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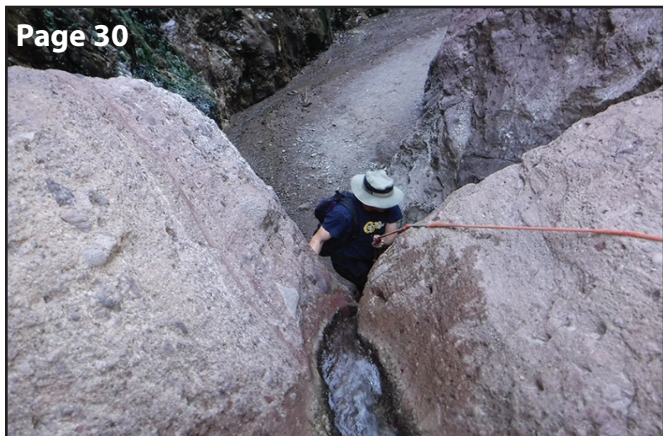
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check www.wasatchmountainclub.org for latest announcements

WMC Foundation

Learn more about the The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation and its Lodge by visiting their website: www.wasatchmountainlodge.org

Mountainous Zone Planning Commission

Salt Lake County passed the Mountainous Zone planning proposal. Thanks to all who supported this process.

Public Relations Director Needed

The Wasatch Mountain Club is still in need of a Public Relations Director. If interested, please email Julie Kilgore (jk@wasatch-environmental.com) for more details.

Members Only Retailer Discounts

Eleven more discounts have been added to the WMC Website! To view them, click on 'Member Discounts' under 'Member Menu'.

Adventure Gear Fest Discount Code

Get a special discount code for the Adventure Gear Fest at the South Towne Expo Center on April 8-9. For each ticket sold using the WMC Promo code, the club gets \$2 back! See page 17 for code and more details on the event.

IT Announcements

Email lists for activities: Do you want to join one of the activity email lists (biking, boating, climbing, conservation, hiking, skiing, and/or social) but don't know how? It's actually pretty easy:

- First log in.
- Under "Member Menu" select "Email List Subscribe & Unsubscribe".
- Click the activity email lists you want to subscribe to.
- Click the "Update Subscriptions" button.

It really is that easy!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Snow Removal

The snow gods have smiled upon us this year (finally!), but our good fortune does not come without a price. WMCF is looking for able-bodied volunteers to help remove snow from the lodge. If you are available Saturday, April 9, please consider joining a work party up at the lodge. We hope to have up to 6 volunteers per work party, so bring a friend! The more the hands, the lighter the work. To volunteer, please contact Robert Myers at robertmyers47@gmail.com for exact times and dates.



Board Membership

The U.S. President is not the only office that needs to be filled in 2016. WMC Foundation is searching for additional Board Members. In particular, people with relevant experience in the following areas will be given special consideration, however all are welcome to apply.

- Treasurer – Manages and balances the WMCF's budget, prepares financial statements, and submits required filings.
- Writing and Editing Director – Reviews all of WMCF's written materials, including letters, newsletters, memos, flyers, etc., for grammar and punctuation prior to publication.
- Fundraising Director – Develops and implements a fundraising strategy to secure revenue for the organization.
- Reservations Manager – Uses VRBO to respond to lodge rental inquiries, collect payment, and ensure execution of rental contracts.

To find out more about how to apply, please contact Robert Myers (robertmyers47@gmail.com), Ellen Jenkins (ellenjenkins@yahoo.com), or Todd Nerney (toddnerney@gmail.com).

MESSAGE FROM THE RAMBLER EDITOR

In January, I began serving as the Rambler Editor and WMC Publications Director. For those of you that I haven't had the chance to meet, I want to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I grew up exploring the deserts of Las Vegas, Nevada—trail running, biking, and hiking as far as my legs would take me. Now, I'm currently attending Brigham Young University, studying Marketing with a minor in Nonprofit Management. When I'm not in class, I'm off rock climbing, running, skiing, camping, kayaking, canyoneering, or doing some combination of them all!

I came across the Wasatch Mountain Club while looking for some new climbing buddies. I spent a summer working in Zion, and upon returning to northern Utah, I was left high and dry. But a simple google search showed me the club activity calendar and I was sold. Since then, I've met many amazing members of all different walks of life, interests, ages, and, personalities. I've learned and grown from each individual that I've met.

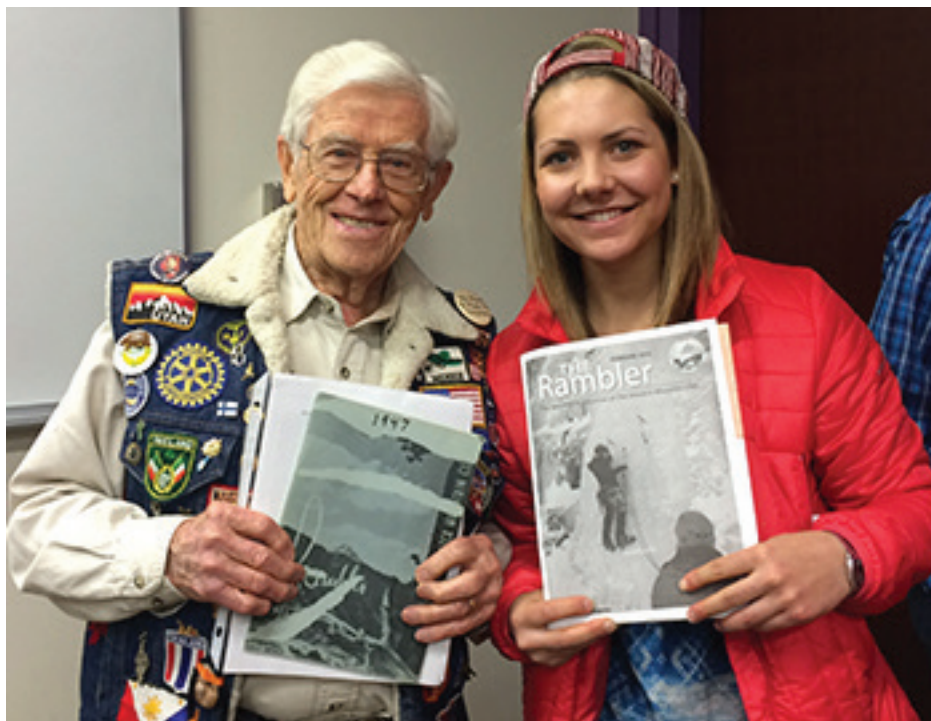
One of the most inspiring members I've met is Bruce Parsons. We met at the February membership meeting and after chatting for a bit, I found that Bruce served on the WMC board in my very same position--as The Rambler editor--in 1947. He had brought along with him one of the copies of The Rambler that he had helped publish. I was surprised to see that although the copy was nearly 70 years old, it didn't differ too much from the current Rambler. It was about 35 pages long and filled with stories of friends adventuring in the beautiful Wasatch Front. From this, I could see the great legacy the Wasatch Mountain Club has. As members, we are not only representing the club currently, we are also carrying on the hard work of those before us and paving the way for those to follow. The Rambler serves as way to document and, in some respects, immortalize club efforts to preserve the lands we love, to build friendships and relationships in the community, and to foster a passion for recreation in others.

Thanks to all of you who send in trip reports--The Rambler really is what the members make it. I love the time I get to spend compiling the stories of our members. I can see the friendship, camaraderie, and love we all share for the outdoors in every trip report. I hope each reader feels the same when they receive their copy of The Rambler. I don't do this work alone: I have a great committee helping me out. Justin Nelson, the previous editor, helps with advertising and budgeting, Christie Konol keeps us all organized and prepares each article before the publication process begins, and Barb Hanson tirelessly proofreads, edits, and perfects each article before printing. If you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions for The Rambler, we would love to hear them! Please email ramblerwmc@gmail.com.

As William Blake said, "Great things are done when men and mountains meet." I'm honored to be a part of a club with so many people that exemplify Blake's words. I hope we can all continue to do our part in helping this club do great things.

Mallory Reese

*TIME TRAVEL :
Bruce Parsons, 1947 WMC
Publications Director with
the then annual edition of
The Rambler, and Mallory
Reese, current WMC Pub-
lications director with the
February 2016 edition of
The Rambler.*



INTERVIEW WITH DR. BRUCE J. PARSONS, 1947 RAMBLER EDITOR

Q: Tell a little about yourself?

A: I was born and raised in Utah; I'm now 93 years old. I was an optometrist; now that I'm retired, I manage property.

Q: How did you find out about the WMC?

A: I was 21 or 22, I really don't know how I found out about it, but I was a hiker and I liked the mountains and someone must have told me there was a Wasatch Mountain Club.

Q: Name your most memorable trip participating with the WMC.

A: [Laughs first] The Hike from Hell is what we called it. The WMC had the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs visiting in 1946 or '47. We hiked from Brighton over the pass into Alta, then into Devil's Castle. Then we went back down into Alta, over the mountain again and back into Brighton. It took all day, and we about killed the Californians that weren't used to being at 4000' or 5000'. I love people, I love eyeball to eyeball -- that means close association with people. They fill my life with joy and the Wasatch Mountain Club was one of the places I was able to get those associations.

