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RAMBLER ARTICLES

The Rambler editor needs submittals of trip writeups and other WMC-specific content. Please include a portrait photo with your writeup and you could make the cover! The Rambler is what the members make it. Send feedback to rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org or contact any board member.

WMC FOUNDATION

Join the Wasatch Mountain Club as we support the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation and Lodge and the June 2017 Dutch Oven Cook Off! Learn more about the WMCF and the Lodge by visiting their website <http://www.wasatchmountainlodge.org/>.



Volunteer with the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge!

We continue to need volunteers to help us stain the newly installed wainscoting! You may have been reading about the all the exciting renovations the Foundation has been doing on the upstairs dormitory. If you haven't been to the lodge recently, you won't even recognize it! Contact Robert Myers to sign up to volunteer at the lodge or to attend the Dutch Over Cook Off event at (801) 651-9965 or email at robetmyers47@gmail.com.

- Beginning in July, we will be working on installation of the Forest Service Interpretive Sign at the Lodge. The work will include concrete, carpentry, stonework, and installation of the sign.
- Touch-up of exterior paint and finishes due our long winters
- Cleanup around the exterior of the lodge or preparations for next year.



Trailhead Cleanup Volunteers Needed!

The Wasatch Mountain Club has an agreement with Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation to maintain the Mount Olympus and West Grandeur Peak trailheads. This involves cleaning up trash at both trailheads and replacing the trash container bag at the Mount Olympus Trailheads.

These two trailheads are examples of the sensitive interface between nature and our urban existence. It is important that the dignity of theater character at those two places be preserved. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Dave Andrenyak at andrenyakda@aim.com.



P.S. Time spent hiking, biking or climbing cant be deducted from your life. It's a great investment... need another one?

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ANNUAL DUTCH OVEN COOK OFF

Join us at the Top of Big Cottonwood Canyon for a fundraiser to benefit the Wasatch Mountain Lodge Foundation-a nonprofit 501©3.

Come early and learn about Dutch Oven cooking, meet local authors, enjoy live music in the beautiful mountains at a historic lodge.

Register for hikes starting from the Lodge

\$20 per person donation Cooks-no entry fee Lodge open for set-up 1pm

Prizes by Camp Chef and local vendors

Saturday June 24th
3-8pm

8465 S. Mary Lake Lane Brighton, Utah 84121

For more information contact robertmyers47@gmail.com



50 YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER

Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC trustee

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE 1967 [...]

Jul TETON HIGH CAMP — Destination is the Grand Teton. Leaders are Harold Goodro and
22-24 Gary Larson. The Grand, highest peak of the Tetons, offers a commanding view of the
Sat.- range. Although not insurmountable, it does require good conditioning. Contact the leaders or
Mon. Dave Allen for details. [...]

WESTWATER CANYON RIVER TRIP

by Marian Frankel

[...] The trip on the Club's new bus was pleasant, and it was fascinating watching the drivers, Max and Del, figure out what all the gadgets on the dashboard were for as we rolled along. The two things they were sure of were the starter and the brakes. After that, it was hit and miss but they caught on and we were overjoyed to find that the heater heated, the lights lit, a buzzer buzzed (for some reason). We got there in the altogeth'er. We camped out in an open field beside the road near the river until morning. For many of us who count sheep to fall asleep, it was quite puzzling to awaken in the morning to find them all in a herd staring at us — counting? But the herd was diverted, and we made breakfast quickly. [...] Our four rafts were worthy, and so were our four captains (Del, Max, Gerry, and Bud). The crews proved able bodied, and all went well — until Max's boat was sabotaged in Skull Rapid. One big wave hit it full in the face and before it could regain equilibrium, down came another wave with such force the raft flipped over completely. Pat and Dorothy came up for air and found themselves under the turned-over boat. Max lost his glasses, hat and a shoe. [...] The River Rats: Del Wiens; Carol Wiens; June Viavant; Art Frankel; Marian Frankel; Vivian Higgenbotham; Max Tyler; Bob Bucher; Pat Dow; Gary Haltmeyer; Brian Jessop; Jon Bemis; Al Mathews; Gerry Powelson; Roger Jackson; Benita Jackson; Bud Reid; Fern Reid; Jim Byrne; Dorothy Roberts.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Old-timers/Newcomers Party!

Join the WMC Old-timers/Newcomers party with a yet-to-be-announced trip presentation.

Bring in the new members and renew great friendships at the annual WMC Old Timers/Newcomers Party scheduled for Saturday, August 26th, at the WMC Lodge at Brighton. The evening will include a brief General Membership Meeting. Dinner will be potluck, so come prepared with a hot dish, salad, dessert, or something else to put on the table. BYOB. Coals will be available for anyone bringing food for the grill. After dinner, we'll attempt the annual group photo. We will have the coals warm by 5:30. Group picture at 6:30 followed by General Membership Meeting at 7:00 and trip presentation at 7:30. After the meeting, stick around for games, socializing, and getting to know your fellow WMC members.

WMC FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTES TO SAVE BONANZA FLATS EFFORT

In keeping with its mission “to preserve natural and historic resources on public lands”, the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation has donated \$1,000 to the Save Bonanza Flats organization, which strives to prevent the development of a 1,350-acre property along the Guardsman Way Road in the high country above Wasatch Mountain State Park.

While most club members associate the WMC Foundation solely with the WMC Lodge, the Foundation also pursues a preservation mission largely funded through John Veranth’s generous donation of royalty income from his book "Hiking the Wasatch". This fund has been tapped for the Save Bonanza Flats contribution.

Bill Zwiebel
Director, WMC Foundation

20th ANNUAL PINK FLAMINGO PARTY

What is the most thrilling, boating event of the year? **THE PINK FLAMINGO PARTY!**

It is scheduled for **Saturday, October 7 starting at 4 PM**. This is our 20th anniversary for the event, so the location is back where it all started at **143 W 100 N in Bountiful**. From I-15, take either 500 South (Exit 316) or 400 North (Exit 317), head east to 200 West and then find us on 100 North at 143 W in the backyard. Watch for the flamingos, our boating mascot.

EVERYONE is invited! Hey hikers, bikers, skiers, climbers, socializers, and snowshoers, come and get to know the boaters! We are a friendly wild bunch! Your ticket into the party is your potluck dish and pink attire. For your outfits, don't be shy! We want to see outrageous, daring, and flamboyant! Real men and women wear pink to this party! Be Brave! If pink is lacking in your wardrobe, beachwear is acceptable.

There will be prizes for outfits, boating skills, boating knowledge and more. Plan to participate in team and individual games. There will be a grill for your use. Enjoy homemade pink ice cream (will be cranking to do). In addition to a potluck dish, bring your own beverages as well as a chair, utensils, and plates. (all in pink if you can!)

REYNOLDS PEAK HIKE VIA MILL D NORTH

MAY 20, 2017

Organized by Akiko Kamimura // Trip Report & Photos by Akiko Kamimura

Several days after the late spring snowstorm, the trail was covered by snow except for the first half mile. At the Y-junction, we put on microspikes. The snow became deeper at Dog Lake so Tom, Stephen, and Akiko switched to snowshoes. Since there were no tracks made by other snowshoers/skiers, we had to break the fresh snow. We were unable to find the summer trail and decided to climb up on the steep slope. Leslie decided to turn around early. The rest of us continued to the peak. The last part was hard for some of those who did not use snowshoes but we made the peak. After we had lunch and enjoyed the views, we went back on the same route. We saw lots of moose along the way.



Group at the peak and moose along the trail.

MILLCREEK HIKE

MAY 27, 2017

Organized by Bruce Christenson // Trip report & Photos by Ruth Nakamura



Group photo along the ridge.

Bruce Christensen took us on a leisurely hike up the north ridge of Millcreek Canyon, about 707' elevation and little over 3 miles long.

The temperature was just right, high was in the low 70's. We hiked up to pipeline, overlooking Salt Lake City. Going down many of us needed hiking poles. We saw few yellow mule ears and paintbrush flowers sprinkling the hillside.

Participants were Tom, Holly Laurie, Kristen, Bruce, and Ruth.



STILLWATER CANYON RIVER TRIP

APRIL 28, 2017

*Organized by Kathy Jones // Trip
Report & Photos by Kathy Jones*

Stillwater Canyon, Green River.
Canyonlands Nat. Park. 52 miles in 5
paddle days. Put-in at Mineral
Bottom, and Take-out at Spanish
Bottom with jet boat shuttle back to
Moab. Shuttle with Tex's Riverways.



The weather was a mix of sun and clouds, with temp. max in the upper 50s - mid-60s for the first 3 days, and 70s the last 2 days. We had one on and off windy day, but it wasn't bad and had no rain the entire trip. The water level on put-in day was 13,800 CFS which is way above normal for the date, but not peak runoff. Paddling and making miles was easy. According to our GPS, we were floating at about 3-4 mph, and with moderate paddling effort, we were cruising at an average 5 mph. We used GPS and the River Ways guide by Tom Martin to locate camps and places to see. The heavy Tamarisk along the shore made finding a place to land a little bit of a challenge, but not bad. Because of the higher water, we were able to navigate up into a few side canyons to hike and camp.

Camp #1 - Fort Bottom - explored the outlaw cabin and stone tower.

Camp #2 - Upper Cabin Bottom - hiked to Newspaper Rock.

Camp #3 - informal camp up Horse Canyon.

Day #4 - We stopped to explore a granary in Jasper Canyon, then paddled on in hopes of camping at Water Canyon to hike the narrows. Unfortunately, the camp was already occupied. The nice folks offered to share the camp with us but we decided to press on to Spanish Bottom.



