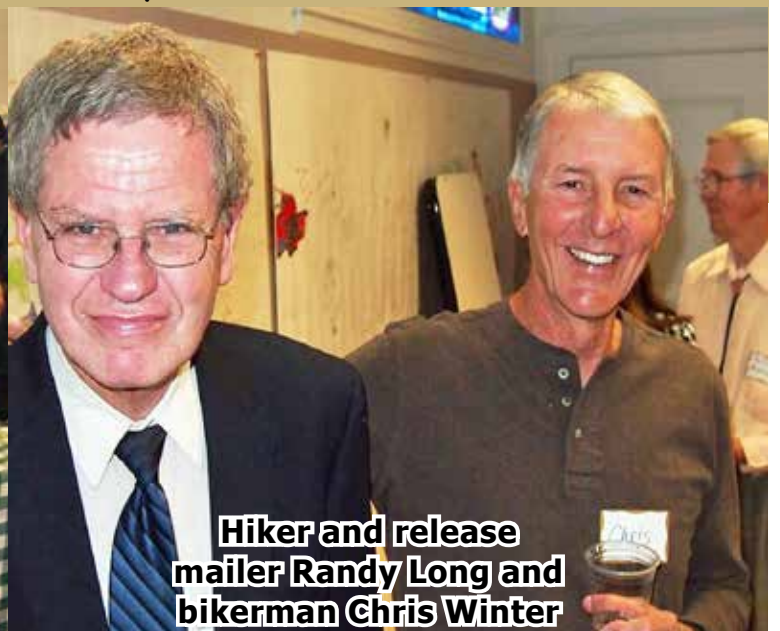


**Snowshoers Vince and Linda Desimone**

Photos Credit: Cheryl Soshnik



**Biking Director Diane Rosenberg with biker Chris Karcher**



**Hiker and release mailer Randy Long and bikerman Chris Winter**

# Russell Patterson's Escalante Backpack

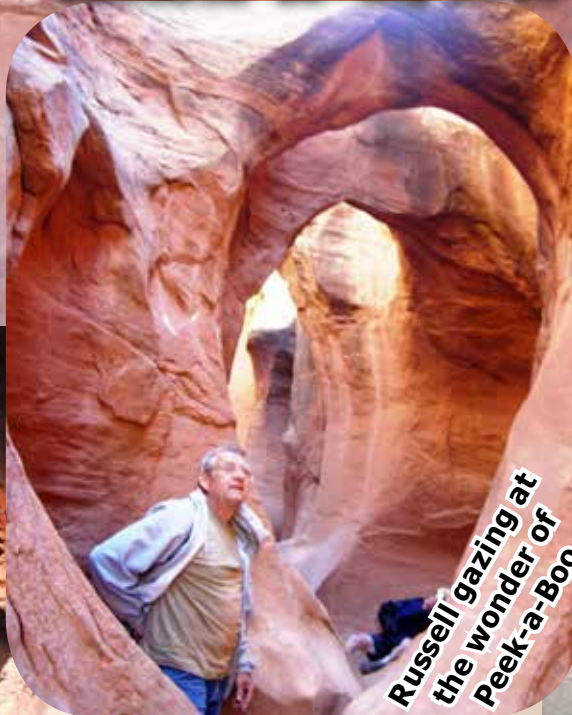
**October 10-13, 2014**

A photograph showing three hikers, Leslie, Greg, and Russell, standing in a narrow slot canyon with smooth, reddish-orange walls.

**Leslie, Greg and Russel  
in Peek-a-Boo**

A photograph of Leslie standing in a narrow slot canyon with smooth, reddish-orange walls.

**Leslie  
in  
Spooky**



**Russell gazing at  
the wonder of  
Peek-a-Boo**

**Participants: Russell  
Patterson, Leslie  
Cortsen, Dan Cortsen  
and Greg Clark**

A photograph of Greg standing in a narrow slot canyon, looking up at the smooth, reddish-orange walls.

**Greg waiting  
for Russell in  
Peek-a-Boo**

A photograph of Leslie standing in a narrow slot canyon, looking up at the smooth, reddish-orange walls.

**Leslie in  
Fortymile**

A photograph of Dan, Russell, and Greg standing in a narrow slot canyon, looking up at the smooth, reddish-orange walls.

**Dan, Russell  
and Greg at the  
confluence of  
Fortymile and  
Willow Gulches**

A photograph of Dan standing in a narrow slot canyon, looking up at the smooth, reddish-orange walls.

**Dan looking  
confident in  
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## WHAT ARE THE “TEN E’S”?

The “ten E’s” are essential gear that you should always carry. This list of essential gear has its origin with The Mountaineers, a famous Seattle hiking and mountaineering club. As stated in their book *Mountaineering, The Freedom Of The Hills*: “You won’t use every one of these items on every trip, but they can be lifesavers in an emergency, insurance against the unexpected.” Lists vary and this list isn’t perfect, but it’s very good. Yes, there really are more than ten items on the list, but hey, the name’s catchy.

1. water
2. extra food
3. extra clothing/insulation
4. rain and wind protection
5. sun protection: sun glasses, sun screen, lip balm, sun hat
6. compass and maps or GPS and knowledge of their use
7. flashlight and spare batteries
8. first aid kit and insect repellent
9. emergency kit: whistle, matches or small lighter, candle or fire starter tabs, lightweight reflective emergency bag or space blanket
10. pocket knife

What should you do with the 10 essentials?

Based on the observation that there is no crystal ball giving infallible weather predictions, the professional meteorologists don’t have one either and that conditions in the mountains are incredibly changeable the WMC recommendation is to:

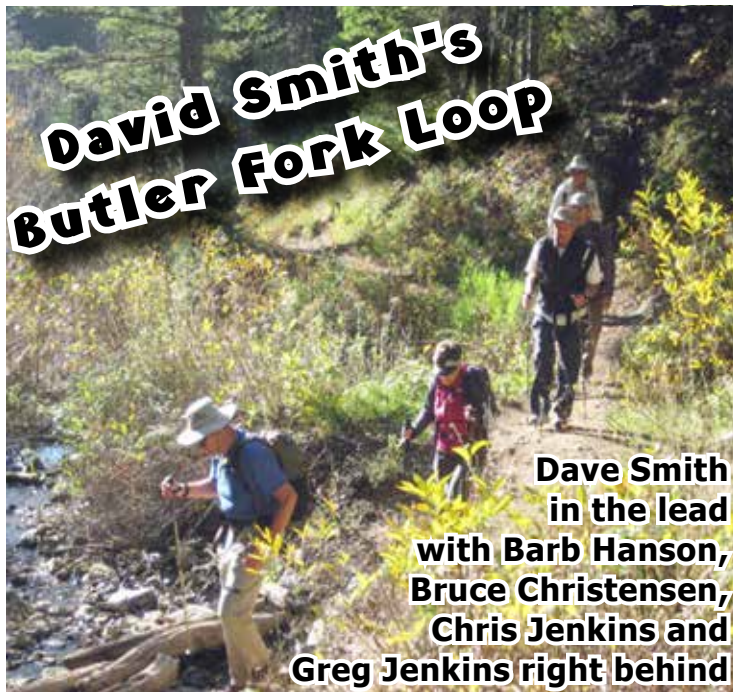
- Put the 10 essentials in your pack.
- Always keep them in your pack.
- Always bring your pack.

Yes, that means you should not remove your rain jacket from your pack because you’re “sure” it won’t rain today. Nine times out of ten you’ll be right. The 10th time you might get hypothermia.

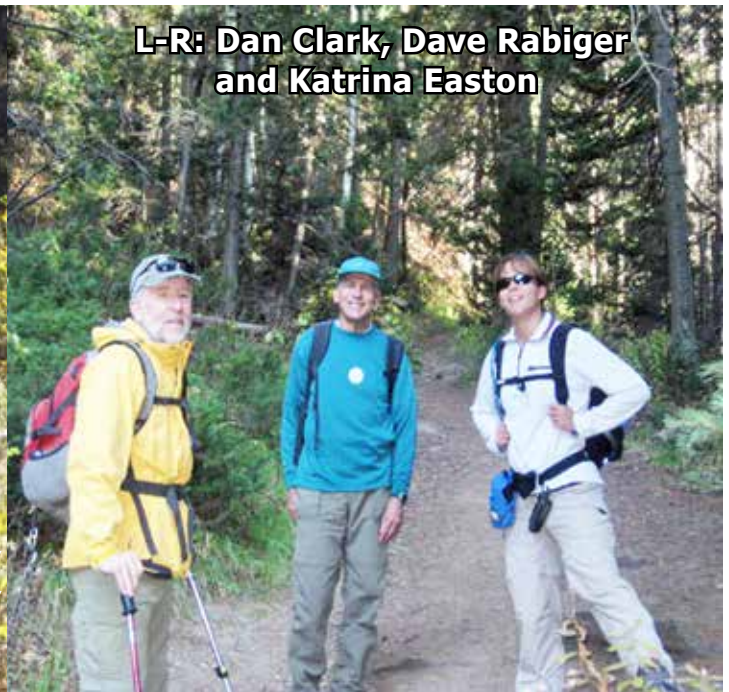
Some other gear to think about:

1. high-top boots (for rocky or off-trail hikes)
2. poly-fleece clothing for warmth
3. extra fleece cap, mittens, and neck gaiter for warmth
4. a cell phone for emergencies
5. a water filter (on long hikes)
6. wind jacket and wind pants
7. gaiters (for snow or gravel)
8. toilet paper, trowel or sand-stake, Ziplock bags to pack out toilet paper

# David Smith's Butler Fork Loop



Dave Smith  
in the lead  
with Barb Hanson,  
Bruce Christensen,  
Chris Jenkins and  
Greg Jenkins right behind



L-R: Dan Clark, Dave Rabiger  
and Katrina Easton



L-R: Chris,  
Greg and Dave



Steve  
Carr



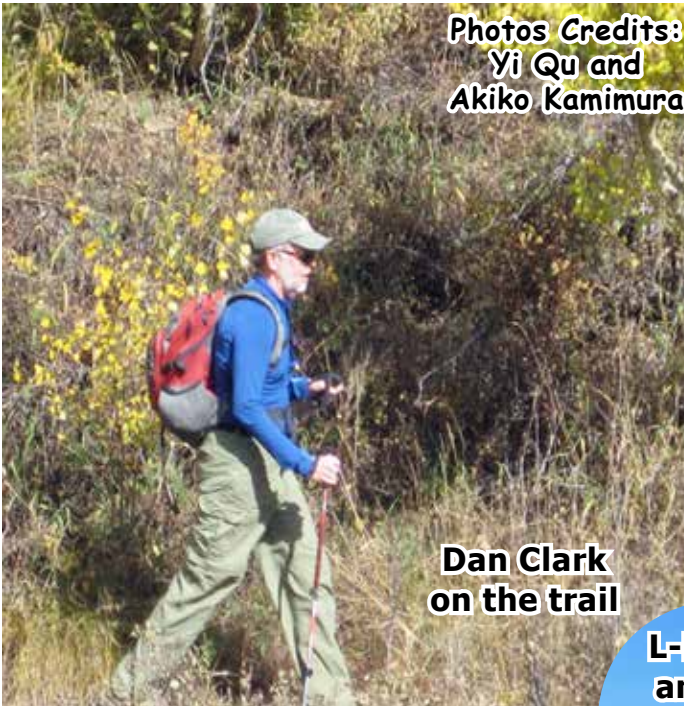
Dave  
Rabiger

**October 11, 2014**



Steve passing  
along some of his  
knowledge of the  
area to Katrina

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**Dan Clark  
on the trail**

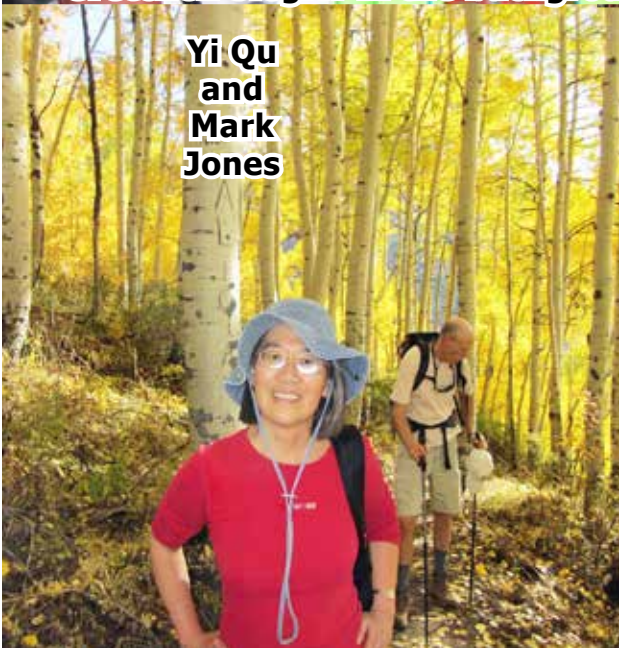
**Bruce Christensen  
giving the camera  
a great big smile**



**L-R: Yi, Steve, Steve, Terry,  
and Tom at Circle All Peak**



**Liz Cordova and Akiko Kamimura, with  
Gretchen Siegler in the background**



**Yi Qu  
and  
Mark  
Jones**



**The guys enjoying  
a break for lunch**

## **Rick Thompson's Canyoneering 101 (North Wash)**

**October 24-26, 2014**

I'd been looking forward to October's Canyoneering 101 trip for some time, especially after getting the basics of rappelling down the weekend before. Luckily, three of us were able to drive down to North Wash on Thursday and lay claim to a site at the popular Sandthrax camping area. This meant that we had a chance to get in an extra canyon before the rest of the group arrived.