Q: Why do you think participation in the outdoors is important?

A: Utah is a marvelous place; we have stuff here that nobody else has. We can go south into Moab and enjoy that wonderful scenery and get inside of those slot canyons. Or, minutes from my house, there's Mt. Olympus, Timpanogos, etc. I love getting out in the mountains and always hav: just being able to go out and enjoy our world and get away from all that junk going on around us in the world.

Q: What was your experience like working as The Rambler Editor?

A: My mother was always a writer, and in one of The Ramblers, I have her poetry next to a picture of The Great White Throne in Zion. I used her skill to augment the little skill I had! When I get an issue of The Rambler now days, I am so pleased to see that people are hiking, that they are boating, and that they are taking care of the Wasatch Mountain Club. It's come a long way baby!

SOCIAL DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Some amazing get-togethers have been happening with the club as well as the usual outdoor activities.

On March 2nd, an overflowing and packed house of concerned citizens, WMC members, and environmental groups rallied at the PLI meeting on the U of U campus. The WMC Board endorsed the Utah Wilderness Coalition position strongly against Representative Bishop's draft bill on public lands while supporting protection for Bear Ears.

In February, the WMC elected new board members and displayed the many new discounts available to our members. An online class helped members understand the WMC's website. Also in February, two amazing "shares" of outdoor trips were presented at the Movie night. Whether ziplining in S. America or cycling in Corsica, our members do amazing things. On March 21, Julie Kilgore and Robert Turner will share the recent Yellowstone trip for all who didn't want to brave 20 below temperatures while spotting wolves and the ecosystem. Thank you to the 80 attendees and presenters.

A workshop on backpacks was held on March 7th at REI and the REI specialist captivated over 30 attendees with "systems" and proven methods of gear use. On March 8th, the Boating group launched the season with 60 attendees at their meeting at Salt Lake Junior League building. Two Black Canyon trips are in progress already.

Winter sports has been busy promoting safety and skills in the backcountry while the climbing and canyoneering season is ramping up.

Special note: The Memorial Day BBQ will not be held this year as we hope to schedule a weekend event where the biking group can participate safely. The traffic and parking in the canyons is not getting better! Have fun.

Have a great and safe spring,
Tony Hellman & McKinley Goreham

BIKING DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Hello bikers! To start our amazing season, we want to give you some tips about using the WMC website. It is a great communication tool.

- 1) *The website is wasatchmountainclub.org (not.com).* If you want to know what's happening, select "Activity Calendar" for the current month and peruse. Bike activity notices are in green. The current day is highlighted.
- 2) *Please sign up for the bike activity emails which come out regularly.* First, log in to the WMC website. If you have not logged in before, click on "Email me my username and password." Once logged in, go to "Member Menu" and select "Email List Subscribe and Unsubscribe". Click/choose the bike email list and finish by clicking "Update Subscriptions." When you are on the bike email list, you will get information about rides and a periodic chat from your biking directors.
- 3) *Look at the biking policies and procedures.* They are in the website "General Menu" under "Policies" and also in the "Activities Menu" under "Mountain and Road Bike". In the "General Menu/Policies", the biking information is toward the end, so if you don't want to scroll, search for "bike" or "biking." **Look at these, please.** There is critical information for both organizers and riders.
- 4) *Explore the ride list to find a ride you would like to organize.* Go to the "Activities Menu" and select "Mountain and Road Bike" and click "Find a Road Bike Ride to Organize". Choose one of the prepared lists (option 1) or go to "Ride with GPS" (option 2). You can also post your own ride that is not on a list. These are here to give you ideas and make it easier.
- 5) *Volunteer to Organize a Bike Ride.* Robert went through this at our planning meeting, but here's a refresher...Back in "Activities Menu/ Mountain and Road Bike", select "Volunteer to Organize a Bike Ride." Fill in the information. You can copy and paste the web link you found on "Find a Road Bike to Organize" into web link. You can preview your information before finalizing. When finalized, a biking director will be notified to approve your activity. Once approved, you are on the calendar and have completed your first step to being invited to the Organizers Appreciation Dinner next fall. Organize two rides and you are in!
- 6) *Send out an email to wmc-bike@wasatchmountainclub.org from your own email* (see 2) so all your friends who don't look at the calendar can know where and when you are going. This does not count as a step to the Organizers Dinner but does spread the word about your ride. IF YOU HAVE TO MAKE CHANGES, i.e. cancel a ride for weather, correct or change time or place, please change your calendar submission by clicking on It and editing it on the "Activity Calendar" and then send an email to the wmc-bike list to notify everyone of the changes.
- 7) *Print out an "Activity Release Sign Up sheet"* from "General Menu/Forms" to take with you to the ride and have the participants sign.
- 8) *Go ride and HAVE FUN.* Get the signed form to one of the biking directors who can upload it through "Admin Menu/Upload a Signed Activity Release Form."
- 9) If, heaven forbid, you need to do an accident report, that form can be found in "General Menu/Forms/Accident-Incident" as well.

BOATING DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Thank you to ALL of you that came to the planning party. It was great to see such an amazing turn out. Below are some take a ways from our meeting.

Important Dates:

April 16 - Boat Shed Opening Work Party @ 9am

April 20 - U of U Rec. Center Sale: This usually takes place early morning. We'll post more information when it becomes available.

April 23 - Utah Whitewater Gear Swap: Utah Whitewater Gear is having their annual gear swap. More information to come.

May 13-15 - 2016 Beginner Boating Trip: Please see online calendar for more information. A pre-requisite rafting class on May 5th will be required for ALL beginner participants. Experienced boaters - We need YOU! Contact Kelly Beumer if you would like to come and help out!

May 20-22 - U of U Swiftwater Rescue Tech Course: We encourage everyone to take this course. You'll learn valuable skills that can save yours and others lives. This year we'll once again reimburse 50% of the course cost to those members that take it and organize a boating trip this season! To register go to: <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uucep/>

June 10-12 Beginner II Trip: If you have been on a trip or two and are ready to take your skills to the next level, this trip is for you. We will focus on the technical aspects of whitewater boating such as how to row and oar rig, organize and overnight trip, and read a rapid. See the calendar for more info and to sign up.

We would like to remind all you that the WMC Canoe, Kayak and Raft webpage is a great resource for your river planning needs! Please take a look at it and become familiar with it's content.

Our boating calendar is filling up, but we still have additional river trips that need to be organized. Some suggestions are:

1. Pre-Season Main Salmon
2. Split Mountain
3. Alpine Canyon
4. Jordan River After Work Runs
5. Weber River
6. Canoe trips to Stillwater/Labyrinth Canyon/Ruby Horse Thief

If you would like to lead any of these trips, we would be more than happy to help you make that happen! Thank you again and we'll see you on the river!

Your Boating Committee,

Aymara, Katrina, Kelly, Pam, Donnie and Bret

2016 BOATING CALENDAR

TRIP DATE	TRIP LOCATION	CLASS RAPIDS	ORGANIZER	ORGANIZER CONTACT
Mar 27-Apr 2	<i>Dirty Devil</i>	II	Chris R.	(801) 776-1031
April 9	<i>Logan River Prep</i>	II	Chris R.	(801) 776-1031
April 16	<i>Boat Shed Party</i>	I	Donnie Benson	dmbenson13@gmail.com
Apr. 28-May 3	<i>Meander Canyon</i>	I	Kathy Jones	cooperdog1@comcast.net
May 3-7	<i>San Juan</i>	II	John Schwed	jcschwed@gmail.com
May 13-15	<i>Bigenner Grey</i>	II	Kelly Beumer	kellybeumer@gmail.com
May 18-23	<i>Desolation</i>	III	Mark McKenzie	mdm571830@gmail.com
May 17-22	<i>Desolation</i>	III	Leisa Root	lroot@comcast.net
May 20-22	<i>Sevier</i>	II	Katrina Easton	katrina.easton@gmail.com
May 21-22	<i>Logan River Run</i>	IV	Chris R.	(801) 776-1031
May 23-28	<i>Desolation</i>	III	Michael Budig	mlbudig@gmail.com
June 10-12	<i>Beginner Moab</i>	II	Kelly Beumer	kellybeumer@gmail.com
June 18	<i>Sevier</i>	II	Zig Sondelski	zig.sondelski@gmail.com
June 24-26	<i>Split Mountain</i>	III+	Donnie Benson	dmbenson13@gmail.com
Jul. 2-5	<i>Payette River</i>	III	Rick Thompson	gone2moab@hotmail.com
July 7	<i>Lower Salmon</i>	II	Zig Sondelski	zig.sondelski@gmail.com
Jul. 22-25	<i>Leigh Lake</i>	I	Kathy Jones	cooperdog1@comcast.net
Jul. 28 - 30	<i>Kauai, Hawaii</i>	II	David Nix	david.austin.nix@gmail.com
Aug. 5-8	<i>Leigh Lake</i>	I	Kathy Jones	cooperdog1@comcast.net
Aug. 26-31	<i>Desolation</i>	III	Cheryl Baker	pranavah@msn.com

HIKING: BEST PRACTICES

PRESERVATION OF OUR NATURAL PLACES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE

By **Dave Andrenyak**



The participants for the Red Pine Lake trail work activity on July 17, 2015. (L to R) Walt Haas, Misty (Wasatch 100), Ronna Cohen (WMC), Dawn (Wasatch 100), Ben (Wasatch 100), Phil Daniels (WMC), Lexi (Wasatch 100), George (CCF), Frank Nederland (WMC), Anthony (CCF), Tim (CCF), Jeff Munger (WMC), Chris (CCF). Also participating was Dave Andrenyak.