Camp #4 with layover - Spanish Bottom. A full day to hike in The Doll House.

We had a great trip. The weather was cooperative and we enjoyed some fun exploring in beautiful canyons. We had a campfire night, and I "entertained" Katrina and John with my beginner ukulele skills.

*Left: Perfect day on the Green River.
Above: Hiking in a canyon.*

BUTLER FORK TO MILL A BASIN

MAY 28, 2017

Organized by Karen Perkins // Trip Report by Karen Perkins // Photos by Akiko Kamimura



Ten experienced and congenial hikers set out for Mill A via Butler Fork and Circle All Peak. Interestingly enough, only two people in the group have ever hiked Mill A! After ascending Circle All to catch the view and get a clearer idea of where we were actually headed, we proceeded west on the trail going toward Baker Pass via Mill A Basin. At the first good slide path, which was left almost bare by A Big One the winter before last, we descended into the basin and walked along the edge of the slide path as it continued on toward the top entrance of Mill A. We found that late May was an excellent choice for this route because of the partly faint trail since the slide path remained clearly visible for quite a while as it curled right down into the drainage toward the canyon road.

Since the undergrowth was sparse this early in the season, we didn't have to really bushwhack. If you wait until July or August to hike this trail, you will have to walk in thigh-high grass and the faint trail is more difficult to trace. We lunched leisurely in the gully next to the stream not eager to leave too soon. This is a relatively easy loop hike of about 4-5 miles, partly in a very narrow drainage with some interesting rock formations toward the top third of the gully. For the organizer, she appreciated the company of the group for this springtime exploration.

Above: Hiking down off-trail toward Mill A Basin. From left, Karen, Tony, Guilia, Heidi and Roger. Right: Lunch time. From left, Tony, Guilia, Deb, Bob and Roger.



NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

JUNE 3, 2017

Photos by Alex Arakelian & Dave Andrenyak // Trip Report by Dave Andrenyak



The 2017 Salt Lake area National Trails Day event took place on Saturday, June 3. The volunteers, event coordinators, and crew leaders initially gathered at the 6200 South Park and Ride lot. Following a generous breakfast and safety talk, the volunteers and crew leaders got shuttled to the Mount Olympus Trailhead. The work crews hiked to the worksites at the new section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (Mount Olympus trail to Heughs Canyon). The work involved widening the trail, defining the trail cut bank, and building rock walls to support the trail. In addition to the trail work, some volunteers removed invasive weeds and trash at the Mount Olympus Trailhead and the 6200 South Park and Ride. Following the hard work, the volunteers and crew leaders traveled back to the staging area for lunch. The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) was a primary lunch sponsor. The lunch was a bit delayed but got there eventually.

There were about 100 volunteers and about 30 crew chiefs and event coordinators. This large event involved coordination and support from many agencies and units. The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, U. S. Forest Service, and Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee were the primary

coordinators. Other groups involved were Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation, Salt Lake City Public Utilities, REI, and the WMC.

WMC participants were Brett Smith, Alex Arakelian, Evette Raen, Terry Baker, Sue Jensen, Bruce Christenson, Knick Knickerbocker, Randy Long, Nancy Martin, John Knoblock, Tillman Seebom, and Dave Andrenyak (sandwich gofer). Thank you participants and event coordinators. It was great to be part of a very productive and meaningful event.



Above: Working on the new section of the Bonneville Shoreline trail.

Previous Page: Nancy, Terry, Sue, Evette, Alex, and Alex's friend Paul were on the team that built the supporting rock wall.

HAYSTACK MT IN UINTAS HIKE & SNOWSHOE

JUNE 4, 2017

Organized by Jim Kucera & Akiko Kamimura // Photos by Akiko Kamimura



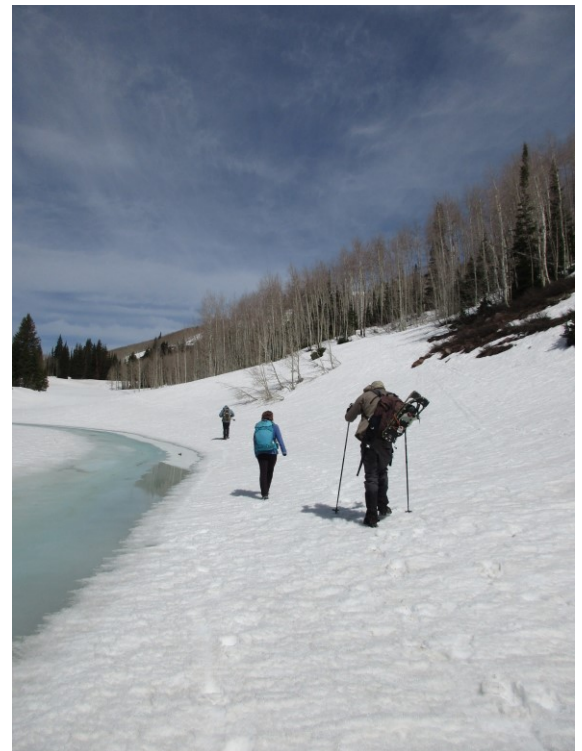
Fortunately, Mirror Lake Highway was open to Bald Mt Pass so we could drive up on the highway. Since the road to the Crystal Lake trailhead from the highway was not open yet, we started hiking from the highway. The road and trails were covered by deep snow. We used microspikes going uphill and snowshoes going downhill. Except where we parked, we did not see anyone else on the way to the peak. We enjoyed the quiet nature and the beautiful views of lots of mountains and lakes. We had lunch at the peak and there was a brief rain shower. While on the peak, we saw someone approaching the summit. It was Lubos. He knew we might be there and hiked with us to the parking from the peak. On the way back, we took a different way. We crossed creek over a “snow bridge” several times and walked on the frozen lake. It was a great day to avoid the heat in the valley (95F). The hike took approximately 6 hours (Distance: 7.34 miles, elevation gain: 1,533 ft). *Photo: Going down from the peak, Jim, Michele, Tom and Lubos.*

DESOLATION LAKE HIKE

MAY 14, 2017

Organized by Akiko Kamimura // Trip Report & Photos by Akiko Kamimura

We hiked from Mill D North to Desolation Lake. We carried microspikes and snowshoes in case there would be too much snow. Lucky that we did because the trail was covered by snow after about 0.7 miles from the trailhead. We used microspikes but did not need to put on snowshoes because the snow was well packed. The lake was still frozen and snow covered but the ice had started melting on the edge of the lake. We had lunch at the lake and went down off trail on soft snow to avoid the icy trail. It was a sunny and beautiful day. (Distance – 8.2 miles; Elevation gain – 2,585 ft; Time – 5 hours). *Participants:* Dave Andrenyak, Ed Hemphill, Tom Mitko, Muhammed Raja, Leslie Woods. *Photo: Working on the shore – from left, Ed, Leslie and Dave.*



CASTO CANYON

CAR CAMP

MAY 13-14, 2017

Organized by Donn Seeley //
Trip Report by Donn Seeley //
Photos by Donn Seeley &
Nancy Martin

This car camp felt like an old-time Wasatch Mountain Club adventure except for the fact that we didn't get to our destination in an ancient WMC owned bus! We had 16 people spread across 3 sites at the lovely Red Canyon campground west of Bryce. There were campfires with s'mores, group cooking, group partying, and (best of all) hot showers. How can you beat that?

The Casto Canyon area is north of Red Canyon, and it has scenery much like Bryce with far fewer visitors. On Friday afternoon, we hiked the Golden Wall / Buckhorn Loop Trail in Red Canyon, which has truly supreme scenery with hoodoos, fins, and arches everywhere. We had a great time coming up with names for some of the most bizarre formations. (I think Poodle Arch should be suggested to the USGS as an official name.)



On Saturday, we did an adventurous loop hike up Casto Canyon and down Butler Wash. Casto is a fairly wide canyon with thousands of red hoodoos in all shapes and sizes. We split off from the main canyon to follow the ATV track up Barney Cove and then had lunch in the ponderosa forest on the plateau. It was easier to get into Upper Butler Wash than I had expected. This much narrower canyon had red-orange walls that reminded me of crunchy Cheetos. There were a couple of minor scrambles down pour-offs but that didn't prepare us for a 30-foot drop right at the top of the lower narrows. After much debate, we delicately scrambled up a crumbly chute to the south and ascended to the plateau. We were then rewarded with a fine stroll over to the exit of the canyon and back to the shuttle cars.

After Saturday's struggles, no one was really up for another long shuttle hike on Sunday, so we cut it short and hiked Losee Canyon. The arch trail near the mouth of Losee was a hit and the walk up the canyon was very pleasant with more elaborate hoodoos and arches. The naming contest was great fun again with rabbits, hippos, and minarets.



Many thanks to everyone who came: Nancy Martin, Stanley Chiang, Sue Jensen, Steve Duncan, Jerry Hatch, Evette Raen, Alex Arakelian, Jodene Arakelian, Michele Stancer, Roger Young, Keith Markley, Michelle Couderc, Greg Clark, Grant Smith, and Laurel Anderton.

Photos: Opposite Page: Nacho Cheese in Butler Wash. Above: Beautiful desert hoodoos. Below: Army on the march in Losee Canyon Casto Canyon.



