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Winter Sports Message



Greetings winter enthusiasts! We're hopeful that we can have a somewhat normal winter sports season given the circumstances. The backcountry crowds will likely be higher this season so organizers may want to think about less popular destinations, days and start times. There are a number of useful links on the club website under ski or snowshoe tabs and there are some good avalanche safety videos on the Know Before You Go website (<https://kbyg.org/>). Feel free to contact either of us if you have suggestions, questions or concerns for the upcoming season. Bring on the snow!

Steve Duncan, Winter Sports Director
Lisa Verzella, Skiing Coordinator

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Corner Canyon trail after fresh snow fall.
Courtesy: Tanya Karren

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MESSAGE FROM THE RAMBLER EDITOR

Introduction



In January, I began serving as the Rambler Editor and WMC Publications Director. For those of you that I haven't had the chance to meet, I want to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I grew up in Massachusetts and spent my youth exploring the mountains of New England—hiking, biking, camping, canoeing and skiing the East Coast 'boilerplate'.

Upon college graduation, I spent a couple of years in South Carolina and then settled in Cincinnati, OH where I met my wife, Brenda, and we raised 3 wonderful children. After 30 years, it was time to retire and do something fun. So, after much consideration, we chose Utah as we had spent several years skiing and hiking while still working. We joined WMC a few months prior to moving here in July 2020 and what a great experience it's been! So many wonderful people and activities which have surpassed our expectations! I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the WMC as Rambler Editor and look forward to meeting many more of you on future activities. I welcome your suggestions & feedback on the Rambler as I want this to be the best newsletter!

Finally, a very special thanks to Julie Kilgore & Bret Mathews who helped me a ton in getting up to speed on the Rambler editing process and to all the folks who've submitted wonderful articles and trip reports – keep them coming!

RAMBLER ARTICLES

I encourage you to submit trip reports and other WMC-specific content. The Rambler is what we make it.

Send feedback on the Rambler to: ramblerwmc@gmail.com or contact any board member.

HOW TO SUBMIT A TRIP REPORT

- 1) Attend one of the great WMC Activities!
- 2) Send your trip write-up to ramblerwmc@gmail.com before the 10th of the month:
 - Please send the write up as a word document file (NOT IN PDF FORMAT).
 - Write-ups longer than 700 words may be subject to editing for space needs.
 - Please use 12 pt ARIAL font.
 - Send pictures as attachments in .jpg or .jpeg format. Send them as the largest file size possible. Sometimes this may require sending pictures in multiple emails.
 - Be sure the trip report includes the date and place of the activity. If possible, include captions with each picture.
- 3) If you would like your trip report to be listed on the WMC website in addition to "The Rambler", you will need to submit it separately on "Member Menu > Submit a Trip Report".

COVID-19 Guidelines for WMC Activities

Groups no larger than 10, fewer if the activity warrants or the organizer prefers.

All activities are registration only, so the organizer can control the group size.

The day before or the day of the activity, the organizer will send an email to all participants that asks specific COVID-related symptom/exposure questions, and provides the WMC liability form (activity directors can provide these to the organizer). Some organizers have created very nice digital forms that work well too.

Participants must answer the COVID questions and agree to the WMC liability waiver, preferably with a reply email, or using the digital form.

Face coverings are required at meeting locations, trailheads, and anywhere distancing cannot be accomplished. Face covering is not required during the activity if distancing can be maintained. Keep coverings available for quick use when there is on-coming or passing traffic.

Organizers fill in the names of the participants on the WMC waiver and upload the form to the website as usual (for new organizers, pull up your activity on the club website and you will find easy instructions near the bottom of the page). This step is particularly important if contact tracing is needed.

Contact Tracing - Participant responsibilities:

Let organizer know if participant experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of a WMC event.

Contact Tracing - Organizer responsibilities:

Ask participants to contact the organizer if they experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 calendar days after the event.

If contacted by a participant, send Organizer Communication to all participants from that event (see below), without disclosing the name of the individual.

Organizer communication: "Please be advised that a participant from a WMC activity that you attended within the last 14 days is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. This does not mean that this participant has the illness. However, we recommend that you self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidelines regarding potential community related exposure."

Hiking Co-Directors - Thanks & Welcome!!

Welcome to Liz Cordova & Daisy DeMarco as our Hiking Co-Directors for 2021-22! We also thank Michele Stancer & Nancy Munger for their tremendous effort, dedication, and service as Hiking Co-Directors over the past few years. They will be missed and we're sure Liz and Daisy will not miss a beat!

Gratitude & Thanks!



Michele & Nancy (photo taken pre-Covid)

"We are very grateful to have been hiking directors and have enjoyed our time on the WMC board. We have met many wonderful hikers, first timers and experts. Although we are stepping down from the board we will continue to have many more exciting adventures with the WMC. We are very supportive of Daisy and Liz taking our positions as hiking co-directors and board members."

Michele & Nancy

Let's Meet Liz & Daisy

I'm Liz Cordova, and I'm delighted to be working with Daisy as hiking director. Like many of you, I have a long and varied history with the WMC. I've had many wonderful experiences, and I feel that I owe a lot to the club--lasting relationships, great activities and fond memories.

This has been a difficult year for all of us, and I want, in 2021, to re-engage with the world and the club, to help create new friendships, new activities and new memories. It's a very different club, and a different world, than it was when I served as co-hiking director with Julie in 2013. But some things never change, and I look forward to hearing from you, on the trail. Let's hike.

I'm Daisy DeMarco and so stoked to be working with Liz as hiking director! I have been a club member for a few years. I started out as Rambler editor, and am now making my way to hiking director. I love hiking, exploring new places, and fostering friendships with club members. I am an elementary school teacher, so expect to see lots of fun hikes posted from me throughout the summer months!

I am so grateful to all of the experienced club members I've met over the years and for all they've taught me about the Wasatch and beyond. I have so much gratitude for the club and its amazing members who I've made countless mountain memories with! I am very excited to meet some wonderful new friends and see many familiar faces out hiking this year. Happy trails!

Welcome to a New Hiking Season!

This year, we want to energize our hiking experiences in a safe and open way. The realities of the pandemic are unavoidable, but we can work together to create safe and enjoyable hikes. To do that, we need to hear from you--to identify barriers to participation and organizing, and then to work together to remove those barriers as much as possible. We want to support organizers in whatever way we can--maybe by offering mentoring or co-organizing opportunities, or something we haven't thought of yet. We need your input.

We will rely on email a lot, so please sign up on the hike email list to stay involved. There will be a live Zoom meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd at 7pm to talk about all things hiking related. Please join us. We'll send an email so you can register, and we'll also send a brief survey to find out more about your hiking plans and hopes. We're excited to get started!

WMC Heroes and Legends: O'Dell "Pete" Petersen and And Edith Christensen "Pinky" Petersen

By Mark Jones

O'Dell Petersen was born in Fairview, Utah in 1911 and joined the WMC in 1928. Perhaps the best summation of Pete and Pinky comes from WMC Historian Caine Alder as he writes in the September, 1957 Rambler: "The fascination of the mountains brought O'Dell Petersen to the WMC. "Pete" joined the Club the year "Sammy was wooing Cookie" (1928). From that time to the present Pete has been climbing every mountain in the Wasatch, from Mt. Logan to Mt. Nebo, many of these dozens of times. Pete certainly had the record for ascents up Mt. Olympus – over one hundred times by routes on all sides of the mountain. Also, he has climbed all of the major peaks in the Uintah [Mountains]. In 1939 Pete married [Edith] "Pinky" Christensen, who had joined the Club the year before. They have three children ages 17, 14 and 12. In some thirty years of climbing, Pete has set many records. I'll mention the more significant ones: A speed record up Lone Peak of 3 hrs. and 55 minutes from Alpine. The first climber to take a large party (13) to the top of the Grand Teton. Climbed, in one week the Pfeifferhorn, the north and south peaks of Thunder Mountain, Mt. Olympus, Twin Peaks and Lone Peak. O'Dell's Shoe Shop is recognized in most of the country.



O'Dell Petersen at the Summit of Mt. Wolverine near the top of Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The photograph was taken about 1937.