Friday morning, Jim, Rick, and I headed to the Hog Springs Picnic Area, and from there hiked to the entrance of Hogwartz Canyon. With only three in our group, we finished the canyon in a couple of hours. Hogwartz was a blast, and a fantastic start to the trip—especially the rappel at Hogwartz Arch. Later that afternoon, we set up a rope at the campsite, and Rick gave an impromptu clinic on the basics of self-rescue and using ascenders. The rest of the group trickled in Friday evening.

Saturday morning, we set out from the campsite for Left Leprechaun Canyon, in two groups. Greg led our group, while Rick took the other one. Once we got the hang of a few techniques, it was quick going, and tons of fun. Left Leprechaun didn't have the big rappels that we'd seen on Friday, but it was a workout!

We had been expecting a dry canyon, so when we found ourselves facing a pool in nearly thigh-deep water, we puzzled for a while over how to get across it while staying dry. Greg managed to stem across the pool and land safely on the other side, but the less skilled and more vertically challenged of us had no choice but to plunge in.

When we came to the junction between Left Leprechaun and Middle Leprechaun, we took a detour up the Middle Leprechaun for a taste of what a harder slot canyon was like. We side-stepped between walls so narrow that we couldn't even turn our heads to look back, and puzzled our way over some tricky climbs. Finally, we came to a stopping point where rocks blocked the bottom of the canyon. A few of us attempted to wedge ourselves up the narrow canyon and make our way over the stones. This was obviously as far as the group was going to go up the Middle Leprechaun, though, so we backtracked and made our way out of the canyons.

We filled the rest of the afternoon with a quick jaunt to Lucky Charms. This short, fun canyon only took us about an hour. There were no rappels on this one, but a steep climb at the end up a 30 ft. chimney put our skills to the test.

Back at camp, we all pitched in to help Rick cook a giant pot of Jambalaya, and spent the rest of the evening around the fire, recounting the day's adventures.

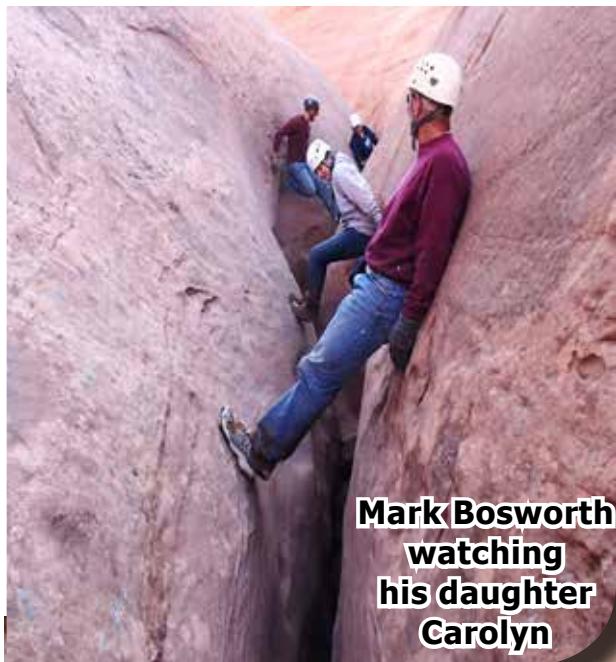
The next morning, we split up into the same two groups, and drove to the start of the trailhead for Blarney Canyons. We started with the Right Fork, and then headed back to the trailhead for lunch. After lunch, a few of the group left early, leaving six of us heading to Left Blarney.

Left Blarney started with a short rappel down over the lip of the canyon. It was awesome to see that by this time, we were working like a well-oiled team, and we made our way quickly and efficiently down into the canyon.

Rick had said that this last canyon was the "final exam" for the Canyoneering 101 trip. In particular, it was a test of our skills using the Human Elevator: bracing ourselves against the walls with elbows, shoulders, knees, or whatever other body parts we felt like using, and sliding down the rough rock face to the canyon floor. After a couple hours, we emerged from the canyon, exhausted but happy graduates of Canyoneering 101.

All-in-all, we had a fantastic group, perfect weather, and an amazing trip. I'm already looking forward to Canyoneering 201! Submitted by Stephanie Long.

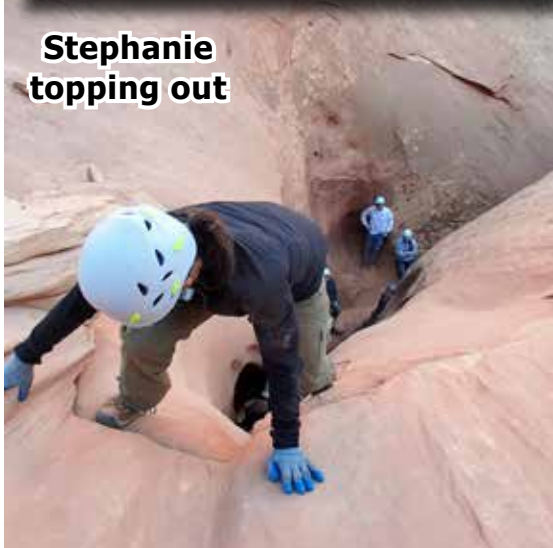
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**Mark Bosworth  
watching  
his daughter  
Carolyn**



**Mark  
upclimbing  
the 30' wall**

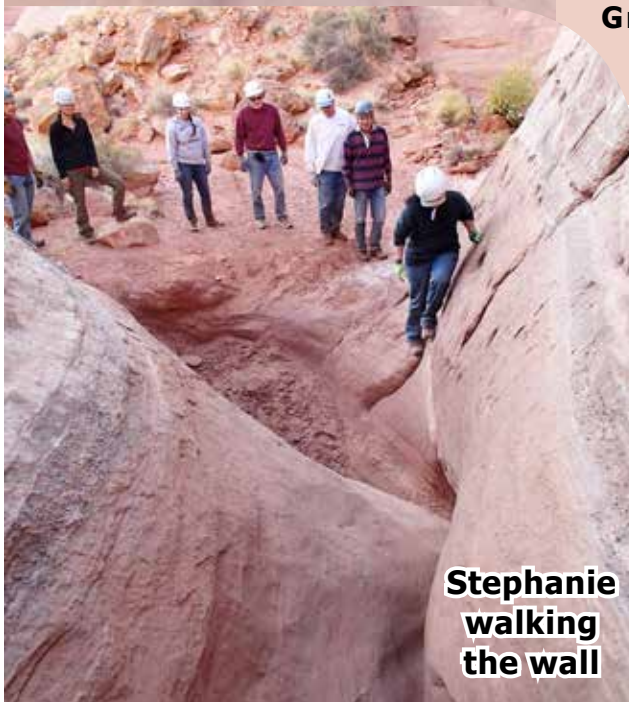


**Stephanie  
topping out**

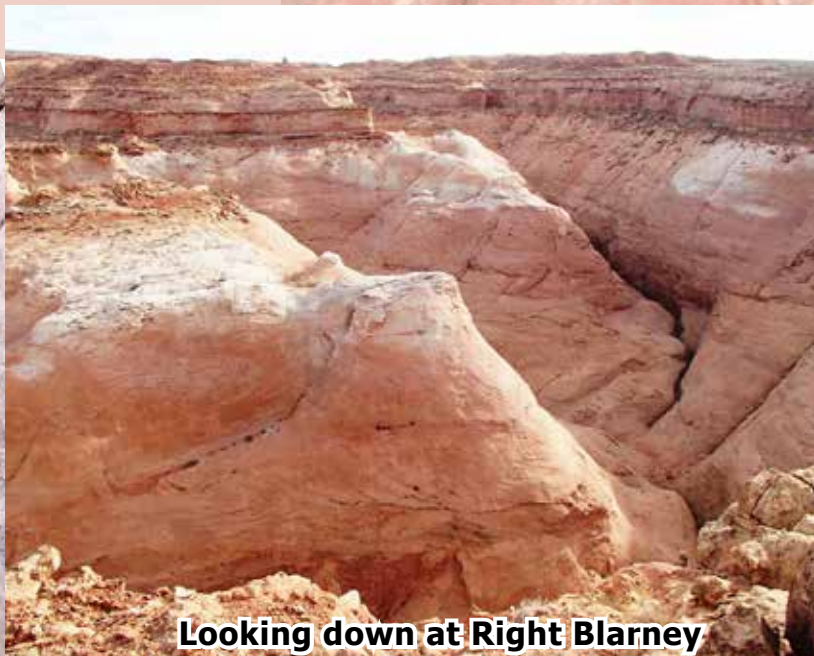
**Trip Participants:  
Mark Bosworth,  
Carolyn Bosworth,  
Alan Baggett, Jim  
Kucera, Stephanie  
Long, Kathleen  
Waller, Tyler  
Papulak, Jim Hood,  
Robert Ging, Steve  
Ging, Jessica Ging,  
Rick Thompson and  
Greg Cornelius**



**Jim Kucera - almost there**



**Stephanie  
walking  
the wall**



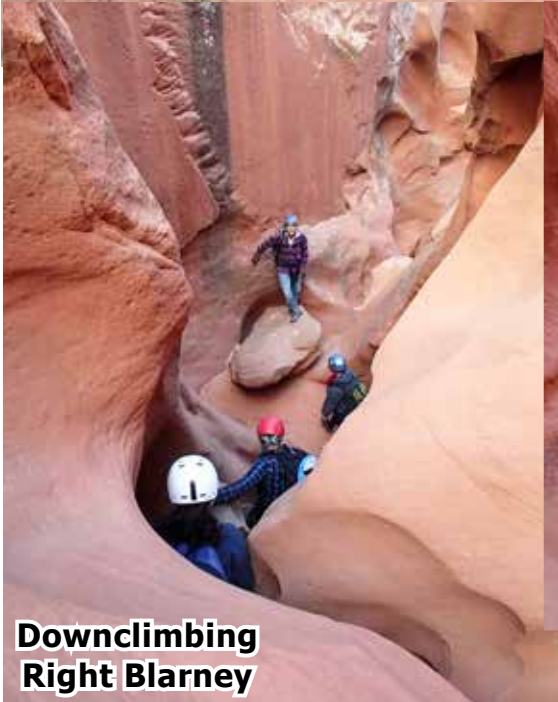
**Looking down at Right Blarney**



**Alan Baggett going over the edge**



**Greg dropping in**



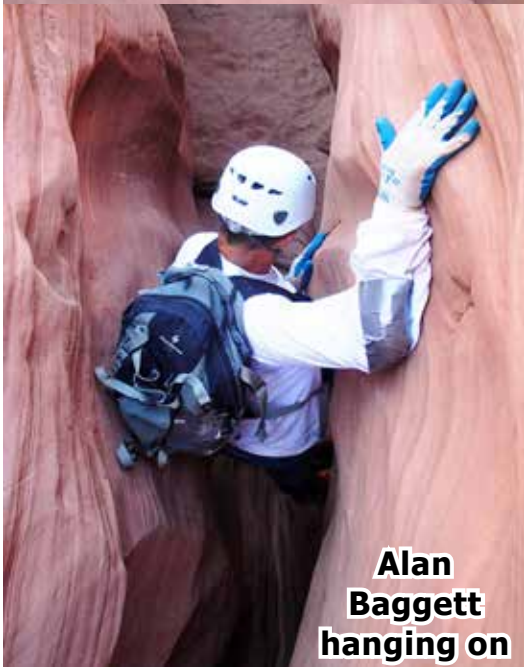
**Downclimbing  
Right Blarney**



**Greg hanging out**



**Stemming high**



**Alan  
Baggett  
hanging on**

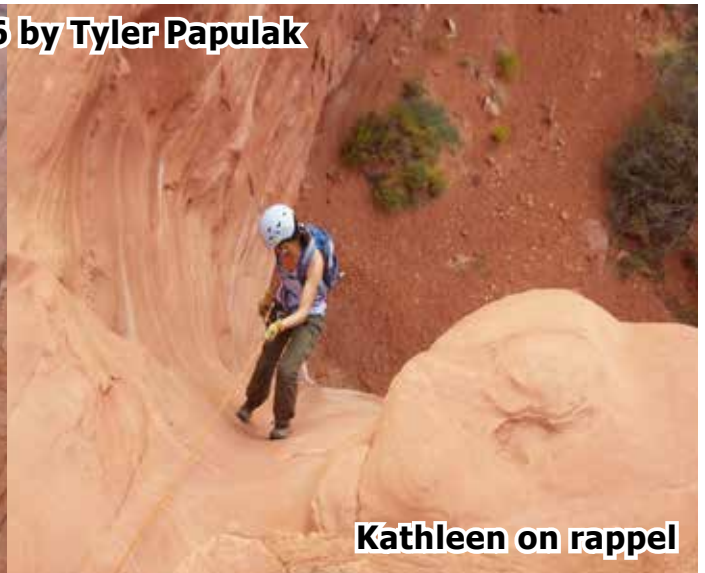


**Greg Cornelius,  
canyon leader**

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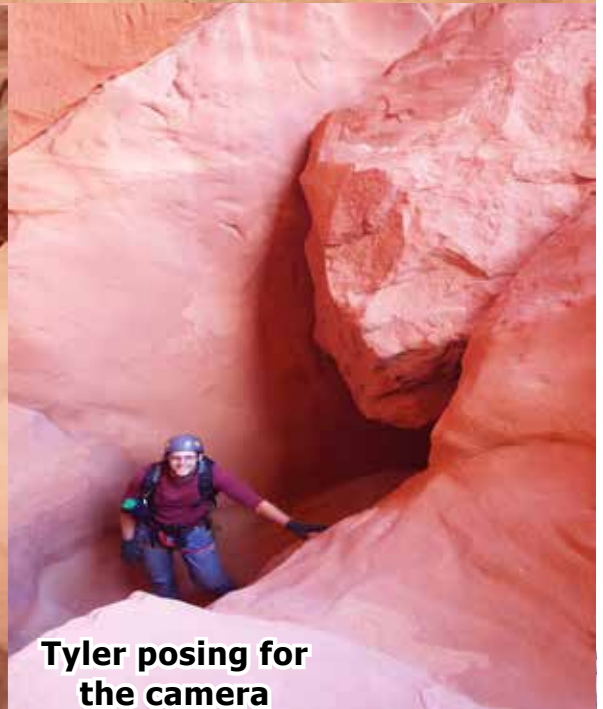