ROCK CLIMB – 101 CLINIC – LEARN TO CLIMB

JUNE 3RD & 4TH 2017

Organized by Kathleen Waller // Trip Report & Photos by Kathleen Waller



The 101 Learn to Climb Clinic is a beginner workshop on the fundamentals of rock climbing plus equipment use and selection. This workshop is for participants who have always wanted to experience climbing, are rusty and just want a refresher, or want to improve their fundamental skills. This workshop is also a great opportunity to meet and learn with other interested beginner climbers. We covered gear (shoes, harness, helmet, belay device) and techniques including proper belay, top roping, and climbing with a focus on communication and safety. Thanks to the donations of

the participants, we raised \$155.00 toward purchasing new and replacement climbing ropes and gear for the Wasatch Mountain Club.

This year's 101 Learn to Climb Clinic took place at Geezer Wall in Big Cottonwood Canyon which has easy-moderate routes. Top ropes were set up on four sport bolted routes; Whipper Snapper (5.5), Sweet Louise (5.5), Lower Dentures (5.6), and Golden Years (5.5). The main slab of Geezer Wall is located halfway between the start of Steort's Ridge and Glass Ocean. The top of Geezer Wall provides beautiful views of Storm Mountain Picnic Area and climbers on Steort's Ridge (a classic multi-pitch traditional route). Getting there requires a 15-20 minute approach and some scrambling over class 3 talus and boulders. During the workshop, Geezer Wall remained in the shade until about noon. The wind carries up the canyon and up the gulley where Geezer Wall is located keeping us relatively cool and the afternoon sun began to shine on our backs.

Hopefully, participants will now be able to attend weekly club climbs where they can continue to practice skills related to top rope climbing and top rope belaying. Weekly evening club climbs are also a great opportunity to meet many of climbers. And many other clinics follow in the series for climbers to advance their skills.

Clinic 143: Learn how to set up a 2-bolt tope rope anchor, clean a fixed anchor, and rappel.

Clinic 201: Learn how to lead on a bolted sport route and how to belay a lead climber.

Clinic 458 (Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4): Learn high-angle self rescue.

Thank you all the volunteers. Volunteers hiked up to the crag early in the day to set up top ropes. The volunteers guided the participants through proper climbing and belay techniques. The volunteers cleaned all the routes.

Volunteers:

Steve Duncan, Paul Gettings,
Greg Baldacci, Mark
Karpinski, Jane Bowman,
Travis Gibson, Kit Spicer

Participants:

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Wynalek, Heidi Demartis,
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*Photos: Above: Wilmer Sandoval on Sweet Louise (5.5) Above Right: Naval Apolin on Sweet Louise (5.5)
Opposite Page: Saturday, June 3rd – 101 Clinic Participants*

MOUNT AIRE HIKE

MAY 29, 2017

*Organized by David
Andrenyak // Trip Report
by David Andrenyak*

This Wasatch Mountain Club hike to Mount Aire demonstrated the forest diversity of the Central Wasatch. Because the Millcreek Canyon Road was closed to motor vehicle travel above Maple Cove, we started at the Burch Hollow trailhead and

traveled on the Pipeline trail to the Mount Aire trailhead at Elbow Fork. Along the Pipeline trail, maples were the predominant tree. From Elbow Fork to the Mount Aire pass, the forest was mostly a mix of aspen and conifers. The aspen had just started to show their leaves. From the saddle to the Mount Aire summit, there was mainly scrub oak (no leaves yet), and mountain mahogany. In addition to the trees, there were displays of early spring wildflowers that included ballhead waterleaf (shaded areas), arrowleaf balsamroot (sunny spots), and glacier lilies at the summit.

The beautiful clear weather permitted outstanding views of Millcreek Canyon and many of the Wasatch peaks. The snowy north faces of Gobbler's Knob, Mount Raymond, and Broads Fork Twin Peaks were impressive. The hike participants were Deb Baldwin, Bob Stuercke, Heidi DeMartis, Ryan Fletcher, Stephen Higgins, Paul Kikuchi, Connie Modrow, Jeff Munger, Andie Thatcher, and Dave Andrenyak. Jeff had caught up with us at Mount Aire pass after having traveled the entire length of the



Pipeline trail. Way to go Jeff! Thank you to the participants, nature, and to those that died to preserve freedom. Hopefully, on that Memorial Day, we honored our fallen heroes by appreciating what is good in our existence.

Photos: Above: Views of Gobblers Knob, Mount Raymond, and Broads Fork Twins in back right. Left: At the summit- L to R: Jeff, Stephen, Paul, Connie, Deb, Bob, Dave, Andie, and Ryan.



CHURCH FORK PEAK HIKE

MAY 13, 2017

Organized by Barb Gardner// Trip Report by Barb Gardner // Photos by Akiko Kamimura



The morning greeted us with cool comfortable temperatures, a nice break after suffering through 2 previous days of hot, dry, windy (allergy infested) weather. The plan was to hike up to the saddle on Grandeur Peak, traverse east along a ridge to Church Fork Peak, and return via pipeline to our starting point. The trail up Church Fork was magnificent, draped in a blanket of greenery. Spring arrived in the higher elevations. The trees, shrubs,

and ground covers were in full bloom. Once on the saddle of Grandeur Peak, the wind picked up as a cold front moved across the Salt Lake Valley. After bundling up, we utilized a faint game trail and some good old fashion bushwhacking as we worked our way along the ridge to Church Fork Peak.

Our stay on the summit was brief due to the weather or shall I say some of us (me) were not prepared. We followed the ridge to Burch Hollow and meandered down the trail to intersect with the pipeline trail and back to our cars. A pleasant day enjoyed by all.

Participants: Deirdre Flynn, Mohamed Abdallah, Luther Knicely, Tom Hamann, Akiko Kamimura, David Lewis.

Photos: Right: At the peak - from left, Luther, Deirdre, Barb, David and Tom. Above Left: Tom climbing up on the rock to avoid the steep icy route. Luther and David following Tom. Above Right: Barb and Deirdre carefully crossing the steep icy section.



GOBBLER'S KNOB VIA BUTLER FORK HIKE

MAY 27, 2017

Organized by Akiko Kamimura // Trip Report by Akiko Kamimura



The trail was free of snow until we were close to the junction to Circle All Peak. To avoid the icy snow covered trail, we climbed off trail up the steep slope and reached the saddle above the junction. The trail became completely covered by snow so it was unclear which way it went as we got closer to Baker Pass. We put on microspikes and continued on to Baker Pass. From Baker Pass, we had to remove and replace our microspikes based on the trail conditions. The snow was like sandpaper which allowed us to have really great traction with our microspikes.

Seven people made the peak. The rest of the group decided to turn around at the saddle near the peak. The downhill was challenging because the temperature level increased as the day went on and the snow became soft. On the way down from Baker Pass, three people were able to slide down on the softer snow with a lot of speed but were able to safely stop at a tree/rock. We were very careful. There was a variety of snow conditions along the hike – hard snow, soft snow, muddy, dry, creek crossing, etc. We enjoyed various sceneries from winter to early summer. *Participants:* Mohamed Abdallah, Sue Baker, Stephen Dennis, Deirdre Flynn, Barb Garner, Ed Hemphill, Luther Kincely, Ying Lee, Matt Mitko, and Tom Mitko. *Photos:* Above Right: Deirdre and Sue at the peak. Above Left: Going down from the peak – From left, Luther, Sue, and Ed

YELLOWSTONE BACKPACKING ADVENTURE: A NEWBIE'S ACCOUNT

MAY 9 - 13, 2017

Organized by Michael Budig // Trip Report by Frances Frame (The Newbie)

Michael, Dianne, Rick, and Sheila reached Mammoth campground early Tuesday evening, May 9th, and around 11:00 pm, Richard, Larry, and I joined them. I had not backpacked in decades and had rented a one-person tent for the expedition. Working in the dark, Richard, Larry, Dianne, and I improvised a way to



pitch my rental, which had an unusual configuration (to say the least), and we all settled in for the night. Steady traffic on the Mammoth-Tower Junction Road, a stone's throw from our tents, started at 4:30 a.m., so we didn't get a lot of rest.

We broke camp Wednesday morning and enjoyed a hearty breakfast at the Mammoth Hotel dining room. A beautiful elk on the restaurant grounds gave us a taste of what to expect on the trail. After breakfast, we dropped Mike and Dianne's car about a mile up the hill from the town of Gardiner at the Eagle Creek Forest Service campground. Because of a change in ownership of private land, the end of the Black Canyon trail has been rerouted to this trailhead. Then we took two cars to the Hellroaring Creek Trailhead (#2K8).

At about 11:30 am, under partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the upper 50s or low 60s, six experienced WMC hikers and this newbie set out for adventure. In about a mile, we reached a sturdy metal suspension bridge over the Yellowstone River which showed dangerous rapids both upstream and downstream. We hiked easily through the sagebrush on a well-defined trail until we encountered a bison which stood resolutely in our path. We circumvented the glowering beast with caution and he eventually moved uphill to join a friend. Although we met a group from the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) before the suspension bridge, we saw fewer and fewer people as we got further down the trail. After about another mile, we stopped so I could trade my ancient hiking boots for some athletic shoes. The boots didn't fit as well as they did ten years ago, and boy was I glad that Mike and others had counseled me to bring the shoes along! We hiked a bit further over rolling terrain with limited elevation change and stopped for lunch on the banks of the aptly-named Hellroaring Creek. We proceeded north along the east side of the creek to a stock bridge about 1.5 miles up from the creek's confluence with the Yellowstone River. Once over the bridge, we headed south on the west

side of the creek, passing an NPS patrol cabin. Mike went ahead to scout out the campsite and Dianne watched over me as I brought up the rear of our column.

