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# Covid-19 Guidelines

We are in a state of transition as more people get vaccinated and mask restrictions are lifted. WMC members should stay informed on current guidelines. As of March 8, 2021, the CDC stated that “fully vaccinated people can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing,” but “should take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing.” For WMC activities, organizers should ask all participants if they have been vaccinated so the group can gauge the level of protection and distancing necessary for the WMC group, and the face protection/distancing appropriate for the area of the activity.

Signing a form in an outdoor environment appears to be very low risk. WMC organizers and members can choose to use the traditional WMC sign-up sheets. Still, as a precaution, members should bring their own pens or an organizer can choose to have wipes available.

Confirmation about COVID symptoms and exposure should continue.

WMC members should make individual decisions about carpooling. We strongly encourage that carpooling be limited to those who are fully vaccinated.

The CDC continues to recommend avoiding medium to large size groups. The recommendation does not define the numbers, but for the WMC, keeping groups to no more than 10 is still suggested particularly since many of our activities are in wilderness areas. Group size can be managed by continuing with registration, or one large group can break into smaller groups.

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Yellowstone River, Yellowstone National Park  
Photo courtesy of Stephen Dennis

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*There are 2 corrections to March 2021 Rambler:*

- 1) For the WMC Blood Drive (pg 19), the photo on the bottom left is showing Merilynn giving blood, not Meredith.
- 2) For the Carrington Island trip report (pg 32), the photos were provided by various trip members, not Dennis.



*Barbara Gardner, Hiking in Mud Wash Dunes (pg. 36)*

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# President's Message

By Julie Kilgore



Spring is upon us and there is more than just a change of season in the air. Vaccinations are up, cases are down, and there is so much optimism that we might be getting close to be through this COVID thing. We all remember where we were when we felt the weight of COVID starting to descend on us. For me, it was the March 2020 WMC Winter Wolf Watch. We weren't entirely unprepared. We had left for the trip with wipes in hand and WMC centennial neck gaiters to keep our respiratory droplets to ourselves. But each day we would go into Yellowstone where there was no cell reception, and each day we would come out of the park to a flurry of text messages and emails. I had business trips cancelling, concerned employees, and nervous family members. My daughter and I had flown in and out of Bozeman, and on our return trip the Bozeman airport was crowded and people were nervously trying to get on any flight they could to get home. Two days later, the Salt Lake airport was ghostly empty.

Fast forward to January 2021. We were unsure if we could or should pull off the WMC Winter Yellowstone trip this year in a COVID-safe manner. But with thoughtful planning and participant preparation, we figured we would give it a go. So, we posted the trip, and then the vaccines started rolling out! It was frantic and chaotic at first, as many of you know. But soon the systems were working better, more vaccines arrived, more people qualified, then more and more. By the time our group of wildlife watchers arrived in Gardiner, Montana, in early March 2021, about half our party had been vaccinated and others had appointments soon. We were still cautious and followed COVID guidelines, but the mood was joyful and optimistic. What a difference a year makes. After everyone left the lodge that final day, happy and satisfied, I couldn't help but shed some tears of reflection and relief.

The past 12 months have been a challenge for everyone as we all maneuvered through this unknown. Everyone has faced deeply personal decisions and choices, oftentimes with little or conflicting information. We're not in the clear yet, but I can feel the change coming. With hope in our hearts, we can see mask-less days coming! We are hopeful that we can soon gather in groups again, still cautious but less fearful. It may be just a bit too soon to have a great big WMC "100 plus 1" birthday bash this May, but I have little doubt we can have a "100 plus 2" birthday bash in 2022. We had to ditch the 100-activity Centennial Challenge last year, but I'm confident that we can launch the "Second Century Challenge" and pick up right where we left off, with just a slightly different jacket design. Our vendor partner, Ouray Sportswear, is just waiting for us to say "Go!"

And Go we will. The WMC is resilient. In so very many ways, this is going to be an amazing year of recovery.

Be safe and stay healthy.

Julie Kilgore, President

# The History of WMC Photography

By Mark Jones

Perhaps the earliest photographer in the WMC was its founding member and first president Leon P. Stoney. He took many of the earliest photos of the Club outings and would later become a professional photographer.



*Photographer Leon P. Stoney*

The first formal recognition of a Club photographer was in the 1923 Rambler Yearbook: "Our Purposes: Perhaps there is no better way to introduce ourselves than to quote from our preamble. We are an organization of artists, scientists, authors, photographers, and explorers, but consist mainly of men and women in business and the professions Who find rest and recreation out of doors." It later lists the "PHOTOGRAPHIC COMMITTEE. Lee Webb, Chairman, Dr. W. H. Hopkins, Assistant, George H. Carrigan, Assistant. It shall be the duty of this committee to take and have charge of all pictures, slides, etc.-, furnishing same on demand for work of other committees. They shall operate under, and in conjunction with the Publicity Committee in obtaining pictures to be used in that department. They shall also instruct in photography." One must remember in this day and age when everyone carries around a camera or three on their cell phones, that in the 1920s photography was relatively new to the general public. The early photographers would often have to lug around many pounds of equipment including a heavy wooden tripod, a large format box camera and film.



*WMC photographers in the 1920s  
Leon Stoney photo adjusted. WMC Photo Collection*

Dr. William H. Hopkins was another early photographer for the WMC and produce many 4 by 5 format negatives of early Club outings. He took many excellent photos of the annual winter trips from Park City to Brighton in the early 1920s.



*Photo of Dr. William H. Hopkins (1873-1958)  
Photo taken ca 1918. WMC Collection.*

Also, in this time frame many photos were taken by WMC member Dr. F. D. Pfouts of Payson. Most of the Dr. Hopkins photos were embossed along the bottom with "Hopkins



Photo" which identifies the photographer. In addition, many photos had attached an identification tag showing the activity, the date and location and the photographer. Also, many tags indicate where the photo is archived such as "Wasatch Mountain Club collection Book IV page 25."



Caption: "We arrived in Brighton...Don't you wish you were along? Nov. 9, 1921. Photo by W. H. Hopkins. Wasatch Mtn. Club collection. Book IV page 25."

In the later 1920s we have photos taken by Joan Pratt and Mr. Sammy Dean Green. Mr. Green was very active in the early development of ski programs at Brighton and produced many excellent skiing and hiking photos.

By 1930 the Club had produced thousands of photos recording the Club's history and it was time to share those photos with all members. A system was set up whereby photos were put in a series of photo albums and members could select photos and have prints made for their own personal collection. We can read in the 1939 March Rambler: "John Christensen is making tentative plans for a Club photograph album to have a permanent place at the Lodge, and requests that anyone taking any pictures on Club trips or otherwise, that are of interest to Club members, kindly loan the negatives to him, personally, so that he can make a print of them with the idea in mind of incorporating them into the album." And in the 1939 July Rambler: "The Club's photograph album made its premier appearance at the Spring opening of the Lodge. It's beautifully done, thanks to John Christensen, and will be of great interest in years to come: but--its

value depends on your assistance by letting Johnny make copies of your best club pictures for inclusion in it."



Examples of WMC Photo Album pages showing the Book No. and Page No. in red.

We can read from the 1940 Summer Issue Rambler: "WHY NOT a Camera Section for W. M. C.? The Wasatch Mountain Club has had a photograph book for several years. We have been entertained with colored slides and movies taken by some of our camera fans and enjoyed that entertainment without much further thought." Also, in the 1940 Summer Rambler: "This year a great many camera enthusiasts have come into the Club who are showing a desire to do things in a big way. Members should, in return, show their appreciation by attendance whenever Club members furnish entertainment. Because of this increased interest in photography, a camera section is to be organized which will receive recognition and assistant from the Board of Directors."



*"The WMC has a new activity, a camera section."  
Image taken from the 1940 Fall Rambler page 4.*

There doesn't seem to be much information about WMC photography during and right after World War Two. Alexis Kelner joined the WMC in 1957 and has always had a fascination for photography and is best known for his large format black and white images taken in the Wasatch back country in the winter. According to his biography the cameras used by Alexis "include 4x5 in. and 5x7 in. Linhofs, a 6x6 cm Hasselblad, and the favorite of all his cameras: a fixed focus World War II U. S. Army Airforce K-20 aerial camera that he upgraded with a sheet film back and a modern Nikon lens."

In addition to his own photos Alexis has photographed and documented many Club activities over the years and has saved and preserved many of the old WMC photos and documents.

Alexis is the WMC historian and is still dedicated to preserving our history.



*Photo of Alexis Kelner. Courtesy of Alexis*

The present protocol for preserving WMC photos is not putting them into photo albums but rather scanning the photos or slides and saving them in the WMC archive or The Wasatch Mountain Club Special Collection at the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah. Thanks to all WMC members who are out there taking photos of your adventures and helping to preserve our history. Anyone wishing to donate photos, slides or other material to the WMC should contact Mark Jones or Julie Kilgore.



# 50 Years Ago in the Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

## CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 1971 [...]

April 18 Sun. STANSBURY ISLAND, Elevation approximately 7,000 - We will reach the starting point after a drive of about 50 miles. After our experience in 1969 we will be prepared and have permission from the land owner to cross property lines thus avoiding being mistaken for cattle rustlers. The hike to the peak is in the intermediate class and the view from its summit will provide a different vista of the lake and surrounding mountains. Be sure to bring water. Meet at O'Dell's Shop by 7:00 a.m. Leader: Dick Bell, [...]

April 25 Sun. LEWISTON PEAK, Elevation approximately 10,000 - Rating 5.5 - This peak in the Oquirrh Range is approached via the old and once swinging ghost town of Mercur (Mercury). Hopefully the gravel road will be good enough for travel. The view from the peak covers the Wasatch to the east, the Stansbury to the northwest and the Sheeprock to the southwest. Bring water. Meet at the Prudential parking lot, 33rd South State Street at 7:00 a.m. Leader: John McDuff - Ha, Hah, Haah [...]

## BOATING RULES AND REGULATIONS by Jim Byrne, Boating Director

As with all other facets of our over populated life, the growth of our boating program has brought problems which may require additional regulations if our record of boating safety is to be maintained. Last year we initiated the requirement of vest-type life jackets for all trips above beginner rating. This year we plan to initiate a boater classification system similar to that of the WMC Mountaineers, and designed to provide leaders with information about those signing up for trips. We hope this system will aid leaders and provide for a minimum of hassle for boaters. We will also have a captain rating and probably some captain training sessions. [...]

The WMC does not wish to run cheap commercial river trips. Like all other club activities, river running is organized and led by club members. In short, if you aren't willing to do your share (or more), don't sign up. Last year on a trip with over 30 people signed up, five showed up for the work party! This year there will be a five dollar fee assessed on anyone who goes on a trip and does not attend its work party. There will be no excuses, but the five dollars will be refunded by the boating committee if that person attends a special (non-trip) work party later in the year. [...]