Kathleen and Stephanie



Kathleen on rappel

Kathleen  
downclimbing  
in Right Blarney



Tyler posing for  
the camera

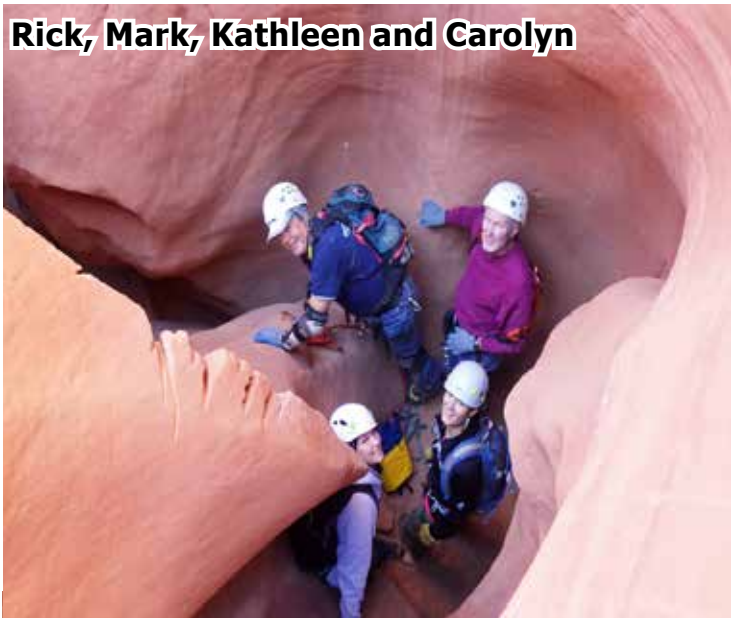


Walking  
the rim

Going up is different



**Rick, Mark, Kathleen and Carolyn**



**Mark  
on the  
deck**



**'Tyler chillin'**

**Undulating walls**

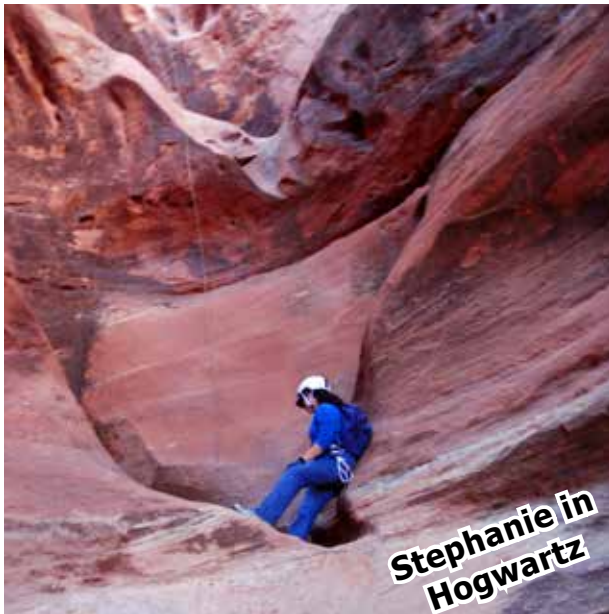


**Rick up and over a pool**



**Carolyn, dropping  
in free, behind  
Mark**

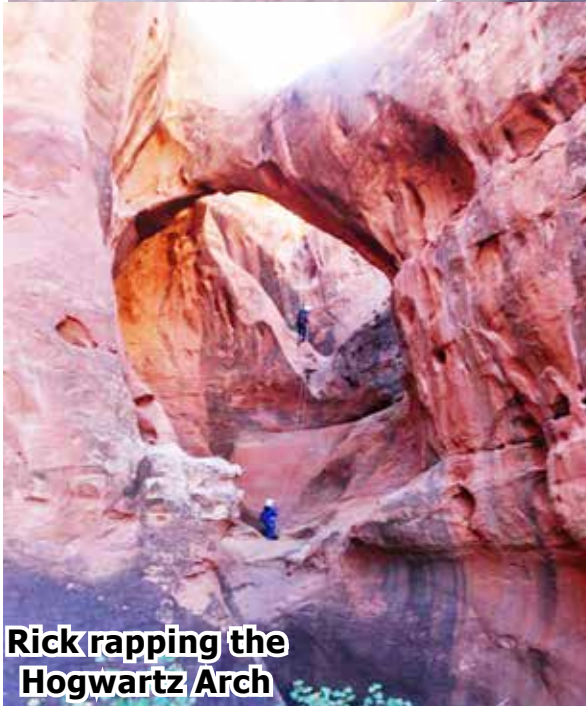
Rick: Two of the 101 crew went down to North Wash with me a day early to secure our campsite before the weekend mob got there. The three of us, Jim Kucera, Stephanie Long and Rick Thompson, did an extra canyon called Hogwartz on Friday. These are Jim Kucera's photos from that day.



**Stephanie in  
Hogwartz**



**Stephanie  
on  
a  
free  
rappel**



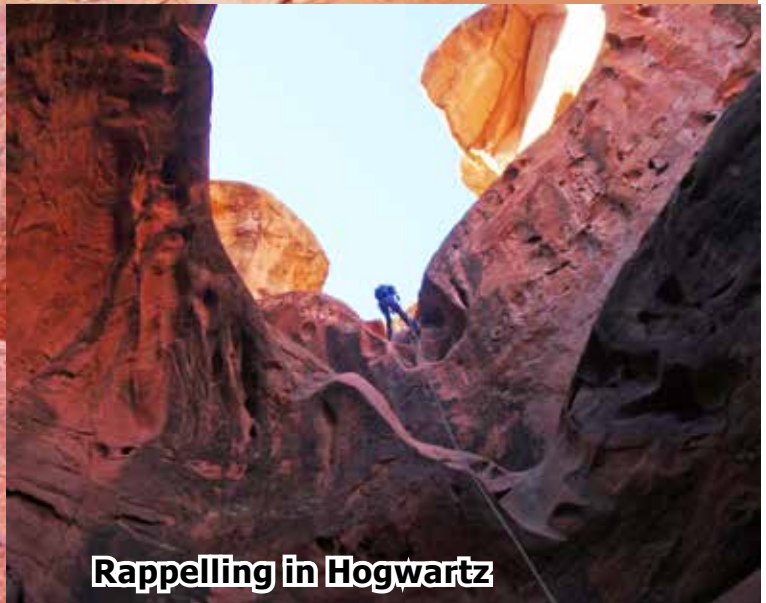
**Rick rapping the  
Hogwartz Arch**



**Stephanie and  
Jim at the  
Hog Springs  
Petroglyph**



**Stephanie  
dropping in**



**Rappelling in Hogwartz**

# WMC Annual Halloween Party



November 1, 2014



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Craig Anderson



## FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

### FTW 94. Emma Mine, Part I

The Emma is one of the best known mines in the Wasatch mountains, if not in all of Utah. In a brief period of time it gained a reputation of being a mine of tremendous wealth, then as its rich deposit of ore depleted it became a symbol of manipulation, deception and international intrigue. Much has been written about this unsavory reputation, so most of that need not be repeated here. But it did have a profound impact upon the mines and people in the vicinity of Alta. In the years that followed miners tried to repeat that early success, but it never again produced ore in such quantity or richness as it did in its first years of operation. In fact it was almost like an orphan who during its life gets shuttled from one foster home to another. Over a period of sixty years the Emma mine was the property of no less than ten different companies. It only faded away when mining itself did.

The Emma claim was recorded in April 1870, although the recording noted that it had been located in June of 1869. There were fourteen names on the recording, but the significant ones were James F. Woodman, James M. Day, Robert B. Chisholm and his son, William W. Chisholm. The first three came to the Wasatch in 1868 at a time when most local miners and prospectors were absent, having gone to work on the Union Pacific railroad construction. The newcomers did a little prospecting, then concentrated their efforts on one claim. In mid-October 1869 they broke into a chamber of solid ore, and thus began the best days of the Emma mine. Almost immediately they drove a tunnel to reach the ore body and began shipping, now possible since the transcontinental railroad had been completed. Ore was sent both west and east, however the eastern shipments increased drastically, even to the point of continuing across the Atlantic ocean to be processed in England. In the first half of 1870 the Walker brothers, Salt Lake City merchants, bought a one-sixth interest in the mine, and later that year Warren Hussey, Salt Lake City banker, bought a one-fourth interest. During that year a road had been built to the mine, buildings were constructed, and the claim had been surveyed for patent. The surveyor, Charles L. Stevenson, with an artistic inclination, provided us with an idea of how the Emma mine appeared at that time. A portion of his map is shown in Figure 1. Since this was the first mineral survey in this Mining District, surveyor Stevenson established U. S. Monument No.3, seen at the lower left portion of the figure. While this provided a fixed reference point for his and subsequent surveys, he must have been concerned about how the monument could be located, because he provided bearings to the junction of Wall Gulch and the Monitor & Magnet Gulch to the north, and the confluence of the north and south forks of Little Cottonwood creek to the south.

In February 1871 the Emma Silver Mining Company of Utah was incorporated, followed by Hussey and J. R. Walker traveling to New York to attempt to sell the mine. They did convince Trenor W. Park, a banker from Bennington, Vermont, and investor of significance in the financial world, to travel to Salt Lake City and inspect the mine. Accompanied by Gen. H. H. Baxter, Park arrived in Utah at the end of March and by the end of May the Emma Silver Mining Company of New York had been incorporated and became the new owner of the Emma mine. It didn't stay there very long, for in November 1871 it was sold to the Emma Silver Mining Company (Limited) of London, England. In the interim interested parties from England had visited

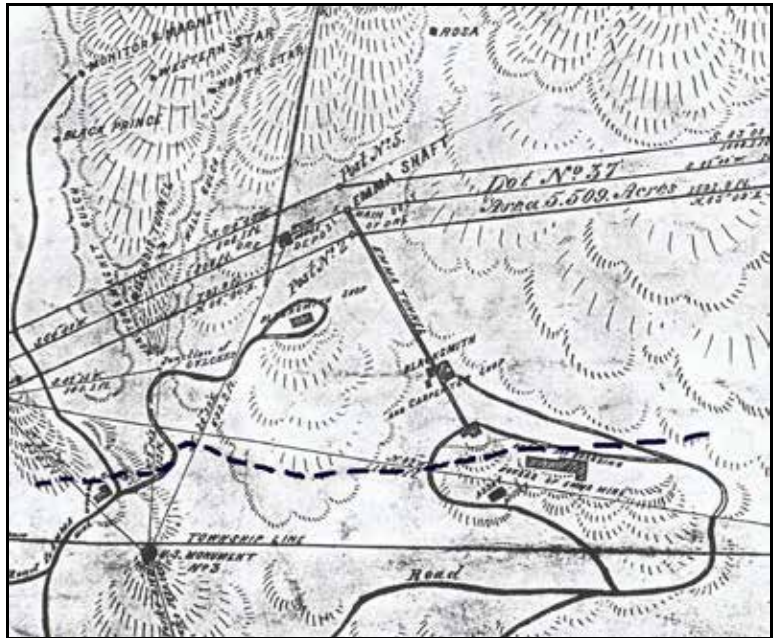


Fig. 1. This drawing, extracted from the Emma mineral survey map, shows the assay office and boarding house in the lower right, with an ore bin and trestle above them. A blacksmith and carpenter shop is between the trestle and the tunnel. The U.S. Mineral Monument No.3, established by the surveyor at the time of the survey, is at the lower left. The dashed line represents the approximate route of today's Grizzly Gulch road.



Fig. 2. Miners stand at the end of the trestle from the Emma tunnel. The chute goes down into the ore bin below. Alta town buildings are in the canyon bottom below. (Library of Congress photo)

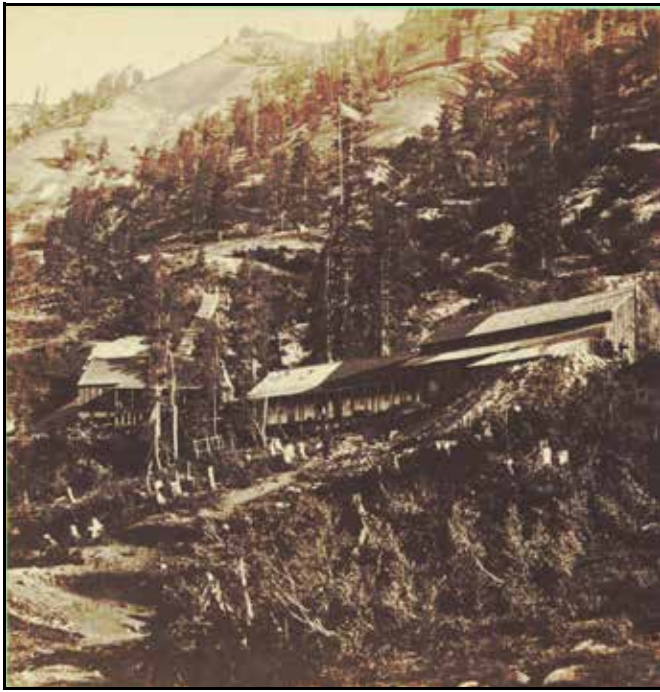


Fig. 3. Emma mine buildings as recorded by C.R. Savage, probably in 1872. The boarding house and offices are on the right, and the ore bin with a chute coming down from the trestle is on the left. (Library of Congress photo)

Utah to inspect the mine, and Park and Baxter had helped form the new company, both men becoming Directors and stockholders. Back in Utah, Warren Hussey became the resident manager for the mine, and continued in that role for another year.