Pete met Edith Christensen on a ski trip in 1938 and on a latter ski trip Pete would give Edith her nickname "Pinky". The story as told by Pete's good friend Bill Kamp. "In those days those who had cars would pick up people who had signed up for the trip. I happened to be the driver that Sunday morning. I had already picked up Pete and was scheduled to pick up Edith at Rita's apartment. Pete went in to get Edith, but she wasn't quite ready. She came out in her pink ski pajamas hidden beneath her parka. Pete named her "Pinky", and the name stuck. What attracted Pete to Pinky? Her pink pajamas of course." O'Dell "Pete" Petersen and Edith "Pinky" Christensen were married on April 11, 1939.



Pinky in the Wind Rivers in 1943

Alexis Kelner writes about Pete in the December 2001 Rambler.

"O'Dell's lifetime career in shoe repair started at age 15 as a delivery boy for Modern Shoe Repair. Here he learned the cobbler's craft and progressed to become a district supervisor for a national repair chain. The couple moved to San Francisco in 1940, but the love of the Wasatch coaxed them to return to Salt Lake a year later.

In 1946 Pete opened his own repair shop in their back yard garage; three years later he relocated to his Arcade Theater location. Pete volunteered his new shop to become the call-in headquarters for the Mountain Club. Every time a member dialed 364-7150 to register for a trip it was Pete

who answered the phone. He continued this service to the club for some 30 years.

He repaired shoes free of charge for the disabled and donated many refurbished shoes to the needy. Pete was a member of the Mountain Club for 73 years. For me, and many of my mountaineering companions, Pete was the Mountain Club."

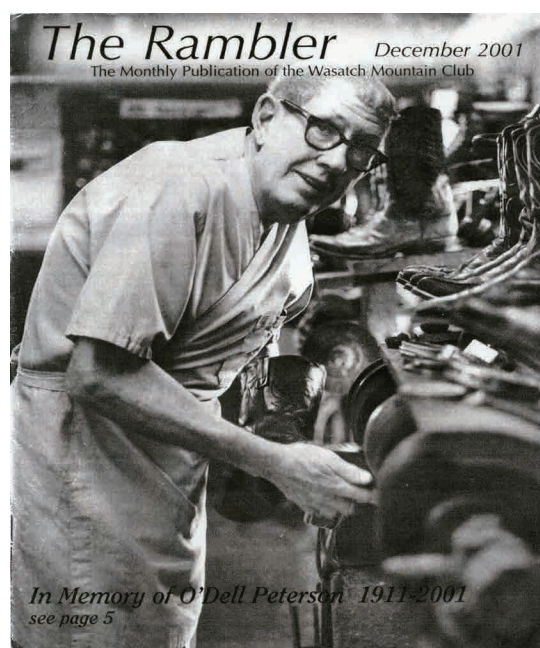
In the August 1994 Rambler, Jerry Hatch writes: "O'Dell joined the Club in the summer of 1928, soon after he graduated from East High School. A German immigrant and fellow shoemaker had taken him on his first Club trip up Little Black Mountain. How vastly different the local landscape we enjoy was then! O'Dell described the road to Brighton as a couple of dirt ruts, passable only after the last snow melted and before the first snow fell. To get to Brighton in the winter, you skied over from Park City. Edith explained, "Brighton Basin was a flat white plain in winter, with slides and the drifts coming down mostly unchecked by any trees". (The miners had cut them down in the nineteenth century and they had not yet grown back.) There were some big trees up near Lake Mary, however, and in 1929 the Club began cutting some of them. Horses and mules rented from Ma Green's Stables at Silver Lake dragged the trees down to the Club's new Lodge site. O'Dell was one of the two hundred or so Club members who built the Lodge, something he is very proud of."

"Besides working on the Lodge, O'Dell helped put the original register boxes

on most of the peaks of the Wasatch Front. He has served as vice-president and hiking director, and he was one of the original rock climbers in the State. (Yes, Pete's Rock is named after him.) During World War II, he aided Pa Perry with the Club's civil defense activities. His greatest service to the Club was, however, placing the Club's phone in his shoe repair shop. For several decades when someone called the Wasatch Mountain Club, O'Dell answered, took messages, solved problems, and generally acted as the Club's secretary."

The October, 1964 Rambler on page 15 is an explanation of how and why Pete's shop was the WMC headquarters. "Club Headquarters telephone. The Wasatch Mountain Club maintains a telephone at O'Dell's Shoe Repair Shop at 425 South 8th West. Life member Pete (O'Dell) Peterson and his wife "Pinky" (Edith) have vol-

unteered to answer the phone to handle trip registrations and inquiries about the club. You may call Monday through Saturday from 6AM to 6 PM. You are encouraged to use the phone for club business but please consider the following: 1. Pete and Pinky make their living repairing shoes, not answering the telephone. Please make up your mind whether or not you are going on a trip, then call up and register. Don't call and talk for half an hour trying to make up your mind. 2. Pete and Pinky generally do not know any more about a trip than what is published in the Rambler. If you need more information, call the TRIP LEADER. 3. Club policies and regulations are established by the Board of Directors. It is useless and senseless to call headquarters and argue about bringing guests or children on an event if the Rambler said no. Complain to the Board of Directors."



Pete in his shop from the December 2001 Rambler

Pete received the Pa Perry Award three times and the first was in 1956 as we can read from the April 1956 Rambler: The "Outstanding Activity Award was presented to O'Dell Petersen who has done probably more than any other single member of the Club over a greater period of time to boost the Club and put enthusiasm into its activities. When Pete pushes a trip, it is made."

In 1964 Pete and Pinky Petersen were joint recipients of the Pa Perry award as we can see in the 1964 April Rambler: "Probably the happiest moment of the evening for everyone was the presentation of the annual service award to O'dell ("Pete") and Pinky Peterson. Emcee Dale Green had a special speech prepared for the occasion and since it did not get entirely used, it is hoped that this item will be offered for publication in the Rambler in some future issue. (This was Pete's 34th nomination dinner in 35'years as a member. Isn't that a record?) Pinky added a footnote to Dale's report of the marriage of 14 members in the past year that she, too, found Pete in the club. (The trophy will be on display at the shop, in case you missed the dinner)."

Again, in 1988 O'Dell and Edith Petersen received the

Pa Perry Award as we read in the 1988 April Rambler: "O'Dell and Edith Petersen at the Nominations Banquet. The Petersen's received the Pa Perry Award this year. They have been club members for 60 (!) years. For many of those years, they ran the club office, taking all calls, answering all questions. The club is deeply grateful to the Petersen's for their many, many years of service and support."

young age of 82. It would be difficult to summarize the contributions Pete and his wife Edith (Pinky) have made to the Wasatch Mountain Club over the span of their memberships but they are multitudinous. All of us wish you both the best of luck and a happy retirement."

Christian O'Dell "Pete"



Pete and Pinky from the April, 1988 Rambler. Photo by Allen Eickemeyer.

We read from the October, 1992 Rambler by Dale Green WMC Historian: "FROM THE HISTORIAN. After 65 years of repairing shoes, Life Member O'Dell (Pete) Petersen has closed his shop at 425 South 900 West and retired at the

Petersen died on October 3, 2001 after a brief illness. He was 90 at the time of death. Edith Christensen "Pinky" Petersen was born on July 11, 1918 and died on January 15, 2002.

Wilderness Protection in Emery County

by Will McCarvill

In March of 2019, the Dingell Natural Resource Act passed Congress and designated 14 wilderness areas in Emery County. Many were former Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) but several never had that protection. The WMC conducted over twenty survey and remediation trips from 2013-2018 that helped the WSA's in the San Rafael Swell retain their wilderness values. The new wilderness boundaries also differ in places from the old WSA's. So after a year of Covid restrictions we have been working with the Price Field Office to reactivate the program and have agreed upon two service trips for this spring, April 17-18 and May 15-16.

Things have changed a bit. In the fall of 2019 the use of iPads loaded with Google Earth images of potential problem sites and the GAIA GPS navigation system greatly improved the speed and reliability of field work conducted by volunteers. Survey work that used to take months is now done in a day. See photos below of illegal vehicle routes entering the Middle Wild Horse Mesa Wilderness taken in fall 2019.

The BLM has also come up with a more compact barrier system consisting of posts and

cables replacing the cumbersome buck and rail barricades. The new system will be used on the routes shown above. Many carsonite signs informing the public of wilderness boundaries will also have to be installed.