The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) values the places where we hike, bike, ski, and climb. At the start of the hiking season, it is good practice to review guidelines that will help to maintain the beauty and dignity of these special places. No littering; pack out what you bring in. No user created shortcuts. Avoid hiking off trail to get around muddy, wet spots. Do not remove flowers or anything that belongs in the natural areas. Campsites need to be greater than 200 feet from any streams and lakes. Many of our hikes take place in watershed areas such as Big Cottonwood Canyon, Little Cottonwood Canyon, and Lambs Canyon. In watershed areas, dogs and other domestic animals are not allowed. Also swimming and wading are not allowed in lakes and streams in the watershed areas. Regarding Wilderness areas in the Salt Lake Ranger District, there is a group number limit of 10. We are all familiar with these guidelines and we observe them. This dialog is to encourage continued diligence in adhering to good hiking practices.

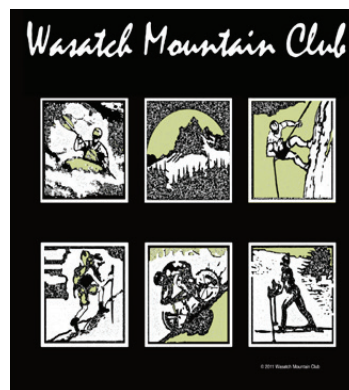
Regarding trail maintenance, participants on WMC hikes perform nontechnical trail maintenance work that does not require tools. This work includes collecting and hauling out trash, removing small rocks and branches from the trail space. Please use care when doing this especially when removing rocks off trail sections that traverse across steep slopes. We do not want a removed rock to roll and hit another person. If clipping nuisance vegetation that is growing into the trail space, the clippings need to be removed off of the trail tread. Also, vegetation needs to be pruned back far enough so that there are no

sharp protruding sticks or branches that can impale a hiker. Any major trail maintenance needs to be performed by the appropriate agency such as the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) or Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (CCF). Related to this is to report any trail problems to the appropriate managing agency. WMC members can do this by emailing the WMC trail maintenance co-coordinator and describe the problem. The WMC trail maintenance co-coordinator will notify the appropriate managing agency.

The WMC is a dedicated participant in trail maintenance activities that are organized by the USFS, CCF, and Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee (BSTC). These activities involve trail building and major trail maintenance where tools are used. Last season, the WMC helped sponsor National Trails Day and National Public Lands Day events. Those two occasions involved work on the Grit Mill trail system near the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon. Last July, WMC members worked with the CCF trail crew and Wasatch 100 participants on the Red Pine Lake Trail in Little Cottonwood Canyon trail. That work involved cleaning water bars/check dams, removing rocks off the trail, and junking false trails.

The WMC also has an agreement with the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the Mount Olympus and West Grandeur trailheads. This maintenance work involves removing trash from the trailhead and parking areas, remediating graffiti, and emptying the Mount Olympus trailhead trash container. On Saturday April 2, 2016, there will be a clean up event at the Mount Olympus trailhead. Check the WMC Rambler or WMC website calendar for details about that event. Other trail maintenance events will also be listed in WMC Rambler or WMC website calendar. Thank you for hiking responsibly and for helping to maintain trails.

WMC T-SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!



This **Original Design** (by Susana Jacobson) is on the back, and the club name is on the front.

We have the **women's** cut available in **Frosty Sky** (very pale blue) and the **men's** shirts in **Serene Green** (pale moss), sizes S-XL.

Watch for the shirts to be sold at meetings or contact Donnie Benson (801) 466-5141

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MILLCREEK CANYON, FEBRUARY 6TH

Trip Report and Photos By Sue Jensen, Organized by Bruce Christenson



Bruce, Barb, Giulia, Tony, Sue, Mark, Russell, Dave, and other members taking a break on the trail

With the promise of a beautiful sunny day, we had a very good turnout for the hike to the Salt Lake Overlook. At the beginning of the hike, we stopped for a group photo at the makeshift yurt. As we hiked through the trees, we caught glimpses of sun and blue sky. On the final switchbacks and at the overlook the sun kept us warm. From the overlook, we had a wonderful view of Grandeur Peak and Mill Creek Canyon. Everyone had a great hike!

WOLVERINE CIRQUE SNOWSHOE

LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON, FEBRUARY 13TH

Trip Report and Photos By Akiko Kamimura



Eighteen people participated in the Wolverine Cirque Snowshoe organized by Steve Duncan on February 13. It was partly sunny and not very cold. We started from Alta. The first destination was Catherine's Pass and then on to Tuscarora. It was steep in parts but the snow was packed so it was not difficult to snowshoe. On the way to Mt. Wolverine from Mt Tuscarora, it became windy. We had lunch right below Mt. Wolverine to avoid strong wind. After lunch, we summited the peak then went to Patsy Marley. We went back to Alta from Patsy Marley. There were some steep hills and some of us intentionally (or unintentionally) enjoyed "sledding". We snowshoed 4 hours in total (5 miles).

WMC RED ROCKS CLIMBING TRIP

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FEBRUARY 12TH - 15TH

Trip Report and Photos By Frank A. Nederhand

On Friday, February 12th, 2016, WMC members Tyler Papulak and Frank A. Nederhand left the icy fog of the Wasatch Front and traveled to the warm, sunny and clear skies of Las Vegas, Nevada. We camped in the overflow camping area of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area's (RRCNCA) camp ground.

On Saturday morning, negotiating the crowds entering the RRCNCA's free access weekend, we parked at the second pullout of the 13-mile scenic loop road. Our destination was the Red Book area of the Calico Hills, a 1.5 mile and 600 vertical elevation gain on improved and unimproved trails to the base of the beautiful two pitch Traditional Climb, "The Red Book". Pitch 1 is YDS 5.6 and the second pitch is YDS 5.8. Kudos go to Tyler for doing his first Traditional (TRAD) lead, flawlessly climbing the first pitch. Frank then topped out leading the exciting 2nd pitch.

On Sunday, February 14, 2016, we drove on the Scenic Loop to the Pine Creek Canyon parking lot and headed for the Straight Shooter Wall. On the way we were fortunate to see the illusive Desert Bighorn Sheep. We were able to climb the first pitch of "Straight Shooter", the classic finger crack that the wall was named after, YDS 5.9+. We finished the day by top roping "Topless Twins" YDS 5.9.

Monday morning was another beautiful day, making it hard to head back home to the winter that awaited us in Utah. We all hope to return soon for more fun in the sun.



Frank at the anchors after lead-climbing "Straight Shooter"



Big Horn Sheep in Scenic Loop



Tyler on the summit of the Calico Hills after finishing “The Red Book” climb



Pine Creek Canyon from the trailhead

WMC ANNUAL WINTER LONE PEAK CLIMB

LONE PEAK WILDERNESS AREA, FEBRUARY 13TH

Trip Report and Photos By Michael Hannan

Eight men standing at the so-called Frog Rocks on the Cherry Canyon Logging trail took a break as dawn began to slowly flood the southeastern skies. Pastel pinks and rosy apricot colors tinted the cirrus clouds: cameras aimed and spirits lifted. One hour and fifteen minutes of the trek to Lone Peak had been crunched and clomped behind us, our microspikes having pock-marked the hardened snow with purpose and determination.

January snows had buried the normal trail to the “north” ridge, so we followed a boot pack to the ridge immediately above the Frog Rocks to the entrance to the Mahogany Forest (sounds like something from a Disney fairy tale). At the forest end, it was time for a gear change: microspikes off, snowshoes on. Joe led us up Sugar Hill, past the 3rd rock outcropping, past the trail



Joe waits for Lubos to return across the final section of the crux



Group gathered on Enniss Peak, 3 hours and 20 minutes into the hike.

split at 8,450' and up to the Draper Ridge trail, Enniss Pass and Enniss Peak. Atop Enniss Peak (9,320'), it was group photo time in a bothersome wind we had picked up shortly after leaving the Frogs.

Other than the pesky wind, the weather was cooperative. Following a nice snowshoe/boot pack combination we marched away from Cowboy Camp, entered the cirque, hugged the northern slopes and made an uneventful arrival at the cache point between the top of the Big Willow Canyon and the western arm of the summit ridge, five hours fourteen minutes after saying goodbye to the pavilion at the Orson Smith TH.

Twenty-eight minutes of trading snowshoes for crampons, eating snacks, answering Nature's call and determining what to take to the summit and what to leave behind went by quickly. With Joe and Lubos striding gingerly up, the group made its way first up the west arm and then with, less-than-military precision, toward the blocky summit ahead, the crux still hidden from view.