The shipments of rich ore to England for processing made the Emma well known there, so when the company was organized many investors, big and small, were waiting to buy the stock. High expectation for returns were soon realized. In April 1872 four monthly dividends were reported at eighteen per cent per annum, and forty per cent dividends were expected in the future. The following month a dividend of thirty-six per cent per annum was announced, and the company's £20 shares were being quoted at £31 and 32. However, the euphoric times this may have stimulated were crushed the following month by news that the mine had suffered a serious cave-in.

To appreciate the seriousness of this event one has to visualize the appearance of the interior of this mine. The ore deposit, encapsulated in a large cavity in solid limestone, was being worked from the tunnel level. As the ore above the tunnel was removed the void was timbered, both to support and provide access to what remained overhead. The timbering involved vertical posts approximately four and one-third feet apart, capped by beams running between posts in orthogonal directions,

creating the edges of cubes that were duplicated for the width, length and height of the cavity. As the ore above was removed this timbering was repeated at the next level. By June 1872, the time of the cave-in, the timbering had reached eleven levels, or floors as they were called, rising seventy feet above the tunnel level. It was as if an enormous room was filled with massive scaffolding, all of which came crashing down into an impenetrable mass of broken timbers covered by dirt, rock and possibly some ore, completely choking the tunnel. It was suggested the disaster was the result of water entering the mine and inadequate timbering. Whatever the cause, the result was that a drift was started to go around the caved area, an endeavor that would not be completed for three and one-half months. Ore shipments continued during this time, but were much reduced. That, combined with increased shipping costs and legal fees due to litigation involving Emma and the adjacent Illinois tunnel severely impacted the company's income. In fact, the December 1872 dividend to stockholders was the last one paid. That same month Trenor W. Park advanced \$110,000 for the benefit of the British company, possibly to cover the costs of the dividend.

In March 1873 British mining engineer George A. Attwood arrived to replace Warren Hussey as general manager. During the rest of 1873 Attwood did his best to make the mine profitable, but there was precious little ore remaining. Late that year it was said he managed to get the company out of debt, but as subsequent activities unfolded, if that was true it could have been so only for the local finances. Also, he had instructions from the home office to keep visitors out of the mine unless they were stockholders and had a letter from the company's secretary. He enforced this rigorously, even to the point of denying Trenor Park access to or information about the mine. Nor did he or the company make the required payments against Park's December 1872 advancement. As a result Park filed a suit against the company in April 1874, complaining it failed to make payments against the notes. When the company's agents failed to appear in court, a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff. Park immediately requested the company's property be attached, which was done by the U. S. Marshal in September of 1874. Although Park later stated he intended the mine to continue being worked, that did not happen; for all practical purposes the mine closed. While it remained closed, Trenor W. Park filed another suit against the Emma Silver Mining Company (Limited) in April 1876. Back in February 1874, before the mine had been attached, the company made six promissory notes totaling \$79,500, payable in six consecutive months. The notes were later endorsed to Park, who now demanded payment. The company failed to respond, so judgment by default was entered and the property attached in the previous suit was sold at public sale. The purchaser was Charles G. Lincoln, a member of Park's extended family in Bennington, Vermont. The company had six months to redeem its property, but failed to do so, therefore Lincoln became the new owner, setting the stage for the next chapter in the life of the Emma mine, to be continued in the next episode of this series.

## **Rick Thompson's North Wash 201**

### **October 10-12, 2014**

Arriving late Friday evening at Sandthrax after trying to beat the rush of Salt Lake City traffic, Ben, Rich, Rick, and I reviewed some beta over a near extinguished fire. Rick's intentions were perfectly clear: we were going to do the first canyon in the opposite direction of the beta. This was clearly in an attempt to test the mettle of some bright eyed beginner (101) canyoneers! This meant more up climbing than one might normally be accustomed to and made for quite an exciting morning, going up MiddleFork Maidenwater.

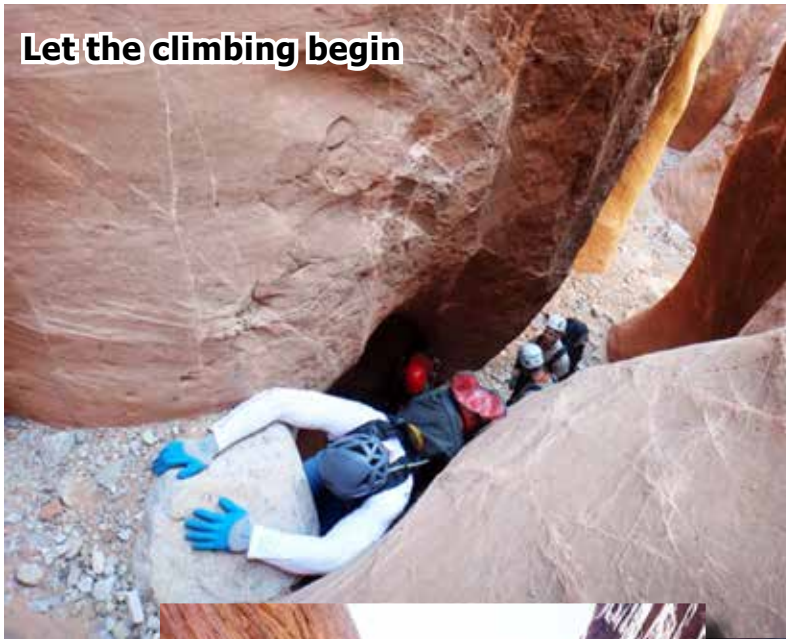
June and Kevin joined us in the late evening, after our abridged beta review. The first canyon was a success, with very interesting up climbing and some thought-provoking boulder problems, as well as dusty unused rap anchors left by the wayside as we worked our way up canyon. After the completion of the first canyon, the route finding began to try and locate the start of South Fork Maidenwater, which we tackled in classic WMC grace, relying on five-year-old memories, intuition, and open minds as our guides. The afternoon down canyon journey was a pleasure, as we started in plain sight of the Henry Mountains and worked our way back to the road with minimal rappels and some belays (as Rich was testing his down climbing ability on walls he thought may have been closer together).

For the evening meal, each of us had brought food for sharing. Three of us having brought salads, we were glad for June's rib-sticking beef curry. We all retired to our tents for the evening after a brief beta chat covering all the gruesome details of the next day – which called for a missing Ibis hook.

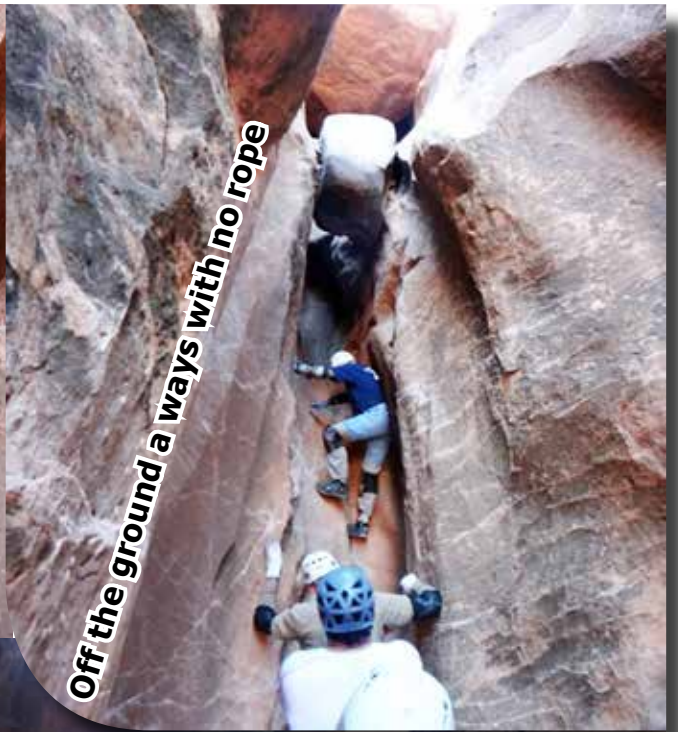
Sunday began sans GPS. After some groupthink with two miniscule topo's, we realized that we had started the day at the exit point and shuffled cars backwards. This led us to the conclusion that our only destination for the day would be Woody Canyon and after summiting a few slabs and traversing some fins, we reached its mouth. One after another, six eager 201's started stemming and working their way through the ever increasing potholes. Upon reaching one that required a rappel, I concluded that the anchor was one that would make any reader of Freedom of the Hills run for said hills! Regardless, relying on the friction of the system and a meat anchor to back us up, we rappelled using webbing (many for the first time) and were astounded that the tiny sticks lodged in a hueco hole in the wall held up to the stresses.

We continued the pothole traverse after an impromptu lunch and a short waist deep wade, and met our first and only wildlife on the journey: a small rattlesnake (possibly Hopi) which Ben confidently coerced into a corner to make safe passage for the rest of us. And with a two-mile walk back to the car, we wrapped up the 2014 Canyoneering 201. We look forward to the next one. Thank you, Rick Thompson, for coordinating and leading our adventure! Submitted by John Branecki.

Let the climbing begin



Off the ground a ways with no rope



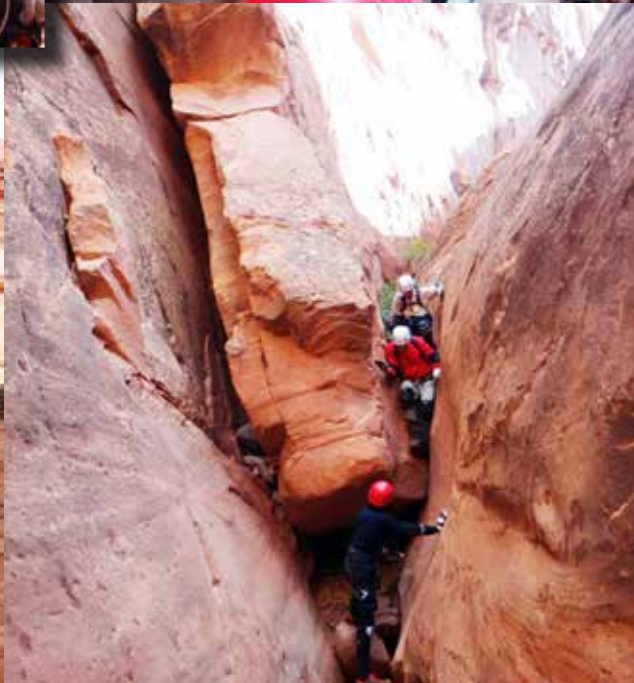
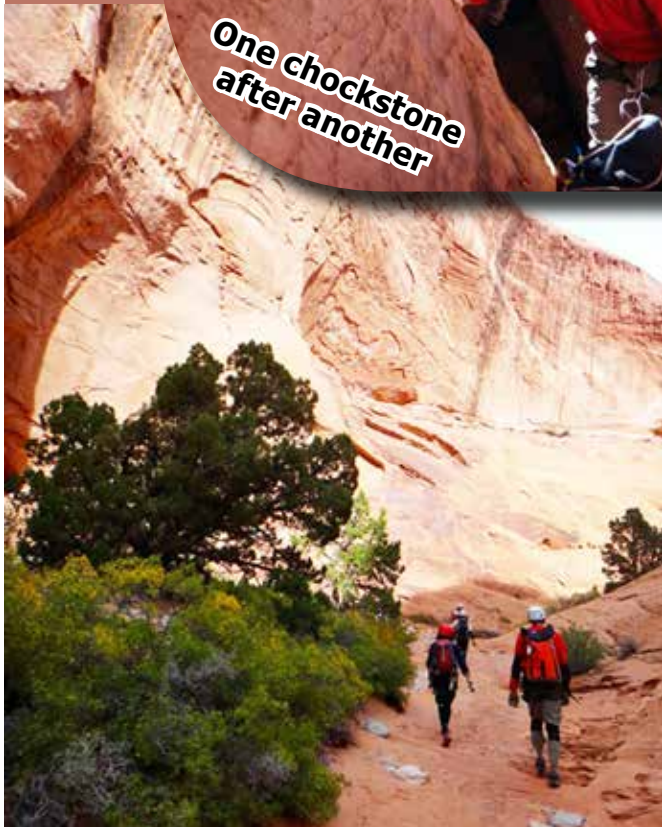
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Onward  
and  
upward

One chockstone  
after another



And then down the South Fork





**June in  
some water**



**Day 2 - let the  
potholes begin**



**June and  
Rick eye a  
wet drop**



**Rick looking down into  
another wet pothole**



**Getting  
crowded  
in here!**



**Heading up  
Middle  
Maidenwater**



**John Branecki,  
wet, but made  
it back to  
the car**

### Safe Backcountry Ski Travel Techniques:

**One at a time.** There always needs to be someone left in a safe spot to do the rescue. Never put everyone on the slope at once. With large groups, split them in half and stay in visual and voice contact.

**Have an escape route planned.** Always think avalanche. What will you do if you trigger an avalanche? Have a plan first.

**Use slope cuts.** Keep your speed up and cut across the starting zone, so that if you do trigger an avalanche, your momentum can carry you off the moving slab into safer terrain. You can do this on skis, snowboards or on snowmobiles.

**Watch out for cornices.** They always break farther back than you think. Always give them a wide berth. NEVER, NEVER walk out to the edge of a drop-off without first checking it out. Many people have needlessly died this way.

**What are the alternatives?** Use terrain to your advantage. Follow ridges, thick trees and slopes with safer consequences. You can almost always go back the way you came. The route got you there; it will most likely get you back as well.

**If there's no other choice, go underground.** You can almost always weather out a bad storm or bad avalanche conditions by digging a snow cave in a protected area. You may be uncomfortable but you will be alive.