On April 17-18th, we will work on the boundary road between the Muddy Creek and Middle Wild Horse Mesa wilderness areas on the southwest corner of the Swell. The road has a few rough places that require high clearance and a team will have to cross the Muddy Creek. We need to cross the Muddy before spring runoff begins. For the May trip we will be on the boundary between the Big Wild Horse Mesa and the Middle Wild Horse Mesa wildernesses. This is easily accessed and we will camp not far from Goblin Valley. There is plenty of work for up to a dozen folks on each trip. The iPads will be used to guide teams to the work sites to make sure the problem areas are taken care of.

The BLM is prepared to work with social distancing and masks as we need to work safely. We will also observe safety standards where we camp.



50 Years Ago in the Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley, WMC trustee

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 1971

March 6 AMERICAN FORK TWINS - WHITE PINE by MOONLIGHT — Advanced (3,5). If
Sat snow conditions are highly favorable, and if the weather is nearly perfect, we
will try our first alpine moonlight tour. Needless to say, this is recommended
only for the hardiest and most experienced. If things go well we expect to do
much of the climb in the waning daylight hours. A moonlight view from the
summit would be a memorable experience. Bring extra warm clothing and
gloves. For your own convenience, please register with the leaders before
Saturday. We will plan to meet at Germania Pass (100 yards above Sugar
Loaf Terminal) at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to allow yourself ample time to drive up
the canyon, find a parking place (not always a trivial undertaking on a clear
Saturday), and get on the Albion Lift by 4:30 at the latest. The lifts close at
5:00, but one must allow time to reach the upper lift (Sugar Loaf) before
closing. If conditions are unfavorable, an alternative may be selected, so please
register with the leaders before Saturday in order to keep informed on current
conditions. Leaders: Karin and Dennis Caldwell [...]

JACKSON HOLE TOURING [Feb. 20-22] by Dennis Caldwell

[...] The combination
of good weather and a
nearly full moon set the
stage for a grueling but
rewarding effort by club
members. After barely
getting to sleep we were
dutifully aroused by the
alarm clock at 1:15 a.m.
(It is difficult to fathom
how such a device can be
so named, since it always
sounds at a predestined
time. Our preparations
were enlivened by the
remnants of the late late
show: it is always difficult
to tear oneself away from a
good Boris Karloff vampire

epic.) We then drove past
Grand Teton Park Hdqtrs.
to the end of the plowed
road, donned our skis and
shuffled across the moon-
drenched flats to the base
of Glacier Gulch. Mercifully
the weather was warm,
and everyone was in good
spirits for the initial phase
of the journey.

For those who have not
experienced the effect
of moonlight touring, it is
difficult to describe the
sublime interplay of weak
light and cold shadow on
the shimmering snow. As
we approached Delta Lake,
dawn began to break thru
the slowly gathering clouds.
Here we got our first
glimpse of the Grand since

leaving the valley; the mists
swirling around the summit
gave it an unreal aspect.
We managed to chop a hole
through the ice to replenish
our water supply and then
continued to the base of
the glacier. Up to this point
we were dealing with a
fairly reasonable ski tour
into a spectacular area;
then the tenor of the outing
took on a grimmer aspect.
Here we broke out the ice
axes and started up a steep
couloir leading to a high
plateau on the shoulder of
Teewinot. The snow was
ideal for step kicking and
progress was good. This
constituted the second
major phase. From the
plateau we were greeted
with a misty panorama,

partly in sun, and partly in shadow. Sometimes we were ourselves enveloped in clouds. After some rest and the consumption of one of many lunches, we were ready to strike for the summit.

Our pace slowed somewhat but we felt that time was still our ally. Without a first-hand knowledge of the location of this complicated mountain our effort would surely have failed. As it was, it became necessary to make a few time-consuming experiments to avoid the disquieting rime that stuck to nearly all but south-facing rocks. After an unscheduled rappel we finally selected a tractable route to the prominent notch below the summit. From here it was necessary to descend slightly down the east face of the mountain. No matter what time of year one tends to have

reservations about this part of the climb, because the rock under the snow is so slabby. Fortunately things went well and the summit was reached around 2:00. The view was more of an experience than a picture due to the excessive mists; but we were able to see clearly down into the valley a mile below. After taking nearly eleven hours to make the climb the descent went extremely well and we were down to the valley in three hours. Despite rather crusty conditions in the mountains there was some good powder skiing on most of the northern exposures. Under good conditions this can be a fabulous run, and it is not at all necessary to knock oneself out to get the full scenic and skiing flavor of this tour; we all agreed one can well dispense with the summit and are anxious to return for just the skiing part of the tour in Glacier Gulch. Hopefully,

this will have gotten out of our systems the longtime desire to make a winter climb of a Teton peak in one day after all the suffering we have encountered on overnight trips with heavy packs. They tell us that this is the first time that such a thing has been done, and we recommend it to anyone who prefers commando raids to full scale invasions, but good conditions are the key to success. It seems this also marks the first winter climb of a Teton peak by a woman (hurray for women's lib).

Those participating: Joel Bown; Bill Conrod; Alexis Kelner; Milt Hollander; Dave L. Smith; Karin & Dennis Caldwell.

[Dennis Caldwell was elected president of the WMC at the February 17, 1971 general membership meeting.]

Federal Legislation Conservation Update

by Dennis Goreham

The purpose of the WMC is to promote the well-being of our members through outdoor activities and encourage preservation of our natural areas. Since our creation in 1920, no period has had more people recreating in the same spaces, and few times have been more urgent to preserve what is left. If we don't continue to emphasize the preservation aspect of our purpose, opportunities for recreation will be severely impacted.

While most of our focus will remain on local activities and opportunities, it is also important to pay attention to what is happening in Washington DC. The new Congress is just getting underway and below are four pieces of legislation we need to stay engaged with. As you will see, there are two we support and two we oppose.

For: America's Red Rock Wilderness Act

This legislation has a long history, being first introduced in 1989. The Wasatch Mountain Club helped in the wilderness inventory in the 1980s and has advocated for the bill's passage ever since. ARRWA will designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin deserts in Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States. Various adjustments have been made over the years but currently stands at approximately 8.4 million acres to be protected.

Stay tuned to the WMC activity calendar for a zoom presentation about ARRWA for our members soon.

Also, see Will McCarvill's article in this issue about recent legislation to protect wilderness in Emery County and opportunities to participate in service projects in the San Rafael Swell this spring.



The Rimrocks, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument (Copyright James Kay - jameskay.com / <https://www.instagram.com/jameskayphoto/>)

Against: Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act

This legislation, championed by a single-issue recreation interest, is taking what was once envisioned to be a multiple use trail and converting it into a dedicated mountain bike trail. The BST is just part of the solution to accommodating a growing recreation demand in the area and this legislation makes no sense

when there are better alternatives available.

We support continued development of the multi-user Bonneville Shoreline Trail, but this legislation does little to help realize that vision, while harming other community-based efforts for the Wasatch.

This legislation would bypass the consensus decisions made during the Mountain Accord process. The proposed Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act is basically the compromise made as a result of the Mountain Accord so the piece meal approach of this stand-alone BST legislation, goes against that broad based agreement.

This bill also sets a terrible precedent for taking areas out of wilderness for almost any reason. Even though the advocates for it say it is an equal trade for wilderness in Mill Creek Canyon, most of us believe it is not. Pursuing trades included in the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act makes more sense for preservation and recreation in the Wasatch.

For: Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act

This legislation that will create the NCRA to help manage and preserve the Wasatch is in near final draft form. The WMC contributed our comments late last year to the current draft. We expect the Central Wasatch Commission will work to find sponsors this year and get this legislation introduced in this congress. There have been road blocks getting this legislation into final form due to conflicts with land issues and resolution to a mountain transportation system that benefits both ski resorts seasonally and dispersed users year-round.

This legislation will do a great deal of good for the central Wasatch. It is particularly important as it will create the Grandeur Peak / Mount Aire Wilderness area and resolves issues related to making the Bonneville Shoreline Trail a true multi-users trail for Salt Lake County.

Against: Human-Powered Travel in Wilderness Areas Act

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior to authorize their respective local offices to determine all permissible forms of non-motorized travel over routes within wilderness areas and to accommodate all forms of non motorized travel to the maximum extent practicable. If a local office fails to make such a determination about a route within two years after this bill's enactment, then any form of non-motorized travel shall be allowable on that route.