[The ghost town of Mercur disappeared in about 1983, devoured by the open pit mine. The mine and its eerie green cyanide pits were finally closed in 1997. Lewiston Peak's elevation is given by the USGS as 10,411 ft; Stansbury Island's high point is 6,647 ft. - Donn]

# Conservation Update - Moving Forward on Climate Change

by Steve Glaser - WMC and Citizens' Climate Lobby Member (preface by Dennis Goreham)

*There is no doubt the climate is changing – we are seeing it year after year. If we want an environment we can recreate in, we must participate in a solution. Below is a short article written by WMC and Citizens' Climate Lobby member Steve Glaser describing one of the options getting a lot of attention. We are cosponsoring a Zoom call with Citizens' Climate Lobby the evening of 4/22 (Earth Day) at 7:00 to get into greater detail. To participate, email Steve at [sglaserconsulting@yahoo.com](mailto:sglaserconsulting@yahoo.com), and he will send you the Zoom link information. This information is also in the WMC calendar. (Dennis Goreham)*

We're all seeing the problem. Less snow. Hotter summers. Smokey summers. I've lived in Salt Lake since 1989. It used to be the norm that I'd be shoveling 8 inches of snow, a foot, sometimes even two feet, multiple times a year. Now I'm lucky if I have to do that once. Okay, maybe 'lucky' isn't the right term when it comes to snow shoveling. But the powder just isn't the same as it

once was. And I find myself staying inside on summer days when I should be hiking, as I want to protect my lungs from the smoke of the forest fires permeating our air. Our mountains aren't high enough to escape from that.

We know we're facing a hotter and drier future, and . . . we don't like it.



Smoke from the forest fires envelope the Wasatch Mountains



The question is: what should we do about it?

The ideal response to climate change is to reduce our use of fossil fuels not only substantially, but quickly. And to do it in a way that is good for people – and the economy. There is a bill that will be introduced in Congress later this year that will do all of that. It is the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act ([EnergyInnovationAct.org](http://EnergyInnovationAct.org)).

How does the bill reduce our carbon emissions? There is a truism that if you want less of something, you make it more expensive. So the bill places a price on carbon, starting low, but steadily rising each year. With that, individuals, business, and utilities will have a big incentive to reduce their use of fossil fuels.

Equally important is what happens to the money that is collected. When we make fossil fuels more expensive, we need to enable people with lesser means to cope with the higher prices. The way the bill accomplishes this is by using all of the money (after program expenses) for a dividend. Every adult receives a monthly check for same amount. Curiously, this is how people with lower incomes are protected.

When we think about our carbon footprints, we think about the gas we put in our cars and the size of our electric bill. But the biggest part of our footprint is the energy used to make the goods we buy. Unsurprisingly, people who make less also buy less, and their dividend will cover their higher costs.

Climate change isn't typically thought of as a bipartisan issue. But more and more Republicans, especially younger Republicans, are worried about our climate (Utah College Republicans: The GOP Needs a National Climate Strategy - [sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2020/02/14/utah-college-republicans/](http://sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2020/02/14/utah-college-republicans/)). And our representatives are listening. In fact, in Utah, half of our congressional delegation has expressed concern about climate change.

Senator Mitt Romney recently said that he wants bold action to protect our climate. Rep. John Curtis has been called the most outspoken Republican in the country on this issue. Rep. Blake Moore, newly elected in the 1st District, has also expressed concern, and recently attended a climate summit organized by John Curtis. In short, we live in a very interesting state when it comes to passing climate legislation.

Every member of Congress ran with hopes of big accomplishments. The Energy Innovation Act is structured to gain bipartisan support. By pricing carbon, it relies on a market-based mechanism rather than regulation, and the dividend means that the bill is revenue neutral. A climate solution is only effective if it is durable. We need a bipartisan bill, as this will ensure that it continues to work, safely ensconced no matter which party holds power.

On April 22nd, Earth Day, we will have a Zoom presentation at 7:00 that will describe the bill in more detail, and most importantly, what you can do to move it forward. Hope to see you there!

# Hiking Directors' Message

Liz Cordova & Daisy DeMarco

A big **Thank You!** to everyone who participated in the ZOOM meeting. It was a great opportunity to start the hiking season and reconnect with hikers. Plus, we got a generous response to the call for organizers!

During the meeting, Kyle Williams and Will McCarvill presented background information and updates on trail work (check the Calendar for increasing opportunities); Casey Landru filled us in on his upcoming backpacking training (planned for June, again, check the Calendar); and Julie Kilgore shared valuable, evolving, COVID considerations and guidelines for hiking.

We appreciate their support and were happy for the opportunity to get the hiking season off to a good, *environmentally-conscious, educationally-oriented, informed* start! Thanks again!

*Daisy and Liz*

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# Hiking Practices & Trails

By Dave Andrenyak

Hiking season is here. More daylight, warmer temperatures and the trails are drying out. As we hit the trails, it is important to keep in mind that one of the foundational missions of the Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) is to encourage preservation of our natural areas. To help maintain our forest, desert and mountain areas, it is important to follow the guidelines of good hiking practices. We all know them and do them. Nevertheless, it is beneficial to review them at the start of the hiking season. Do not leave trash in our natural places or on our trails. That includes vegetative items such as banana peels, orange peels, apple cores, and stone fruit pits. If you see trash and it is not inconvenient, please collect the trash and dispose properly. Do not shortcut trail switchbacks. Going off trail to travel around muddy spots may keep the boots clean and the feet dry, but that off trail travel may cause erosion. Be aware of and follow Wilderness, forest, and culinary watershed regulations. In the Salt Lake Ranger District Wilderness areas, the number of hikers in a group is limited to 10 people. In watershed areas that supply culinary water such as Bells Canyon, Lambs Canyon, Big Cottonwood Canyon (BCC) and Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC), domesticated animals such as dogs are prohibited. Do not swim or wade in streams and lakes within the culinary watershed. Campsites need to be a least 200 feet from lakes, streams and trails. Campfires are prohibited at Lake Blanche (BCC), Red Pine Lake (LCC) and Maybird Lakes (LCC).

Good hiking practices includes the principles of leave no trace. That applies to pooping responsibly. If the need to poop on a hike occurs, make and use a hole 6- 8 inches and at least 200 feet away from water sources and trails. Toilet paper should be packed out. A better practice is to

use a WAG bag and pack it all out. Use of WAG bags is especially encouraged when in culinary watershed areas such as BCC and LCC.

Parking at trailheads will continue to be crowded and congested. Please park respectfully and comply with parking regulations. Do not block other vehicles, access to roads, or neighborhood driveways.

The WMC has participated in trail maintenance activities that are coordinated by managing agencies such as the United States Forest Service (USFS), Save Our Canyons (SOC), Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (CCF), and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee (BSTC). This season, we hope to continue our collaborative effort with these agencies. These activities are excellent opportunities to learn more about the Wasatch area and trails in general. Please check the Rambler and the WMC activity calendar for information about these events.

The WMC continues our agreement with the Salt Lake County Parks and Re-

creation to maintain the recently rebuilt Mount Olympus trailhead. Our work there involves cleaning up trash, disposal of the trash bag near the start of the trail, and graffiti mitigation. It is heartwarming to see our efforts appreciated by many Mount Olympus trail users. If you would like to help with this important service work, please contact Ronna Cohen ([ronna@ronnacohen.com](mailto:ronna@ronnacohen.com)).

In addition to following the guidelines of good hiking practices, please continue to comply with the COVID-19 regulations. Hopefully we will overcome the horrible pandemic. Thank you for your efforts to recreate responsibly and preserve our natural areas.



*Craig Payne and other WMC volunteers work on the reroute of the Red Pine Lake trail in LCC. During 2020, the WMC had two volunteer events that helped the Forest Service with the Red Pine Lake trail.*

# Backpacking Training



Learn to  
Backpack

No Experience  
Necessary

Learn from  
Experienced  
Mentors



**Who:** You, that's who!!! No experience necessary. This course is designed for first-time backpackers.

**What:** 2 days of instruction. We will go over the gear and skills required to successfully complete your first backpack.

Those who attend will have the chance to go on backpack trips led by the instructors later in the summer.

**Where:** The WMC Lodge in Brighton.

**When:** June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

**Why:** Because we all want to get outdoors more. You'll learn a new skill and maybe even make some friends.



**Registration will open in May.** Final capacity will be determined based on pandemic guidelines at that time. Stay tuned to the WMC Hike email list for announcements.

## **Experienced Backpackers**

If you are interested in volunteering as an instructor or leading a trip, please contact Casey Landru at [casey.landru@gmail.com](mailto:casey.landru@gmail.com)



## ***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 are really more than ten items on the list, but hey, the name is catchy.

1) Water	6) Sun protection (sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm, and sun hat)
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 (know how to use)	10) Emergency shelter (emergency bag / space blanket)

## ***What should you do with the “Ten Essentials”?***

Based on the observation that there is no crystal ball given infallible weather predictions and that conditions in the mountains are incredibly changeable, the WMC recommendation is to:

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

Yes, that means you should not remove your rain jacket from your pack because you’re “sure” it won’t rain today. Nine times out of ten, you’ll be right. The 10<sup>th</sup> time you might get hypothermia. For some other gear to think about, see: [www.wasatchmountainclub.org](http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org) > General Menu > The Ten Essentials

*Note: reprinted from the WMC Rambler, March 2017*



## the WIDE OPEN SPACES of Grand Canyon's NORTH RIM REGION with the Grand Canyon Trust

RICHARD TURNER

**September 10 – 12, 2021** *12 spaces available*

Join the Grand Canyon Trust for a special Wasatch Mountain Club members-only weekend exploring remote public lands in Grand Canyon's north rim region.

Your home for the weekend will be the historic Kane Ranch pioneer house in House Rock Valley. Kane Ranch is part of the Trust's 835,000-acre North Rim Ranches, which borders Marble Canyon to the east and Grand Canyon's north rim to the west. If you seek star-filled skies, wide-open vistas, and quiet like you've never experienced before, you'll want to join us on this trip.

On Saturday we will take a 6.5-mile round trip hike up the Saddle Mountain trail to the Nankoweap Saddle Overlook on the North Rim. This remote hike into the Saddle Mountain Wilderness offers breathtaking views of Grand Canyon few ever see.

Grand Canyon Trust staff member Emily Thompson will be your host and hiking guide for the weekend, and she will share her knowledge of the landscape and history of the Trust's conservation efforts in the area.

Each evening you'll enjoy engaging conversation on the front porch of the Trust's Kane Ranch headquarters. There's nothing in the world quite like sharing a sunset together in full view of the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, Marble Canyon Gorge, and the expansive House Rock Valley.



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TRIP DETAILS ON BACK





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## TRIP DETAILS

Accommodations at Kane Ranch are rustic — however, there is running water, an indoor shower, and outdoor bathroom facilities. Seven twin beds are available indoors in shared quarters, or sleep comfortably outside in canvas wall tents, or under the stars if you wish. Sleeping arrangements will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. The hike is moderately strenuous and 6.5 miles round trip. Our intent, however, is to take our time and soak in the beauty.