### AVALANCHE QUICK CHECKS

**Following is a list of quick checks you can make throughout the day:**

1. What have the weather conditions been over the past few days? Recent heavy snows?
2. Can you observe any wind loading on the slopes?
3. Do you have a good sense of the snowpack? Have you performed any snowpit or shear tests?
4. Have you noticed many fracture lines, heard "whumping" or cracking sounds, or hollow noises in the snowpack?
5. Are you keeping an eye on the orientation and steepness of the slopes as you cross them?
6. Are you lingering in gullies, bowls, or valleys?
7. Noticed any recent avalanche activity on other slopes similar to the one you are on?
8. If a slope looks suspect, are there alternative routes?

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# **Julie Kilgore's Hike to Peak 10,910**

**October 11, 2014**

As my friends and family know, I like to hike, though I discovered this somewhat late in life. I was born and raised here, and the mountains were always just a backdrop. About 20 years ago or so, a friend of mine moved to Salt Lake and was shocked that I didn't know anything about where to hike. She bought a book (now I know she bought THE book) about hiking in the Wasatch. We puttered around with flower hikes, family hikes, and pleasant destinations like lakes and waterfalls.

Then I found page 43.

Page 43 of "Hiking the Wasatch" lists the 32 peaks in Salt Lake County that are over 10,000 feet. When I reached my first summit in 1999 with a group of friends from work, I was hooked. It took me 15 years, but last Saturday I finally completed the list.

I never really expected to finish that list. Getting to a few of these peaks is a bit scary--as in, the splat factor is fatally significant. But with a lot help from my WMC friends, I found that all those peaks are hikeable (sort of), and once I expanded my hiking skills to include ice axe and crampons, the last of the list dwindled down quickly until all I had left was this somewhat non-descript bump-on-a-ridge that is simply referred to as "Peak Ten Nine Ten" (as in 10,910 feet).

I had been scoping out possible routes over the last year or so and it looked quite doable when viewed from Sundial. Then I enlisted the support of Michael Hannan, who I knew had been on Peak Ten Nine Ten a number of times, though usually as part of the grueling Cottonwood Ridge run. With Michael as our beacon (and having done a dry run just a few days before), I knew we would be successful as long as the weather held. And in the middle of October, that is a really big "if."

It snowed on that peak the weekend before our hike, and it snowed on that peak the day after our hike. But the weather gods were smiling on us this gorgeous fall day. There were patches of residual snow here and there, but not in critical places like the steep loose rock on the final ascent to the ridge.

After that, it was just a walk :-).

All in all, we gained 4,800 feet in 4 hours, then enjoyed a little bottle of bubbly that I hauled up to celebrate the moment. Not bad for a day in the woods.

Here's to reaching our goals!

**Photos by Michael Hannan and Pierre Askmo**



**Ronna, Julie, Nancy, Keith  
and Pierre at the dam**



**Having done the peak to the left  
and the peak to the right,  
it's just this little bump on the  
ridge we needed to get to**



**Michael, Julie, Nancy, Ronna,  
with Keith peaking behind Ronna**



**Julie a few feet below  
the Cottonwood Ridge**



Here comes Keith and Nancy



Finally at the summit!



Second summit shot didn't work out so well. Michael didn't bring his signature summit sign, so we documented our location in cheerleader language.

Peak 10,910

Pierre is 1, Ronna has the 0, Keith is 9, Nancy has the 1, Michael is the final 0. Julie in the back with a big "Wahoo!"

But we got it backwards! We should have set up left to right instead of right to left.

Oh well :-)



Julie on top with some bubbly to celebrate the completion of the list



## Highest Summits In Salt Lake County

“Peak baggers” are hikers and climbers who set a goal of climbing most or all of some defined group of summits, be it all the peaks over 4000 feet in New Hampshire or the highest summits on the seven continents. Peak-bagging gives an incentive to visit places that you might never otherwise consider.

Thirty-two summits in Salt Lake County are over 10,000 feet high. For this list, a point is considered a distinct summit if it is at least 200 feet above the saddle connecting it to the next peak on a ridge. Neither Sundial nor Flagstaff is included since they are connected by continuous ridges to higher summits.

HIGHEST POINTS IN SALT LAKE COUNTY	Elevation
1. American Fork Twins (West Summit)	11,489
2. Broads Fork Twins (East Summit)	11,330
3. Pfeifferhorn	11,326
4. White Baldy (between White Pine and Red Pine)	11,321
5. Sunrise (1/4 mile west of Dromedary)	11,275
6. Lone Peak	11,253
7. Red Baldy (1 mile southwest of Am. Fork Twins)	11,171
8. South Thunder Mountain	11,154
9. North Thunder Mountain	11,150
10. Monte Cristo	11,132
11. Dromedary	11,107
12. Mount Baldy	11,068
13. Sugarloaf	11,051
14. Unnamed (1/2 mile east of Dromedary)	10,910
15. Upper Bells Peak (1/2 mile east of Lone Peak)	10,877
16. Mount Wolverine	10,795
17. Clayton Peak	10,721
18. Sunset Peak	10,678
19. Unnamed (Reed and Benson Ridge north of Flagstaff)	10,561
20. Hogum Divide (1/4 mile west of Maybird Lakes)	10,516
21. Bells Cleaver (northeast of Upper Bells Reservoir)	10,488
22. Honeycomb Cliffs	10,479
23. Pioneer Peak	10,440
24. Unnamed (between Clayton Peak and Guardsman Pass)	10,420
25. Kessler Peak	10,403
26. Unnamed (Between Pioneer Peak and Snake Creek Pass)	10,316
27. Rocky Mouth Canyon Peak	10,292
28. Gobblers Knob	10,246
29. Mount Raymond	10,241
30. Scott Hill	10,116
31. Guardsman Peak (1/4 mile north of Guardsman Pass)	10,026
32. Silver Peak (Wasatch Crest above Beartrap Fork)	10,006

## **WMC WINTER SPORTS POLICY**

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities within the winter sports program of the Wasatch Mountain Club. (10/00) The core program includes snowshoe tours, backcountry tours, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and out-of-town trips (e.g. yurt and winter camping trips). The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Class is held in December or January each year. The Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic is held in January of each year. At least one telemark clinic is held each year.

The winter sports director is responsible for the overall management of the winter sports program. He/she appoints a skiing and snowshoe coordinator who in turn schedule trips, which are not planned at the committee meetings, but can be announced in the Rambler throughout the season. The coordinators also assist trip organizers with information as needed. Other responsibilities include organizing or participating in training trips catered to novices and beginners. They are also welcome to submit articles discussing information on topics of interest.

*The winter sports program will also promote conservation issues such as curtailment of ski resort expansion to prevent further loss of backcountry terrain, rigid control (or elimination) of helicopter skiing, continuation of involvement in land management decision-making (e.g. snowmobile vs. ski trails on Daniel's Summit), and use of UTA routes.*

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR WINTER SPORTS ORGANIZERS**

The winter sports program adopts the guidelines for hiking organizers, published elsewhere in these policies. However, special consideration is necessary for winter activities. Planning your destination and route is the key to a successful trip. You should always try to carpool or utilize UTA transit options in the Wasatch Canyons. Help people understand what the outing involves so that they can decide whether they should be on the trip. The organizer may use his/her discretion as to the equipment and skills necessary for a safe and successful tour. The organizer may evaluate the equipment and capabilities of skiers/snowshoers and turn away people who aren't prepared for the outing. You can check their clothing and gear by eye, ask questions about their experience and fitness. Make sure that everyone going on the trip signs the release form and therefore acknowledges the risk involved and that it's their responsibility to be prepared.

Talk to the group and reach an understanding of when to turn back. You could run out of time to return before dark, or the conditions might turn ominous. Participants disagreeing with the organizer can choose to withdraw from a trip after clearly notifying the organizer, and preferably, at least one other witness. Skiers/snowshoers should return to the trailhead with a buddy, and be sure that the organizer understands your route. Large groups should be subdivided with appointment of a second organizer and separation of the parties into a "fast group" and "slow group." Have fun. Enjoy the fresh air and snow.

### **EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES FOR WINTER SPORTS ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS**

All trip participants are responsible for their own equipment and preparedness. Be self-sufficient at all times, and be prepared to assist others when necessary. Carry necessary supplies for changes in conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. In addition to the "Ten Essentials" (re: Seattle Mountaineers), which are emergency items

you should have in your pack at all times, the following items are usually carried on winter sports trips: climbing skins, transceivers (dual-frequency or 457 mHz), shovel, probe, repair kit, headlamp, rope.

The organizer has the discretion to require any of these additional equipment items for group safety considerations. The general guideline is to require transceivers and shovel on MOD and above trip ratings. Of course, participants may always choose to take these additional items. If participants are unsure of what the trip involves and if certain equipment items will be required, please ask the organizer beforehand or at the meeting place. If beacons are required, the group should consider whether to conduct a beacon signal test before the tour and a practice avalanche search during the tour.

### **BASIC AVALANCHE AWARENESS GUIDELINES (SOURCE: US FOREST SERVICE)**

1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can also be set to receive signals. Learn how to use the transceiver.
2. Carry a shovel and collapsible poles to probe the snow for victims in case you need help with a rescue. Some collapsible ski poles can double as poles.
3. Be alert following periods of steady snowfall when most avalanches occur.
4. Slopes with angles of 25 to 50 degrees are most likely to slide.
5. Cornices, or overhanging shelves of snow, can build up along ridges and can fall, triggering avalanches. When traveling along ridges, avoid the edges.
6. When traveling through potentially unstable terrain, spread out and cross slopes one at a time, keeping close watch for sliding or settling of the snow.
7. Most avalanches start above timberline, on slopes opposite the prevailing wind. Heavily forested slopes are less likely to slide.
8. Dig snow pits and learn to read the weather history of the snow pack.
9. Check with local forecasters and outdoor travelers for conditions and hazards.
10. Only one in three avalanche victims buried without a beacon survives. But if you're caught in an avalanche, try to escape by grabbing a tree or rock. If you fall, get rid of skis, poles and pack and "swim" on the slide to stay toward the surface. When the avalanche stops, try to stay near the surface and make an air pocket.

### **WINTER TOURING ETIQUETTE**

1. Parties should try to stay away from one another as best they can.
2. People need to be encouraged to keep their tracks close together in crowded areas.
3. Break trails that will be useful to everyone who follows.
4. Pay attention to inter-party safety considerations (e.g. do not tour above others). Share observations about potentially dangerous snow and avalanche conditions.

# WINTER SPORTS RATINGS

Here is the listing of snowshoe and ski tours and the ratings according to difficulty. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the BACKCOUNTRY. These types of trips may be rated 'Not too difficult' (NTD), but more often are rated 'Moderate' (MOD), or 'Most difficult' (MSD). They more likely encounter avalanche paths, and generally cross areas with steeper terrain. Avalanche beacons and shovels are strongly recommended for these types of trips, and may be required by the trip organizer (see trip descriptions). Typical examples are Powder Park of Catherine's Pass. A trip labeled TOUR is one which mostly follows along a groomed trail, or above an un-groomed road surface and generally has a gentler grade, and less risk of encountering avalanche paths. These types of trips are often rated NTD, but occasionally are rated MOD, or even MSD to length. Avalanche beacons are recommended on a more selected basis. Typical examples are Beaver Creek, or Norway Flats. 'Ski mountaineering' (SKI-MTN) is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to snow gear and avalanche beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self-arrest skills. The rating is determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example, Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD.

**\* Avalanche knowledge is a prerequisite for winter travel.** A new rating category for AVALANCHE AWARENESS has been compiled by the Winter Sports Committee to help you assess the relative risk for each trip. Legend- **A!** - trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths; **A** - trip crosses known avalanche path; **M** - trip involves minimal risk of avalanches.

## EL and NTD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING-*	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD M	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork	EL-NTD M	3.0	680	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD A	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTD M	5.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Green's Basin from Spruces	NTD M	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD A	4.0	1000	
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon				
	to Ledgefork Campground	NTD M	6.0	400	Tour
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD M	4.0	900	Tour
Daniels	Telemark Hill	NTD M	5.0	1000	Tour
Uintas	Bench Creek	NTD M	7.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Lake	NTD A	4.4	1200	
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD A	5.0	1280	Tour
Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD A	5.0	1400	
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Alta	NTD A	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD A	6.0	1400	
Daniels	R Fork Little Hobble Creek				
	to Valle	NTD M	7.0	1150	Tour

Wasatch	Days Fork to Second Meadow	NTD	A	6.0	1600	
Uintas	North Fork of Provo River	NTD	M	8.0	600	
Uintas	Beaver Creek Trail	EL-NTD	M	10.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Snake Creek Canyon	NTD+	A	7.0	1800	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Turn Around	NTD+	M	10.0	1500	Tour

### MOD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING-*		MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Uintas	Weber Canyon Road	MOD	M	16.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Butler Fork to Overlook	MOD	A	3.0	1500	
Wasatch	Brighton to Twin Lake Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1300	
Wasatch	Grizzly Gulch to					
	Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1320	
Wasatch	Tom's Hill	MOD	A	4.0	1600	
Wasatch	Bill's Hill	MOD	A	3.4	1800	
N. Wasatch	Little Dell-Affleck					
	Park-Big Mountain	MOD	M	11.0	1320	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Brighton	MOD	A!	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	USA Bowl	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Near) (South)	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Uintas	Yellow Pine Trail	MOD	M	7.0	2400	
Daniels	Main Canyon – Murdock Hollow	MOD	M	10.0	1400	Tour
Daniels	Strawberry Peak	MOD	A	10.0	1700	Tour
Uintas	Little S. Fork-Willow					
	Hollow Loop	MOD	M	10.0	2000	
Daniels	Clyde Creek- Mud Creek Loop	MOD	M	14.0	1000	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak Bowl	MOD	A	9.0	2800	
Wasatch	Big Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	6.4	1400	
Wasatch	Alta to Brighton via Twin					
	Lakes P	MOD	A!	8.0	1320	
Uintas	Smith Morehouse C. to					
	Erickson B.	MOD	A	15.0	1200	
Uintas	Murdock Basin	MOD	M	15.0	1400	
Uintas	Upper Setting Road	MOD	M	12.0	2300	Tour