We soon reached campsite 2H1, perched on a 200-foot bluff just downstream from the confluence. The site was an excellent choice! There were a number of good spots for tents and Mike, Richard, and Dianne helped me to get mine erected properly (vs. the “improvisation” of the night before). Once our tents were up, Richard showed me how to stow my food, toiletries, and trash in my bear bag and get it slung up over the site’s bear pole. My rodent-proof steel mesh bag was unnecessary (and a source of mild amusement for my fellow hikers, I believe), but my Ursack bear bag worked well. Richard and I also “coordinated cooking,” which really meant that in exchange for my small labor of carrying his cookpot on the trail, each morning and evening he set up his stove and boiled water for both of us. I was very happy with my Grayl ultralight purifier bottle, my “Mountain Beef Stew” and “Summit Savory Chicken” dinners from Paleo Meals to Go, and my Mountain House scrambled egg breakfasts. Although I never deployed my bear spray, having it next to me in my tent at night served as a great sleeping pill for someone who was just a little bit nervous about hiking in grizzly country.

Each morning I was the last one ready to go, but with helpful tips from experienced WMC hikers, I was able to shave a few minutes off my prep time each day. Mike showed me the best way to roll up and stow my tent quickly, and when the valve on my sleeping pad detached, he demonstrated the best way to deflate and roll the pad. From that morning on I had success with it. Mike and Dianne also warned me Thursday as we set out that I was working up a good sunburn on my right calf, which I had neglected to cover when applying sunscreen the day before. Their attention to such a small concern reaffirmed my impression that the WMC is a really great group of people! By 9:00 am on Thursday we were on the trail again.

About mid-morning we encountered a group of four adult bison who were not inclined to move, so we detoured up a timbered ridge and took a snack break while we watched the buffalo. A little further down the trail, we ran across a group of about ten self-confident mule deer who paused to take our measure before moving on. For some stretches, the trail ran close to the river but most of the time the trail ran along the bluffs above. Anticipating relatively even terrain, I had not rented any walking poles for the trip. When it became evident that I would be completing the hike in running shoes and that the terrain would not be as flat as expected, Dianne generously offered me one of her poles for the remainder of the trek. Little did I know how vital that pole would become!! We stopped for lunch at a campsite overlooking the river and halted a few times thereafter for pictures with sun-bleached bison and elk skulls, some with impressive racks. We forded Little Cottonwood and Cottonwood creeks, both running full, by picking our way from rock to rock and treading carefully over the best logs we could find. Some of us came through with soaked shoes, but no lives were lost.

After hiking six miles total, we camped Thursday night at the beautiful 1Y9 site. As Richard observed, “Located right next to the river and a few hundred yards from the trail, with easy access



to water, numerous trees shading the multiple tent sites, and a bear pole and cooking area a distance from the tent sites, there was little not to like!” We enjoyed our dinner and great conversation during which most of the world’s problems were solved.

After a good night’s sleep, we hit the trail Friday morning for another six miles. The trail was shaded with trees and stayed close to the river. We encountered the recent remains of a buffalo, the bones and a lot of fur were left, but not much flesh. Since it was still early, we elected to do a side hike. We hiked about a half a mile to a suspension bridge which allows access via the Blacktail Deer Creek Trail. As we approached, we spied a large nest atop the bridge tower closest to us and an osprey circling nearby. We dropped our packs and while we were resting, backcountry ranger B. Helms came



riding across the bridge on his trusty mount, Lance. Ranger Helms observed that the birds had returned to the nest for a number of years but had not reproduced since 2013. He attributed the problem to traffic across the bridge, but he also said the number of backpackers in the northeast patrol region had decreased markedly during his 32 years at the park. This observation sparked further conversation among us about whether GenXers and Millennials had abandoned backpacking.

While Mike and I stayed with the packs, the rest of the group hiked a mile or so up Blacktail Creek Trail and back. Richard filled me in on the side-hike: “The trail gradually ascended the drainage before leveling off. The views were mainly of the creek below, which was roaring.” When the group was reunited, we ate lunch, crossed back over the bridge, and resumed our hike west on the river trail. We soon reached one of the most memorable sights on our trek: Crevice Lake, with its beautiful vivid green water. At the footbridge across full and lively Crevice Creek, we rested, ate a snack, and refilled water bottles. It was a good thing we took the break because the trail became a lot more challenging after that. We hiked up and over talus and boulder fields and around cliff faces on the north side of the river enduring unexpected elevation changes. The ascent and descent over one slope was particularly arduous, but Sheila’s encouragement and good humor kept me going. On this section in particular, Dianne’s walking pole was a lifesaver. With my heavy pack and running shoes instead of boots, I wouldn’t have been able to negotiate the trail without it. There was a silver lining to this part of the journey when we came across four Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep! What appeared to be three ewes and a young ram were not more than fifty feet above us and did not scatter or retreat. They seemed quite curious and allowed us to get close enough for some wonderful pictures. About a half mile farther brought us to our final campsite, 1Y1. We pitched our tents on a grassy shelf several feet above the water. Before retiring we made plans for Mike, Rick, and Larry to leave early the next day in order to retrieve the shuttle car and the other two vehicles and to pick up the rest of us at the Eagle Creek campground.

Mike, Rick, and Larry left early Saturday morning as planned, and about thirty minutes later the rest of us hit the trail into the narrow gorge. We reached the park boundary, marked by white-painted posts. The trail paralleled the river but was well above it. As the canyon opened up, a magnificent vista appeared with the Yellowstone River in the foreground with Electric Peak and nearby mountains dominating the horizon. My phone had died, and I was so grateful when Sheila graciously let me use hers to take some pictures. Eventually we came to Bear Creek, a major tributary that drains an area around the 1860s mining town of Jardine. A stable footbridge provided safe passage above the torrent, and we entered a dormant geothermal area marked by bleached volcanic rock and sinter deposits. We descended through a small wetland toward Bear Creek and kept a lookout for rattlesnakes among the rusted mining equipment that lined the path. I felt like singing John Prine's "Paradise" but refrained. We climbed several long, steep switchbacks that once formed an old mining road. Just as we thought we were nearing the top of the ridge, more of the trail appeared to dash our hopes.

Threatening clouds were moving in from the south, and we finished the trail just in time. As our chauffeurs drove up alongside us on the road to Eagle Creek campground just as few raindrops began to fall. We stopped in Gardiner for a great lunch at the Two Bit Saloon and then drove back through the park as snow flurries heralded the arrival of a new storm system.

I am so grateful to Michael for organizing the trip and to all of my fellow hikers for their help along the way. Without their guidance and assistance, I never would have completed this adventure! Thanks to Sheila and Richard for removing and replacing my water bottle for me numerous times along the trail and to Mike, Richard, and Larry for helping me don my pack on several occasions. Special thanks to Richard for keeping my pack in his tent each night and for the daily trek notes that formed the backbone of this report.

Photos:

Page 3: Rick with antlers. Photo by Richard Jirik.

Page 21: Vista of Electric Peak from the last day of the hike. Photo by Frances Frame.

Page 22: Big Horn Sheep. Photo by Richard Jirik.

Page 23: Our group at lunch after the trip.

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| Jul 1 Sat – Jul 4 Tue | Tushar Mountains Car Camp – msd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com The Tushar Mountains are the third highest range in Utah with 3 summits over 12,000 feet, and they have extensive forests and lovely streams and meadows, yet they don't get a lot of visitors. We'll hike up Pine Valley from Bullion City and check out the Kimberly mines. If the peaks are clear of deep snow, we may bag one or two. Some of the hikes will be exploratory. |
| Jul 1 Sat – Jul 5 Wed | Fourth Of July White Water Rafting – class III <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com The club's annual 4th of July Payette extravaganza will start by driving up to Boise on Saturday, the 1st of July. We will proceed directly to set up camp in the very nice Hot Springs forest service group campsite and then Sunday, do 2 runs down the friendly whitewater of the Main Payette daily section. Monday we will run the beautiful high alpine and somewhat more rambunctious Cabarton section of the North Fork. Tuesday we plan to paddle the lively and scenic Swirly section of the south fork, past camp, and then, that night catch the fireworks at Crouch. Be aware that after last years writeup/expose of the Crouch 4th of July insanity, along with the story of the 12 year old boy losing a thumb when the roman candle he was shooting off blew up in his hand, Crouch has banned ALL private fireworks from their town, legal or illegal, starting this year, so that unbelievable, certifiable and dangerous display is now history. Like the rest of the civilized world they will now have a 10 minute city fireworks show. We will then drive home on Wednesday. This is one of the most fun trips of the year and a perfect intro to white water, with car camping, and a mellow but active river. These are great ducky venues, get your ducks in a row in advance, to try an adventurous step beyond the paddle rafts. Whatever your craft of choice, sign up early as this trip fills up quickly. The required planning meeting for this trip will be held ten days earlier at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 21, at the boat shed, which is at 4340 South Commerce Dr. (300 west) just up the street from the McDonalds. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit will be required to get your name on the list for this trip, send a check, made out to me, to my home address, see the club membership directory online. |
| Jul 1 Sat | Day Hike And Bike: Grandview From Salt Lake City – msd- – 19.0 mi Out & Back – 5200' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Jonathan Ruchti 385-775-9623 jrg336@gmail.com Exploratory bike and hike to Grandview: Bicycling up City Creek Canyon for about 5 mi (1800 ft elevation gain), hike and bushwalk to Grandview (4.5 mi, 3400 ft elevation gain), same way back. There will likely be no trail for most of the hike. Please use E-mail to register, thank you. |
| Jul 1 Sat | Day Hike - Millcreek To Mt Aire Via Birch Hollow - Dog Friendly – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 7:30 am at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S) <i>Organizer:</i> Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com We will start at Pipeline, ascend to the saddle at Birch Hollow and follow the ridge line to Mt. Aire. After the descent to Elbow Fork, we will head back to the cars via Pipeline trail. Note: This hike may be somewhat exploratory to get from Birch Hollow saddle to the Mt Aire saddle. |
| Jul 1 Sat | Hike - Organizer's Choice Big Cottonwood Canyon - Loop Hike – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Location and time will be posted a few days prior to the hike. <i>Organizer:</i> Karen Perkins 801-272-2225 karenperkins1349@gmail.com Please check the activity calendar a few days before the hike for specific details. |
| Jul 1 Sat | Road Bike (or Mountain Bike) And Hike: Grandview From Salt Lake City – msd- – 19.0 mi Out & Back – 5200' ascent – Fast pace |

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Jonathan Ruichi 385-775-9623 jrg336@gmail.com

Exploratory bike and hike to Grandview: Bicycling up City Creek Canyon for about 5 mi (1800 ft elevation gain), hike and bushwalk to Grandview (4.5 mi, 3400 ft elevation gain), same way back. There will likely be no trail for most of the hike. Please use E-mail to register, thank you.