**PROVIDED:** All meals, snacks, and water will be provided. Most dietary needs can be accommodated. Before registering, please discuss your needs with a Grand Canyon Trust representative. Bring your own adult or other beverages of choice. Participants will need to provide their own sleeping gear, towel/toiletries, and day-hiking gear.

**ARRIVAL TIME AND PLACE:** Friday, September 10, 2021, 2:00 p.m. at Kane Ranch Headquarters

**DEPARTURE:** Check out by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 12, 2021

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** May 31, 2021 (or until filled)

**TRIP COST:** \$250 per person (includes meals, snacks, accommodations, and a one-year membership to the Grand Canyon Trust. Transportation not included.)

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Life happens, and we will do our best to fill your spot should you have to cancel. Cancellations made less than 60 days before the trip date will be non-refundable if we cannot fill your spot, and will be considered a tax-deductible donation to the Grand Canyon Trust.



DAWN KISH

**COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS:** The safety and comfort of our trip participants is our first priority. If we feel that a trip cannot be safely conducted due to public health conditions, we will cancel the trip with as much notice as possible. We request that each participant be fully vaccinated prior to your trip. Other precautionary measures to be taken on trips will be communicated to participants.

### REGISTER NOW:

<http://bit.ly/wmc-kaneranch>

Contact Emily Thompson at [ethompson@grandcanyontrust.org](mailto:ethompson@grandcanyontrust.org) or 928-286-3370 to answer any questions or for more information.



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# Boating Directors' Update

By Kelly Beumer & Tanner Morrill

## ***Hello Boaters!***

This is just a reminder that the Boating Planning meeting is coming up on Sunday, March 21. You are welcome to attend in person, outside, at the home of Dick and Cindy Smith, with Covid precautions, masks and social distancing. (No refreshments this year, sorry! And you will need to bring a chair) Or you may dial in on Zoom.-- **contact Kelly or Tanner for the link.**

We will be asking each organizer to talk for a couple of minutes about their trip. If you are organizing a trip and won't be able to participate in the meeting, please contact Kelly or Tanner with details to share, and we will present your trip.

The list of current trips is shown below-- we will be making a virtual interest sign-up sheet available for each trip-- contact us if you have a trip to add. These sheets will be available on your phone if you are present virtually or in person.

Just a reminder-- contacting an organizer gets you on the interest list and opens up a dialog. The organizer needs to determine a proper mix of people to fill the needs of his or her trip. Be sure to let the organizer know what skills you bring to the boat to help out. (I am always up for someone to help with the money!)

See you soon!

Tanner and Kelly

Date	Event	Time	Place	Organized by	Email- Organizer
3/21	Planning Meeting*	4:00 to 6:00pm	9479 S Granite Trail Sandy	Kelly and Tanner	<a href="mailto:kellybeumer@gmail.com">kellybeumer@gmail.com</a>
4/22	Provo river Small boat float Class I	5:30-9:00 pm	Registration Required	Tanner Morrill	<a href="mailto:tannermorrill@gmail.com">tannermorrill@gmail.com</a>
4/24	Boat Shed opening	??	Boat Shed	Donnie and Bret	<a href="mailto:dmbenson13@gmail.com">dmbenson13@gmail.com</a>
5/1	John Day River (2A Clarno to Cottonwood) Class II/III	5 days	Registration Required	Tanner Morrill	<a href="mailto:tannermorrill@gmail.com">tannermorrill@gmail.com</a>
5/18	Rogue River Class III/IV	4 days	Registration Required	Steven Gadd	<a href="mailto:swgadd10@gmail.com">swgadd10@gmail.com</a>
5/21	Beginner Trip, Moab Class II/III	3 days	Registration Required	Kelly and Tanner	<a href="mailto:kellybeumer@gmail.com">kellybeumer@gmail.com</a>
6/20	Main Salmon Class III/IV	6 days	Registration Required	David Rabiger	<a href="mailto:derabiger@gmail.com">derabiger@gmail.com</a>
6/24	Moab Day Floats/camp Dewey Bridge Class II	3 days	Registration Required	Lucy Smith	<a href="mailto:lusmith2@xmission.com">lusmith2@xmission.com</a>
7/16	Twin Falls to Shoshone Falls Class I	3 days	Registration Required	Tanner Morrill	<a href="mailto:tannermorrill@gmail.com">tannermorrill@gmail.com</a>
8/17	Rogue River Class III/IV	4 days??	Registration Required	Greg Clark	<a href="mailto:gtclark@ix.netcom.com">gtclark@ix.netcom.com</a>
9/1	Main Salmon Class III/IV	5 days	Registration Required	Steve Susswein	<a href="mailto:steve_susswein@hotmail.com">steve_susswein@hotmail.com</a>
9/21	Desolation-Gray Canyons Class III/IV	5 days	Registration Required	Jen Heinemann	<a href="mailto:jheineman28@yahoo.com">jheineman28@yahoo.com</a>

\* ZOOM option is available

# Biking - Ride Ratings

Cecil Goodrick & Mike Roundy

- The chart below shows how bike ride ratings (road & mountain) are determined
- These ride ratings are on the WMC website: (ACTIVITIES>Mountain & Road Bike>WMC Bike Ride Ratings)

## Points are added to each ride rating based on these factors:

Ride Mileage:	1 point for each	10	ride miles.
Total Gain:	1 point for each	1000	feet of elevation gain.
Avg Gain per Mile (GPM):	1 point for each	100	feet of elevation gain per mile.
Increase Factors:	Each factor adds	1.0	point.
Decrease Factors:	Each factor deducts	1.0	point.

Note: Avg GPM uses the simplifying assumption that half the miles on a ride are spent climbing and half descending; so the formula divides Total Gain by Ride Mileage/2.

## Increase Factors:

- S - Steep climbs, greater than 6%
- L - Long, sustained climbs; or a lot of climbs
- X - Extreme climbs: sustained climbs greater than 8%
- E - Elevation gain in excess of 5,000 feet
- H - High elevation: above 10,000 feet

Note: In extreme cases, a factor can be added more than once. For example, if a ride has an especially long sustained climb, an increase factor of LL or LLL could be used to generate a reasonable difficulty rating.

## Decrease Factors:

- D - Substantial downhill; climbing done early

## Elevation adjustment factor:

0.88

Elevation gain is based on the amount of gain that Ride with GPS (RWGPS) reports for each ride. But RWGPS tends to overestimate gain; a regression analysis indicated that a reasonable adjustment would be to decrease the RWGPS figure by about 12%.

## Club Ratings and point ratings.

	From	To	
NTD =	0.1	4.0	Not too Difficult: Lightly Strenuous
MOD =	4.1	10.0	Moderate: Moderate to Strenuous
MSD =	10.1	14.0	Most difficult: Very Strenuous, Difficult
EXT =	14.1 +		Extreme: Requires strong, well seasoned riders

Note: Each rating category can have a + or - attached, indicating relative difficulty within the category. For example, rides in the 4.1 to 5.5 range would be considered MOD-; rides in the 8.6 to 10.0 range would be considered MOD+.

## Club pace ratings.

WMC pace ratings are slow, moderate and fast. The pace of a ride can greatly affect its level of difficulty. Please take that into account when deciding which club rides to participate in. Pace translates into speed roughly as follows:

Slow:	8-12 MPH
Moderate:	13-17 MPH
Fast	18+ MPH



# General Membership Meeting Recap

written by Steven Gadd

The coyote's ability to survive and thrive in changing environmental conditions is legendary; the way that the Wasatch Mountain Club adapted to the challenges of COVID-19 reminds me of the wily coyote. The February 17<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting held via Zoom is an example of the club's ability to adapt and move forward in creative ways.

The Zoom meeting began with club president, Julie Kilgore, giving new members an overview of the club, the different interest groups within the club, and the website. The 2021 budget was presented. Pie graphs effectively showed how the anticipated income from membership would be spent. As a relatively new member, I was pleased to learn that the club donates ten percent of income to conservation causes.

The current governing board was presented and accepted by the club membership. Julie thanked the nominating committee and outgoing board members for their service to the club. In many cases, these members have served for years in multiple capacities.

Up next, Cheryl Soshnik presented five club members who were nominated for life membership. To qualify for this distinction, a prospective life member must have twenty-five years of continuous membership as well as served on the board or given one hundred hours of service to the club. The five candidates were Brian Barkey, Hardy Sherwood, Holly Sherwood, Louise Rausch, and Ken Engstrom. Each candidate took a moment to share what the club means to them. Brian, Holly and Hardy all said they met their significant other through the WMC. An honorary life membership was approved for Yenta Kaufman, who has been a member of the club for sixty years and is the oldest living member of the Wasatch Mountain Club.

Conservation Director, Dennis Goreham, presented several volunteer opportunities with the US Forest Service, and Julie reminded everyone that donations to the Lodge Foundation and the club's Education Endowment at the University of Utah are other ways to give back.

The club then awarded its two most significant awards, the Pa Perry Award and the Alexis Kelner Conservation Award. Details about these two awards can be found on the club's website. The 2020 Pa Perry Awardees were Phyllis Anderson and Mark Jones. Phyllis and Mark have devoted so much of themselves to make the club great! The Alexis Kelner Conservation Award was presented to Utah Open Lands.

In addition to the club business, two presentations were given. First, Spencer Millerberg presented how his group found a way after forty years to bring together the BLM, Rio Tinto Mining, and four landowners to forge an agreement on using Butterfield Canyon for multi-use recreation. Spencer pointed out that most of the outdoor recreational opportunities are in the canyons on the east side of the Salt Lake Valley, but most of the population growth is on the west side. Utilizing Butterfield Canyon is one answer to this dilemma. The plan he presented allows hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians to access the canyon on separate trails.

Last, Wendy Fisher, Executive Director of Utah Open Lands, spoke about a recent land acquisition at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon that the WMC club helped finance and other efforts to preserve and protect open lands in Utah.

It was a great evening. Like the wily coyote, the club adapted to the circumstances by using technology to hold the membership meeting. That said, hopefully the next general membership meeting will be held in person. Looking forward to seeing you then.

# Welcome New & Returning Members

Daman Bareiss  
Jacob Baldwin  
Scott Coogan  
Lynda Rensha  
Michelle Butz  
Becky Joplin  
David Wheeler  
Christopher Koch  
Melinda (Lindi) McIlwaine  
Gail Picha  
Tiffani Currie

John Horn  
Angela Eggett  
Sarah Christensen  
Curtis Fowers  
Reina Forsythe & Richard Clark  
Hasse Borup & Kasia Sokol-Borup  
Jim & Sarah Kichas  
Leli Fotu & Thomas Ridder  
David Kliger & Phyllis Mandel  
Tyler Ray  
Anna Jensen

## **If you're a new member ... depending on your age and background ... you might have a few questions:**

1. How do I get involved in activities?
2. What kinds of activities can be organized?
3. What is the average age of WMC members?
4. How many people participate in the activities?
5. How aggressive are the various activity groups?