Uintas	Norway Flats Road	MOD	M	12.0	2530	Tour
Uintas	Red Pine Canyon to Mud					
	Lake Flat	MOD	A	14.0	2235	
Wasatch	Lake Desolation	MOD	A	8.0	1900	
Wasatch	Brighton to Alta via					
	Catherine's P	MOD	A!	10.0		
Wasatch	Red Pine Lake	MOD	A	8.0	2000	
Uintas	Soapstone to North of Iron					
	Mine Mtn.	MOD	M	14.0	2240	
Uintas	Shingle Creek	MOD	M	14.0	2460	
Wasatch	Green's Basin Peak	MOD	A	6.0	2380	
Wasatch	Meadow's Chutes	MOD	A!	6.2	2380	
Wasatch	Reynolds's Peak	MOD	A	7.0	2100	
Wasatch	Little Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	7.4	2100	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Middle)	MOD	A	7.0	2200	
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Upper Cirque	MOD+	A!	8.0	2000	
Wasatch	Bear Trap to Lookout	MOD+	A	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Far) (North)	MOD+	A	8.0	2040	
Wasatch	Upper Red Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Montreal Hill	MOD+	A!	7.0	2700	
Heber	Main Canyon (Wallsburg to					
	Strawberry)	MOD+	M	15.0	3650	
Wasatch	White Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	9.0	2400	
Uintas	Windy Ridge	MOD+	A!	7.6	3200	
Wasatch	Alta-Brighton-Alta	MOD+	A!	9.0	2800	

#### MSD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *		MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Pink Pine	MSD	A!	2.0	1000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass	MSD	A!	2.0	1400	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Flagstaff Mountain	MSD	A!	2.8	2000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass to Big					
	Cottonwood C.	MSD	A!	5.0	Traverse	1400 u 2800 d

Wasatch	Silver Fork via Brighton					
	Twin Lakes	MSD	A!	6.0	Traverse	1460 u 2400 d
Wasatch	Day's Frk to Big Cottonwood C.	MSD	A!	5.5	Traverse	2000 u 3200 d
Wasatch	Mary Ellen	MSD	A!	9.2	1820	
Wasatch	Soldier Fork	MSD	A	9.0	Traverse	1600 u 2800 d
Wasatch	Tuscarora- Wolverine	MSD	A!	8.0	2100	
Wasatch	Alexander Basin via Butler					
	to Log H	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2600 u 3100 d
Wasatch	Silver Fork Crest	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Maybird Canyon	MSD	A!	6.5	Traverse	2440 u 3000 d
Wasatch	Porter Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Lake Blanche to Big					
	Cottonwood C	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2600 u 4600 d
Wasatch	Mineral Fork from Alta	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2900 u 3500 d
Wasatch	Gobbler's Knob via Butler	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Major Evans	MSD	A!	9.2	2700	
Wasatch	Wilson Fork	MSD	A!	11.0	Traverse	2600 u 3800 d
Wasatch	White Pine from Alta	MSD	A!	10.8	2700	
Stansbury	Victory Mountain	MSD	A!	10.0	3800	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Swift Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3530	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3601	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak from Guard					
	Station	MSD	A!	12.0	4500	
Uintas	Norway Flats to Smith					
	Morehouse	MSD+	A	18.0	2680	
Uintas	Weber River to Norway Flats	MSD+	A	20.0	2800	
Daniels	Currant Creek Peak	MSD+	A	21.0	2800	
Wasatch	Triple Traverse - Alta to					
	Toll Canyon	MSD+	A!	16.0	Traverse	5700 u 7600 d
Uintas	King's Peak (length!)	MSD+	A	36.0	6800	Very long

## SKI-MTN RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Mt. Superior	SKI-MTN A!	6.0	2700	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn via White Pine Canyon	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	3700	
Wasatch	Superior and Monte Carlo from Alta	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	4810	
Wasatch	Twin Peaks via Broad's Fork	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	5100	
Wasatch	Box Elder peak from Dry Fork	SKI-MTN A!	12.0	5600	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn from Dry Creek	SKI-MTN A!	12.0	5630	
Wasatch	Mt. Nebo from Mona	SKI-MTN A!	14.0	6700	
Wasatch	Bells Canyon Supertour				
	Traverse	SKI-MTN A!	14.0	Traverse	3500 u 5700 d
Wasatch	Lone Peak via Supertour Route	SKI-MTN A!	16.0	5854	
Wasatch	Timpanogos from Timpooneke	SKI-MTN A!	22.0	6500	

Editorial Note: Snowshoe and Ski ratings above are listed in order of difficulty, according to this algorithm:

Difficulty = ( M ) + ( 3K ). M is the round trip miles including tenths, if any. K is the thousands of feet of altitude gain including tenths, if any. For example: Catherine's Lake at 4.4 miles round trip and 1200 feet of altitude gain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ( M ) + ( 3 \times K ) \\
 & ( 4.4 ) + ( 3 \times 1.2 ) \\
 & ( 4.4 ) + ( 3.6 ) = 8.0
 \end{aligned}$$

If the outing is labeled as a TOUR, factor the difficulty answer by ( 0.6 ). Example: Foreman Trail at 4 miles length and an altitude gain of 900 feet calculates as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ( M ) + ( 3 \times K ) \times ( 0.6 ) \\
 & ( 4 ) + ( 3 \times .9 ) = 6.7 \\
 & ( 6.7 ) \times ( 0.6 ) = 4
 \end{aligned}$$

Localized trail conditions may vary throughout the season and affect the actual difficulty on any given day (e.g. trail breaking, icy, bare spots, wind, warm, cold).

**"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO"** and make sure to bring your 10 Es! Check with the Utah Avalanche center web site for snow conditions and weather forecast <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/> and review the WMC Winter Sports Policy, Backcountry Travel Techniques and Backcountry Ski & Snowshoe Route Ratings listed on the Wasatch Mountain Club website under Winter Sports [www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org). Organizers are expected to keep their groups together and use proper backcountry etiquette.

# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

Please read carefully and completely fill out both sides of the page. Print legibly, *please*.

I am applying for membership as: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Applicant 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant 1: Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant 2: Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIVACY INFORMATION:** The WMC defaults to listing your name, address, phone and email in a *Member Directory*. This information is only available to current members, and to access it they must either log in to the WMC website ([www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org)) or request a printed copy from the Membership Director.

**YOU NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:** To not have your address, phone, and/or email listed in the *Member Directory* – if you don't have computer access or need help contact the Membership Director, otherwise on the WMC website use the **Member Menu > Privacy & Activity Preferences** webpage.

**Membership dues:**

- \$40.00 for single membership (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
  - \$55.00 for couple membership (Annual dues \$50.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
  - \$25.00 for student membership (Annual dues \$20.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- Student members must be full-time student.

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for application fee and first year's dues. Check or money order only. Please make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* Your birth date is only used to verify you are at least 18 years old and membership age statistics.

# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

## Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

**VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION:** I acknowledge that my participation in all WMC activities is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate. I agree to abide by the rules of the WMC.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and may result in injury, illness, death, and damage to or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered exploratory, with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guide service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk, and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage to or loss of my property.

**PREPARATION:** I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulties of any WMC activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge, equipment, and the physical and emotional stamina to participate safely.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE:** I agree that I, my heirs, personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the WMC, its activity organizers, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

**LEGAL FEES:** Should it become necessary for the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

**INSURANCE:** I understand that the WMC strongly recommends that I maintain insurance sufficient to cover any injury, illness or property damage that I may incur while participating in WMC activities. In the event of injury, illness or death related to any WMC activity, I recognize that I, or my estate, will bear the full cost of my evacuation or recovery, and any related medical care that I may need. I acknowledge that the WMC carries no insurance whatsoever for any participants in WMC activities.

**SIGNATURE:** My signature below indicates I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I certify I am at least 18 years old.

Signature 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to:

Membership Director  
Wasatch Mountain Club  
1390 South 1100 East #103  
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443

Leave blank for office use:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE:** I agree that I, my heirs, personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the WMC, its activity organizers, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

**LEGAL FEES:** Should it become necessary for the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

**INSURANCE:** I understand that the WMC strongly recommends that I maintain insurance sufficient to cover any injury, illness or property damage that I may incur while participating in WMC activities. In the event of injury, illness or death related to any WMC activity, I recognize that I, or my estate, will bear the full cost of my evacuation or recovery, and any related medical care that I may need. I acknowledge that the WMC carries no insurance whatsoever for any participants in WMC activities.

**My signature below indicates I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I certify I am at least 18 years old.**

**\*\*ATTENTION\*\* IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE WMC, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TRIP ORGANIZER!**

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Return this form to Wasatch Mountain Club, 1390 South 1100 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443  
Please mark attention to the appropriate activity director, e.g., hike, bike, boat.

# WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director can be listed in The Rambler. Direct submissions to the Editor are NOT accepted. To submit your activity to the club, login to the WMC website and click on "Volunteer to Organize An Activity". The appropriate director will approve and/or edit this event for inclusion in both the web calendar and Rambler submissions. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

## Rules and Regulations:

1. **Dogs & Children** are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.
2. **Car pool rates:** Gas plus \$0.15/mile, shared by everyone in the vehicle (including driver) on 2WD roads, OR gas plus \$0.25/mile on 4WD roads.

**Notice to Non-Members:** Most WMC activities are open to prospective members except when specifically stated in the activity description.

**Find out about unofficial activities on our email lists. Activities formed with these lists are for members only. Lists are to be used only for the scheduling of outdoor activities. Any use of this service for any other purpose, such as advertising, SPAM, jokes, etc, will result in the loss of privilege. To subscribe: Once logging into the website, click on "Email Lists" on the left-hand side. Then follow the online instructions. (Boaters: E-mail the Boat Director—inside front cover—for more information.)**

**Group size limits in wilderness:** Some National Forest ranger districts limit the size of group hiking in wilderness areas. For such hikes, the hike listing will indicate the maximum number of participants (not including the organizer). Please help our organizers on hikes with group size limits by arriving promptly and being understanding if you cannot be accommodated on the hike because of a limit.

## Activity Difficulty Rating

0.1-4.0 > Not Too Difficult (NTD)  
Lightly Strenuous  
4.1-8.0 > Moderate (MOD)  
Moderate to Very Strenuous  
8.1-11.0 > Most Difficult (MSD)  
Very Strenuous, Difficult  
11.1+ > Extreme (EXT)  
Very Strong, Well-Seasoned Hikers

B > Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking  
E > Elevation change > 5,000 feet  
M > Round trip mileage > 15 miles  
R > Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding  
S > Scrambling  
X > Exposure  
W > Wilderness area, limit 14

When you carpool, please help out as follows:

- \$.35 per mile, plus gas.
- \$.45 per mile on roads requiring off-road travel.
- \$.45 per mile for vehicles towing a trailer.

## Directions to Meeting Places

**Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride Lot:** Between 3800 S and 3900 S on Wasatch Blvd (3555 E), between the I-215 freeway and Wasatch Blvd along 3900 S. It is on the northwest corner of the intersection. You can ONLY enter it from the west-bound lanes of 3900 S. To get to the Mill Creek Canyon Rd from the Park and Ride lot without making a U-turn, go west (right) on 3900 S, proceed under the freeway, then turn north (right) at the next available street, which is Birch Dr; proceed north to Upland Dr (across from Skyline High School); go east (right) under the freeway and across Wasatch Blvd to the Mill Creek Canyon Rd (3800 S).

**Skyline High School:** 3251 E Upland Drive (3760 S). From the intersection of Wasatch Blvd and the Mill Creek Canyon Rd (3800 S), go west under the I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Dr (3330 E).

**Butler Elementary:** 2700 E just south of 7000 S

**Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride Lot:** At the northeast corner of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Rd and Wasatch Blvd. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

**6200 Park and Ride Lot:** 6450 S Wasatch Blvd. Go two lights east and south on 6200 S from the I-215 overpass and turn east (left) onto Wasatch Blvd; the lot is immediately on your left. Sometimes used as an overflow lot for access to Big Cottonwood Canyon.

**Ft. Union Lot #4:** 200 yards west of Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride, near the Porcupine Pub & Grille (which is located at 3698 Ft. Union Blvd).

**Little Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride Lot:** 4323 E Little Cottonwood Canyon Rd. On the north side of the intersection of Little Cottonwood Canyon Rd and Quarry Rd at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

**Utah Travel Council Parking Lot:** About 120 E 300 N. Go east from the intersection of State St and 300 N and turn south (right) into the first parking lot.

**Parleys Way Walmart Parking Lot:** 2705 Parleys Way. From Parleys Way, turn north into the parking lot; or from Foothill Drive, turn west on Stringham Ave (2295 S) and then south into the lot.

# ACTIVITIES LISTING

See online Calendar for updated and additional events and trips

## MARKETPLACE

This space is reserved for those members placing ads for used and recreational gear or for private and non-commercial and not-for-profit activities. To submit an ad, e-mail it to [wasatchmountainclub@gmail.com](mailto:wasatchmountainclub@gmail.com) by the 10th of each month prior to publication. Non WMC members \$5.00 up to 20 words, \$0.20 per additional word.

**REMEMBER:** There is also a "Gear Swap" area online where you can post what you are looking for, or place something that you want to sell or get rid of. It seems to be more up-to-date most of the time, due to the hard copy of the Rambler only being produced once a month.