Jul 2 Sun Hike: Broads Fork Twin Peaks – msd- – 9.6 mi Out & Back – 5300' ascent – Fast pace

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Jonathan Ruchti 385-775-9623 jrg336@gmail.com

Broads Fork Twin Peaks from Big Cottonwood Canyon, about 5300 ft elevation gain, exposure and scrambling. Please use E-mail to register, thank you.

Jul 2 Sun Day Hike - Kessler Peak – mod+ – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 3200' ascent – Moderate pace

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu

This hike will start from Mill D South and take the north route. Although this is not a long hike, there are some steep sections. Great views in the summit. Plan on an early start. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Email before Friday, 6 pm, June 30, for the meeting place and time.

Jul 3 Mon Slow Pace Draper Evening Hike – ntd – 2.0 mi – Slow pace

Meet: 6:00 pm at Ballard Equestrian Center - 1600 East Highland Drive (13590 S)

Organizer: Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 tonyakarren@gmail.com

Come out and explore the south end of the Salt Lake valley. The Draper hikes are geared toward newcomers or those who just want a more relaxed pace, and would be suitable for kids about 12 or older accompanied by a responsible adult. We will be meeting at the far north end of the Ballard Equestrian Trail parking lot.

Jul 5 Wed Wmc Board Meeting

Meet: 7:00 pm at WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103

Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-332 president@wasatchmountainclub.org

Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.

Jul 5 Wed – Flat Water - Leigh Lake/gtnp – flat water – 5.0 mi

Meet: Registration required

Jul 9 Sun *Organizer:* Kathy Jones 801-518-4227 cooperdog1@comcast.net

Four nights on Beautiful Leigh Lake in Grand Teton Nat. Park. Two nights on the west side of the lake and two nights on the east side. Access to hiking from both camps. Suitable for canoes, touring kayaks, and IKs. Self support trip. 6 people max. Bear country camping. TRIP IS FULL WITH WAIT LIST

Jul 5 Wed Evening Hike - Millcreek Organizer's Choice - Dog Friendly – ntd – Slow pace

Meet: 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784

Organizer's Choice in Millcreek. Strict 6:15 departure. Note: Dogs are allowed off-leash in Millcreek Canyon on odd-numbered days.

Jul 6 Thu Evening Hike - Organizer's Choice In Lcc – ntd – Moderate pace

Meet: 6:00 pm at Little Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Mark Bloomenthal markbloomenthal@yahoo.com

Prompt 6:15pm departure

Jul 7 Fri – Jul 14 Fri Sequoia And Kings Canyon National Parks Car Camp – mod

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Aaron* Jones 801-467-3532 ajonesmvp@msn.com

Be awestruck by the trees that John Muir called Nature's forest masterpiece. We will seek out the

best day hikes in the parks, explore Crystal cave, and be astounded by Kings Canyon. Campsites have been reserved for four nights in Sequoia National Park and two nights at Hume Lake in the Giant Sequoia National Monument that serves as a jumping off point into Kings Canyon. Participants will share equally in the cost of reservations. Maximum: 8 People

Jul 8 Sat Kayaking The Weber River – class II+ – 11.0 mi

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Anja Wadman 801-388-2214 anjawadman@gmail.com

We will be kayaking (IK, or hardshell) the Weber River. It is an 11 river mile stretch and takes 2+ hours. Email anjawadman@gmail.com to join as space is limited. Participants will be responsible in obtaining their own gear (kayak, paddle, lifejacket) if they do not own one.

Jul 8 Sat – Jul 9 Sun Road Bike Weekend: 10th Annual Huntington Canyon And Scofield Trip – mod+ – Out & Back

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Robert* Turner 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com

We'll camp again this year at Old Folks Flat campground in Huntington Canyon, partly because it has water and flush toilets, and partly because it offers a nice variety of ride options.-----Some trip details: We'll drive down Friday (Jul 7) afternoon or evening and camp Friday and Saturday nights.---Saturday, we can ride down the canyon from camp to the Huntington Power plant, then up to the summit and back down to camp. Another option is to ride up the canyon from camp, over the summit, on down to the upper end of Electric Lake or even the top of Eccles Canyon and back to camp. Either way, you'll see scenery to die for at the top of the canyon (trust me--it really is that good). The rides are in the MOD+ to MSD- categories, but you can make them easier if you want by shortening them.-----Sunday morning we'll pack up and head for home via the Energy Loop Scenic Byway, stopping in Scofield to do a three-legged ride in the valley. It ends with a must do segment up to the charming little mining town of Clear Creek (it's just too good to miss). This ride is in the NTD+ to MOD category, depending on how far you ride.-----Contact Robert for more details and to register.

Jul 8 Sat Dromedary Peak Hike – msd – 10.0 mi Loop – 4800' ascent – Moderate pace

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Tom Hamann 801-712-0454 tdhamann1@msn.com

Possibly doing a loop. Going up Broads Fork and coming down Lake Blanche trail. Exposure and scrambling. Register by emailing trip organizers. Tom Hamann tdhamann1@msn.com Alex Arakelian kyojimujo@yahoo.com

Jul 8 Sat Leisurely Hike Cercet Lake, Catherine Pass Loop. – ntd – 3.0 mi Loop – 800' ascent – Slow pace

Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

Organizer: Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com

We'll stay high to keep out of the heat by starting at Alta's Albion Basin and going to Cecret Lake then taking the high trail under Devil's Castle to Catherine Pass and return. This will be a leisurely three mile 800 ft. gain, slow pace hike with no one left behind except the organizer who will be bringing up the rear. Bring water and a snack. We'll meet at the 6200 So. Wasatch Blvd. parking area at 9 am and carpool from there. Be a little early to sign in. Bruce Christenson organizer <b.c.com@hotmail.com >

Jul 9 Sun – Jul 18 Tue White Water Trip On Lower Salmon – class IV- – 114.0 mi

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Zig Sondelski 801-230-3623 zig.sondelski@gmail.com

Ever wonder what is around the bend when you take out on the Main Salmon? Now is your chance to answer that question and join us on the Lower Salmon river trip. We will drive from SLC to Spring

Bar Campground on Sunday, July 9 and launch from there on the 10th. On the river, we will go west to Riggins, north past Lucile and turn west at Pine Bar. After we join the Snake River, takeout will be at Heller Bar in Washington. Trip is 114 river miles over 8 days. We will be back in SLC Tuesday, July 18. Registration and a \$150 non-refundable deposit will be required. Contact Zig Sondelski at the phone number or email address below.

Jul 9 Sun Day Hike To Greens Basin – ntd – 5.5 mi Out & Back – 1100' ascent – Moderate pace

Meet: 8:30 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net

Come out & join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) and others to hike into Greens Basin from the Spruces. Knick is planning a leisurely paced hike. Come prepared for the steep section to start and bring your 10-E's as always.

Jul 9 Sun Mt Aire Day Hike – mod- – 3.6 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Meet: 8:00 am at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com

This is a fairly steep hike. We'll start early to beat the heat. Well-behaved dogs and their well-behaved owners are welcome.

Jul 10 Slow Pace Draper Evening Hike – ntd – 2.0 mi – Slow pace

Mon *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Ballard Equestrian Center - 1600 East Highland Drive (13590 S)

Organizer: Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com

Come out and explore the south end of the Salt Lake valley. The Draper hikes are geared toward newcomers or those who just want a more relaxed pace, and would be suitable for kids about 12 or older accompanied by a responsible adult. We will be meeting at the far north end of the Ballard Equestrian Trail parking lot.

Jul 11 Rock Climbing 458 - High-angle Self Rescue, Section 3

Tue *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com

High-angle self-rescue for climbers (canyoneers, boaters should also come), third part. We are doing a 4-part self-rescue skills experience. Each part builds on the previous one, so be warned if you miss a section. After reviewing (or finishing...) how to escape the belay & ascend the rope, we will move on to the third step: Building the anchor and raising systems. Helmets required, and bring ALL your standard climbing gear. Trad racks suggested. Prussiks, ascenders, spare 'biners, etc. will also be very helpful. Those without the necessary gear will learn what they need to go acquire. Those who have not read either Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills, or the John Long self-rescue book will want to get one and read up. Registration required to make sure enough ropes and instructors show up for skills practice. There is a \$10 suggested donation for the workshop that helps buy ropes and gear for the WMC climbing outings.