With the typical speed of federal activities; the time it will take for agencies to develop rules and guidelines, complete the local inventories, get public input, make and implement decisions, we can count this not being complete in two years so all trails in wilderness will be open to mountain bikes. This will also open the door to ebikes. It will be impossible to enforce no ebikes. Both Departments are already allowing ebikes on trails nobody ever thought they would.

User conflicts will arise. High-speed bikes and slow-moving horses and hikers will clash with greater frequency, and the casualty will be everyone's safety. Under this legislation, there is no way to ensure there is no degradation of wilderness character on these trails. It is unnecessary to open our wildest places to mountain bikes. 2.7% of the lower forty-eight states is designated wilderness; over 97% is open to mountain bikes.

In recent years, there are good examples of negotiated legislation which has included compromises that allow bikes on some trails while not in designated wilderness. We believe that process is a much better approach than this bill.

Best in the West: Butterfield Canyon Trails Approved

By Spencer Millerberg

A new trail system and open space recreation area in Butterfield Canyon has been approved by Salt Lake County, helping add more trails to SL Valley and pull traffic from overcrowded east bench trails. Phase 1 of the project is scheduled to be completed by June 2022, with future phases by 2024. Butterfield Canyon is directly south of Kennecott/Rio Tinto mines, and slightly northwest of Yellow Fork Canyon.



View from upper Butterfield Canyon showing some of the Canyon's lush vegetation.

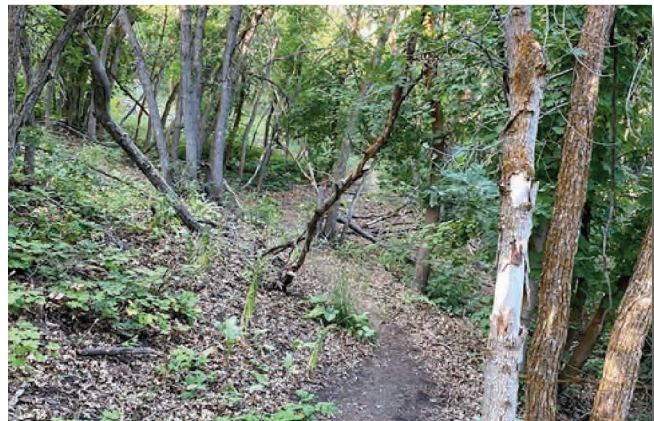
The Butterfield trail system proposal calls for a total of 70+ miles of non-paved, non-motorized, multi-use trails, with 11 of those miles in the first project phase. Trailheads, parking, and bathrooms will be built in phases, starting at the base of the canyon and adding additional parking at the base and trailheads throughout the canyon in future phases. Separation of hoof/boot vs bike in the busiest areas will occur via separate parking at the base, leading to two user dedicated trails on either side of Butterfield Creek. As the trails begin to climb and become less trafficked, trails become multi-directional and able to be used by horse, hike, and bike. Downhill only trails will re-route bikes back to the dedicated bike trails at the base of the canyon to further prevent trail user conflict.

Trail build quality will be ensured by employing professional trail designers who will use only sustainable trail building techniques, best-in-class trail design, and environmentally proven methods.



Midway up Butterfield Canyon with Rio Tinto mine on the left-hand side

Trail maintenance will occur with high-school groups as well as SL County professional staff. The trail will be the first trail system to meet the design standards for high school cross-country and mountain bike races in Salt Lake County. Connection to Yellow Fork Canyon trail system is scheduled to



Rich soil, lush vegetation and existing game trails create an ideal canvas for trail construction

take place by the end of 2022 as well as improved signing and trail improvements to the already much-loved Yellow Fork canyon area.

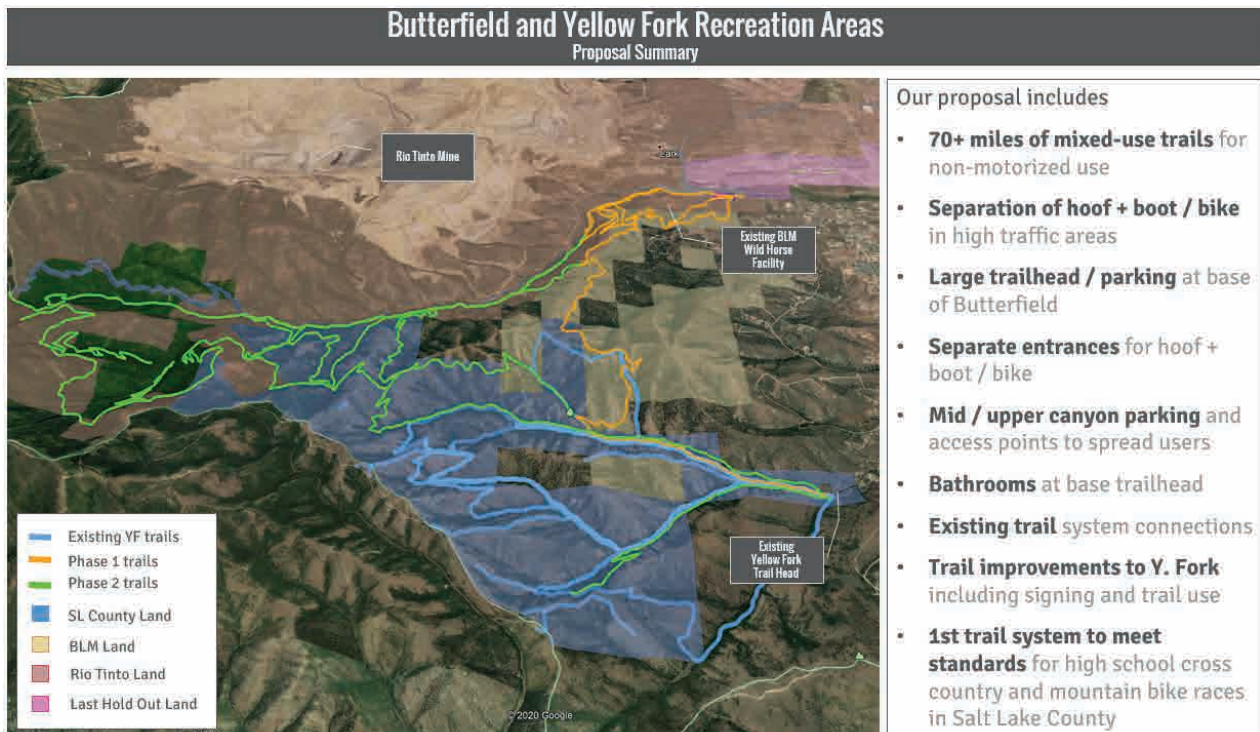
Butterfield Canyon is a hidden gem of the west side. Restricted ownership has left the area untouched by all except for trespassers, leaving a virtual blank canvas. The sunbaked entrance to the canyon quickly gives way to rich soil and dense vegetation as you move upwards in elevation. The terrain and wild life are similar to that of Corner

Canyon with snow and spring fed streams, rocky crags, and sweeping valleys. While access to this beautiful open space has been contemplated for over 30 years, complicated land ownership made progress difficult. Timing was finally correct as a private citizen approached land owners with a donation to create the trails and open space.