The answers ... ask away! Ask someone in the club! Send an email to [rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto:rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org) or call someone from the governing board (inside front cover). The average age is ... honestly, we don't know. Why don't we know? 1. We haven't yet started tracking that information. 2. It doesn't matter. There are older folks who can out-hike/-bike/-paddle any younger person. There are also younger people who like to do lighter activities. Sometimes many people show up for activities; sometimes only a couple. This is a nice thing.

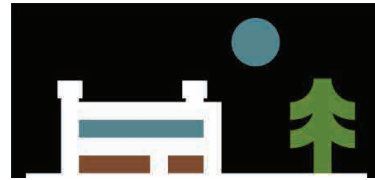
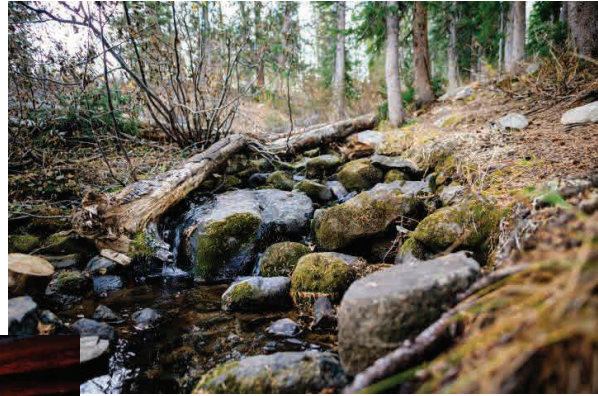
The WMC activities allow for flexibility; if you can show up, do - - if you can't, don't. As for how vigorous and aggressive the various activities and groups are (hikers, bikers, etc.), contact the director or coordinator. Please don't feel like you can't organize an activity if you don't know your way around. There are so many people who can help you, and you can even decide on a destination at the time of meeting! You might have one or two awkward activities, but just get together with people who share the same interests with you, and you'll be on your way to tons of fun and excitement - - things you never thought were possible!



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Sandal-toe Socks PAIR	\$5	x	=	
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# April 2021 Activity Calendar

The WMC offers COVID conscious opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Participants of all in-person events should bring and wear face coverings, expect social distancing, and changes to our usual practices. To support contact tracing and hands-free signing of the WMC Liability Waiver, on-line registration is required for all in person WMC events

Apr 3	Day Hike – Griffen Peak & Bumps In Tooele – mod+ – 7.0 mi – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Sat	We plan to hike to Griffen Peak (7160 ft) and bumps – Peak 7113, Peak 7196 & Peak 7501 – via Settlement Canyon in Tooele, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring microspikes, and 10 Es. If there are multiple snowstorms before the day, there is a slight chance that we may need to carry snowshoes in case. I have never hiked in the area but would like to explore the peaks(bumps) there. There is no trail – rated MOD+ for back-country route findings. Since there are records that people made the peaks (especially in spring), there should be a good way to make them (probably the ridgeline). Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 2 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Apr 4	Snowshoe Or Hike - Location Tba Depending On Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Sun	We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, the Uintas, Heber, Provo, Park City, American Fork or somewhere weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required (If this changes, I will post a note). If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 2 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Apr 4	Hike: East Canyon – ntd+ – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com
Sun	Hard to predict conditions, so I'll update website a few days in advance. Slow-moderate pace, beginner friendly, but you'll need shoe traction. Limit of six.
Apr 5	Spring Ski At Solitude Mountain Resort (alpine Ski Resort) – mod – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 5000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Moonbeam Lift <i>Carpool:</i> 10:00 am at Due to Covid, carpool is not available <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com
Mon	Everyone is Welcome! Celebrating spring on snow, join us for few hours friendly leisure ski runs, enjoying the Sunshine and beautiful mountains. RSVP limit 6 Need Mask on when gathering and on chairs; 6ft apart
Apr 6	Heughs Canyon Evening Hike – ntd – 4.0 mi – 1000' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com
Tue	This canyon on the edge of Holladay is extra nice to see before snake season. It's mostly not as steep as the trail up Olympus. We probably won't use a flashlight, but it's part of the 10 e's. Bring one.
Apr 7	Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org
Wed	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.
Apr 9	Yellowstone Hike-paced Bike Ride – ntd – 30.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Fri	Join 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 the 30-mile round trip. Plan B will be dictated by whatever Mother Nature is dishing out that morning. Come prepared for every combination of sun/snow/rain/wind/hot/cold. Base camp is the Kilgore Compound in Island Park. This year, group size will be limited to 10 or so, depending on the make-up of the group relative to the accommodations. Because of the limited space, RSVP priority will be given to WMC members and participants must be COVID vaccinated.
Apr 11	
Sun	
Apr 10	Escalante Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> John* Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com
Sat	This will be a car camp using the group site at Escalante Petrified Forest State Park (Wide Hollow Reservoir) which has space for camper vehicles and tents. We have the campsite for Saturday and Sunday nights (not Friday). Participants choice hikes to locations along Highway 12 and Hole in the Rock road. Bike riders welcome to do their own thing. We will use the open picnic pavilion for socializing in the evenings. Masks and other health precautions will be expected from all participants. Contact organizer for full details. \$20/person deposit. Limit 20.
Apr 12	
Mon	

Apr 10	Day Hike - Carrigan Canyon Point & Peak 6299 - mod - 6.0 mi - 2000' ascent - Moderate pace
Sat	<p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to Peak 6299 (Parleys Canyon Overlook) &amp; Carrigan Canyon Point (7288 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring microspikes, and 10 Es. If there are multiple snowstorms before the day, there is a slight chance that we may need to carry snowshoes in case. I have hiked in the area but not to these peaks. There is a trail for most of the parts. But there are short sections that may not have a maintained trail. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 9 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Apr 11	Snowshoe Or Hike - Location Tba Depending On Snow/conditions - mod - Moderate pace
Sun	<p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe somewhere in BCC, LCC, the Uintas, Heber, Provo, Park City, American Fork or somewhere weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required (If this changes, I will post a note). If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 9 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Apr 11	Day Hike/ West Grandeur Loop - mod+ - 11.0 mi Loop - 3800' ascent - Moderate pace
Sun	<p><i>Meet:</i> 8:30 am at Grandeur Peak Trailhead (2910 S Wasatch Blvd, SLC, UT)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Barb Gardner 801-803-2926 inthemtns55@gmail.com</p> <p>We will hike up West Grandeur and down Church Fork to the Pipeline trail. Another faint trail will eventually unite us back to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and our start. The trail up west Grandeur is very steep and the connection trail back to the cars may require a little bushwacking. Dogs are allowed.</p>
Apr 12	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Hike - ntd - Slow pace
Mon	<p><i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Registration Required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>This hike will be appropriate for those who want to move slow and steady on mostly flat and stable trail. We'll shoot for two hours of hiking time. Please RSVP with the organizer.</p>
Apr 13	Social - Online Book Club
Tue	<p><i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at online</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>The Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah while they have meetings online during the pandemic. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The April book is The Incredible Journey of Plants, by Stefano Mancuso. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the access information.</p>
Apr 13	Little Cottonwood Canyon Lower North Ridge Evening Hike - ntd+ - 3.0 mi - 1500' ascent
Tue	<p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com</p> <p>Starts on property newly purchased by WMC, Bonneville Shoreline Trail and others. Steep (like west ridge of Grandeur). Good training hike. No bushwacking, if you stay on track (animal trails). So it's great for practicing following a track/course on your GPS device (or phone). Email me in advance and I'll send you the gpx track and we'll compare notes as we go. Up for an hour, then track back through the maze. Bring micro spikes or other studded footwear, headlamp/flashlight, and dress in layers. Prompt 6pm departure. Limited to 10 people.</p>
Apr 17	Conservation Spring Service In The San Rafael Swell
Sat	<p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com</p> <p>There are many newly designated wilderness areas in the Swell. We will be working on Little Wild Horse road which is the boundary between the Muddy Creek and the Middle Wild Horse Mesa wilderness areas. These are not far from Goblin Valley state park. We will be installing wilderness boundary signs and building barriers to vehicle traffic. Plan on a dry camp and bring all your food. In mid April the days will be pleasant but the nights will be cool. Please arrive Friday as we start work Saturday morning under the supervision of BLM staff. Please call me for more details. Limit 12. The BLM is prepared to work under best Covid practices.</p>
Apr 17	Day Hike - Stookey Benchmark In Tooele - mod+ - 5.0 mi - 3000' ascent - Moderate pace
Sat	<p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to Stookey Benchmark (9020 ft) in Tooele, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring microspikes and 10 Es. Approximately half to two-thirds of the parts are on the 4WD road. The last part to the peak will be off-trail (open country). Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 16 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>



Apr 18	Hike (& Maybe Snowshoe) - Peak 8281 Parleys Summit - mod - 6.0 mi - 1500' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sun	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Peak 8281 in Parleys Summit, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring microspikes and 10 Es. It may be still possible to use snowshoes if you want, while we may be able to manage just with microspikes. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 16 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Apr 18	Hike: Moose Flats - ntd+ - Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sun	<i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com Hard to predict conditions, so I'll update the website a few days in advance. Meeting in the Avenues. Slow-moderate pace, longish hike, but not difficult, on snow. Limit of six and shoe traction is advised.
Apr 19	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Hike - ntd- - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Registration Required
Mon	<i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com This hike will be appropriate for those who want to move slow and steady on mostly flat and stable trail. We'll shoot for two hours of hiking time. Please RSVP with the organizer.
Apr 20	Ferguson Canyon Evening Hike - ntd+ - 3.0 mi - 1500' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Tue	<i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com Near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Has a great overlook after a snug, wooded canyon lined by beautiful rock walls.
Apr 21	Evening Dog Hike - ntd- - Out & Back - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Wed	<i>Organizer:</i> Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784 Join Tom and his canine friends for a relaxed pace, dog friendly hike. Organizer's choice. Call Tom to register and answer questions about COVID symptoms and exposure, willingness to wear a mask, and to virtually sign the activity release. Meet at Skyline East Parking Lot.
Apr 22	Kayak/canoe/sup Evening Provo River-->lake - flat water - 3.0 mi - 10' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Thu	<i>Organizer:</i> Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 tanner Morrill@gmail.com Registration Required. 5:30-9pm. Enjoy the Provo River from Provo to Utah Lake (State Park). This section is slow and flat but beautiful with quite a few fallen trees to test your skills. Great for beginners. The state park does charge a fee so we'll leave most vehicles at the put in or just outside the state park.
Apr 22	Conservation Meeting On Climate Change <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at To participate, email Steve Glaser and you will be sent the information on how to join the meeting.
Thu	<i>Organizer:</i> Steve Glaser 801-635-4017 sglaserconsulting@yahoo.com There is no doubt the climate is changing - we are seeing it happen year after year. If we want an environment we can recreate in, we must participate in a solution. Join our Zoom call with Citizens' Climate Lobby the evening of 4/22 (Earth Day) to hear about an approach getting a lot of attention, and how you can help move it forward. The presentation will be made by Dr. Dave Folland and WMC member Steve Glaser.
Apr 24	Boat Shed Opening Work Party <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W
Sat	<i>Organizer:</i> Bret Mathews and Donnie Benson 801-831-5940, 801-809-1854 bretmaverick999@yahoo.com, dmbenson13@gmail.com Covid protocols will apply so bring and wear a mask. Come help us get the boating gear ready for a new season. You can also see the (new to us) lightly used boat we purchased last fall. Since we didn't get all the boats cleaned last fall we'll be doing that along with deflating & rolling all of the boats up, restocking the kitchens, and whatever else that needs to be done.
Apr 24	Day Hike - Barneys Peak In Tooele - mod+ - 12.0 mi - 3600' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sat	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Barneys Peak via Pass Canyon in Tooele, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring microspikes and 10 Es. There is a trail all the way to the peak. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 23 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