There is nothing like the sound of crampon spikes on granite or the clanging of an ice ax against cold, bare rock. The crux, tracked from a group one week earlier and by Michael and Sam Grant on Thursday, presented its usual assortment of challenges including the crawl-on-your-belly slithering under the Big Bad Rock. Nerves may have been on edge during a couple of the tight-wire like traverses along narrow ribbons of snow, the borders between the Lone Peak cirque to the west and upper Bells Canyon to the east. It was a bleached dividing line between two similar unhealthy fates for the careless or reckless. Each member of the summit party focused like a

laser on the task at hand and thirty-one minutes after striking out from the cache point, our hardy group of six was posing on the smallish snowy summit block for the obligatory victory photo. A light breeze stroked the summit and fanned the flames of excitement evident in the broad smiles of the group.

Fifteen minutes of subdued revelry was enough; Joe led down the crux, a short return requiring as much focus and concentration as the ascent had. Twenty-two minutes to the cache point, high fives again, wardrobe change and gear retrieval and then the long march down. Snow quality was sufficient for rapid movement; postholing was not a danger over Enniss on the return, then snowshoes to the Frog Rocks.

Back at the TH, Jeff generously provided a delicious fruit tray and bottled water, a reward for our efforts. Our time to the summit, including breaks, was 6+13 and our time down, including breaks, was 3+40. Round trip time totaled just over ten hours. Weather had forced two postponements of the hike, but we all decided that it had been worth the wait.

Participants: Lubos Pavel, Joe Bullough, Mike Gibby, Ben Wood, Jeff Munger, Jeff Nielsen, Christopher Hart; ***Organizer:*** Michael Hannan



Doing the best we can on the summit with the allotted space!

CARDIFF FORK HIKE & SNOWSHOE

BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON, FEBRUARY 28TH

Trip Report and Photos By Akiko Kamimura

*Anne and Nick
enjoying the up-
hill grind!*



*Lunch at the
destination. From
left, Diane, Mike,
Steve, Tony and
Dave.*



Nine people participated in the Cardiff Fork hike/snowshoe organized by Dave Andrenyak on February 28, 2016. We started from the Donut Falls trailhead and the snow was packed making snowshoes unnecessary. It was a warm and sunny day. After we hiked about two hours, we had lunch and turned around. The hike took 3.5 hours in total.

BLACK CANYON CANYONEERING, CANOEING, & HOT TUBBING

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FEBRUARY 18TH-21ST

Trip Report and Photos By Cindy Spangler

Vegas. Showgirls. Gambling. Canoeing and canyoneering isn't the first thing that comes to mind when someone mentions a trip to Vegas but that is what happened last month. A group of 14 outdoor adventurers made the trip from as far Napa Valley, California, to Las Vegas, Nevada, to paddle down Black Canyon at the base of the Hoover Dam.

Luckily the chartered van passed the security check points to the base of Hoover Dam where we piled out and unloaded our gear and canoes into the river. Within 15 minutes, seven canoes were paddling down to our next stop – Sauna Cave. Sauna Cave is a man-made cave that resulted from test bores drilled to determine the best place for Hoover Dam. The geo-thermal activity made this site perfect for heat loving canoers with headlamps. After the brief, yet warm, experience of the cave, we headed back to the canoes in the frigid water for our camping spot in Gold Strike Canyon. Along the way, one could stop and look at coves with hot springs, moss covered walls, and the clouds of steam that reflected the rays from the rising sun.



Day 1, Gold Strike Canyon. Left to Right: Cindy Spangler, Rick Thompson, Kaitlyn Hayes, Kerri Taracena, and Leisa Root



Day 2, Moonscape. Yi Qi, Cindy Spangler, Tom Hamann, and Chris Rowins relaxing under a waterfall.

At camp, we unloaded the canoes, set up camp, and prepared for a hike. As we traveled up the side canyon, we crisscrossed warm running water, climbed large rocks, and traversed the mountain side. At the end of the night, we prepared our meals and had the opportunity to sit in the hot tubs that were dotted along the canyon. It was a great end to the first day and a great start to the second day.

Getting a jump on the day, we set out for the next of two canyons that we would explore. Some of the more adventurous brought climbing gear and headed up Secret Canyon for a short climb before catching up with the remaining group at Boy Scout Canyon. Our fearless trip organizer, Rick Thompson, called it an “energetic and athletic climb/scramble up” adventure. At the end, there was an open amphitheatre or rock cathedral with cattails, campsites, and a relaxing meadow.

The next canyon we ventured to was Moonscape Canyon. At the end of the short and easy hike was a hot tub with a waterfall of warm water streaming in. The group joined into the tub to relax before making the next stop at camp in Arizona Hot Springs.

Shortly after landing at Arizona Hot Springs, the group went up the canyon to a series of hot pools that spanned between the two canyon walls. Those brave enough and with thick enough skin could sit in the first hot tubs. At night, one could gaze up the steep walls and view the sliver of night sky slowly passing by as time passed. Moonlight lit the way back to camp, almost bright enough to think that it was day when you were laying in your tent.

The final day, we packed up and completed the remaining 8 miles to the end of the trip. A light breeze at our backs made paddling less work. The canyon still contains the remnants of the past. Cables with carts hanging cross the river, stairs and walkways dot the side of the walls, and historical sites tell the tales of men. The trip provided a good amount of challenge with the ability to relax with great company.

WINTER WOLF WATCH

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, FEBRUARY 26TH - 28TH

Trip Report and Photos By Julie Kilgore

I am a die-hard lover of Yellowstone, typically going in the park half a dozen times a year. But I had never experienced Lamar Valley, America's Serengeti, in winter. Lamar Valley has the only road open to cars all winter, which allowed us to maximize our wildlife viewing opportunities. Thanks to Robert Turner for putting this WMC Winter Wolf Watch trip together. We had a great group and mother nature did not disappoint.

As the ungulates weaken through the harsh Yellowstone winter, wolves strengthen. Three wolf packs were in Lamar Valley at the time of our visit. We saw the Junction pack and the Lamar Valley pack and we heard Molly's pack was intruding, coming over from Pelican Valley. We saw many of them, though they were a ways off and we needed those spotting scopes Robert recommended.



From Left - Jim, Julie, Cindy, Dick, Robert, Leslie, Terry, Sophia, Lyubima, Bo, and Barb



Fox on the hunt



Big Horn Sheep



WMC Winter Watch Group sets up scopes to watch the Lamar Canyon pack get a little frisky

We were fortunate to gain a lot of yellowstone insight from National Park Service biologist Rick McIntyre, who has spent nearly every day for the last 20 years in Lamar Valley watching and studying wolf and other wildlife behavior. We learned quickly to watch for Rick's Prius. Wherever Rick went, we knew something amazing would be there. He was a wealth of information, gracious, generous, and patient as we asked many questions and shared his spotting scope.

We went specifically for the wolves, but so many other things were also unfolding as winter was losing its grip. The weather was amazing for the end of February, and there was wildlife spunk in the air! Thank you Robert! I already have this on my calendar for NEXT February.

Trip Organizers: Julie Kilgore, Robert Turner; ***Participants:*** Terry Baker, Cindy Crass, Barb Gardner, Julie Kilgore, Lyubima Maday, Sofiya Simeonova, Dick Smith, Jim Turner, Robert Turner, Leslie Woods

SOUTH THUNDER MOUNTAIN HIKE

ALPINE, UTAH, MARCH 5TH

Trip Report and Photos By Taylor Waddel; Organized by Michael Hannan



Left: View from the summit toward Box Elder and Timp. Right: Dominik and Adam nearing 10,000'.

South Thunder Mountain (11,154') is a peak on the Alpine Ridgeline that separates Little Cottonwood Canyon from Utah Valley. The trailhead starts off at a water tank in northwest Alpine, right on the border with Lehi. We carpooled up to the trailhead and got a nice early start at approximately 6:30 AM. Almost right off the bat we ran into small patches of snow tucked away under small stands of trees. By the First Hamongog we decided to put our snowshoes on. We made it to the First Hamongog around 1 hour after we left the trailhead and took a small break to grab a quick bite to eat and adjust layers.

By the Second Hamongog there was enough snow to really make the snowshoeing fun. Since it was still early, the snow was fairly solid and easy to walk on. We were all grateful for the stiff snow since we began the steep climbing after leaving the Second Hamongog. After a small steep section, we made it to a really nice flat section on the south end of Big Horn Mountain. From this point on, we hiked through some spectacular scenery. Rugged granite cliffs, pine forests, and awesome views of the South Wasatch were the backdrop for this portion of the hike.

We started up a ridge to the west of Lake Hardy and climbed up a few very steep sections. Right before noon we made it to a good place to cache some of our unneeded gear for the summit. We then started up to the saddle and on to the summit. From the summit, we were rewarded with awesome views of Lone Peak, the Alpine Ridgeline, Salt Lake Valley, and Utah Valley. The clouds that had kept the snow solid all morning started to break a little. Blue skies, abundant sunshine, and awesome lighting on the surrounding peaks provided us some great views.