**SNOWSHOES FOR SALE, NEW MSR**  
**[vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) 435-649-6805**

### Date Activity

- Dec 1 Mon Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
*Meet:* 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 [jk@wasatch-environmental.com](mailto:jk@wasatch-environmental.com)  
 According to some recent article, exercising in cold temperatures stimulates metabolic balance and lowers blood sugar levels! We've got that covered. Join us for a brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Dec 2 Tue Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry – mod+**  
*Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 [proctorgtr@aol.com](mailto:proctorgtr@aol.com)  
 Weekly MOD+ ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts most of the time. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Please e-mail Chris Proctor Monday (the day before) by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should plan on calling or e-mailing ahead to discuss trip requirements and their avy skills and gear.
- Dec 2 Tue Tuesday Snowshoe – mod-**  
*Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 [jameskucera@aol.com](mailto:jameskucera@aol.com)  
 More weekday snowshoes this season. Probably start off at high elevation to find the deeper snow.
- Dec 4 Thu – Dec 6 Sat Avalanche Education: Uac Backcountry 101 For Snowshoers**  
*Meet:* 6:00 pm at Classroom session 6-9PM Thursday at REI Salt Lake, 3285 East 3300 South, SLC. Saturday field session meets at the Brighton Fire Station at 8:30AM.  
*Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 [devin@utahavalanchecenter.org](mailto:devin@utahavalanchecenter.org)  
 Snowshoeing in the backcountry is safer and more fun when you have at least a basic understanding of avalanches. Nobody wants to travel with a partner that can't make informed decisions, or be counted on in a rescue. Spend an evening in the classroom and a day on the snow with pros. Learn how to get out in the backcountry, have fun and come home ready to do it again. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center. Cost: \$80. Register and pay in advance at the link below.

- Dec 4 Alpine Ski Tour - At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
 THURS. BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tours. Destination generally in Big or Little Cottonwoods Canyons and dependent on weather and snow conditions. Start at 8:30A.M. This is not a beginner ski tour and requires good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with your equipment. To participate you must have a beacon, shovel, probe and the knowledge of how to use them. Call or e-mail Robert by 7:00PM on WED. evening, for the meeting place. Group limited to 10. If you are new to BC skiing, please call to discuss whether you have the experience and are prepared for the tour. NOTE: The organizer would like to encourage others to volunteer to organize Thursday MOD tours in the coming weeks & months.
- Dec 4 Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - West Grandeur Area – ntd+ – Out & Back – Fast pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Parking Lot at North End of Wasatch Boulevard (Approximately 3000 South)  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  
 We'll pick one of four routes and hike for a one- to two-hour hike, depending on conditions. Dress warm, but in layers. These are steep routes and you will be warming quickly! Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Dogs prepared for winter conditions ok.
- Dec 5 Christmas Sing-a-long & Pot Luck Supper**  
 Fri *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 5904 S Tolcate Woods Ln (2930 E)  
*Organizer:* La Rae Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com  
 Even Scrooge would have fun at our annual Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long/potluck supper! We'll meet at Bart & La Rae Bartholoma's home at 6:30 at 5904 S Tolcate Woods Ln (2930 E). You are invited to bring an appetizer/ side dish/salad or dessert to share with 4 to 6 others ... turkey, ham and pumpkin pies will be provided. BYOB. If you don't sing or play an instrument, come anyway and be prepared for an evening of fun! DIRECTIONS: take 5800 S (Tolcate Lane) off Holladay Blvd. (Only goes East) Turn right (South) on Tolcate Woods Lane (before the underpass.) When the street ends with a steel fence with horse statues and an eagle statue in the air, YOU ARE THERE! Any questions, call or email La Rae or Bart Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com or Frank Bernard frankbernard55@earthlink.net
- Dec 5 Moonlight Snowshoe - Out & Back – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
 Fri *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)  
*Organizer:* Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net  
 Come on out and join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) for this moonlight Leader's Choice snowshoe tour to a location dependent on weather and safety conditions. Knick plans a fun evening in the moonlit snow. Dress warmly in layers and come prepared. Meet Knick at Skyline High School east lot to carpool by 6:30 pm.
- Dec 6 Snowshoe, Organizers Choice – mod**  
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Shane Bode 801-647-2917 shanejaq@comcast.net  
 Come join Shane & Jacque for a fine day of snowshoeing. Come prepared with your 10 E's.
- Dec 6 Beginner Avalanche Transceiver Practice**  
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at Big Field Pavillion, Sugar House Park. This is the first left after you enter the park from 2100 South.  
*Organizer:* Walter\* Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com  
 Learn to use your avalanche beacon, or practice what you forgot over the summer. We will form into small groups, learn the basics and go from there. No prior experience required.

Dec 6 Sat	<p><b>Training: Beginner Avalanche Beacon Practice</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Big Field Pavillion, Sugar House Park. This is the first left after you enter the park from 2100 South.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Walter* Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com</p> <p>Learn to use your avalanche beacon, or practice what you forgot over the summer. We will form into small groups, learn the basics and go from there. No prior experience required.</p>
Dec 7 Sun	<p><b>Nordic Ski Tour Series (sun.) – ntd+</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com</p> <p>Cross-country skiing. Western Uintas, Northern Wasatch, or Nordic Center track skiing. A progressive rating for season trip series will be used: NTD-NTD+ (Nov.- Dec.), MOD-MOD+ (Jan.-Feb.), and MSD (March). Contact organizer by Friday PM for weekly details and to request registration. Meeting time and place, and any updates or changes (e.g. trip location, road conditions, date change to Saturday) will be announced to those registered via email the day prior to the trip date. An NTD trip participation will be pre-requisite for a MOD trip, then MOD for a MSD trip.</p>
Dec 7 Sun	<p><b>Beginner Snowshoe Big Cottonwood - Out &amp; Back – ntd – 3.0 mi Out &amp; Back – Slow pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park &amp; Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net</p> <p>Come join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) for this beginner snowshoe tour in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Along with your snowshoes, dress in layers &amp; bring a pack to put them in as you warm up. Also bring water and a snack. BE SURE TO ADJUST YOUR SNOWSHOE STRAPS FOR YOUR BOOTS BEFORE ARRIVING. You can rent snowshoes from different retail stores. Poles and gaiters recommended. This will be an easy, slow paced tour (as snowshoeing goes). Come prepared for a fun outing weather permitting. Meet Knick at 9:00 am in the 6200 South Park-n-Ride off Wasatch Blvd.</p>
Dec 8 Mon	<p><b>Avalanche Education: Uac Women-only Beacon Clinic</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Albion Grill, Alta</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org</p> <p>The Beacon Clinic is designed for all ability levels to get out on the snow and practice using your beacon. Even if you spend every day in the backcountry or are just starting out knowing how to use your beacon is the most important skill to have when it comes to avalanche rescue. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center.</p>
Dec 8 Mon	<p><b>Ski Meeting/social: Uac Women-only Beacon Clinic</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Albion Grill, Alta</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org</p> <p>The Beacon Clinic is designed for all ability levels to get out on the snow and practice using your beacon. Even if you spend every day in the backcountry or are just starting out knowing how to use your beacon is the most important skill to have when it comes to avalanche rescue. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center.</p>
Dec 8 Mon	<p><b>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike – ntd+ – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace</b></p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Join us for a brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the “H” rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.</p>

- Dec 9 Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry – mod+**  
**Tue** *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com  
 Weekly MOD+ ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts most of the time. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Please e-mail Chris Proctor Monday (the day before) by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should plan on calling or e-mailing ahead to discuss trip requirements and their avy skills and gear.
- Dec 9 Tuesday Snowshoe – mod- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
**Tue** *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com  
 Its december, theres snow in them there mountains, so its time to start our weekly morning snowshoes again, but we're changing it back to tuesday, like it used to be. Probably start high to assure snow, meet at the 6200 south P&R, 930 to miss the 900 am crowd.
- Dec 11 Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod**  
**Thu – Dec 13 Sat** *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton.  
*Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org  
 Skiing and riding in the backcountry is safer and more fun when you understand avalanches, knowing when you can go big and when to dial it back. Nobody wants to be that partner that can't make informed decisions or be counted on in a rescue. Spend an evening in a classroom and a day on the snow with the pros to learn how to get out in the backcountry, have fun and come home ready to do it again. Taught by the Utah Avalanche Center. \$140. Register and pay at the link below.
- Dec 11 Alpine Ski Tour - At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
**Thu** *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
 THURS. BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tours. Destination generally in Big or Little Cottonwoods Canyons and dependent on weather and snow conditions. Start at 8:30A.M. This is not a beginner ski tour and requires good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with your equipment. To participate you must have a beacon, shovel, probe and the knowledge of how to use them. Call or e-mail Robert by 7:00PM on WED. evening, for the meeting place. Group limited to 10. If you are new to BC skiing, please call to discuss whether you have the experience and are prepared for the tour. NOTE: The organizer would like to encourage others to volunteer to organize Thursday MOD tours in the coming weeks & months.
- Dec 12 Snowshoe: Friday Ski Bus Snowshoe – ntd+ – Out & Back**  
**Fri** *Meet:* Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list  
*Organizer:* Liz Cordova, Lynette Brooks 801-523-6225 (Lynette) liz1466@live.com; lerkbrooks@yahoo.com  
 Join Lynette and Liz for a not-overly-challenging snowshoe at a not-overly-rushed pace using the ski bus. Avalanche gear not required, as we'll err on the side of caution, but the ski bus schedule will dictate timing and destination. And cost. If conditions warrant, we'll hike on snow in the foothills. Meeting at 6200 South Wasatch Park & Ride. Final decision on gear (spikes or snowshoes), destination, and meet time will be sent out when available. Plan on a few hours activity plus commute. Flexibility is key!

- Dec 13 Slow-pace Hike: Jack's Mountain Morning Loop-walk – ntd – Loop – Slow pace**  
 Sat *Meet:* 8:45 am at Take 2100 South east from Foothill Boulevard to Lakeline Drive. Then turn left (north) to the end of the road.  
*Organizer:* Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131  
 Beautiful valley views. Hike to Jack's Mountain then take a short off-trail (no bushwhacking) traverse to Castle Quarry. Then take the quarry trail back to the trailhead. Be a few minutes early so the group can leave at 9 a.m. sharp. Bring micro spikes or other appropriate studded footwear. Plan 2 to 3 hours trail time.
- Dec 13 Snowshoe: Cottonwood Canyons – mod**  
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Deirdre Flynn 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com  
 Weather and snow conditions will dictate the destination. The group will practice good backcountry etiquette and safe avalanche travel. Everyone is responsible for avalanche safety (we are organizing not guiding). Not sure what that means? There are many good avalanche safety classes being offered by the UAC and other organizations - take advantage of one! Bring appropriate safety gear and know how to use it. Please note: meet 10 minutes before the hour so that we can leave promptly at 9:00 am.
- Dec 14 Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod**  
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Shane Bode 801-647-2917 shanejaq@comcast.net  
 Join Shane & Jacque for a pleasant day of snowshoeing. Be prepared with your 10 E's.
- Dec 14 Snowshoe - Dog Lake – ntd**  
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Mark McKenzie 801-913-8439 mdm571830@gmail.com  
 Join Mark today to snowshoe to Dog Lake (Mill D North). Be prepared for your own comfort and safety.
- Dec 16 Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry – mod+**  
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com  
 Weekly MOD+ ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts most of the time. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Please e-mail Chris Proctor Monday (the day before) by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should plan on calling or e-mailing ahead to discuss trip requirements and their avy skills and gear.
- Dec 18 Alpine Ski Tour - At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
 THURS. BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tours. Destination generally in Big or Little Cottonwoods Canyons and dependent on weather and snow conditions. Start at 8:30A.M. This is not a beginner ski tour and requires good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with your equipment. To participate you must have a beacon, shovel, probe and the knowledge of how to use them. Call or e-mail Robert by 7:00PM on WED. evening, for the meeting place. Group limited to 10. If you are new to BC skiing, please call to discuss whether you have the experience and are prepared for the tour. NOTE: The organizer would like to encourage others to volunteer to organize Thursday MOD tours in the coming weeks & months.

- Dec 20 Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod – Moderate pace**  
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com  
 Join us for a fun day of snowshoeing. Don't forget your 10 E's. We'll plan to depart 10 minutes after the meeting time.
- Dec 21 Nordic Ski Tour: Series (sun.) – ntd+**  
 Sun *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com  
 Cross-country skiing. Western Uintas, Northern Wasatch, or nordic center track skiing. A progressive rating for season trip series will be used: NTD-NTD+ (Nov.- Dec.), MOD-MOD+ (Jan.-Feb.), and MSD (March). Contact organizer by Friday PM for weekly details and to request registration. Meeting time and place, and any updates or changes (e.g. trip location, road conditions, date change to Saturday) will be announced to those registered via email the day prior to the trip date. An NTD trip participation will be pre-requisite for MOD trip, then MOD trip for MSD.
- Dec 21 Snowshoe - Winter Solstice - Organizer's Choice – mod**  
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com  
 Celebrate the First Day of winter on the snow. A destination will be chosen appropriate for the conditions. Bring your 10 Es and avalanche safety gear.
- Dec 21 Leisurely Hike On The Jordan Parkway - Experimental Format – ntd- – 3.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace**  
 Sun *Meet:* 2:00 pm at Redwood Trailhead Park. 2320 South about 1000 W, West Valley City. Easiest approach is from Redwood Rd, just south of the freeway.  
*Organizer:* John & Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com  
 What can you do outdoors in winter if you don't snowshoe or ski? We have found the Jordan River Parkway a delightful place at this time of year. Join us for a leisurely afternoon stroll on this urban trail. John will lead at a moderate pace and Martha will take up the rear at a birdwatching pace. We will walk for about 2 hours, then go somewhere for hot chocolate or a snack. Usually the trail is snow-free or well packed, but we will cancel if there has been a recent major storm.
- Dec 22 Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
 Mon *Meet:* 6:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate  
*Organizer:* Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  
 Join us for a brisk and steep 2-hour outing along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a flashlight and dress in layers. Dogs ok.
- Dec 23 Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry – mod+**  
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com  
 Weekly MOD+ ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts most of the time. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Please e-mail Chris Proctor Monday (the day before) by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should plan on calling or e-mailing ahead to discuss trip requirements and their avy skills and gear.