Jul 11 Evening Training Hike On West Grandeur - Steep - Fast - Hot – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3000' ascent – Fast pace

Tue *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Grandeur Trailhead, 2910 South Wasatch Blvd

Organizer: Alex Arakelian 801-995-5526 kyojimujo@yahoo.com

I've been training on this trail for a couple years and I invite you to come out and train too. I test my endurance going as fast as I can up the mountain for an hour and then coming back down. This hike will be at your own pace, we will not be in a group. This hike is VERY STEEP and in direct sunlight. At moderate temperatures, it can feel hotter than the forecasted temperature. Bring the 10 Essentials, especially water and sun protection in the warm weather. 6:15 pm departure to the trailhead.

Jul 11 Evening Hike - Organizer's Choice In Bcc – ntd – Moderate pace

Tue *Meet:* 6:00 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

Organizer: Keith Markley 8015603844

Bring the 10 E's - Prompt 6:15pm departure from the meeting location.

Jul 11 Mountain Bike - Park City Area – mod+ – Fast pace

Tue *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Varies from week to week.

Organizer: Greg Libecci 801-699-1999 glibecci@yahoo.com

Tuesday night Mod + and Mod - rides will happen (typically) in the Park City area every Tuesday through the riding season. Stay tuned for details regarding meeting place, time and route which will be announced typically the Monday prior via Mountain Bike email distribution list. If you are not already on the Mountain Bike email list joining is simple, just follow these instructions: -First log in from the WMC website. www.wasatchmountainclub.org -Under "Member Menu" select "Email List Subscribe & Unsubscribe". -Click the Mountain Bike email list. -Click the "Update Subscriptions" button.

Jul 12 Evening Hike -circle All Peak V.butler Fork – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1610' ascent – Moderate pace

Wed

Meet: 6:00 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

Organizer: Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com

We'll carpool from the P/R to the Butler Trail Head. Weather generally is good this time of year. Out and Back should be about 2 Hrs or a little more. Prompt 6:15pm departure from the meeting place.

Jul 13 Evening Hike - Millcreek Organizer's Choice – ntd – Moderate pace

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Michele Stancer michele.stancer@gmail.com

The gate will be open so we can go higher! Bring your 10 E's and expect a prompt 6:15pm departure from the meeting spot.

Jul 15 Rock Climb Class: Multi-pitch Efficiency

Sat *Meet:* 10:00 am at Granite Park, 2700 East 10000 South

Carpool: 9:30 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Tony Calderone 801-455-5629 tony@mountaindreamer.net

This training event will cover tips, tricks, and best practices for moving up and down long rock climbs with less effort, less time, less confusion and fewer epic disasters. Whether your goal is to climb "The Nose" in a day, climb "Tingey's Terror" without a headlamp or just avoid an epic unplanned bivouac on your first multi-pitch lead... this class is for you. A breakout mock "multi-pitch climb" practice session will take place on the ground. This will best facilitate learning new techniques. Bring your rack, ropes, packs, helmets, gear slings, belay devices, water bottles, haul bags and anything else you might think to carry on a long route. We will spend 2-3 hours in classroom instruction and 2-3 hours in practical exercises. Multi-pitch climbing afterword for those who choose to do so. All skill levels are welcome. There is a \$10.00 workshop donation.

Jul 15 Hike White Baldy From Red Pine – msd – 9.0 mi Out & Back – 4140' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 7:30 am at Little Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com

This is a wilderness area, so registration is required for a group limit of 10. The Red Pine approach to White Baldy requires epic boulder hopping above the lakes, but not the ridgeline exposure involved from the White Pine side. We'll take a more relaxed pace to fully enjoy the majesty of this place, so anticipate about an 8-hour day.

Jul 15 Day Hike - Mt. Raymond From Butler Fork – mod+ – 7.3 mi – 3184' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 7:45 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)

Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com

We will start at Butler Fork, to Baker Pass followed by the ascent to Mt. Raymond. The final ascent includes some ridge line scrambling - participants should be comfortable with ascending and

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| | descending this type of terrain. Prompt 8am departure from the 6200 S Park & Ride. Bring your 10Es. |
| Jul 16 Sun | Silver Fork Day Hike – mod – 6.2 mi Out & Back – 1580' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com We'll head up to the Prince of Wales Mine and enjoy the flowers on the way. |
| Jul 16 Sun | Afternoon Hike - Alexander Basin – ntd+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 1:30 pm at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S) <i>Organizer:</i> Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancymartin@gmail.com Prompt departure from Skyline HS at 1:30. This hike has some VERY STEEP sections. |
| Jul 17 Mon | Slow Pace Draper Evening Hike - Telegraph Trail – ntd – 4.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Ballard Equestrian Center - 1600 East Highland Drive (13590 S) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Come out and explore the south end of the Salt Lake valley. The Draper hikes are geared toward newcomers or those who just want a more relaxed pace, and would be suitable for kids about 12 or older. We will be meeting at the far north end of the Ballard Equestrian Trail parking lot. Tonight we will explore a new hiker-only trail that drops of Traverse Ridge towards Utah County. Dogs are allowed. |
| Jul 18 Tue | Rock Climbing 458 - High-angle Self-rescue, Section 4 <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com High-angle self-rescue for climbers (and canyoneers and...), last part. We are doing a 4-part self-rescue skills experience. Each part builds on the previous one, so be warned if you miss a section. After reviewing (or finishing...) anchors and raising systems, we will move on to the final step: getting off the wall. Helmets required, and bring ALL your standard climbing gear. Trad racks suggested. Prussiks, ascenders, spare 'biners, etc. will be very helpful. Those without the necessary gear will learn what they need to go acquire. Those who have not read either Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills, or the John Long self-rescue book will want to get one and read up. Registration required to make sure enough ropes and instructors show up for skills practice. There is a \$10 suggested donation for the workshop that helps buy ropes and gear for the WMC climbing outings. |
| Jul 18 Tue | Monthly Ferguson Canyon Evening Hike – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Big Cottonwood Overflow - about 3600 E on Fort Union Blvd <i>Organizer:</i> Alex Arakelian kyojimujo@yahoo.com This hike is very near and dear to my heart as it is the one in the Wasatch that I have been hiking the longest. I like to gather everyone here for an evening hike to the overlook. Meet at the BCC overflow parking to the west of Wasatch Blvd on Ft. Union Blvd. Bring your 10 E's. In the summer this hike can be hot, remember your sun protection and water. Prompt 6:15 pm departure. This is a STEEP hike. |
| Jul 18 Tue | Mountain Bike - Park City Area – mod+ – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Varies from week to week. <i>Organizer:</i> Greg Libecci 801-699-1999 glibecci@yahoo.com Tuesday night Mod + and Mod - rides will happen (typically) in the Park City area every Tuesday through the riding season. Stay tuned for details regarding meeting place, time and route which will be announced typically the Monday prior via Mountain Bike email distribution list. If you are not already on the Mountain Bike email list joining is simple, just follow these instructions: -First log in from the WMC website. www.wasatchmountainclub.org -Under "Member Menu" select "Email List |

Subscribe & Unsubscribe". -Click the Mountain Bike email list. -Click the "Update Subscriptions" button.