Fortunately, the snow didn't soften up too much in the sun on the way back down. There were a few slippery sections in the very steep, south-facing parts of the hike, however, other than those sections, we made very good time back to the cars. At the trailhead we enjoyed some delicious fruit and yogurt that the trip organizer, Michael Hannan, had brought in a cooler. I enjoyed talking with everyone about the adventure we'd just completed as well as previous adventures from around the world. It was a fun way to wind down and relax after such a fun hike!

This hike was rated MSD (Most Difficult) and I definitely agree with the rating. There were steep, sustained sections with a lot of stair-stepping. According to my GPS, we climbed 5579 vertical feet and hiked 11.5 miles. Michael kept track of the time to major points along the way, his record of major points along the way is included below:

TH/1st Hamongog: 1+02, 0+50; 1st H/2nd Hamongog: 1+04, 0+38; 2nd H/Plateau @ 9,450,: 1+10, 0+38; Plateau/Cache point: 1+05, 0+55; Cache point/summit: 0+24, 0+14. Total time for the ascent, including breaks: 5+35. Total time for descent including breaks: 3+37

Time on summit: 0+15; total time for breaks including summit time: 1+38

Thanks again Michael for planning and including us on this fun and exciting hike to one of the most beautiful places in the Wasatch!



Michael, Lana, Signe, and Julie at 8,700'

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITY LISTINGS

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Apr 3 Sun	<p>Big Beacon.</p> <p>Day Hike - Salt Lake Overlook – ntd+</p> <p>Meet: 8:45 am at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride</p> <p>Organizer: Michelle Butz 801-842-9646 mbuz27@yahoo.com</p> <p>Join Michelle for an early Spring, “get those lazy winter muscles back to work”, hike to Salt Lake Overlook. If you haven't been out all winter and want to ease back into hiking come enjoy a “hike at your own pace”, out and back morning hike. Depending on what happens with the weather between now and then, come prepared for a wet trail. IF winter returns between now and then, be sure to bring some kind of traction footwear. As always bring the 10 E's (found at www.wasatchmountainclub.org). At minimum, wear sturdy footwear and bring water, layered clothing, sunscreen, sunglasses and light rain jacket. Prompt 9am departure.</p>

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Apr 3 Sun	<p>Day Hike: Mt. Olympus From Wasatch Boulevard – msd – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 4050' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p>Meet: 7:00 am at Mt. Olympus Trailhead, approx. 5400 S. Wasatch Blvd.</p> <p>Organizer: Carol Masheter 801-493-9114 carol_masheter@hotmail.com</p> <p>This old favorite seldom disappoints. A good early season workout, expect to move steadily up the steep, rocky route with occasional short breaks. Round trip should take no more than 6 hours for fit hikers. Micro-spikes can be helpful, if ice and/or packed snow are on the route. Trekking poles are good, especially for the steep descent. Bring snacks, plenty of water (at least 3 liters), rain gear, layers of clothing, sunscreen. If the route is wet or icy, the route can be slippery, so we may need to turn around short of the summit or hike something else.</p>

Apr 3 Sun	<p>Craner Peak Day Hike – mod – 5.0 mi Loop – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p>Meet: 9:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N</p> <p>Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com</p> <p>Craner Peak is the high point of the Lakeside Mountains west of Salt Lake. There is a fun loop up Vindicator Canyon, past a couple of interesting old mine sites, over the summit and down Craner Canyon. The hike is almost all off-trail, and it's quite steep in places; boots are strongly recommended.</p>
Apr 4 Mon	<p>Pre-season Conditioning Hike - Houndstooth Ridge To Ferguson Canyon Overlook – ntd+ – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p>Meet: 6:00 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride</p> <p>Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>The days are getting longer so we're going to tackle a different foothills ridge on Monday nights, working our way farther south each week. Conditions will dictate the route and the distance, but will be no more than 2 hours. Dress in layers and bring yak trax, micro spikes or other studded footwear (just in case for these short but very steep hikes. Dogs ok.</p>
Apr 7 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Millcreek Organizer's Choice - Dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace</p> <p>Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride</p> <p>Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com</p> <p>Prompt 6pm departure. Headlamp and clothing/footwear appropriate for the conditions. Well-mannered dogs welcome.</p>
Apr 8 Fri – Apr 12 Tue	<p>Maze Sampler Car Camp – mod</p> <p>Meet: Registration required</p> <p>Organizer: John Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com</p> <p>Sample diverse parts of this lesser visited section of Canyonlands. Campsites are reserved for Panorama Point, Maze Overlook, and Golden Stairs. Hikes will include the Harvest Scene and the Fins. Trip limit 8 assuming a 2nd 4WD vehicle. Space still available as of mid-March,</p>
Apr 8 Fri – Apr 10 Sun	<p>Yellowstone Hike-paced Bike Ride – 30.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace</p> <p>Meet: Registration required</p> <p>Organizer: Ron and Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Join Julie for this annual pre-season road bike trek into Yellowstone the weekend before the park is open to cars. The park service is preparing for the season so the roads will be plowed, but being flexible is key. Plan A is a SLOW MEANDERING bike ride from West Yellowstone to Terrace Springs, intentionally taking about 4 hours for a 30-mile round trip. Plan B will be dictated by whatever Mother Nature is dishing out that morning. Whatever the conditions, Ron's fried chicken will be waiting upon the return. Come prepared for every combination of sun/snow/rain/wind/hot/cold. Base camp is the Kilgore cabin in Island Park, which can hold about 12 people depending on the make-up of the group. Because of the limited space, RSVP priority will be given to WMC members.</p>

Apr 8 Fri – Apr 10 Sun	<p>Canyoneering In Capitol Reef – mod+</p> <p>Meet: Registration required</p> <p>Organizer: Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com</p> <p>201 level (this means you've been to a 101) spring weekend in a close by national park. I will go down on Thursday in a (usually futile) effort to get a campsite in the parks campground. Plan B will be moving out of the park and making do. There are several challenging and fun canyons right in the park, we will hit as many as we can before coming home Sunday evening. Most will drive down after work Friday, though if you can make it Thursday, we can get in an extra canyon or two on Friday.</p>
Apr 9 Sat	<p>Day Hike Houndstooth – msd- – 5.5 mi Out & Back – 3000' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p>Meet: 9:00 am at Big Cottonwood Overflow - about 3600 E on Fort Union Blvd</p> <p>Organizer: Alex Arakelian 801-995-5526 kyojimujo@yahoo.com</p> <p>After Julie showed me this hike last year, it has quickly become one of my favorites! This is a very steep hike and there is a little scramble at the end but no exposure. I have been up a few times already and I will continue to do it about once a week. Contact me if you have questions about conditions or anything else. Parking is limited so meet and carpool. See you there!</p>
Apr 9 Sat	<p>Mountaineering Hike To The Timp Summit Via South Dry Canyon Route – ext – 12.5 mi – 6450' ascent</p> <p>Meet: Registration required</p> <p>Organizer: Lana Christiansen 801-599-4533 laccount4u@gmail.com</p> <p>The TH is in Lindon, UT. We will be making an alpine start to ensure safe snow travel on the descent. Necessary gear includes headlamp, micro-spikes, snowshoes, crampons and ice ax. Proficiency in self arrest is a must. This climb is weather dependent; safety is paramount and will not be compromised. If avalanche danger becomes a factor, I will alter the trip accordingly. Space is limited; preference will be given to club members. If interest warrants, I will establish a waiting list. Please email to register.</p>
Apr 9 Sat	<p>Logan River Boating Service Trip – class III – 18.0 mi</p> <p>Meet: 10:00 am at To be determined based upon participant geographic distribution.</p> <p>Organizer: Chris R 801-776-1031</p> <p>LOGAN RIVER/ Class II thru Class IV/ Scout and Prep for the May 21-22 Overnight Trip. This small, swift, and super scenic river is surrounded by snowcapped peaks with abundant wildlife. The goal of this trip is to scout, remove blowdown and enjoy the awesome canyon atmosphere. Boating is optional on this trip dependent upon water level. Bring a good work ethic, gloves, protective eyewear, saws, belay cordage, PFD, a change of clothes and wetsuit or dry suit if you have one. This trip is mandatory for those planning on doing the overnight trip in May. We will be getting homemade ice cream pre-canyon and dining at the Historic Bluebird post-canyon. Expect a long day with being back in Salt Lake City before 11:00 PM. Contact Chris @ 776-1031 to sign up for this unique opportunity.</p>