- Dec 25 Snowshoe - Christmas Morning Outing – ntd – Out & Back**  
 Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net  
 In case you feel like getting out from under all that wrapping paper, come join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) and other like minded outdoor enthusiasts for this Wasatch Mountain Club traditional get together. Weather permitting we'll have a pleasantly paced short snowshoe tour. Bring finger food treats to share if you'd like for a relaxed break before our return to the valley. If bad weather it will be cancelled. Meet at 6200 South & Wasatch Blvd Park-n-Ride 9:30 am.
- Dec 25 Alpine Ski Tour - At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
 Thu *Meet:* Registration required  
*Organizer:* Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com  
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- Dec 27 Snowshoe - Millcreek Canyon – ntd**  
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)  
*Organizer:* Mark Jones 801-410-4163 hikermrj@aol.com  
 Join Mark for a casual outing on snowshoes in Mill Creek Canyon. Either White Fir Pass or Burch Hollow.
- Dec 27 Snowshoe, Reynolds Peak – mod – 4.5 mi Loop – 2182' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Steve Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net  
 Great views and maybe some good plunging off the top.
- Dec 28 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**  
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard)  
*Organizer:* Deirdre Flynn 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com  
 Weather and snow conditions will dictate the destination - most likely in the Cottonwoods but possibly Millcreek or elsewhere. The group will practice good backcountry etiquette and safe avalanche travel. Everyone is responsible for avalanche safety (we are organizing not guiding). Not sure what that means? There are many good avalanche safety classes being offered by the UAC and other organizations - take advantage of one! Bring appropriate safety gear and know how to use it. Please note: meet 10 minutes before the hour so that we can leave promptly at 9:00 am.
- Dec 28 Snowshoe- West Uintas – ntd+ – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1300' ascent – Moderate pace**  
 Sun *Meet:* 8:00 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way  
*Organizer:* David Andrenyak 801-582-6106 andrenyakda@aim.com  
 The west part of the Uintas offers lots of area to explore. I am suggesting that we travel on the Beaver Creek/Plantation/Taylor Fork trails to a high point at about 8700 feet. I estimate that the round trip distance is about 6 miles and elevation gain of 1300 feet. Great forest scenery and views of the Wasatch to the west. Remember the 10 Es and snow safety equipment. The drive to the trailhead is about 1.5 hours. There is a MLH fee of \$6.00 per vehicle. Energetic dogs and teenagers are welcome. I also suggest that we stop in Kamas or Park City for some food on the way back. Because of the drive distance, the trip will take most of the day. Lets plan to meet at 8:00 am for a 8:15 departure.

Dec 28 Sun	<b>Snowshoe - Avenues Twin Peaks – mod</b> <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 1027 Terrace Hills Drive (84103). <i>Organizer:</i> Carrie Clark & Rick Gamble 801-931-4739 dr_carolyn@yahoo.com Join Carrie and Rick on a hike or snowshoe to the Avenues Twins from Terrace Hills trailhead. Possibly go beyond depending on weather conditions and consensus of participants. Meet at 1027 Terrace Hills (84103). To get to Terrace Hills, take 11th Avenue to Terrace Hills Drive (890 East).
Dec 30 Tue	<b>Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry – mod+</b> <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 proctorgtr@aol.com Weekly MOD+ ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts most of the time. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Please e-mail Chris Proctor Monday (the day before) by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should plan on calling or e-mailing ahead to discuss trip requirements and their avy skills and gear.
Dec 30 Tue	<b>Tuesday Snowshoe – mod-</b> <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard) <i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com Organizer's choice - we'll try to build up difficulty as the season progresses. Bring your 10 E's.
Dec 31 Wed	<b>Nordic Ski Tour Series</b> <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com Cross-country track skiing at North Fork Park, Upper Ogden Valley, 11:30- 5:30 pm.
Jan 1 Thu	<b>Snowshoe - Little Water Peak – mod – 7.4 mi Out &amp; Back – 2100' ascent</b> <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard) <i>Organizer:</i> Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com Little Water Peak via Mill D North/Dog Lake. Start off the year right (if conditions permit). Bring your 10 Es and avalanche safety gear.
Jan 1 Thu	<b>Alpine Ski Tour - At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace</b> <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com THURS. BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOUR: weekly MOD (moderate) ski tours. Destination generally in Big or Little Cottonwoods Canyons and dependent on weather and snow conditions. Start at 8:30A.M. This is not a beginner ski tour and requires good conditioning, skiing skills and familiarity with your equipment. To participate you must have a beacon, shovel, probe and the knowledge of how to use them. Call or e-mail Robert by 7:00PM on WED. evening, for the meeting place. Group limited to 10. If you are new to BC skiing, please call to discuss whether you have the experience and are prepared for the tour. NOTE: The organizer would like to encourage others to volunteer to organize Thursday MOD tours in the coming weeks & months.
Jan 3 Sat	<b>Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – ntd</b> <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 Wasatch Boulevard) <i>Organizer:</i> Katie Kunz 801-272-0392 katieslack@xmission.com Katie will choose an appropriate destination as the snow and weather conditions dictate.

- Jan 6 **Snowshoe, Park City Environs – mod**  
 Tue *Meet:* Disseminated via the Snowshoe email list  
*Organizer:* Vince DeSimone 435-649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com  
 Vince will organize a Tuesday group again this year. Meet at 10:00 AM Tuesday and go places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation; you will feel welcome and comfortable. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list for automatic notices or updates for all these Tuesday trips throughout the winter. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Walmart at 09:15 AM.
- Jan 8 **Avalanche Education: Uac Backcountry 101 For Snowshoers**  
 Thu – *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Classroom session 6-9PM Thursday at REI Salt Lake, 3285 East 3300 South, SLC. Saturday field  
 Jan 10 session meets at the Brighton Fire Station at 8:30AM.  
 Sat *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org  
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- Jan 14 **Boating Permit Application Party New Location – flat water**  
 Wed *Meet:* 6:30 pm at REI Wasatch Room 3285 E 3300 S  
*Organizer:* Kelly Beumer 801-230-7967 kellybeumer@gmail.com  
 No sooner did we get our boating gear cleaned and stored in the shed and it's time to start thinking about the upcoming 2015 season. This meeting is our time to get acquainted, discuss river trips, trip organizing, new ideas and, most important, to fill out and submit permit applications to obtain a share of the river permits. All interested WMC members are invited. Due to popular demand, some of the rivers we enjoy have limited access through a permit lottery system. We will have some paper permit applications for you to complete for: Yampa/Ladore, and San Juan. If you can print and fill out paper applications now by logging into the WMC web site, then going to the boating website to access the permit links, please do. Also bring a checkbook as paper applications can have a fee up to \$15. We will complete on-line applications for: Main Salmon/Middle Fork Salmon. Of course, you can still apply for all your favorites! Please bring your laptop and credit card to access and complete the on-line applications. And please consider sharing your laptop with those who don't bring one. You don't have to wait, though, you can also fill out on-line applications after Dec 1 by logging into the WMC web site, then going to the boating website to access the permit links. However, help will be available for selecting launch dates and any for other questions. If you are not already on the WMC boater email list, consider signing up. Add yourself to it via Member Menu > Email List Subscribe.

- Jan 15 **Alpine Ski Tour - At, Snowboard Or Telemark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**  
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- Jan 22 **Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Women-only Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod**  
 Thu – *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton.  
 Jan 24  
 Sat *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org  
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- Jan 29 **Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod**  
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- Feb 5 **Avalanche Education: Uac Backcountry 101 For Snowshoers**  
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 Feb 7 session meets at the Brighton Fire Station at 8:30AM.  
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- Feb 5 **Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Advanced Avalanche Skills Workshop – mod+**  
 Thu – *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton.  
 Feb 7  
 Sat *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org  
 Learning about snow and avalanches never ends. The more you learn, the more you realize there is to learn. This is an opportunity for experienced skiers and riders to go out with Bruce Tremper, author of Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain, Director of the Utah Avalanche Center, and one of the most most experienced avalanche instructors in the world. Your skills will be challenged, boosted, and refreshed as you learn how a seasoned professional assesses current conditions and sets travel objectives and strategies to match. This class is for experienced backcountry users wanting to go beyond what they learned in their introductory class or “recertify” their skills. \$140.
- Feb 26 **Alpine Ski Tour: Uac Women-only Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod**  
 Thu – *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Thursday night classroom session at Red Butte Garden. Saturday on the snow at Brighton.  
 Feb 28  
 Sat *Organizer:* Devin Dwyer 917-208-1463 devin@utahavalanchecenter.org  
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**Feb 26 Bryce In Winter- Snowshoe, Spikes Hike, And Maybe X/c Ski – ntd+**

Thu – *Meet:* Registration required

Mar 1 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Sun  
If you've heard how beautiful the red rock of Bryce is in the snow, but haven't ever been down there to see it, here's your chance- a mid winter hike, snowshoe and or X/C ski tour to Bryce Canyon. We'll stay at the warm and cozy Rubys Inn, just outside the park, and take advantage of the fee free 30+ km of trails, which have a ski track and snowshoe space, both inside the park, and in the adjoining national forest. Plan to drive down whenever you can get away- morning, afternoon or evening, and spend the weekend seeing and skiing the area, and returning home on sunday. There are lots of trails, including groomed track, and loop options, so you can go to see it all and get a workout, or you can just go to see it, and kick back and take advantage of the many amenities, including the spa, hot tub and indoor pool. Half price rates @ Rubys Inn in this offseason make it an affordable getaway, on top of being a memorable weekend. And this year for a limited time only, you can get a nights lodgings for only 42\$ on a KSL special- see the link below. With multiple coupons you can get multiple nights, the coupon says up to two, but if you like, come down with me after work on thursday, and stay thursday friday and saturday nights, with three coupons, it worked for me. Sunday is only a half day hiking before we come home, so thursday gives me two full days to hike and frolic. Whether you come thursday or friday, its a beautiful weekend you won't forget, sign up now while the KSL special is still in effect.

**Mar 5 Canyoneering, Canoeing And Hot Tubbing Vegas – class I – 13.0 mi**

Thu – *Meet:* Registration required

Mar 8 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Sun  
Time for another annual classic- the first of March Canyoneering Canoeing Hot tubing trip to the Black Canyon, down by Vegas. A wonderful getaway from winter weekend- spend it scrambling, canyoneering, canoeing and luxuriating in scenic backcountry hot tubs; leaving your snow boots and parkas home, and hanging out in your Texas, T shirts and shorts. We will drive down thursday morning, check into the Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino just before Boulde City, at off season rates (\$47 a night, 2 Queens), and then drive over and check out the dam, and the stunning new bridge over the dam. After dinner together we will get our gear together for an early morning rollout to meet the outfitter (715 am) who will be driving us through the national high security zone to the foot of the dam, where we will launch our rented canoes. There is not much real canoeing involved, it is almost all flat water, we will spend the first night camped at the mouth of a canyon less than a mile from the put in, and then saturday morning meander another mile to a second exploratory canyon, where we will spend the day in an energetic and athletic climb/scramble up Boy Scout Canyon, before paddling another mile down to camp saturday night @ the third canyon, Arizona Hot Springs, with more hot springs and pools. Sunday morning we will paddle for 3 hours down to the takeout, where the outfitter picks us up and will bring us back to pick up our cars at the hotel, and then we will boogy for home sunday afternoon. Actually you'd better not plan on leaving all of your snow gear home- a couple of years ago, after kicking back in our swim suits all weekend, coming home we ran into a major blizzard around Beaver, and struggled around vehicles parked on the shoulders and in the barrow pits, before we made it back home. It is still winter. Here. The fee for the 3 day canoe rental, the per person launch fee and the launch and pick up shuttles comes to \$100 per person. I have already paid half of this to get the reservations, your \$100 nonrefundable payment is required to get onto this trip. Mail me a check, at 8267 so 1280 E, sandy, ut 84094.

**Mar 27 Nordic Ski Tour: Kings Peak – msd – 32.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Fast pace**

Fri *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way

*Organizer:* Larry Swanson 801-583-4043 oldswaney@gmail.com

Annual 32 mile tour to Kings Peak, Gunsight Pass, or Elkhorn Crossing in the basin below gets underway at 5:00 am on Saturday from the North Slope Winter parking area after a 4:00 am headlamp wake-up call. Meet at Parley's Way WalMart Lot, J.B.'s restaurant (Evanston, WY), or the winter parking area on Friday night, March 27th.

People join the Wasatch Mountain Club because they like to go backpacking, biking, road biking, mountain biking, rafting, white water rafting, kayaking, canoeing, climbing, rock climbing, ice climbing, indoor climbing, canyoneering, mountaineering, hike, hiking, moonlight hike, day hike, evening hike, leisurely hike, turtle hike, car camp, trek in Nepal, back country skiing, snowshoeing, avalanche education, making snow caves, doing trail maintenance, supporting conservation issues, preserving the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge, socializing, making dutch oven meals, attending sing-a-longs, going to movies, attending potlucks, and enjoying barbecues. It does not matter if you are new in town, newly single, recently retired, just moved here, want to social network, or just meet new people there is a good chance you will enjoy one of the activities they organize. Some activities are pretty tame and others are very adventurous. Club members typically enjoy outdoor non-motorized recreation and, by organizing trips, are willing to share what they know with you. Many of the outdoor activities they do are in the Wasatch Mountains near Salt Lake City, UT. So if you have a sense of adventure, check us out!

## BE PREPARED!

Always take the 10 E's and check the local weather conditions:

- Map/Compass
- Flashlight
- Pocketknife
- Matches/Fire-Starter
- Sunscreen/Bug Spray
- Sunglasses
- Candle
- First Aid Kit
- Extra Clothes
- Food and Water



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