For questions or more information, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQc5Ksx-nbM> or contact Spencer Millerberg at: smillerberg@gmail.com



Hundreds attend a rally in 2020 in support of the new trails in Butterfield Canyon





48th ANNUAL KINGS PEAK SKI TOUR

Friday, March 19th, 2021

The historic 48th annual Kings Peak ski tour, hosted by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 19th) at the Henry's Fork Snow-Parking area and get under way very early on Saturday morning. Avalanche transceivers, shovels, and registration are not required. Headlamps are mandatory (double check that they work and that the batteries are fresh). Lots of water (2-3 liters) and protection from facing directly into the sun for most of the day are also important. Standard backcountry touring gear is best but every possible combination has been used in the past. Climbing skins are often handy but not essential. We generally leave the skis at Gunsight Pass and climb the peak on foot so Vibram-type soles on your boots are usually helpful if the snow is hard. Snowshoes are welcome but they need to remember that since they cannot just kick and glide back to the car, they have a much earlier turn-around time. 1:00pm is the usual turnaround time for Snowshoes. It will be a long day; we start before dawn and usually end after dark. It's not at all necessary to climb the peak, however, to enjoy the ski touring in this lovely, gentle drainage and normally more than half of the participants turn

around short of the peak. Elkhorn crossing is a good scenic NTD destination used by many. Gunsight Pass, 5 miles farther, is MOD and gives wonderful views. Gunsight Pass is the standard turnaround place for most and for ALL those that arrive after 1:00pm. The summit is MSD chiefly because of the length of the day and the climb of the peak at the end. Mandatory turnaround is 3:00 pm no matter where you are on the route. We carry out ALL waste paper including TP so carry a plastic bag and plan for it. **For additional information call Larry at 801-583-4043 or Steve at 801-272-5750.** We will start out no matter what the weather and assess the summit from the basin or Gunsight. The trip to the basin is sheltered and makes a nice ski tour even in stormy weather. We prefer the creek route as it is safer but that decision will be made on the morning of the tour. We want everyone to go up and back down on the same route for safety reasons so check with Larry or Steve on the route of choice if you plan to leave extra early. Note, Participants must follow the State of Utah's Covid19 Enjoying the Outdoors Safely and Responsibly recommendations, and this is a "Registration Required" event.

WMC Blood Drive

by Tony Hellmann

The Red Cross has informed the Club that on Jan 21st, Martin Luther King Day, our members donated 40 pints of blood (including 10 first-timers). 40 pints represents 120 patients helped / lives saved; all within 4 days of the donation!

Thank you to all the volunteers. Combined total donations for the Centennial Blood Drive (2020) are 147 pints...enough to save 441 lives. Pretty amazing – especially during a Pandemic! Sheri Van Biber (Red Cross Coordinator) exclaimed: 'We could not have made it through this year without great people like YOU running extra drives & pulling us through this!'

Here are some interesting facts about donation:

- * Every 2 seconds someone needs blood in the US
- * The blood used in emergency rooms must be on the shelf before the emergency room crisis
- * A single-car accident can require up to 100 pints of blood
- * The American Red Cross was started in 1940 under the direction of Dr Charles Drew
- * Information you give to the RED CROSS is confidential.

A special thanks to all the donors, Julie Kilgore and Yi Qu for their extra effort for this worthy cause!

Our next Blood donation drive is scheduled for March 23rd & 24th. Please see activity calendar for more details/registration information. If you'd like to help, please call me at 801-809-6133.



Meredith Kessi getting ready to donate



Sheri Van Biber (Red Cross Coordinator superstar) w/ Tony

Hello, Boaters and Friends!

Happy March!

We continue to have an abysmal snow year here in Utah, but fortunately for boating, at least, north of us and eastern Colorado is doing quite a bit better. Don't quit on the snow dance though! We need all we can get in the next couple months.

Thanks for all who applied for boating permits! Results started coming February 12, earlier than expected. If you get lucky make sure to accept your lottery results.

If you would like to share your permit, or any other trip, with club members at the planning meeting, please let Tanner and Kelly know about your plans as soon as possible, so we can prepare for our hybrid trip planning meeting.

No permit absolutely does not mean no trip. There are many wonderful rivers within an 8 hour drive of Salt Lake that take no permit. Given that the snow is so much better in eastern Colorado, maybe this is the year for an Arkansas River trip! You can find info and links for many of these rivers at <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/kayaking> by clicking on [WHC River Information](#).

Trip Planning Meeting - Sunday March 21, 4-6pm

Online or in person in the backyard at

Dick and Cindy Smith's house

9479 S Granite Trail

Sandy, UT

This will be a hybrid meeting, that you can attend in person, outdoors, with social distancing, small groups and masks, or via zoom/document sharing. Thus, we need time to prepare your virtual sign-up sheets, so share early! We will send the zoom link out to boating again a day or two before the meeting. If you are not on the boating email list, please sign up, or contact us to forward the link to you!

Gift Card Raffle

We received a total of 54 entries to our gift card raffle!

Lynn Bohs has won the \$100 gift card to Utah Whitewater Gear to spend on boating gear.

Thanks for applying for permits!

Beginner Trip

This year's beginner trip is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, May 21-23. We will be camping at Hittle Bottom, and floating on the Moab Daily. This year's trip will look different than previous years due to covid precautions, starting with a small size. If you are interested in attending, please let Kelly or Tanner know. We are watching both the water conditions and the virus conditions before making final plans.

Questions? Contact Kelly (kellybeumer@gmail.com), or Tanner (tannermorrill@gmail.com)

Welcome New Members

Spencer Millerberg	Neil Hansen	Paula Randall
Cheryl Heying	Francois Coquemont	Isaac Lindstrom
Mark Grosser	Kent Tschanz	Richard Drake
Jason Yetter	Hannah Clark	Johnathan Nuss
Yaraslau Kaushovik	Tracey Lamb	Dawn Hendry
Lissy Coley	Anthony Kincade	Jared Johnson
Scottie Hogg	Janet Carver	Gabriel Pascualy
McKinley Goreham	Breanne Palmer	Marisa Flavin
James Eixenberger	Chris Carrick	Beth Allen
Deb Arendtsen	Mike Gleue	Nathan Tibbitts
Tom Dotson & Norma Davis	Clara Backes & Jack Ohme	Brian & Julie Farmer
Jennifer & Craig Ellsworth	Spencer Russell & Juliana Sobczyk	JK & Sarah Scott
Lyubima Maday & Dallas Richards	Larry Hardebeck & Betsy Tipps	David Classen & Laurie Hofmann

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 wasatchmountainclub@gmail.com 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!

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 life-savers 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 10th time you might get hypothermia. For some other gear to think about, see: www.wasatchmountainclub.org > General Menu > The Ten Essentials

Note: reprinted from the WMC Rambler, March 2017

Celebrate the legacy *by Giving*

We are grateful for your generosity in 2020 towards achieving our \$25,000 goal!

There are limited quantities of Centennial Thank-You gifts still available if you want to contribute to the Education Endowment. Get yours today!

■ **Donate to WMC Centennial Education Endowment Fund:** Create a lasting legacy at the University of Utah. Details on our website. Use this form to receive Thank-You gifts, or donate online.

■ **Advertise in The Rambler:** If you or someone you know has a business that would like to reach our 1,000 members plus hundreds of other readers, e-mail Rambler@WasatchMountainClub.org

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March 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

Mar 2	Little Cottonwood Canyon Lower North Ridge (new Evening Hike) – 2.0 mi – 1500' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com Starts on property newly purchased by WMC, Bonneville Shoreline Trail and others. Steep (like west ridge of Grandeur). Good training hike. No bushwhacking, 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.
Mar 3	Hiking Meeting/social: 2021 Hiking Season <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com Please join us for a virtual live Zoom meeting at 7 pm to plan our 2021 hiking season. Register and we will send you a link.
Mar 5	Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolves, Wildlife, & Winter Activities - 4-6 Days – ntd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Robert Turner, Julie Kilgore 801-560-3378, 801-244-3323 r46turner@gmail.com, jk@wasatch-environmental.com We're making a COVID-appropriate plan for this annual winter trek into Yellowstone. Join us for wildlife watching and general winter activities in the northeast corner of Yellowstone Park. Sightings of wolves, foxes, coyotes, bighorn sheep and eagles are common. We'll motel it in Gardiner, MT, where we have reserved the entire bottom floor for the group. We'll be driving separately into the Park each day on the only road kept open in Yellowstone in the winter. Some will get going very early each morning (about 5:00am), while others can linger and get a later start. There are also lots of opportunities for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, so bring your skis or snowshoes if you want to enjoy some time trekking around in Yellowstone's spectacular winter wonderland. The drive to Gardiner in the winter is about 500 miles since we can't go through the Park to get there. e-mail Robert or Julie for more details.
Mar 6	Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending On Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on March 5 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.
Mar 7	Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending On Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on March 5 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.
Mar 7	Day Hike: Red Butte Canyon – ntd+ – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com Hiking to Mt Van Cott from the University Hospital. Plan on late morning and a slower pace. Limit of 6. I will update the website as the date approaches. Weather and conditions will be a factor. If Saturday is better, I will probably move it.
Mar 9	Social - Online Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Online <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu The Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah while they have meetings on-line during the pandemic. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The March book is Soil Not Oil: Environmental Justice in an Age of Climate Crisis, by Vandana Shiva. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the access information.
Mar 9	Hike: Mt Olympus Afternoon Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com Early afternoon hike to Tolcat Stream or Blister Hill. Slower pace, limit of 6. I will likely move this to the best afternoon of the week, based on weather and conditions and update the website.