Apr 25 Sun	<p>Mountaineering Workshop – mod  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura   kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>This workshop will cover movement with ice axe, moving with crampons, self arrest with ice axe, moving while roped, arresting and roped travel, and placing anchors. Glacier movement and crevasse rescue may be also covered. All participants should have a helmet, ice axe, and crampons. The crampons should be fitted to their boots in advance. We have some extra ice axes, an extra helmet, and an extra pair of crampons. Please bring a harness as well, if you have one. Co-organized with Mark Maier. Mark has extensive experiences in teaching mountaineering skills. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 23 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. COVID-19 protocols will apply. The max number of participants will depend on the pandemic situation and a number of volunteers who can help.</p>
Apr 26 Mon	<p>Very Relaxed Pace Draper Hike – ntd- – Slow pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Registration Required  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323   jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>This hike will be appropriate for those who want to move slow and steady on mostly flat and stable trail. We'll shoot for two hours of hiking time. Please RSVP with the organizer.</p>
Apr 27 Tue	<p>Little Cottonwood Canyon Lower North Ridge Evening Hike – ntd+ – 3.0 mi – 1500' ascent  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554   rmdaurelle@gmail.com</p> <p>Starts on property newly purchased by WMC, Bonneville Shoreline Trail and others. Steep (like west ridge of Grandeur). Good training hike. No bushwacking, if you stay on track (animal trails). So it's great for practicing following a track/course on your GPS device (or phone). Email me in advance and I'll send you the gpx track and we'll compare notes as we go. Up for an hour, then track back through the maze. Bring micro spikes or other studded footwear, headlamp/flashlight, and dress in layers. Prompt 6pm departure. Limited to 10 people.</p>
May 1 Sat – May 5 Wed	<p>White Water Rafting-john Day River-Oregon – class III – 68.0 mi – 11' ascent  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170   tannermorrill@gmail.com</p> <p>Add a travel day to front &amp; back of dates listed. Gorgeous John Day River from Clarno to Cottonwood (Segments 2A &amp; 2B). 5 days, 4 nights. (May 1st-5th). Undammed tributary to Columbia river. Drive time is 11 hours from boat shed. We need to book lodging in Fossil, Oregon &amp; probably one night on the way home (Boise?). Details to come. We need rowers!</p>
May 1 Sat	<p>Day Hike - Buckley Mountain In Provo – msd- – 10.0 mi – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura   kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to hike to Buckley Mountain (9502 ft) via Slate Canyon in Provo, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring microspikes and 10 Es. The peak is rarely climbed but offers great views of surrounding mountains. There is a trail at Slate Canyon. We will take the off-trail ridgeline to make the peak. The off-trail part is steep and involves class 2 scrambles and bushwhacking. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 30 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
May 1 Sat	<p>Snow Travel And Ice Axe Self Arrest Training Class – mod – 4.0 mi – 1000' ascent  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Brad Yates 801-592-5814   bnysl@earthlink.net</p> <p>Hopefully there will be still be some snow left! Brad Yates and anybody else who wants to help will be teaching basic alpine snow travel, self arrest with ice ax and crampon basics. We will practice on ski runs at Alta which will be closed by this time of year. Ice ax, helmet and sturdy boots required, crampons optional and wear clothing practical for rolling around in the snow! If you do not own or are unable to borrow an ax, the club has a limited number to rent (\$5.00) for the class, please reserve in advance. Post class an optional short hike with more glissading practice will follow.</p>
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May 2 Sun	<p>Snowshoe - Brighton Or Alta – mod – 7.0 mi – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura   kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe in Brighton or Alta, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) not required. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on April 30 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>

May 2	Terry Rollins Memorial Road Bike Ride – ntd+ – 33.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Weather Bureau Building at 2200 West North Temple <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig mlbudig@gmail.com In memory of Terry Rollins, who passed away in 2013, this will be our sixth annual ride to Saltair. This classic ride was one of Terry's favorites and we want to share the ride and memories of our dear departed friend. Hopefully the weather will be great this year. Social distancing will be practiced and we request all participants have their COVID vaccinations prior to the ride. Co-organized by Thom Dickeson 801-967-7970 and Michael Budig 801-328-4512. Address questions by email to: mbudig@gmail.com
May 5	Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 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.
May 15	Conservation Spring Service In The San Rafael Swell <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 will@commercialchemistries.com There are many newly designated wilderness areas in the Swell. We will be working on Wild Horse road which is the boundary between the Big Wild Horse Mesa and the Middle Wild Horse Mesa wilderness areas. These are near Goblin Valley state park. We will be installing wilderness boundary signs and building barriers to vehicle traffic. Plan on a dry camp and bring all your food. In mid May the days will be pleasant but the nights will be cool. Please arrive Friday as we start work Saturday morning under the supervision of BLM staff. Please call me for more details. Limit 12. The BLM is prepared to work under best Covid practices.
May 15	Day Hike - Flat Top & Lewiston Peak In The Oquirrh Mountain Range – msd – 11.0 mi – 4000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to Bag Flat Top (10,620 ft) and Lewiston Peak (10,411 ft) in the Oquirrh mountain range, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring microspikes, 10 Es and poles. Depending on the snow conditions, we may also need to carry ice axe. Class 2 scrambles. We will be crossing private land and have received permission from the landowner. Well behaved dogs and dog owners welcome. Expect a long day. Co-organized with Barb Gardner. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on May 14 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
May 16	Hike "the Pig" (pfeifferhorn Including Glissade]. – msd – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 3800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnysl@earthlink.net The Annual Classic is back for another year, Climb the Pfeifferhorn via Red Pine. Followed by some fun glissading back to Red Pine Lake. The pace will be dialed back a bit to Mod+. Ice ax and self arrest skills required, typically crampons are not needed but not a bad idea to carry.
May 18	White Water Rafting - Rogue River - Southwestern Oregon – class IV- – 40.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Steven Gadd 801-540-6622 swgadd10@gmail.com Come join us for a 4 day, 40 mile trip on the beautiful Rogue River. The Rogue was one of the original eight rivers in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968. We will likely leave Salt Lake City on the afternoon of May 16th and return home late on May 22nd. Mostly class III with a few class IV rapids. Great water! Great camping. Great scenery!
May 21	Beginner's Boating Trip Rafting & Kayaking – class III- – 13.0 mi – 15' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Tanner Morrill & Kelly Beumer 801-809-0170 boatingdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Join us this year for the annual beginner's trip where newbies and oldies get together to learn and teach rafting, kayaking, etc. We'll be in Moab this year on the Colorado river's Fisher's Towers AKA Moab Daily section. We plan on being on the river Saturday and Sunday. We'll be camping next to the river but just doing day trips on the river. Group size may be limited due to Covid 19.
May 27	Dark Canyon Backpack – mod+ – 32.0 mi Out & Back – 1900' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Russell* Patterson 801-973-6427 patterson.russell@comcast.net Dark Canyons. Drive down the evening of the 27th. Dark Canyon is a major side canyon of Lake Powell. We will backpack down the Sundance trail to the bottom of Dark Canyon and backpack/day pack upstream to Young Canyon and downstream to the Colorado River and then hike out (Goggle: Hiking Sundance Trail – Dark Canyon – Road Trip Ryan). This is a deep scenic canyon with Indian petroglyphs, waterfalls and swim holes. Leader has an extra backpack & tent & a water filter & camp stove he can share. If the pandemic isn't under control by Memorial Day the scheduled backpack will be postponed until Labor day weekend so we can carpool.



May 29	Car Camp, Swasey And Notch Peak Day Hikes – msd – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 2800' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
–	<i>Organizer:</i> Dennis Goreham 801-550-5169 dgoreham@gmail.com
May 30	Swasey Peak and Notch Peak are both classic hikes in western Utah and easily done in a short weekend trip. The drive is about 180 miles each way. Swasey is the high point in the House Range and Notch Peak is on the southern end of the range and famous for its huge face on the west side. We will drive out and meet at the trailhead for Swasey on Saturday morning and do the peak that afternoon. The hike is approximately 4 miles round trip and 1600 elevation gain with a little bushwhacking. There is a great camping area right where we start the hike. Sunday morning we will drive the 20 miles south to Notch Peak. That hike is approximately 8 miles round trip with about 2800 feet elevation gain. Return home that afternoon. This is a remote area. We will be camping in an undeveloped area so you will need to bring everything you need including plenty of water. Plan for COVID19 precautions. Register with Dennis to get logistic details. Limit 8.
Sun	
Jun 5	Backpack Training
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
–	<i>Organizer:</i> Casey Landru casey.landru@gmail.com
Jun 6	Join us for a beginner backpack training 2-day course at the lodge. Registration will open in May.
Sun	
Jun 25	Moab Daily White Water Rafting – class II+ – 24.0 mi
Fri	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
–	<i>Organizer:</i> Lucy Smith 801-274-0546 lusmith2@xmission.com
Jun 26	This activity will include individual day raft trips on the Moab daily section of the Colorado river on June 25 & June 26. A group campsite is reserved at Dewey Bridge the nights of June 24, 25, & 26. Please plan to bring your own boat. Nothing will be organized on June 24 or 27 so folks are welcome to do their own trip on these days. Group meal planning is TBD based on COVID.
Sat	
Jul 16	Kayaking Twin Falls Shoshone Falls – flat water – 7.5 mi
Fri	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
–	<i>Organizer:</i> Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 tannermorrill@gmail.com
Jul 18	Exploratory trip: Come enjoy 212 foot tall Shoshone Falls (taller than Niagara) and the bluewater Snake River scenery! Expect 6-8 Hours on the water RT (we paddle upstream against a slow current, then turn around). Lodging TBD. Participants must be strong flatwater paddlers to qualify for this trip. Leave at 3pm on the 14th (Friday), return Sunday night (the 16th). 3.5 Hrs from Boat shed. Some portaging required. AWOL Adventure sports provides rentals on site or the WMC has rentals available. Paddleboarding isn't recommended for such a long trip, but people do it. The last day we could do some class II/III rafting on the Hagerman section of the snake if so desired. Guided 4 hr, 7 mile trips are about \$60/adult or we could bring our own club rafts.
Sun	
Jul 21	Day Hikes - Co 14ers In The Sawatch Range – msd – Moderate pace
Wed	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
–	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Jul 22	We plan to make class 2 CO 14ers in the Sawatch Range. The planned schedule is: July 20 Tue Road Trip. July 21 Wed Belford (14,197 ft) - Missouri (14,067 ft) - Oxford (14,153 ft) combined (11 miles RT, 5800 ft gain). July 22 Thu Columbia (14,075 ft) - Harvard (14,420 ft) combined (14 miles RT, 4,600 ft gain). July 23 Fri Road trip. The schedule may change depending on weather and conditions. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorm in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. WMC members only. For more details, please contact Akiko.
Thu	