Apr 9 Sat	<p>Burch Hollow To Parley's Canyon Ridge, Leisurely Hike, Mod, Slow Pace – mod – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Slow pace</p> <p>Meet: 9:00 am at Parking area west of REI on 3300 So. Bruce will be driving a silver Subaru and will have the back hatch up. Carpool to trail head.</p> <p>Organizer: Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com</p> <p>Millcreek Canyon's Burch Hollow to north ridge overlooking Parleys Canyon. Slow pace, about 5 miles round trip with 2000 ft elevation. Lunch/snack at ridge. Possible loop down Church Fork with a shuttle. Meet at Parking area west of REI at 9 am be a little early to check in. Car pool to trail head. Questions call/email Bruce 801-824-0131,.</p>
Apr 10 Sun	<p>Day Hike - Organizer's Choice – mod</p> <p>Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)</p> <p>Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 jameskucera@aol.com</p> <p>A hike in one of the Cottonwood Canyons. Let's avoid the muddy trails; high elevation hike, hopefully on well-consolidated snow. Snowshoes might be a good idea, but definitely some type of traction devices, gaiters, etc. AND wear plenty of sunscreen.</p>
Apr 10 Sun	<p>Bst In Olympus Cove Day Hike – ntd – 2.0 mi Shuttle – 400' ascent – Slow pace</p> <p>Meet: 9:00 am at Mount Olympus Trailhead, 5789 South Wasatch Blvd, Holladay</p> <p>Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com</p> <p>We'll do a shuttle hike from the Olympus Cove trailhead on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, coming out at the Mt Olympus trailhead. Well behaved dogs (and their owners) are welcome. (Donn's dog will stay home, after his behavior last year on the shuttle ride after rolling in the remains of a deer carcass.)</p>
Apr 11 Mon	<p>Training - Hike Organizer Meeting</p> <p>Meet: 6:30 pm at REI (Salt Lake) Meeting Room</p> <p>Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com</p> <p>New to organizing hikes? Experienced organizer? Join us for the annual Hike Organizer meeting. We will provide information on how to organize hikes of various levels and have some of our experienced organizers share tips they have learned. Arrive between 6pm and 6:30pm at the Salt Lake REI meeting room. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by 4/11 to Nancy at nancycmartin@gmail.com so we have a head count for food.</p>
Apr 12 Tue	<p>Evening Hike - Mt Olympus – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace</p> <p>Meet: 6:00 pm at Mt Olympus trailhead on wasatch Blvd.</p> <p>Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com</p> <p>Meet at the Mt Olympus trailhead for a prompt 6pm departure. This hike has a steep section at the bottom! Be prepared for whatever spring weather brings us.</p>
Apr 14 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Dragon's Tail - Dog Friendly. – ntd+ – Moderate pace</p> <p>Meet: 6:00 pm at West Grandeur trail head; north end of Wasatch Blvd, 3000 S.</p> <p>Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com</p> <p>Prompt 6pm departure. Meet at the West Grandeur trail head - north end of Wasatch Blvd, approximately 3000 S. This is a STEEP HIKE! Dog friendly.</p>

- Apr 15** Sing-a-long And Pot Luck Supper
Fri Meet: 6:30 pm at 8610 S Kings Hill Dr
 Organizer: La Rae Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com
 We are circling the wagons again! Tune your vocal chords, bring your instrument (or not!) and join us for an evening of fun, friends and food! Meet at Randy Long's home, 8610 S Kings Hill Dr (3630-3745 E) at 6:30. Bring something to share with 4 to 6 others (appetizer, salad, entree, side vegetable or a dessert). We'll start with our pot luck supper then break into song! Please check the WMC website social calendar for any late changes to the posted event. Any questions: Randy Long 801-733-9367, LaRae & Bart Bartholoma 801-277-4093 roosiebear@gmail.com or Frank Bernard frankbernard55@earthlink.net
- Apr 16** Boat Shed Opening Work Party
Sat Meet: 9:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W
 Organizer: Donnie Benson 801-809-1854 dmbenson13@gmail.com
 Come help us get the boating gear ready for a new season. We'll be checking the inflatables for leaks, deflating & rolling them up, restocking the kitchens, and whatever else we can find to do. Traditionally we go for lunch afterwards, so come join us!
- Apr 16** Board Meeting Social/retreat
Sat Meet: 4:00 pm at TBD
 Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
 Details Coming
- Apr 16** Hike - Maple Mountain Loop – msd – 10.0 mi Loop – 4000' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat Meet: Registration required
 Organizer: Taylor Waddel 801-616-8025 taylor.waddel@gmail.com
 This is a fun loop that includes a detour to one of the less visited peaks in Utah County. We'll start off on the Y-Mountain Trail, connect to the Slide Canyon Trail, then hike/scramble/bushwhack to the summit of Maple Mountain. Afterwards we'll hike down to the Slate Canyon trail and enjoy the beautiful cliffs and forests on our way back to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. I expect the entire loop to take 6~7 hours with a moderate pace. As we get closer to the date of the hike, I will send out more information regarding gear to bring (depending on the weather and how much snow we get between now and then).
- Apr 16** Day Hike Bowman Fork Towards White Fir Pass – ntd+ – 6.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace
Sat Meet: 9:00 am at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
 Organizer: Keith Markley 207-344-9989 geccu123@hotmail.com
 Bowman Fork trail towards White Fir Pass. This may be sloppy, but we can see how far we can get before we are tired. We can go to the overlook or White Fir pass intersection if people have energy and its not too slushy or deep.
- Apr 17** Day Hike - Church Fork - Grandeur Peak Trail – mod
Sun Meet: 8:45 am at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
 Organizer: Michelle Butz 801-842-9646 mbuz27@yahoo.com
 Join Michelle for an early Spring, second of two “get those lazy winter muscles back to work”, hikes - Church Fork up Grandeur Peak trail . Come enjoy a “hike at your own pace”, out and back, morning hike. Depending on what happens with the weather between now and then, come prepared for a wet trail. IF winter returns between now and then be sure to bring some kind of traction footwear. Prompt 9am departure.

- Apr 17 Cedar Mountains High Point Day Hike – msd- – 9.0 mi Shuttle – 2800’ ascent – Moderate pace
Sun Meet: 8:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot - 110 E 300 N
Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com
This is an all-day trip to the high point of the Cedar Mountains west of Salt Lake. The loop starts at a fun narrows scramble, then climbs a ridge to the north of the summit. From here, a wild horse trail runs to the summit crags, where a straightforward scramble takes you to the top, with great views over cliffs, sand dunes and salt flats. We descend via Quincy Spring Canyon, with more cliffs and scenery. The hiking is often steep, mostly off-trail and involves a bit of easy scrambling with mild exposure; boots are highly recommended. We’ll start early so that we can get home at a reasonable hour. This is one of Donn’s favorite West Desert hikes.
- Apr 18 Hike North Ridge of Bells – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace
Mon Meet: 6:00 pm at Bell Canyon Trailhead (the one with the restrooms, approximately 9600 South and east of Wasatch Boulevard
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Explore the lower section of the ridge between Little Cottonwood Canyon and the lower Bells reservoir. With the city lights in view, this should make a nice sunset and city-light night hike. It will be a short but very steep hike. Bring flash lights and appropriate layers. This is a watershed, so no dogs tonight. Plan on a 6:00 p.m. departure and a 8:00 return. Evening Hike - Mt. Olympus – ntd+
- Apr 19 Meet: 6:00 pm at Mt. Olympus Trailhead on Wasatch Blvd.
Tue Organizer: Michele Stancer 619-368-9589
Join Michele for this club favorite up to the first stream crossing. Be prepared for whatever conditions the weather brings us! Prompt 6pm departure from the Mt. Olympus trailhead. Evening Hike - The Living Room – ntd
- Apr 20 Meet: 5:45 pm at the intersection with Foothill Drive, head east on Sunnyside Avenue. Go left onto Arapeen Drive to Chipeta Way. Go right on Chipeta Way, turn right onto Colorow Drive. Follow Colorow Drive around to the trailhead by the side of the road.
Wed Organizer: Yi Qu yiqu1@hotmail.com
Join Yi for this lovely hike! Round trip distance is about 2.5 miles with an elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. Prompt 6pm departure. Be prepared for whatever the weather brings us!
- Apr 21 Meet: Registration required
Thu – Organizer: Bob Cady 801-274-0250 rcady@xmission.com
Apr 25 I am planning to drive down to the Barrier Canyon trailhead and camp the first night, then drive to the Standing Rock camp for the second, third and fourth nights. From Standing Rock there are several routes into the Maze as well as relatively easy access to the Dolls House. You will need a high clearance 4WD vehicle to make this trip. I have room for 3 vehicles and 8 people on my permit.
Mon Evening Hike - Millcreek Organizer’s Choice - Dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace
- Apr 21 Meet: 6:00 pm at 3880 Wasatch Boulevard Park & Ride
Thu Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
Prompt 6pm departure. Well-mannered dogs are welcomed.