- Jul 19
Wed **Evening Hike - Hike Hidden Peak - Watch The Sunset - Snowbird Tram Down – ntd+ – 3.2 mi – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at Little Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride
Organizer: Nancy Martin 801-419-5554 nancycmartin@gmail.com
Join us for a hike up the Peruvian Gulch and Peruvian Ridge trail. We will plan to get to Hidden Peak in time to watch the sunset at 8:54 more or less. We will take the tram down. Bring snacks if you're inclined, and an extra jacket in case it gets chilly at 11,000'. A little more than 3 miles up with a few steeper spots.
- Jul 19
Wed **Evening Hike - Millcreek Organizer's Choice - Dog Friendly – ntd – Slow pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784
Organizer's Choice in Millcreek. Strict 6:15 departure. Note: Dogs are allowed off-leash in Millcreek Canyon on odd-numbered days.
- Jul 20
Thu **Dog Lake From Mill Creek Evening Hike – ntd+ – 3.8 mi Out & Back – 1240' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com
Prompt departure time at 6:15 PM.
- Jul 21 Fri **The Subway- Canyoneering In Zion – mod+ – 10.0 mi**
– Jul 23 *Meet:* Registration required
Sun *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com
The Subway in Zion is a magical place of beauty, adventure and fun. If you've never done it, but always wanted to, this is your chance. We will be driving down Friday afternoon, doing the Subway one day and its equally alluring sister canyon, Orderville, the next day for an epic weekend. We'll drive home Sunday night. Classified as semi-technical, no rappelling is ordinarily required in either canyon, but there are some scrambling obstacles along the way in each canyon that will test your mettle, making for two high energy days full of hiking, climbing and swimming. Due to the popularity of this trip, I limit it to people who have not done these hikes previously. These are both day hikes. We will be car camping in the park. This trip is now full, but when people sign up 6 months in advance sometimes there are drop outs before the trip actually happens, so you can sign up to be on the waitlist in case that occurs.
- Jul 22
Sat **Conservation-hikes With Varying Difficulty**
Meet: 9:00 am at Brighton Ski Resort Parking Lot, South Side
Organizer: Michele Stancer 619-368-9589 michele.stancer@gmail.com
Cottonwood Canyons Foundation Wildflower Festival -9am-1 pm
- Jul 22
Sat **Clyde Lake Loop In The Uintas Day Hike – ntd+ – 5.8 mi Loop – 620' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 8:00 am at Parleys Way Walmart lot, East side - 2703 Parleys Way, Salt Lake City, UT
Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com
We'll hike up from the Crystal Lake trailhead to Wall Lake, then around the basin to Clyde Lake, returning via Cliff Lake. This is some of the best lake scenery in the eastern Uintas, and it's a great time for wildflowers. Expect a relaxed day. Well-behaved dogs and their well-behaved owners are welcome. We'll start a little earlier to beat any afternoon thunderstorms.
- Jul 23
Sun **Conservation-hikes With Varying Difficulty**
Meet: 9:00 am at Solitude Ski Resort
Organizer: Michele Stancer 619-368-9589 michele.stancer@gmail.com
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| Jul 23 Sun | <p>Hike- Lake Blanche And Beyond – mod+ – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 3200' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:30 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com</p> <p>The hike to Lake Blanche is one of the most beautiful hikes in the central Wasatch. Great mountain scenery with the classic view of Sundial Peak. After we visit the Lake, it is hoped that we travel further up Mill B South on an historic trail. Because I only traveled on the historic trail once before, the hike should be considered semi exploratory. Let's meet at the 6200 South /Wasatch Park and Ride at 7:30 am and plan to depart at 7:45 am. Co-organized with Akiko Kamimura.</p> |
| Jul 23 Sun | <p>Hike: Gobblers Knob Via Alexander Basin – mod – Out & Back – 3100' ascent</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Disseminated via the 'wmc-hike' activity email list</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com</p> <p>Wild flowers are spectacular and it's not so crowded. It's also the shortest way to get to Gobblers; what's not to like? Plan on an early start, a not too fast pace, and a reasonable break in the basin on the way up. This trail is steep at the start and the finish and about 4.5 miles RT.</p> |
| Jul 25 Tue | <p>Mountain Bike - Park City Area – mod+ – Fast pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Varies from week to week.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Greg Libecci 801-699-1999 glibecci@yahoo.com</p> <p>Tuesday night Mod + and Mod - rides will happen (typically) in the Park City area every Tuesday through the riding season. Stay tuned for details regarding meeting place, time and route which will be announced typically the Monday prior via Mountain Bike email distribution list. If you are not already on the Mountain Bike email list joining is simple, just follow these instructions: -First log in from the WMC website. www.wasatchmountainclub.org -Under "Member Menu" select "Email List Subscribe & Unsubscribe". -Click the Mountain Bike email list. -Click the "Update Subscriptions" button.</p> |
| Jul 25 Tue | <p>Evening Hike - Organizer's Choice In Lcc – ntd – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Little Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Nathan Gilbert 801-656-7268 nathan.gilbert@gmail.com</p> <p>Bring your 10Es and expect a prompt 6:15pm departure from the meeting location. We may do as much as we can on the Red Pines trail.</p> |
| Jul 26 Wed | <p>Evening Hike, Days Fork – ntd – Out & Back – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Steven Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net</p> <p>Bring your 10Es and expect a prompt 6:15pm departure from the meeting location.</p> |
| Jul 27 Thu – Jul 30 Sun | <p>4-day Backpack King's Peak & Basin – msd – 31.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 7:00 am at Thursday 27July2017 meet in Evanston WY, Exit 5 -McDonalds for coffee/breakfast. After head count we will Caravan 2 hours to Henrys Fork Trail Head to start our adventure.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> John Schwed 801-698-3959 jcschwed@gmail.com</p> <p>This is a 4 Day backpacking trip to the top of King's Peak that is the highest peak in Utah at 13,528 feet and for some will day pack around the Henry's Fork Basin for the beauty below the peak. We will backpack from Henry's Fork Trailhead 9,430' from the North and travel to Alligator Lake for Thursday night, then on to Dollar Lake 10,785' to acclimate over night for Friday night and setup base camp. Saturday, we will have two options: one group will ascend King's Peak and the other group will day hike around Henry's Fork Basin. King's Peak is the 19th Ultra-Prominent View in the Continental US at 6,358 feet. The view is AWESOME and UNBELIEVABLE. Sunday we will break camp and backpack back out to the Henry's Fork Trailhead. Email me to get on the list or ask questions. TBA a Meet & Greet 4th week in June.</p> |

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| Jul 27 Thu | Alexander Basin Evening Hike – ntd+ – 3.4 mi Out & Back – 1910' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Skyline High School - 3251 E Upland Dr (3760 S) <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com This is a very steep trail! Well-behaved dogs may participate. Prompt departure at 6:15 PM. |
| Jul 29 Sat | Conservation-cotton Canyons Foundation Wildflower Festival <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Alta Ski Resort Parking Lot <i>Organizer:</i> Michele Stancer 619-368-9589 michele.stancer@gmail.com Hikes of varying difficulty |
| Jul 29 Sat | South Fork Of The Provo Day Hike – msd – 10.3 mi Loop – 4200' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at 14600 South and I-15 Park & Ride at Point of the Mountain: from exit 288, go west and turn north (right) on the frontage road (Pony Express Road); the lot is immediately on the right <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com This hike goes up Big Spring Hollow to Peak 10005, and returns via Shingle Mill Canyon on the Great Western Trail. We'll visit pretty, forested canyons and cirques on the north sides of Cascade Mountain and Provo Peak, overlooking the south fork of the Provo River. The route is partly exploratory. |
| Jul 29 Sat | Twin Lakes Pass From Brighton, Around Mt. Evergreen Hike – ntd – Loop – 1200' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Patrick de Freitas 801-450-6443 pdefreitas@xmission.com This hike goes anti-clockwise around Mt. Evergreen, starting at Silver Lake. The trail passes Lake Solitude then zigzags up to the pass. Great views, as always, and just maybe some late blooming flowers. Hike is roughly a 1,200 foot elevation gain. Your trip leader is not a fast hiker, so allow for at least four hours of hiking. |
| Jul 29 Sat | Day Hike - Hidden Valley Big Cottonwood Canyon – ntd – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South Park & Ride (6500 South Wasatch Boulevard, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Martin McGregor 801-255-0090 mdmgregor@q.com Join Martin for a leisurely paced hike in Hidden Valley. |
| Jul 30 Sun | Day Hike - Castle Peak & Lake In Uintas – mod+ – 11.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will hike to Upper and Lower Yellow Pine Lakes, Castle Peak, and Castle Lake from the Yellow Pine trail head in Uintas. There is no trail to Castle Peak. In addition, the trail to Castle Lake from the junction with Yellow Pine Lakes may not be clear. So prepare for bushwhacking. While the total elevation gain is not a lot, there are some steep sections. Bring 10Es and plenty of water. The trail head has a restroom. Please bring a national park pass if you have. Plan to leave the meeting place (in SLC) early in the morning and be back around 6 pm. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Email before Friday, 6 pm, July 28, for the meeting place and time. Co-organized with Jim Kucera. Note: This is an exploratory hike. |
| Jul 30 Sun | Conservation-cottonwood Canyons Foundation Wildflower Festival <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Snowbird Ski Resort Parking Lot <i>Organizer:</i> Michele Stancer 619-368-9589 michele.stancer@gmail.com hikes of varying difficulty |
| Jul 30 Sun | Day Hike: Mt. Wolverine Loop – mod – 6.0 mi Loop – 2200' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> David* Smith 801-572-0346 griz@xmission.com An enjoyable ridge traverse from Catherine Pass to Twin Lakes Pass over Tuscarora and Mt. |

Wolverine. We'll do this from Brighton this year to avoid possible congestion in Albion Basin due to construction of the new Supreme Lift. There is some off-trail with easy scrambling and mild exposure along the ridge.

- Jul 31 **Slow Pace Draper Evening Hike - Traverse Ridge – ntd – 4.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace**
Mon *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Ballard Equestrian Center - 1600 East Highland Drive (13590 S)
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Come out and explore the south end of the Salt Lake valley. The Draper hikes are geared toward newcomers or those who just want a more relaxed pace, and would be suitable for kids about 12 or older. We will meet at the far north end of the Ballard Equestrian Trail parking lot. Tonight we will hike some of the old roads along the crest of Traverse Ridge. Dogs allowed.
- Aug 5 **Mt. Timpanogos Day Hike To B25 Bomber Wreck – msd- – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 3800' ascent – Slow pace**
Sat *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Russell Patterson 801-973-6427 Patterson.Russell@comcast.net
Timpooneke trail. The WWII era bomber crashed into the peak 1955. Timpanogos is the most scenic and popular hike in the Wasatch.
- Aug 7 **Teton Multi Sport Trip - Rock Climb**
Mon – *Meet:* Registration required
Aug 11 *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com
Fri Interested in staying at the AAC Ranch and spending a few days exploring the Tetons? Activities may include a hike/mountaineer of the Southwest Couloir of the Middle Teton, multi-pitch trad climbing of Symmetry Spire, and a float of the Snake River below Jackson Lake Dam. Please see the link below for information about the Ranch and email me if interested in the trip. Symmetry Spire is an approximate 2 hour approach including shuttling across Jenny Lake. Routes range from 5.4 to 5.8 trad with 4 to 10 pitches.
- Aug 7 **Teton Multi Sport Trip - Mountaineering**
Mon – *Meet:* Registration required
Aug 11 *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com
Fri Interested in staying at the AAC Ranch and spending a few days exploring the Tetons? Activities may include a hike/mountaineer of the Southwest Couloir of the Middle Teton, multi-pitch trad climbing of Symmetry Spire, and a float of the Snake River below Jackson Lake Dam. Please see the link below for information about the Ranch and email me if interested in the trip. The Southwest Couloir of the Middle Teton is 14 miles round trip with 6,000 ft of elevation gain from the trailhead. The upper section is class 3 scrambling. From the Lupine Meadow trailhead, this route can typically take 12 hrs round trip. Participants are required by the park to carry an ice ax and wear a helmet in the case of rock fall from hikers above.
- Aug 7 **Teton Multi Sport Trip - Kayak/canoe**
Mon – *Meet:* Registration required
Aug 11 *Organizer:* Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com
Fri Interested in staying at the AAC Ranch and spending a few days exploring the Tetons? Activities may include a hike/mountaineer of the Southwest Couloir of the Middle Teton, multi-pitch trad climbing of Symmetry Spire, and a float of the Snake River below Jackson Lake Dam. Please see the link below for information about the Ranch and email me if interested in the trip. Jackson Lake Dam to Pacific Creek is rated by the park as "Beginner - 5 miles - 2 to 4 hours". Pacific Creek to Deadman's Bar is rated by the park as "Intermediate - 10 miles". We could consider either or both.
- Aug 12 **Road Bike Weekend: Fish Lake - Sevenmile Creek – mod+ – Out & Back**
Sat – *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Robert* Turner 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com