# Trip Report: Snow Shoe - Peak 6212, Peak 6661, Peak 6920 & Peak 7120 via Alexander Creek

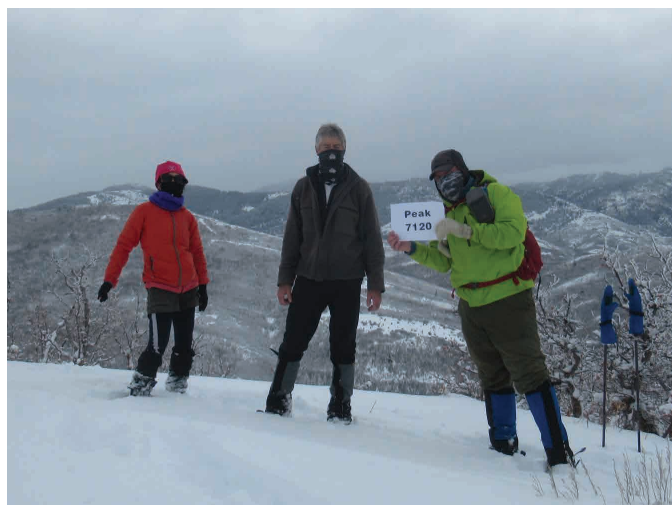
February 14, 2021

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

We bagged four peaks in the Emigration Canyon area. For all of us, it was the first time to bag the peaks. It was very cold and cloudy when we started from the Alexander Creek TH. We climbed up on the steep off-trail to our first peak – Peak 6212. It was just 0.6 mile from the TH to the peak. But Scott became very cold and turned around at the half way. The rest of us – Frank, Craig and Akiko – continued to the peak. Peak 6212 has a small tower on its summit. From Peak 6212, we took a 4WD road and went up on the ridge to bag Peak 6661. Our third peak – Peak 6920 was not far from the second one. Up to Peak 6920, there were old tracks that hikers made before the most recent snowstorm. But to make our last peak – Peak 7120, we had to break the trail. We had a little bit snow showers at the summit of Peak 7120 but could see lots of surrounding mountains. The views were beautiful. While we were going down off-trail to get to Alexander Creek Trail, it became sunny. There were many animal tracks on the off-trail part. We snowshoed on the trail to go back to the TH and made a loop. We did not see any other people until we were very close to the TH. This snowshoe took 5 hours and 10 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 6.37 miles, total elevation gain – 1,989 ft).



*Craig and Frank between Peak 6920 and Peak 7120.*



*Peak photo at Peak 7120. From left – Akiko, Frank and Craig.*



*Descending from Peak 7120 (L to R) - Craig & Frank. The sun came out!*



# Trip Report: Snow Shoe: Peak 6657 - Killyon Canyon

February 20, 2021



Eight elk in front of us

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

We snowshoed a rarely climbed peak, Peak 6657, in Killyon Canyon from the Little Mountain Summit TH at 9 am. There was lots of snow right after the big snowstorm. We followed the track in the first 1.5 mile. We saw eight elk. We had to break the trail after that and became very slow. The highest point of the day (6,909 ft) was 0.1 mile south of the junction to Killyon Canyon. From the highest point, we dropped 680 ft. Then, we went up to north from the Killyon Canyon Trail to bag Peak 6657. The last short part to the peak was

took a shorter route to the Killyon Canyon TH to save time and distance. While the distance from the Little Mt Summit TH to the peak was 4.75 miles, the distance from the peak to the Killyon Canyon TH was only 1.13 miles. We had to walk on the road from the Killyon Canyon TH, though. The weather was changing very often during the snowshoe – sunny, cloudy, or snowy. The off-trail part to the peak is very bushy in summer. So, it's a great winter destination.



The steep part to the peak (L to R)– Andy, Bob and Deb.

steep. It was a nice little peak. When we made the peak, it was already 1:30 pm. From the peak, we



When it was sunny, the views were very beautiful (L to R) – Bob, Deb and Andy.

This snowshoe took 5 hours in total including breaks, but not including the road walking part (distance – 5.89 miles, total elevation gain – 1,611 ft, total elevation loss – 1,809 ft).



# Trip Report: Little Cottonwood Canyon's Low North Ridge Hike and GPS Session

March 02, 2021

Organized & Trip Report by Ray Daurelle

This is an unusual hike. It starts on a newly purchased piece of land near the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon's north side. It has no trail up besides a web of animal trails.

I looked closely at this area on Google Earth and found I was able to draw a track up between the trees and bushes that would avoid all bushwacking - if you follow the track exactly. So I turned this evening hike into a session on how to follow a GPS track. I billed it as being good for those with a cell phone, but no other GPS device. I was absolutely delighted with the result of the first official session.

Six people registered and everyone treated it seriously. Upon meeting at the trailhead, I saw they had all downloaded the suggested Gaia software to their cell phone, then took the track I sent via email, and imported that into Gaia. So people that had never seen the area were able to thread us carefully through a big maze. Then on the way down, the maze again looks mostly unfamiliar - so more excellent practice.

One thing this showed is that following a track, even under optimal conditions, is not as brain dead simple as it sounds. This exercise helped give us a practical feel for the strengths and "weaknesses" of using GPS tech.

I'm scheduling a repeat each second Tuesday evening through March and April, especially for after word is out (this article) that this terrain offers such an unusually good exercise in following a track.

The hillside is steep, but what takes us 30 minutes to get up as a hiking group, took us 65 minutes to get up as a class. So anyone concerned about the pace should know this one is worth taking slowly and we're happy to. First timers are welcome on any of these as well as repeaters. Dedicated GPS devices are also welcome. Or come along just for the nice hike.

People on the first of these did not seem completely confident by the end of the evening, even after having lead us successfully through a tight, winding labyrinth. It takes practice. I've built 3 distinct tracks to work with. So attending more than 1 of these can still offer more navigating challenge. And it's too big of a maze for a second time up to lose its mystery. But we'll stay together, and the highway is always visible below.

# Trip Report: Snow Shoe: Peak 7350

March 6, 2021



Group photo. From left – Al, Sandra, Lynda, Russell, Deb, Bob and Akiko. Roy had left for the TH and so is not in this group photo.

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

We were originally planning to snowshoe to Peak 8281 from the Summit Park TH. However, we were unable to find parking and decided to drive to the Alexander Creek TH. We aimed at bagging Peak 7350 to which none of us had been before. There was no snow near the TH. But we carried snowshoes. It was a good idea to have snowshoes with us because we needed to put them on after hiking 2 miles. From the junction, we took the Sheep Trail and snowshoed 2 more miles. It did not look like nobody else were there recently. There was no human track. But there were lots of animal tracks. The last half mile to the peak does not have a trail. So we had to bushwhack to make the peak. It was not bushy, though, because of the good snow coverage. Roy, Russell, Al and Lynda did not go to the peak. The rest of us, Sandra, Deb, Bob and Akiko made the peak. The peak is just a small bump. But the views from the peak were wonderful. We saw Russell, Al and Lynda snowshoeing on the Sheep Trail from the ridge of the peak and could catch them. Then we took a group photo. Roy had already gone and so was not in the group photo. It was very warm (for March) and sunny. Although we had to change the location, we had a great time. This snowshoe took 5 hours and 30 minutes in total (distance – 9.1 miles, elevation gain – 2,064 ft).



On the Sheep Trail. Sandra, Al, Lynda and Bob.



# Trip Report: Skiing - Solitude Mountain

February 23, 2021

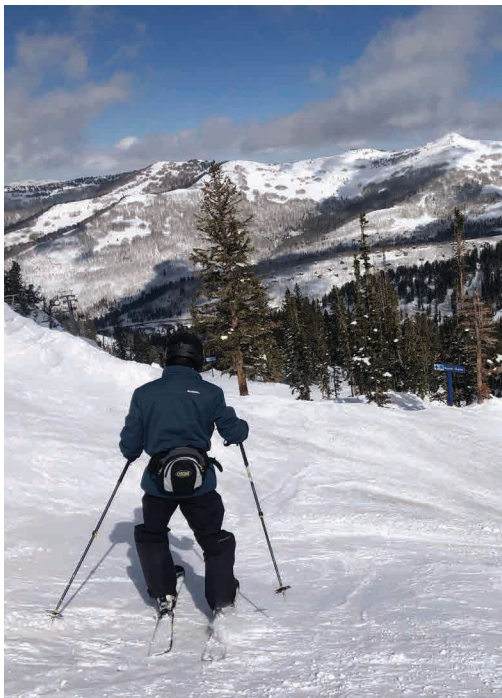
Organizer/trip report/Photos:  
Da Yang Wipfel

Participants: Steve Duncan; Paula McFarland; June Wang; Scott Coogan; Greg Lott

Thanks to Steve Duncan led group did 21 miles & 20K vertical & 42 trails, from Green Terrains to double black diamonds, Also sharing his knowledge about Mountains; we even observed people ski down from Fantasy Ridge, We all had great time & friendly chat.



Group (L ->R) Paula; Steve; Scott; Greg; June Wang



Steve Duncan led us to all his secret nice powder



Group following Steve down a beautiful trail



# Trip Report: Snow Shoe: Peak 7019 via Alexander Creek

February 27, 2021

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

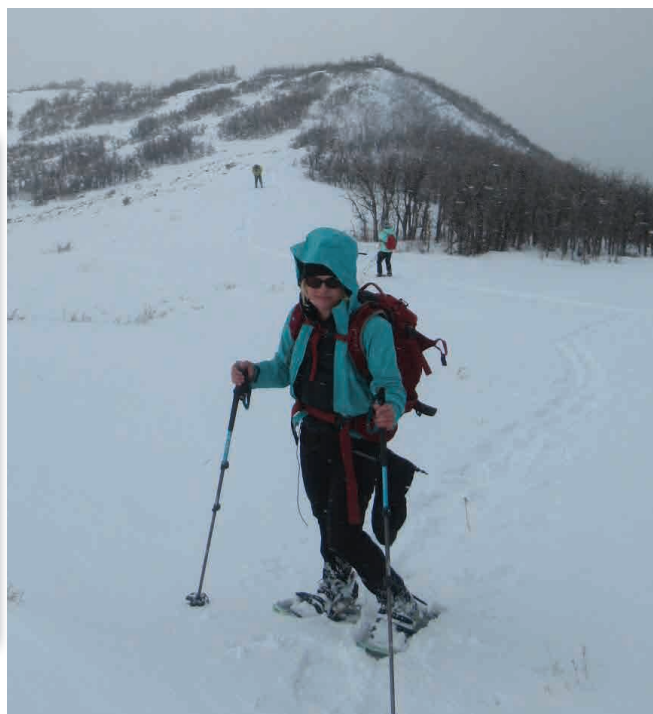
We snowshoed a rarely climbed peak, Peak 7019 via Alexander Creek. For all of us, it was the first time to make the peak. The Alexander Creek Trail usually does not have much snow. But right after overnight snow, there was sufficient snow to use snowshoes from the beginning. It was still snowy a little bit when we started. We expected the weather would become better (later we found it was not the case). After snowshoeing one mile on the trail, we crossed the dam and took the west ridge to the peak. There was a trail only at the bottom of the ridge. The rest of the parts involved bushwhacking that was not so bad due to the good snow coverage. The weather became worse and worse on the way to the peak – windy and snowy. When we finally made the peak, the visibility was very low. The original plan was going down on the east ridge and taking the Sheep Trail. But because of the low visibility, we decided to go back on the same way. Following our uphill tracks was challenging because the tracks were already covered with new snow. But it was fun to go down on the powder snow. We saw hawks, sparrows and animal tracks. This snowshoe took 3 hours and 30 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 5.02 miles, elevation gain – 1,622 ft).