- Apr 23 Rock Climb - Eight @ Gate A – mod+ – 500' ascent
Sat Meet: Registration required
Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com
Bring a rope and/or trad rack and we'll see what we can climb. Helmets and common sense required. Most routes are trad. Expect a long class 4 approach. Call or email so we can make sure we are covered for ropes and gear. For directions and area routes see: <http://www.mountainproject.com/v/gate-buttress/106002442>
- Apr 23 Mountaineering, Cold Fusion Couloir – ext – 12.0 mi – 5550' ascent
Sat Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Michael Hannan 385-207-1248 michaelthannan@gmail.com
An activity as challenging as it is enjoyable. Experience with crampons, ice ax and self arrest is a must. A long approach leads to the 3,000' couloir at the north end of the Timpanogos Massif. Slope angles at the upper portion of the couloir near 50 degrees. The weather will play a role in trip planning and consolidated snow in the couloir is a requirement, of course. The start will be early, in the dark, but normally we finish before 3 o'clock. Please email to register and note that I will be limiting group size. Club members will be given preference.
- Apr 23 Day Hike/ West Grandeur Loop – mod+ – 11.0 mi Loop – 3800' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat Meet: 7:30 am at Trailhead parking for West Grandeur Peak
Organizer: Barb Gardner 801-803-2926 inthemtns55@gmail.com
We will hike up the very steep west face of Grandeur Peak and descend into Church Fork until we intersect with the pipeline trail. We will follow this trail around the south side of Grandeur peak and loop back to the parking lot via the Bonneville trail.
- Apr 24 Day Hike- Burch Hollow To Millcreek / Parleys Ridgeline – 2.4 mi Out & Back – 2100' ascent –
Sun Moderate pace
Meet: 8:45 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S
Organizer: David Andrenyak 801-582-6106 andrenyakda@aim.com
Spring is a good time to hike on this south and west facing trail. We will travel on the Millcreek Canyon Pipeline trail to get to the trail that goes to the ridgeline. The hike offers great views of Millcreek Canyon and of some impressive rock outcrops. It is not a very long hike but has some steep sections. Also parts of the trail tend to get overgrown. Energetic dogs and energetic teenagers accompanied by responsible adult are welcome to attend. Please note that this activity is on an on-leash day and there are no streams or lakes on the trip. Please remember the 10 Es and water. Plan for a 9:00 am departure from the meeting place
- Apr 26 Evening Hike - West Grandeur – ntd+ – Moderate pace
Tue Meet: 6:00 pm at North end of Wasatch Blvd at approximately 3000 S.
Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
This will help get your legs in shape for longer hikes! This is a VERY STEEP hike. If the conditions allow, we may do the loop, so bring a long microspikes or other traction device. Prompt 6pm departure from the trailhead on Wasatch Blvd.

- Apr 27 Evening Hike - Millcreek Organizer's Choice – ntd
 Wed Meet: 5:45 pm at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S
 Organizer: Peter Goldman yardbird09@yahoo.com
 Join Peter for a hike in Millcreek Canyon. Prompt 6pm departure. Be prepared for whatever conditions April brings us!
- Apr 28
 Thu – Meet: Registration required
 May 3 Organizer: Kathy Jones cooperdog1@comcast.net
 Tue April 28-May 3. Potash to Spanish Bottom. Jet boat shuttle by Tex's Riverways. Group size 6-8 people. Logistics: Drive down to Moab on Thursday April 28. Camp/Motel Thursday night. Be at Tex's Riverways office in Moab at 7:30am. They will shuttle people/boats/gear to the Potash put-in. Launch at about 9:00am. Jet boat pick-up at Spanish Bottom on Tuesday morning, May 3 at 11:00am. Back to Moab in the afternoon. The trip: Flat water paddling with one class I (? rapid (The Slide. 10-15 miles per day of paddling with the opportunity for side hikes & some ruins to explore. Spring weather can be a crapshoot..... glorious & warm or windy, wet, and cold....or most likely a little of each? This is a canoe/touring kayak trip. Duckies are not suitable. You must have multi-day paddling experience and be able to carry your own gear on your boat (cooking, food, shelter, water, etc.). How we handle human waste will be determined by the number & types of boats we bring on the trip. A groover or wag bag system will be used. One nice thing about this trip is that if the weather turns nasty, we can layover/hunker down and the shuttle will pick us up on Tuesday wherever we end up. Costs: This is a pricey trip, so that's why I need to gauge interest before I make a shuttle reservation. Shuttle - \$125/person + \$25-\$35/boat, NPS permit - \$30 + \$20/person. Tex's Riverways has a 30 day cancellation policy, but there is no refund of the NPS fees once I get the permit. There will be a \$100 non-refundable deposit for this trip. Please email me asap if you are interested in this trip, or have questions. I would like to make a shuttle reservation the first week of February once I have the right group of folks & firm commitments. Please email me, Do Not contact me by phone. Thanks.
- Apr 28 Evening Hike - Ferguson Canyon - Dog Friendly – ntd+ – Moderate pace
 Thu Meet: 6:00 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride
 Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
 Prompt 6pm departure. This hike has a couple of very steep sections. Great overlook at the end.

- Apr 30 Mountaineering - Box Elder Peak From Dry Creek Canyon – ext – 13.8 mi – 6249' ascent
 Sat Meet: Registration required
 Organizer: Taylor Waddel 801-616-8025 taylor.waddel@gmail.com
 At a total elevation gain of 6,249' and 13.8 miles round trip, Box Elder Peak from Dry Creek Canyon is a strenuous but exciting hike. The Dry Creek Trail is beautiful, passing by Horsetail Falls, expansive views of Utah County, and peaceful meadows. Once we reach higher elevations, we will be rewarded with views of the summits on the Alpine Ridgeline including Lone Peak, Pfeifferhorn, and many others. I plan on taking the north-east ridge to the summit. Plan for an early start! For a late April ascent, I expect to start off hiking. At some point we may need snowshoes so you'll need to find a way to carry them on your pack until needed. For the final push to the summit, bring an ice axe and crampons as the route does get fairly steep and the snow may be hard (proficiency in self arrest is a must!). I don't expect to need to bring avalanche gear but I'll update everyone as I get an idea of the conditions the day of the hike. The hike out may be very muddy, especially near the trailhead so bring a change of shoes to leave in the car. Adventures of this type are highly weather dependent so we may adjust dates or route as needed.
- Apr 30
 Sat – Meet: Registration required
 May 1 Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com
 Sun It's been 7 years since Donn has done his favorite San Rafael hike, upper Chute Canyon. This is an all-day shuttle hike through an amazingly deep, amazingly narrow slot in an unexpected location in the center of the Swell. It's a special place, where the light bounces off walls high above you and produces an orange glow. On Donn's route, there is a fair amount of scrambling, with one short rappel, but the rappel is the only technical part. In some years, there can be a bit of wading. This will be Donn's 8th trip into the canyon... On Sunday, we'll find another fun hike to do, perhaps the Ding/Dang Canyons loop. Limit: 11.
- Apr 30 Terry Rollins Memorial Road Bike – ntd+ – 30.0 mi
 Sat Meet: 9:00 am at Weather Bureau Building at 2200 W North Temple
 Organizer: Michael* Budig 801-328-4512 mbudig@mail.com
 In memory of Terry Rollins, who passed away in 2013, this will be our third annual ride to Salt Air. This classic ride was one of Terry's favorites and we want to share the ride and memories of our dear departed friend.
- Apr 30 Day Hike - Organizer's Choice – mod
 Sat Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT
 Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
 Hike or snowshoe, depending on the weather. 9am departure. Bring your 10 Es and be prepared for the conditions of the day.

May 3

Tue – Meet: Registration required

May 7 Organizer: John Schwed 801-698-3959 jcschwed@gmail.com

Sat

100 miles South of Moab past Bluff, UT. We will be putting in at Sand Island in the late afternoon. This will allow paddlers to travel down on Tuesday. This is a 27 mile meander down the San Juan River exploring by hiking and paddling. We will be paddling down a couple of miles to setup the evening camp. There are many sites to get out and explore along the way. One in particular is Chinle Canyon on the Navajo Nation for which we will have the permit. There are three Class II rapids; 4ft rapid, 8ft rapid (we will scout before) and ledge rapid. We will be taking out at Mexican Hat on Friday or Sat depending on the Group. There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit. It will go for the River Permits, Navajo Nation Permits, parking fee and some group supplies. We will be on your own with Kayak/ Canoe, food and personal gear. More information will be sent out to registered paddlers.

May 5 Intro To Whitewater Boating Training Class

Thu Meet: 6:30 pm at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W

Organizer: Kelly Beumer 801-230-7967 kellybeumer@gmail.com

This class is required before joining the Beginner Trip as a beginner or new club member. We will cover issues such as: what type of boats the club owns and uses for whitewater, how to rig a boat and hold a paddle, general safety, how and what to pack, what a day might look like on a multi-day trip, boat communication, and reading the river. We will meet at the boat shed Thursday, May 5, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Bring a chair, pen and paper, and water or other beverage. The last 45 minutes will be devoted to finalizing meal and transportation plans for the beginner trip. Although experienced boaters are not required to attend, your help would be greatly appreciated and we do need you to be there by 7:45

May 8 Rock Climb - West Slabs

Sun Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com

THIS ACTIVITY IS CURRENTLY FULL. Mount Olympus - The West Slabs - 10 Pitch Trad - Simul Climb. Please thoroughly read the description on mountain project before considering this activity. This activity will be limited to 8 people (4 pairs. Each pair will need one 60 m rope, one trad rack, and the ability to lead and simul climb on trad. All participants must wear a helmet and free soloing will not be allowed. Please also consider that the approach and descent may require crampons, route finding, and enjoyable bush whacking.