Aug 13 Sun This is a brand new road ride we just HAVE to do. The road up Sevenmile Creek near Fish Lake has recently been paved. The scenery is just gorgeous and the climb to the summit isn't bad: about 3.2%. We simply must spend a weekend down there to ride around and check it out. ----- Some trip details: We'll camp at Bowery Creek Campground (8848 feet elevation) at Fish Lake Friday and Saturday nights (Aug 11 and 12) and start our rides from there. (Note: If you don't want to camp, there are cabins and some motel rooms close by you can reserve. Contact me for info.) ----- On Saturday, we'll ride east to Johnson Valley Reservoir and up Sevenmile Creek to the summit (10,506 feet). The ride is 34 miles with 2075 feet elevation gain. Hardy souls can continue down the other side perhaps to Taylor Flat overlook, which adds 11 miles and 1725 feet of gain (45 miles and 3800 feet total). Naturally, you can make the ride as easy or hard as you want by shortening or lengthening it. ----- Sunday we can do a short ride in the Fish Lake area or ride back over to Johnson Valley and down along the Fremont River until we want to turn back. That would give us ride options from about 20 miles and 700-900 feet of gain to about 38 miles and 2900 feet of gain (or more if you want). Once again, you can shorten or lengthen the ride to suit your taste. ----- After the ride, we'll head for home. Lots of route options for the return trip, so you can see some new territory on the way back if you like. We shouldn't have to worry about heat too much even though we'll be there in mid-August because we'll spend most of our time between about 8800 and 10,500 feet elevation. Shouldn't get too hot up there!

Aug 19 Sat – **Northern Teton Park Backpack – mod+ – 41.0 mi Loop – 5500' ascent – Moderate pace**

Meet: Registration required

Aug 23 *Organizer:* Michael* Budig mbudig@mail.com

Wed 41 mile loop though Owl and Berry Canyons in a remote and seldom travelled area in the northern part of Teton Park. The trail receives minimal maintenance, has a few stream crossings, and has grizzly bear traffic. So, bear canisters will be required (the park service does loan out some canisters). This will be a challenging hike and will feature a chance to see the August 21 full solar eclipse if the skies are clear. The elevation gain of 5500 is an educated guess. Please contact me by email for questions or to register. Co-organizers: Michael and Dianne Budig

Aug 26 Sat **Potluck-oldtimers/newcomers Party-general Membership Meeting-trip Presentation**

Meet: 5:00 pm at WMCF Lodge - 8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT

Carpool: 4:30 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride

Organizer: Donnie Benson, Kathy Burnham 801-809-1854, 801-548-8467 dmbenson13@gmail.com

Join the WMC Oldtimer/Newcomers party with a yet-to-be-announced trip presentation. Bring in the new members and renew great friendships at the annual WMC Old Timers/Newcomers Party scheduled for Saturday, August 26th, at the WMC Lodge at Brighton. The evening will include a brief General Membership Meeting. Dinner will be potluck, so come prepared with a hot dish, salad, dessert, or something else to put on the table. BYOB. Coals will be available for anyone bringing food for the grill. After dinner, we'll attempt the annual group photo. We will have the coals warm by 5:30. Group picture at 6:30 followed by General Membership Meeting at 7:00 and trip presentation at 7:30. After the meeting, stick around for games, socializing, and getting to know your fellow WMC members.

Aug 28 Mon – **Kayak/canoe - Jackson Lake/grand Teton Nat. Park – flat water – 10.0 mi**

Meet: Registration required

Sep 2 Sat *Organizer:* Kathy Jones 801-518-4227 cooperdog1@comcast.net

Drive up to GTNP either Monday Aug. 28 and camp at Colter Bay, or leave town early on Tuesday Aug. 29. Launch at Colter Bay Tuesday Aug. 29. Paddling in the Colter Bay area. Camping at Little Mackinaw Bay camp 2 nights and Hermitage Point camp 2 nights. Hiking/paddling in the area. No long distances or long open water crossings. Canoes & kayaks only due to larger lake with more potential for wind & waves. No IKs. TRIP IS FULL WITH WAIT LIST

- Aug 30 **White Water Rafting-desolation Canyon – class III – 86.0 mi – 300' ascent**
 Wed – *Meet:* Registration required
 Sep 5 *Organizer:* Bob Cady 801-274-0250 rcady@xmission.com
 Tue - A week long Class II/III wilderness raft trip. Put in at Sand Wash on the Green River below Vernal, take out at Swazey Rapid above Green River. Yes, I realize there is another Deso trip this summer, but I am busy for the first two months this summer with work, and this was the only permit I could get after I failed at the lottery.
- Sep 1 Fri **Sawtooths Labor Day Car Camp – msd – Moderate pace**
 – Sep 4 *Meet:* Registration required
 Mon *Organizer:* Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com
 We've reserved the Trap Creek group campground outside Stanley, Idaho for Labor Day weekend, arriving Thursday night and departing Monday. We'll do long day hikes in the Sawtooths, White Clouds and/or other nearby ranges. It's a spectacular area and it will be busy on Labor Day, so we'll try to find some less-visited jewels in the neighborhood. Limit: 11.
- Sep 1 Fri **Mountain Bike Festival - Wydaho - No Organizer**
 – Sep 4 *Meet:* 12:00 am at This is an 'on your own' festival event. The meeting place will be Grand Targhee
 Mon Resort.
Organizer: Greg Libecci 801-699-1999 glibecci@yahoo.com
 Enjoy a full weekend of riding some of the most beautiful and new trails in the Tetons! Unlimited options for riding the Teton, Snake River and Big Hole Mountains awaits. Learn more by checking website (not updated as of this entry;) Bike Demos available! There are many fun events and activities for the whole family that go on throughout the entire weekend. Live entertainment, food, drink and be merry!
- Sep 23 **The Zion Narrows, An Ultralight Backpack – mod – 16.5 mi Shuttle – Moderate pace**
 Sat – Sep *Meet:* Registration required
 24 Sun *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com
 16.5 miles over two days, in one of the most beautiful places on earth. But a fairly serious endeavor as you are walking in water from 1 to 4 feet deep, on slippery rocks you can't see that feel like greased bowling balls. Spreading it out over two days makes it more enjoyable and gives you time to relax and take pictures, whereas the one day hike turns into a death march before you get out. The down side, and there is one, is that if you are going to spend the night in the middle somewhere, you are now talking about carrying overnight gear and provisions, which means you now have a real pack on your back that is, a) heavy and b) needs to be waterproofed. Or at least everything in it does. The trick is to go ultralight; every pound you put on your back decreases the fun level and increases the chance of potential mishap or injury. It's just an overnight backpack in an incredible place, but it must be taken seriously. Even just getting a campsite permit for the hike is a definite challenge, which is why I scheduled this for after the start of school. Since these permits are nearly impossible to get, I am planning to drive down Thursday afternoon in order to stand in line all night Thursday night to get a permit for a Saturday night Narrows campsite. Permits are given out at 7:00 am Friday morning on a first come first served basis. It would be nice if I could interest someone else in coming down with me for this vigil and to trade off shifts with during the night. Then, Friday morning with permit in hand, I would go over to South campground and grab a campsite or two for the rest of the group coming down Friday evening prepared to start the hike early Saturday morning. Those who go down on Thursday will do another hike on Friday. I plan to hire a commercial shuttle to do the hour and a half drive up onto the mountain to the Narrows trailhead Saturday morning so we don't have to do a two-way shuttle retrieval Sunday night before we can head home. We will spend Saturday night in the Narrows, complete the hike on Sunday and go home Sunday night.



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WHAT ARE THE TEN ESSENTIALS?

The "Ten Essentials" are necessary 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 and insurance against the unexpected."* Lists vary and this list isn't perfect, but it is a good guideline. Yes, there really are more than ten items on the list, but hey, the name is catchy.

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| 1) water | 6) sun protection (sunglasses, hat, etc.) |
| 2) rain gear/wind protection | 7) waterproof matches or lighter |
| 3) extra clothing / insulation | 8) flashlight or headlamp (in working order) |
| 4) extra food | 9) first aid supplies |
| 5) maps and compass | 10) emergency shelter (space blanket) |

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) 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 the injury or damage was negligently caused.

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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