Mar 9	Mt Olympus South Trail Evening Hike – ntd+ – 3.0 mi – 1500’ ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com Bring micro spikes or other studded footwear, headlamp/flashlight, and dress in layers. Prompt 6pm departure. Limited to 10 people.
Mar 10	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
Wed	<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.
Mar 10	Canyoneering Buckskin Gulch – mod+ – 21.0 mi – 100’ ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Wed	<i>Organizer:</i> Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 tannermorrill@gmail.com
–	Buckskin Gulch! Widely known as the longest slot canyon in the world, this 20.6 mile hike is one for the books. This is NOT technical
Mar 12	canyoneering but you’ll need to be ok with downclimbing and walking for hours in shallow, icy, sandy water (up to waist high at times). You will be getting muddy and wet. Bring neoprene and wool socks and lots of water. For newbies to canyoneering, this is a
Fri	good introduction to slot canyons. We’ll spend 2 days and 1 night in the canyon. The 1st day is long, about 17 miles. Drive down on the 10th to pick up lunch & a permit in Kanab before 1pm, eat, day hike, & find a place to camp. This trip relies on a clear weather forecast to prevent flash floods. Space allowed: Me and 7 others only. We’ll need 2 cars minimum and a 30 minute shuttle set up. Indoor carpooling at least a little bit (20 miles) is pretty much unavoidable unless we have pickup trucks. Wirepass trailhead to Whitehouse TH. This trip is on the Utah Arizona border very close to “The Wave.” Permit fee is \$11/person. FYI Social distancing might be a bit tricky in the 6ft or so wide canyon, so keep a mask handy. https://www.blm.gov/visit/paria-canyon-vermilion-cliffs-wilderness-coyote-buttes-north-wave-coyote-buttes-south-and
Mar 13	Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending On Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sat	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on March 12 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.
Mar 14	Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending On Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sun	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on March 12 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.
Mar 14	Day Hike: Emigration – ntd+ – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sun	<i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com Hiking from Little Mtn Summit to Dale Peak, weather and conditions dependent. This will be a slower paced hike with a limit of 6. I will update the website as the date approaches. Plan on late morning and possibly Saturday, if needed for a good hike.
Mar 16	Little Cottonwood Canyon Lower North Ridge (nearly New 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 Starts on property newly purchased by WMC, Bonneville Shoreline Trail and others. Steep (like west ridge of Grandeur). Good training hike. No bushwhacking, 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.
Mar 17	Hike: Millcreek Canyon Afternoon Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Wed	<i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com Hike to Pipeline Overlook in the early afternoon. Slower pace and limit of 6. Weather and conditions will factor in; I will update the website as the date approaches and probably move the hike to the best day of the week.

Mar 19	Alpine Ski Tour, Kings Peak – ext – 33.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Fast pace
Fri	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
–	<i>Organizer:</i> Larry* Swanson 801-946-6372 oldswaney@gmail.com
Mar 20	Participants must follow the State of Utah's Covid19 Enjoying the Outdoors Safely and Responsibly recommendations , and this is a “Registration Required” event. This is the 48th annual Kings Peak tour for those interested in trivia. The historic Kings Peak ski tour, hosted by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 19th) at the Henry's Fork Snow-Parking area and get under way very early on Saturday morning. Avalanche transceivers, shovels, and registration are not required. Headlamps are mandatory (double check that they work and that the batteries are fresh). Lots of water (2-3 liters) and protection from facing directly into the sun for most of the day are also important. Standard backcountry touring gear is best but every possible combination has been used in the past. Climbing skins are often handy but not essential. We generally leave the skis at Gunsight Pass and climb the peak on foot so Vibram-type soles on your boots are usually helpful if the snow is hard. Snowshoer's are welcome but they need to remember that since they cannot just kick and glide back to the car they have a much earlier turn-around time. 1:00pm is the usual turn around time for Snowshoer's. It will be a long day, we start before dawn and usually end after dark. It's not at all necessary to climb the peak, however, to enjoy the ski touring in this lovely, gentle drainage and normally more than half of the participants turn around short of the peak. Elkhorn crossing is a good scenic NTD destination used by many. Gunsight Pass, 5 miles farther, is MOD and gives wonderful views. Gunsight Pass is the standard turn around place for most and for ALL those that arrive after 1:00pm. The summit is MSD chiefly because of the length of the day and the climb of the peak at the end. Mandatory turnaround is 3:00 pm no matter where you are on the route. We carry out ALL waste paper including TP so carry a plastic bag and plan for it. For additional information call Larry at 801-583-4043 or Steve at 801-272-5750. We will start out no matter what the weather and assess the summit from the basin or Gunsight. The trip to the basin is sheltered and makes a nice ski tour even in stormy weather. We prefer the creek route as it is safer but that decision will be made on the morning of the tour. We want everyone to go up and back down on the same route for safety reasons so check with Larry or Steve on the route of choice if you plan to leave extra early.
Mar 20	Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending On Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
	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). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on March 19 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.
Mar 21	Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending On Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace
Sun	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
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Mar 21	Day Hike: Emigration – ntd+ – Out & Back
Sun	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
	<i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com
	Hiking the Little Mtn Ridge trail, depending on weather and conditions. Slower pace, later morning start. I will update the website as the date approaches and possibly move this to Saturday. Limit of 6.
Mar 23	Multi-activity Event - 2021 Covid Blood Drive March 23-24
Tue	<i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at American Red Cross Cottonwood Room. 6616 South 900 East (South Of R.C. Willey in Murray), park in West Lot
	<i>Organizer:</i> Anthony Hellman 801-809-6133 utahhomes4us@gmail.com
	Wmc Centennial Blood was a “Bloody Success” so the WMC is sponsoring an ongoing 2021 Covid Blood drive. WMC Members and Friends have donated 148 pints of blood so far. FREE Covid 19 antibody testing with every Donation. Your gift of life is priceless. Encourage friends, family, or start a company drive. The RED CROSS says Thank You All For Being Fabulous Partners, Our Wish Is We Continue this Relationship & Keep “Paying It Forward” Impacting the Patients and Children in our Community!! Please use this LINK to Schedule Your Appointment between 2 and 8 pm. (link may be temporarily non functional)
Mar 23	Grandeur West Ridge Evening Hike – ntd+ – 2.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent
Tue	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
	<i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com
	Bring micro spikes or other studded footwear, headlamp/flashlight, and dress in layers. Prompt 6pm departure. Limited to 10 people.
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Mar 25	Hike St. George Utah – ntd+ – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com
Thu –	Virus and weather permitting, this trip is for members new and old that have had little opportunity to hike in the red rock country of southern Utah. Suggested hikes are Paiute Butte, Saddle Mountain / Vortex, Maze, Yant Flat, Kolob Taylor Canyon, Zion's Park
Mar 28	Poole Canyon. Accommodations at a house in St. George. More information on registration. It may be overly optimistic planning
Sun	this trip in this Covid crisis but we can be hopeful and maybe we can all have our C-19 shots by then.
Mar 27	Backpack Cedar Mesa – mod+ – 12.0 mi Shuttle – 3400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 tannermorrill@gmail.com
Sat –	\$17 permit fee/person for Grand Gulch. Grand Gulch is filled with archaeological sites and beautiful sandstone. This area was slated to be part of the Bears Ears national monument until it was scaled back. Each day should be relatively easy, about 6 & 7 miles respectively. We'll be scrambling down Todie Canyon into Grand gulch, spending a night, and out Bullet Canyon on Monday. Members
Mar 29	should be comfortable with some rock scrambling in Todie Canyon and possibly in Bullet Canyon. Water should be available to filter. We'll drive down either Friday night or Saturday morning, depending on preference. We could grab a hotel in Blanding if folks want.
Mon	Friday night or Saturday: Drive down to Cedar Mesa area. Saturday: I have a permit for 6 people (additional walk-in permits may be available) to go to Moon House Ruins (day hike). \$6/person additional fee. Permits must be picked up by noon so I'll be there by then. Sunday: I have a permit for 10 people for Grand Gulch. Monday: Exit via bullet canyon. Drive home.
Mar 27	Snowshoe - Location Tba Depending On Snow/conditions – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Sat	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). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on March 26 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.
Mar 28	Snowshoe - 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). But if you want to practice using avalanche safety gear, please feel free to bring it. If you want to try avalanche safety gear, I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on March 26 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.
Mar 30	Hike: Millcreek Canyon Afternoon Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com
Tue	Porter Fork or the Salt Lake Overlook. Slower pace; limit of 6. I will update the website after checking weather and conditions and might move the hike to a better choice.
Mar 30	Little Cottonwood Canyon Lower North Ridge (nearly New Evening Hike) – ntd+ – 3.0 mi Out & Back – 1500' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com
Tue	Starts on property newly purchased by WMC, Bonneville Shoreline Trail and others. Steep (like west ridge of Grandeur). Good training hike. No bushwhacking, 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.
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 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. Small group hikes to locations along Highway 12 and Hole in the Rock road. 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 deposit due with sign-up.
Apr 12	
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Apr 13 Tue	Social - On-line Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at on-line <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu The Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah while they have meetings on-line 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.
Apr 17 Sat – Apr 18 Sun	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 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.
Apr 22 Thu	Kayak/canoe/sup Evening Provo River-->lake – flat water – 3.0 mi – 10' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 tannermorrill@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.
May 15 Sat – May 16 Sun	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 21 Fri – May 23 Sun	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 Thu – May 31 Mon	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 up stream to Young Canyon and down stream 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.
Jul 16 Fri – Jul 18 Sun	Kayaking Twin Falls Shoshone Falls – flat water – 7.5 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Tanner Morrill 801-809-0170 tannermorrill@gmail.com 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.
Jul 21 Wed – Jul 22 Thu	Day Hikes - Co 14ers In The Sawatch Range – msd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu 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.