May 13 Beginner Trip-paddling

Fri – Meet: Registration required

May 15 Organizer: Kelly Beumer 801-230-7967 kellybeumer@gmail.com

Sun

Besides being a fun river trip this trip introduces you to WMC Boating trips. On a commercial boating trip the Guides do everything for you (inflate the boats, make the meals, guide you down the river, ...) but on Club trips there are no paid guides. Hence everybody on the trip contributes to completing the tasks that need to be done. Club members will share with you what they know about running rivers. This should include how to “read the river”, throw a throw bag, right a flipped raft, paddle a paddle boat/paddle a duckie (inflatable kayak)/row an oar rig, what it’s like to swim a rapid, and other safety skills. Non-river skills you will learn about are what personal gear works well on river trips, how to make group meals using the WMC Boating’s kitchen, what gear the club owns (and is available for cheap private rentals when it’s not being used on a club trip). This trip is normally done on the Green River Daily. That’s the stretch of the Green River that’s just North of the town of Green River. It’s also the last part of a Deso-Grey Canyon river trip. However, weather may cause us to shift to the nearby Moab daily. Beginners Prerequisite: This trip Requires that you attend an Intro to Rafting class--May 5 at the boat shed, 6:30-8:30. Experienced Boaters--We need you to help make this a successful learning experience!

May 14

Sat – Meet: Registration required

May 15 Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com

Sun

This spring we are going to try again to move the Mexican Mountain Wilderness Study Area closure at Prickly Pear Flat to a more effective location. We’ve been rained out a couple of times but the third time is the charm. We will be working with the BLM Price Field Office to tear down the current barrier and rebuild it where it will stop vehicle trespass into the WSA. Expect light to moderate manual labor as a buck and rail fence is dismantled and moved. We will dry camp near the barricade so bring water as well as food for the weekend. Access to the campsite is on good quality dirt roads. There are lots of opportunities for hikes after work including one to a nice petroglyph panel. The world famous Buckhorn Wash panel is less than 30 minutes away by car. You can enjoy superb views into the center of the Swell. Plan on driving down Friday, it will take around 3 hours, and returning Sunday late afternoon. Bring work clothes and gloves.

May 15 Rock Climb - Guert’s Ridge

Sun Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Taylor Waddel 801-616-8025 taylor.waddel@gmail.com

South summit of Mount Olympus - Geurt’s Ridge - 10 Pitch Trad - Simul Climb. Please thoroughly read the description on mountain project before considering this activity. This activity will be limited to 8 people (4 pairs). Each pair will need one 60 m rope, one trad rack, and the ability to lead and simul climb on trad. All participants must wear a helmet and free soloing will not be allowed. Please also consider that the approach may require route finding, and enjoyable bush whacking (the descent is via the standard Mount Olympus trail).

May 17

Tue – Meet: Registration required

May 22 Organizer: Leisa Root 801-673-9010 lroot@comcast.net

Sun

Spring trip down Desolation Canyon. We'll float the 84 miles from Sand Wash to Swasey's Rapid from May 17th through May 22. Desolation Canyon offers outstanding scenery, interesting geologic formations, and evidence of prehistoric and historic human activity. Email with river experience.

May 18

Wed – Meet: Registration required

May 23 Organizer: Mark McKenzie 801-913-8439 mdm571830@gmail.com

Mon

Class III White Water Rafting trip down Utah's Desolation Canyon from the put in at Sand Wash to the take out below Swasey's Rapid. 84 miles from May 18th through May 23. Side hiking at Range Creek is planned. Trip is full at this time but you may contact the trip organizer to get on the wait list.

May 19

Thu – Meet: Registration required

May 22 Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

Sun

Proposing a trip to CoR/CR. Ellen and I, along with a small group, will be staying in the Smokey Mountain State Park down by Almo and not in the City of Rocks proper. We plan on spending time at Castle Rocks as well as in City of Rocks. Reserve your favorite campsites and we'll figure out how to meet and climb while up there.

May 20 White Water On The Sevier – class III-

Fri – Meet: Registration required

May 22 Organizer: Katrina Easton katrina.easton@gmail.com

Sun

Long time club members, Laura and Max, have graciously invited us to camp in their yard again this year for a weekend on the Sevier. The run is a relatively short section of class II to III whitewater. It is not a super hard section, but is rocky and requires some experience paddling. It is best suited for small craft (1 to 2 man duckies, possibly a small paddle boat, kayaks). The plan is to drive down on Friday after work, do the run twice on Saturday and once on Sunday, and then head back home on Sunday afternoon/evening. We will have a group BBQ Saturday night with food assignments, but otherwise you are responsible for your other meals. \$10 non-refundable deposit to get on the trip. Please email me with your boating experience and type of craft if interested in joining. Trip will be capped at 12.

May 21

Sat – Meet: 10:00 am at To be determined based upon participant geographic distribution.

May 22 Organizer: Chris R 801-776-1031

Sun

LOGAN RIVER/ Class II through Class IV/ Overnight Trip/ Sat 21 May thru Sun 22 May/ Solid Class III skills needed on this small swift super scenic river. We will be doing 18 miles in craft 11 long feet or less. The one Class IV rapid is easily walkable. We start above Red Bank then descend past Ricks Spring with riffles then rapids slowly building in difficulty. This is a candy canes overnight trip because all overnight gear will be cached 1.5 miles above our campsite then decached 1.5 miles below our campsite. Campsite is a large grassy meadow at the base of towering mountains. Continuing down river through multiple short rapids we stop to scout Monolith Rapid which has excellent photogenic opportunities. Those not wishing to run Monolith can portage or your boat can readily be taken through by another team member. Takeout will be at 3rd Dam. To sign up for this pretty "Idaho-esque" mountain river only two hours from Salt Lake City you need to indicate commitment by participating in the Scout and Prep Trip. As an alternative you can contribute \$25 to ARCUF (Alternative River Clean Up Fund) which funds consumables, maintenance expenses etc. for river cleanup efforts. The dates of this unique river experience have a minor probability of being pushed forward or backward dependent upon water flow. The Logan River has a reliable history of flowing even in low snowpack years. Contact Chris at 776-1031 to sign up.

May 23

Mon – Meet: Registration required

May 28 Organizer: Michael Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com

Sat

A 6 day/84 mile float down Desolation Canyon Class III from May 23rd through May 28th. Put in at Sand Wash and take out at Swasey's Beach. A \$25 deposit will be required by March 10th to secure your spot.

May 27 Rock Climb - Maple Canyon - Camp And Climb

Fri – Meet: Registration required

May 30 Organizer: Kathleen Waller and Greg Baldacci 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com

Mon

Memorial Day weekend fills up fast. I have one site reserved (site #10) and if you are interested in joining Greg and I, you should reserve a site soon. Below is the link to reserve a site on recreation.gov. I would be willing to share our site with a couple more people if you would like to split the cost of the site.

May 27 Boulder Car Camp And Multisport – ntd

Fri – Meet: Registration required

May 30 Organizer: John & Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com

Mon

Memorial Day base camp in Boulder UT. Save the date, and details will be posted on line in May. Hikers, bikers, canyoneers, and birdwatchers are especially welcome.

Jun 9

Thu – Meet: Registration required

Jun 11 Organizer: Gregory Baldacci 435-714-9293 bgreg50@ymail.com

Sat

Hello all, I've reserved a camp site at City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho for June 9th through the 11th. I'm posting this climb so that anyone that would like to join myself and Kathleen Waller on a fun weekend in an amazing climbing location can reserve a camp site, (the one I've reserved is only a single site.) If you are interested in coming I encourage you to reserve your camp site quickly as sites go fast in The City of Rocks, (It really is an amazing place to climb!... and therefore very popular.) I've reserved site #40. Bellow you can find a link to the reservation site. Please read the description of the camp site location carefully as some are primitive walk-in only sites. As with all club climbs helmets are required. A little bit about City of Rocks; City of Rocks is a mecca of climbing, just over the Utah/Idaho border in rural Idaho. Varnished and pocketed granite is the name of the game here. The granite ages with an iron based varnish on it and when the varnish wears through, it forms pockets that wear faster than the varnish. The result is pockets with edges or just edges. The majority of the routes have mixed protection, so caution or knowledge is required as the bolts may stop halfway up the route. Camping is permitted in City of Rocks in developed sites. Reservations can be made up to 90 days in advance. The town of Almo has the nearest refreshments and food at the Almo Creek Outpost as well as Rock City. The history here is rich and deserves mentioning. The City of Rocks went by many names early on; Goblin City, Chapel Rocks, Pyramid Circle, and Ancient City were just a few of the monikers that were utilized by the early emigrants. They came through the area on their way to California for a better life, and the rock formations that take on many shapes and figures were a perfect landmark for them to use. As more and more of them came through they left their mark on some of the formations with axle grease. The climbing history essentially began with the Steinfeld Club in the early 1960's. As climbing grew in popularity so too did the impact of climbers. To preserve the nature and resources of the area, the NPS enacted strict rules on the bolting of new routes and also closed certain areas to climbing. Link for reserving camp sites is listed below. Getting there from Salt Lake City: Head North on I-15 until Tremonton. Travel onto I-84 near Tremonton, and head northwest on I-84 towards Twin Falls/Boise. Seventy five miles after Tremonton, take exit 245 and turn left to follow Sublett road heading west into Malta. From Malta turn right and follow Highway 77 going West. Pass through Conner Creek Junction (continue straight), Elba and Almo. The road leading to City of Rocks is to the right just after passing the park's visitor center in Almo.



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