Peak photo. From left – Akiko, Deb, Yi and Craig



Climbing up on the bushy ridge. Craig, Yi and Deb.



Right before the final ascent. Deb, Yi and Craig.

# Trip Report: Gold Butte National Monument Car Camp Day Hikes

February 18-21, 2021

Organized & report by Dennis Goreham

Photos by Craig Payne & Kent Tschanz

From 2/18 thru 2/21/2021 eight of us explored Gold Butte National Monument in southeast Nevada. We had a great group including Laura Thompson, Matt Goreham, Barb Gardner, Kent Tschanz, Richard Drake, Richie Schwarz, Craig Payne, and Dennis Goreham. We packed a lot into 4 days including a 6ish hour drive each way.

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> we stopped in Mesquite topped off gas tanks and picked up a few essentials. We were lucky to secure a great camp site near Whitney Pocket.

We drove out the Black Butte road and hiked to the high point on Bitter Ridge. The route we took was up the northeast side to the ridge (walking northwest up a side ridge), then southwest to the high points including the eastern summit and the ever-so slightly higher western summit of Bitter Ridge. This hike was about 3 miles with under 1,000 feet elevation gain. Great views of many of the highlights we would see on Saturday including Little Finland. This area was full of Bearpoppy plants but we will need to return in a couple of months to see them in bloom.

On Friday we drove south about 25 miles and hiked up the southwest ridge of Mica Peak including the several false summits. About 5 miles round trip and 1,800 feet elevation. Fantastic views from there in all directions but looking south towards where the Colorado River leaves the Grand Canyon and dumps into the Lake Mead basin is particularly spectacular. We drove a few miles around to the west side of Gold Butte and parked near the old town site of Gold Butte. The hike to the top of Gold Butte was a short hike of about 3 miles and about 1,000 feet elevation gain.

Although there are no trails to most of the peaks in the Monument, the hikes weren't too bush-whacky this time. Still, several of us took a turn at getting stabbed by cactus thorns. There was blood.

On Saturday we headed southwest from Whitney Pocket down the Mud Wash Road to the Little Finland area. The first stop was the petroglyphs in Mud Wash, then across the Mud Wash cutoff road

to the Seven Keyholes area. Here we wandered a bunch and saw the Keyholes that remind one of the Subway and included some good petroglyphs. Partway back across the cutoff road was another trailhead that took us to some cool little slot



canyons and a grotto area. From there to Little Finland with the delicate rock formations and beehive looking patterns in the rock. There are some very interesting petroglyphs there on the patinaed horizontal surfaces. We ended up at the Mud Wash sand dunes and the Lollipop petroglyph panel before returning to camp.



*Richard Drake near Seven Keyholes*



Sunday was a perfect day as is common on the last day out. We hiked to Falling Man area with many petroglyphs and the short hike over to the 21 Goats panel which is one of the best in the area. We also found Doodlebug Arch before heading home.

We ran across inaccuracies of various published hiking guides and internet sites describing hikes and features in Gold Butte. Conflicts in names and misinformation on routes to get there can cause some confusion, but with maps, published gpx files and some common sense, it all works out. The lesson is don't just take for granted the veracity of any single source.

There are no great detailed maps for the area. Especially any that carry the current place names for popular destinations. The best general map for the area is the Gold Butte National Monument Area Map sold by Friends of Gold Butte, but it lacks detail. The Lake Mead and the Overton 1:100,000 BLM maps cover this area in better detail but not all roads or sites are included. I highly recommend just spending time exploring this area.



*Matt Goreham near Seven Keyholes*



*Little Finland (l to r): Craig Payne, Barbara Gardner, Richie Schwarz, Dennis Goreham, Richard Drake.*



# Trip Report: Yellowstone NP Wolf Watch

March 5-8, 2021

Trip Organized by Julie Kilgore

Report by Julie Kilgore / Steve Leitch

Photos by Stephen Dennis, Julie Kilgore, Debbie Rittenhouse

As in previous trips, Yellowstone was amazing as 18 or so clubbers and friends of clubbers traveled to Gardiner, MT for this year's Winter Wolf and Wildlife Watch. We were rewarded with unseasonably warm weather, numerous wildlife sightings, and the sheer beauty of Yellowstone in the winter. Saturday brought sunny skies and temps in the 40s which made for a very comfortable day. We quickly came across Rick McIntyre, now retired from the National Park Service, but still in Yellowstone every day and about to publish his third book on the wolves in Yellowstone. We got a brief wolf update from Rick and from Jeremy SunderRaj with the Wolf Project. A couple of wolf stats shared with us:



*Wolf watching - Rick & Julie*

- The official end of season wolf count is a bit over 120, which is up from previous years.
- All 18 Junction Butte pack pups survived, none of Molly's pack did.
- There is at least one yet-to-be-named pack that appears to be forming.
- There are 5 wolves in the Cougar Creek pack, the pack closest to West Yellowstone.
- The injured she-wolf we saw during our 2019 Wolf Watch (you can see a beautiful photo of her on page 10 of the April 2019 Rambler) survived through September of that year. She had been shot when she and her partner wandered outside the park.

In the Lamar Valley, a few of us saw a Wolf laying near a tree on a slight rise (close enough to see without binoculars and grab a few good photos) relatively close to the road. This was a female wolf from Molly's Pack (those famous bison hunters) that Jeremy said was "dispersing." We were fortunate to hear that lone wolf howl several times and hear 2 or 3 other wolves in the surrounding hills (sight unseen) howl back. It was amazing to hear the wolves communicate with each other. In addition to the wolf, bison, elk, eagles, coyotes, fox, big horn sheep, at least half a dozen different moose were scattered throughout the that northeast corner of the park. In addition to wildlife spotting, some of the group enjoyed snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and/or hiking. Many of the trails were packed down such that they could be enjoyed with just hiking boots (w/ or w/o microspikes.) The trek to Tower Falls was a popular trail, as well as the Mammoth Springs area.

Thanks to chefs Debbie, Julie and Jamie, as well as contributions from everyone else. We enjoyed two delicious dinners and 'grab & go' breakfasts as we commandeered the entire lower level of one of the lodge buildings. We were also treated with an entire elk herd of mamas and babies, snacking on the lodge premises, right outside the doors of our lower level rooms. On Sunday, several folks headed out at 6:30am in search of more wolf sightings, but sightings were limited to the Junction Butte pack that we could only see through the gracious sharing of spotting scopes.

Sunday turned out to be another good weather day with partly sunny skies/temps in the 40s and many more wildlife sightings. During social / dinner time each evening, Julie compiled the photos and ran a slide show on her computer highlighting all the wonderful activities/sightings from the weekend. A few folks left Sunday and the rest returned on Monday with some great photos and lots of wonderful memories.

Attendees: Julie Kilgore, Jamie Kilgore, Debbie Rittenhouse, Alfred and Merilynn Kessi, Brenda & Steve Leitch, Stephen Dennis, Kim Dennis, Beth Allen, Bill Sloan, Amanda Horan, Michele Butz, Christie Ferruzzi, Lynda & Ed Reinish, Sharon and Hugo Butz.



*Yellowstone Wildlife*



Back, L-R: Sharon Taube, Kim Dennis, Stephen Dennis, Steve Leitch, Michelle Butz  
 From, L-R: Julie Kilgore, Merilynn Kessi, Hugo Butz, Brenda Leitch, Alfred Kessi, Christie Ferruzzi  
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Note, while there were 18 participants on the trip, this larger group split off into smaller, isolated groups during the weekend to comply with Covid-19 guidelines