Trip Report: Snow Hike - North Fork in the West Uintas

January 16, 2021

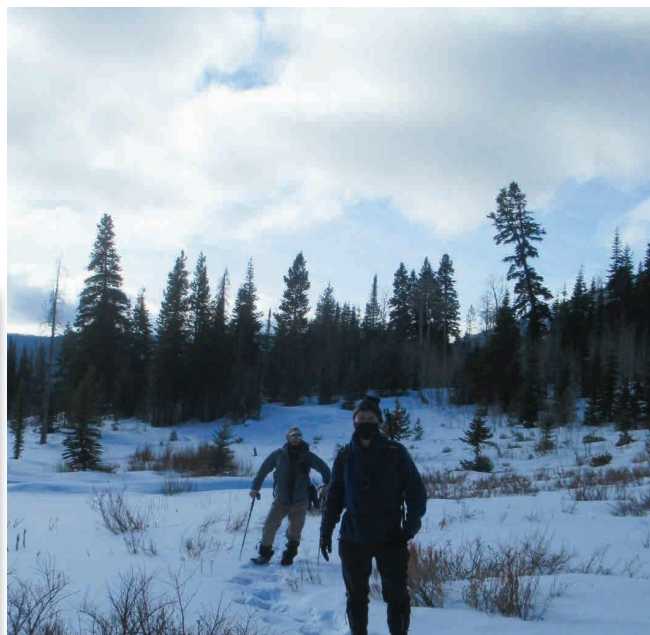
Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

When we go to the North Fork Trailhead (TH) in the West Uintas, we thought we would not need to use snowshoes because we did not see much snow from the TH. So we did not bring snowshoes with us and started hiking (on the packed snow) toward Peak 8980. We followed the trail (or track). Then, the snow became unpacked and deeper. When we realized we missed the ridge line, which we were supposed to take, it was clear that we would not be able to make the peak without snowshoes. We explored the area to figure out how to get to the ridge line of the peak so we would be able to make the peak next time. While we did not make the peak, it was a wonderful hike. We saw

only one another party of three people with four horses until we were back close to the TH. The weather was nice and it was warm for this time of the year. There were some animal tracks on the snow. But we did not see any wild animals. This hike took 4 hours and 15 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 6.68 miles, elevation gain – 1,100 ft).



We met Greg training by carrying a heavy pack on the way to the peak. He was much faster than us!



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Group photo (L to R): Ryan, John, and Akiko

Trip Report: Snow Shoe - Corner Canyon

January 25, 2021

Organized, report & photo by Tonya Karren

Anyone who doesn't like to hike in the snow doesn't know what they're missing. January 25th snowshoe hike was something special and there were tons of sparkling fresh snow all around us. Our group set off hiking from the new Peakview Trailhead in Corner Canyon down a pristine snow-covered trail, lined with scrub oak trees and it felt like we were in a snow globe somebody shook, with snow sprinkling gently down on us and all the trees frosted in white. It was breathtakingly beautiful! The trees were bent low over our trail, forming a canopy over us. We ducked under some low hanging limbs and occasionally, a limb so heavily laden with snow, would be blocking our way entirely. I was in front of the pack, so my job was to help break trail and whack the limbs blocking our path with my hiking poles, until they dumped their heavy load and sprang back up, dusting anyone beneath it with snow and clearing our path. It was fun! We packed a trail down to Ghost Falls, which was still flowing beneath an icicle wall and across the bridge and back up trail. It was so satisfying and felt like we had the whole mountain to ourselves. If you haven't discovered the joy of snowshoeing yet, come give it a try



Beautiful trail with fresh fallen snow

Trip Report: Draper Night Hike

January 25, 2021



Amazing view of Draper at night

Organized by Julie Kilgore

Report & Photos by Steve Leitch

We met at the Potato Hill trailhead in Draper on a clear, crisp evening for a relaxed pace hike on Anne's trail. Five of us met for the hike: Julie Kilgore, Tonya Karren, Stephen Dennis, Alfred Kessi and me. As we ascended up Anne's trail, we had some amazing views of Draper. The moon shone bright and illuminated the freshly fallen snow on the trees. We made a 3+ mile loop via the Lupine Loop trail back to Anne's trail. As we neared the trailhead at the end of the hike, we saw 8-10 deer which quickly darted up the nearby hill out of sight. It was a nice way to end a great evening hike.



Preparing to hike (L to R): Julie, Stephen, Alfred, and Tonya



Anne's Trail - overlooking Draper (L to R): Julie, Alfred, Stephen, Tonya

Trip Report: Carrington Island Hike

January 31, 2021

Organized, report & photos by Dennis Goreham

Carrington Island is currently not much of an island because of drought conditions. It is connected to Stansbury Island (also not an island) on the east and Lakeside Mountains area on the west. It is a great area for winter hiking.

We tried to do the hike on 1/23 but got snowed out. We rescheduled for 1/31. We wanted to do it before the end of January because that is usually when the brine shrimpers lock the gate out to Badger Island for the year and because Julie was having surgery to get a new knee the following day. Because of that urgency, we decided to go then even though we thought it might be wet and muddy from the big snow storm a few days earlier. It turns out, we could not have had a nicer day.

Seven of us did the hike; Julie Kilgore, Barb Gardner, Greg Lott, Michi Bracken, Da Yang, Richard Drake and me. We practiced safe covid hygiene even though we were quite spread out most the time. We met on the frontage road at the I-80 MP84 off ramp. Then drove a good gravel road along the west side to the north end of Stansbury Island to regroup at the kiosk and parking area. Then two miles of rougher road to the start point at Badger Island.

Carrington Island, by itself, is about a 10 mile hike round trip. Probably 4.5 dead flat across mud flats and sand bars, and then a gain of about 500 feet in the last 1/2 mile to the high point of the island. At the top of Carrington Island is an outcrop named Lambourne's Rock (4727 feet); named after Alfred Lambourne the famed Utah artist and writer. At that point, you are 5 or 6 miles off the north tip of Stansbury Island. Seems like the middle of

the Great Salt Lake, with unbelievable views in every direction. The island is strewn with large boulders and since it was used for target practice in WWII there are a few bomb craters, shrapnel, and what looked like two unexploded bombs.