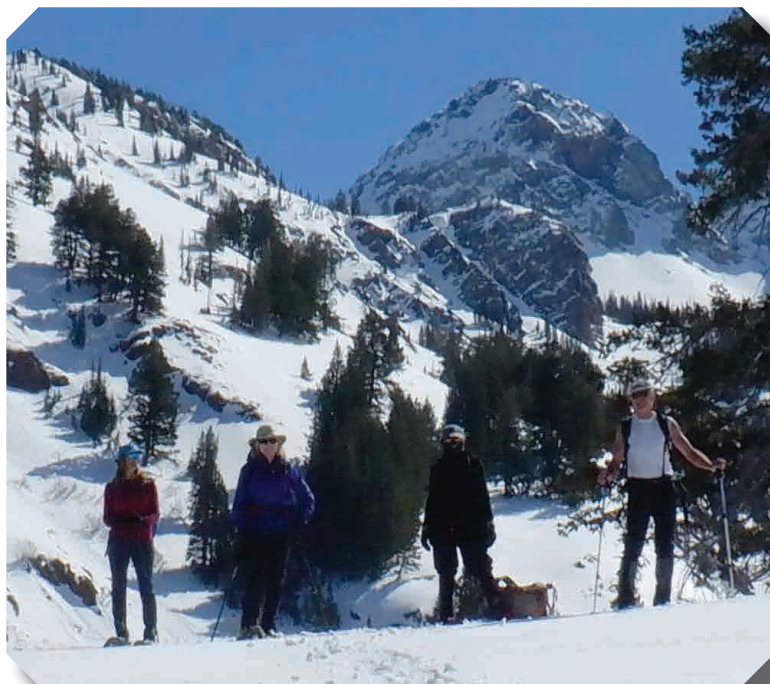


## Trip Report: Broads Fork Snowshoe

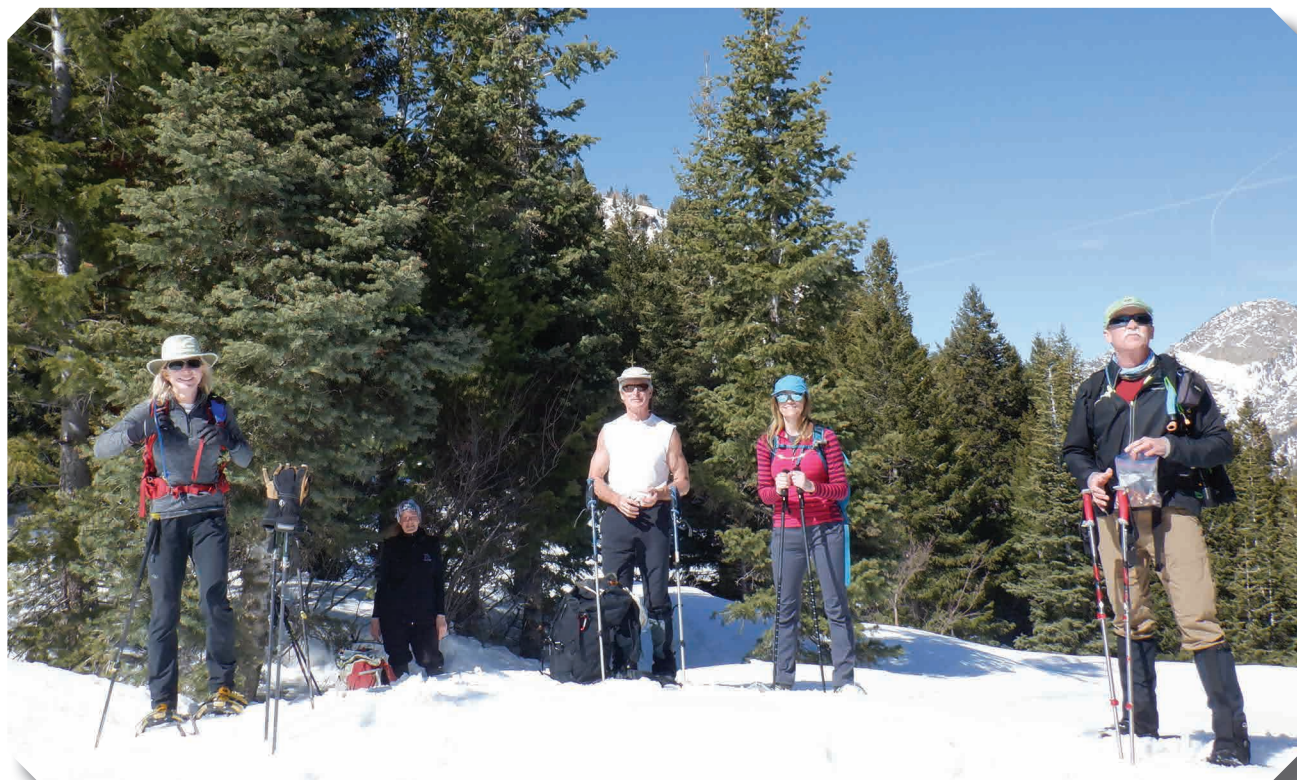
March 07, 2021

Organized, trip report, and photos by Steve Duncan

Another perfect day for a snowshoe to one of my favorite views. I had a nice size group, there was good cover all the way and lots of sunshine. We saw a couple groups skinning up above the meadow but it was almost too warm, I was happy to be on snowshoes and not on skis that day.



*Great view of Dromedary*



*Group arriving at the upper meadow*



# Trip Report: Snow Shoe: Peak 8450 - West Unitas

February 28, 2021

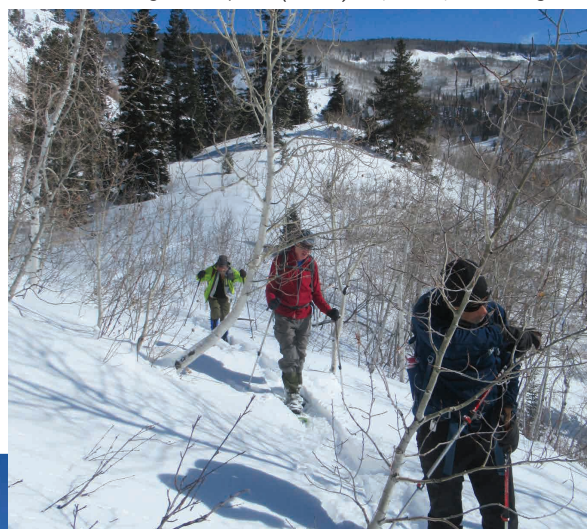
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Peak 8450 is a rarely climbed bump above Shingle Creek in the West Uintas. When we started from the Shingle Creek TH, the temperature was only 10 F. But we did not feel it was cold because it was sunny. We followed the Shingle Creek Trail in the beautiful forest for 2.1 miles and then went off-trail toward northwest. We passed a small lake (pond) that was completely covered with snow. The peak is located southwest of the lake. But we went up a little bit further to avoid deep snow. The peak was a nice small hill that offered wonderful views of the south side of the West Uintas. We took the south ridge to go back to the TH. There were many bobcat tracks on the snow. We saw a gray animal and thought it was a coyote. But after examining the track of the animal, we concluded it was probably a dog. This snowshoe took 3 hours and 40 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 4.85 miles, total elevation gain – 1,383 ft).

*Andy and Kevin checking the animal track*



*Bushwhacking to the peak (F to B): Al, Kevin, and Craig*



*Peak photo. From left – Al, Akiko, Craig, Andy and Kevin.*



# Trip Report: Beacon Practice and Ski Tour

February 28, 2021

Organized, trip report, and photos by Steve Duncan

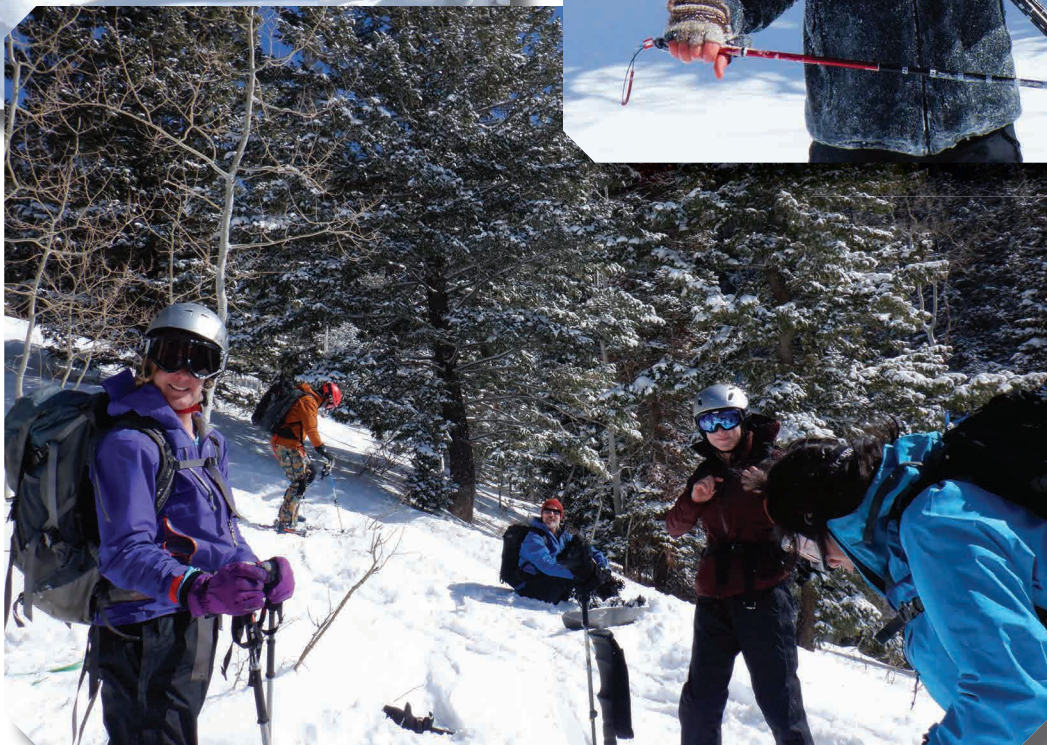
We were blessed with both great snow and weather for a beacon practice followed by a NTD ski tour. We had a good turnout and broke into two groups with Neil Schmidt and myself taking groups. After discussion, and practice with beacons, shovels and probes for several searches in the Jordan Pines area, we toured into Days Fork for a fun lap.



*Doing a buried beacon search*



*Deploying a probe*



*Group transitioning to skis*



# Trip Report: Snow Shoe: Red Pine Knoll

March 7, 2021

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

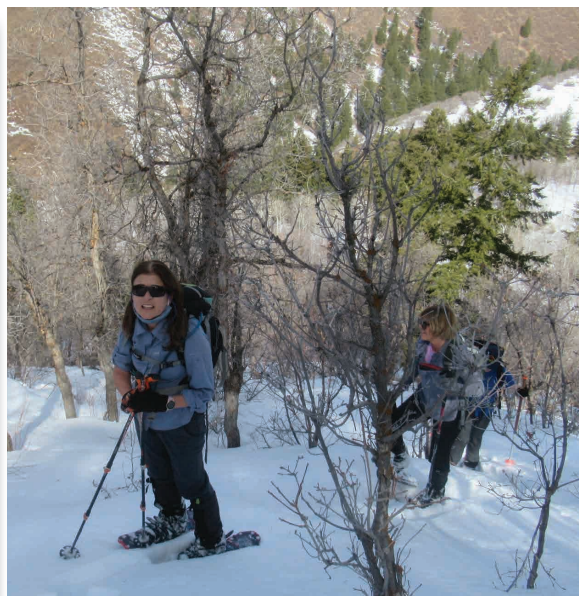
Red Pine Knoll (8,198 ft) is located in Springville and is rarely climbed. For all of us, it was the first time to make the peak. We started from the end of Left Fork Hobbie Canyon Rd where there is a gate for the winter road closure. We hiked on the 4WD road nearly 4 miles. This 4WD road part took 1.5 hours. Then we put on snowshoes and went up on the steep northwest ridgeline to the peak. The distance between the cut-off at the 4WD road and the peak was only 0.7 miles. However, it took 3 hours to get to the peak because we had to break the trail in the deep snow on the steep slope (1,700 ft elevation gain for 0.7 mile). At first, we thought the small bump at the end of the steep slope was the peak. But it was not (it was just a small false peak). We had to go further to make the peak. While it was a lot of work to get to the peak, it was worth it. The views from the peak was remarkable. The peak is actually the highest in the Granger Mountain range. Going down to the 4WD was very quick, though it was slippery. The snow on the 4WD road had become soft. Snowshoes were helpful to go back to the TH. This snowshoe took 7 hours in total including breaks (distance – 8.92 miles, total elevation gain – 3,766 ft).



Descending from the peak. From left – Sandra, Mark, Al and Diane



Peak photo. From left – Mark, Al, Diane, Sandra and Akiko



Going up on the steep slope was lots of work. Sandra, Diane and Mark.



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*Skiers in Bonkers (photo courtesy of Steve Duncan)*



*Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park (photo courtesy of Brenda Leitch)*

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