Unexploded ordinance

About 5 miles further north is Hat Island (aka Bird Island). After a quick break on the top of Carrington Island we headed that direction.



Dennis points out Bird Island (faint pile of rocks in the distance)

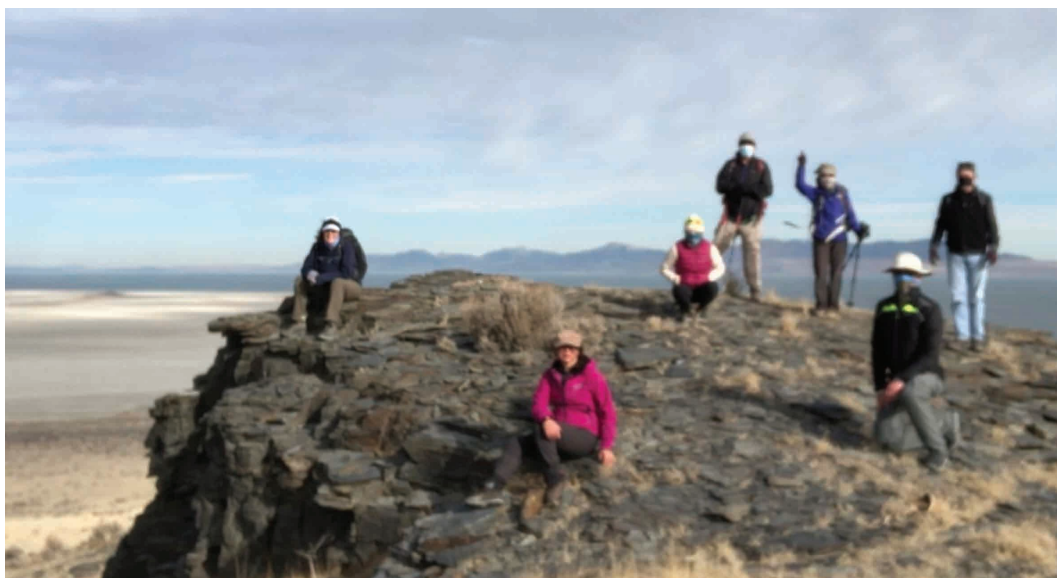
It is a Wildlife Refuge with no access allowed. So, the legal stopping point; was about 4 miles. Since humans are not allowed to be

closer than 1 mile of the Hat Island Refuge that was our turn around point. We had hoped that would be close enough to see the birds through binoculars. We never saw a single bird. After a lunch break there we headed back. We skirted around the west side of Carrington and got back to the car in just under 9 miles.

This was a long hike but only took about 7 hours. Approximately 18 miles and except for the trip to the top of Carrington, mostly flat. We might have set a club record for the least

elevation gain – about 30 feet per mile. Not sure if that is a very exciting accomplishment or not.

It is quite surreal out there. Often, the view was dry mud flats that seem to extend all the way to the Wasatch Mountains to the east, The Oquirrh and Stansburys to the south, the Lakesides to the west, and the Raft River and Promontory Mountains to the north. We all agreed it was a wonderful place for a winter hike and look forward to a repeat next year.



Hikers at Carrington Island Peak



At the Hat Island 1-mile boundary (L to R): Richard Drake, Michi Bracken, Greg Lott, Dennis Goreham, Da Yang

Trip Report: Snow Hike - Peak 6852

January 30, 2021

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Peak 6852 is a small peak near Little Mt in Emigration Canyon. The access to the peak would be very limited in summer because the last part to the peak is very bushy. We wanted to be (possibly) the first ones who conquered this peak. We started from the Little Mountain Summit TH and followed the trail to northeast.

We needed to go off-trail for the final ascent. It turned out we left the trail too early. We broke the deep heavy snow to reach the peak. Then, we realized we were heading toward the wrong direction. We did significant (but not so bad) bushwhacking to make the peak. After we had lunch at the summit, we bushwhacked again to go back to the trail. It was right after a brief snowstorm. So, there was lots of snow.

The weather was fine overall, except when we were approaching to the peak – we had snow showers briefly. The sceneries from the ridge line were very beautiful. The route involved a number of small ups and downs. This snowshoe took 4 hours and 30 minutes in total including breaks (distance – 5.48 miles, total elevation gain – 1,490 ft).



Summit photo (L to R): Akiko, Craig, Bob, Andy, Adrienne, and Mac



Andy breaking the trail – Bob and Deb following



Bob and Adrienne – the final ascent

Trip Report: Snow Hike - Corner Canyon

February 01, 2021

Organized, report & photo by Tonya Karren

Talk about perfect hiking weather for our Corner Canyon Monday night hike, Feb. 1st. It felt more like a beautiful fall evening, than one in the middle of winter and the nearly full moon reflecting off the glistening snow made it feel more like mid-day than sun down. To top that off, we had a great group of regulars come and a couple of new friends to the club as well. We wove through a scrub oak covered trail, across some bridges from Red Rock Trailhead and looped up and around Potato Hill and back down Red Potato Hill. The view from the top, looking down on the valley, with all those twinkling lights below was magical and worth a little sweat. Like I said, a perfect night.



(L to R) Liz Copeland, Amy DeMorett, Yi Qu, Diane & Rob Vagstad, Alfred Kessi, Scott Coogan, Tonya Karren, Julie Farmer, Sherry Rudin

Trip Report: Snowshoe - Dale Benchmark, Finns, Maple Grove Hill & Emigration Ridge Hill

February 13, 2021

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

It was a day of a snowstorm. Even after I got cancellations from members (due to the weather) and did not accept any non-members for the registration, 14 people wanted to participate. It looks snowshoer's like snowstorms. We divided the group into three groups – Group 1 (Andy, Cigi, Craig, Heidi, Sandra, Al, Scott and Akiko), Group 2 (Deb and Bob), and Group 3 (Mac and his three friends). Groups 2 and 3 were for those who were planning to turn around early. We started from the Little Mt Summit TH. Group 2 left the TH first. Group 3 followed. Group 1 was at the last. Our first destination was Emigration Ridge Hill (6,528 ft) - less than one mile from the TH. In half mile, we reached the next bump – Maple Grove Hill (6,650 ft). The third peak, Finns (6,649 ft) is lower than the ridgeline (trail). We went down and up to bag Finns from the ridge. Al did not go to Finns and waited at the ridge. While waiting, Al saw Group 3 going back to the TH. When Group 1 was back to the ridge from Finns, Group 2 were coming down. Groups 1 and 2 took a group photo together. Group 1 continued to the last destination – Dale Benchmark (7,276 ft). We were at Dale Benchmark only briefly because it was windy and snowing a lot. We went down to the shaded area to have lunch. The visibility was very low. But it was a beautiful snowy day. This snowshoe took 4 hours in total including breaks (distance – 5.53 miles, total elevation gain – 2,013 ft).



Final Ascent to Dale Benchmark



Dale Benchmark Peak (L to R): Al, Sandra, Cigi, Craig, Akiko, Scott, Andy, and Heidi

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Attend a club activity listed in The Rambler or on our website: WasatchMountainClub.org. If you like what you see or do, then join the club online or by mailing in the application form which can be downloaded from the website.

- **700+ ACTIVITIES PER YEAR** all-year 'round
- **THE RAMBLER**, WMC's monthly publication has articles and scheduled activities
- **NOTIFICATIONS**: Opt-in to receive e-mail alerts
- **EXCLUSIVE EVENTS, TRIPS, and DISCOUNTS** on rentals, retail offers and trainings
- **HISTORIC LODGE EVENTS** at the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge in Brighton. 5% of dues supports the WMC lodge
- **10% OF MEMBER DUES** support local conservation and trail maintenance

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

1390 SOUTH 1100 EAST, SUITE #103

SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84105-2462

801-463-9842 E-mail: info@WasatchMountainClub.org

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

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

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: _____ Birthdate*: _____

Name: Applicant 2: _____ Birthdate*: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Applicant 1: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

Applicant 2: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

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

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

Membership dues:

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

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

How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club: _____

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

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature 1 _____ Date: _____

Signature 2 _____ Date: _____

Mail completed application to:

Membership Director
Wasatch Mountain Club
1390 South 1100 East #103
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2462

Leave blank for office use:

Check # _____ Amount Received _____ Date _____ By _____

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