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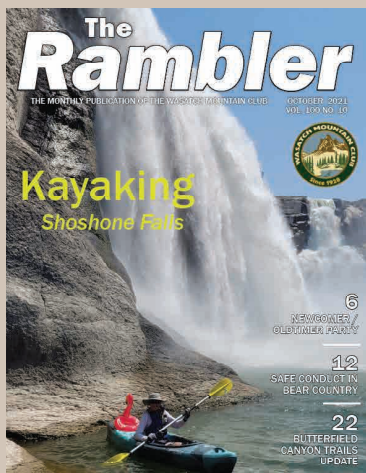
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Christine Pilgram and her pink flamingo kayaking below Shoshone Falls. See full trip report on page 36.

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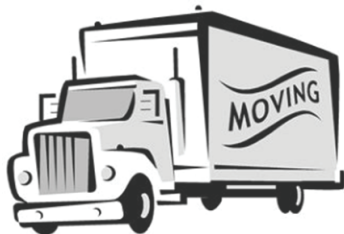
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# WASATCH MOUNTAIN LODGE

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## We need your help

The *AHE/CI Trust* has offered the WMCF a **Challenge Match**.

All donations given towards **Phase 1** of the restoration of the

## Wasatch Mountain Lodge

from now until December 1, 2021, will be matched

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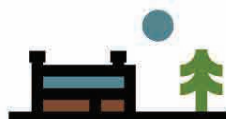
up to \$50,000.

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Please help us to reach our goal by giving generously to

# 100 MORE YEARS!

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# Newcomer / Old-timer, Awards, and General Membership Meeting at the Lodge - August 28<sup>th</sup>



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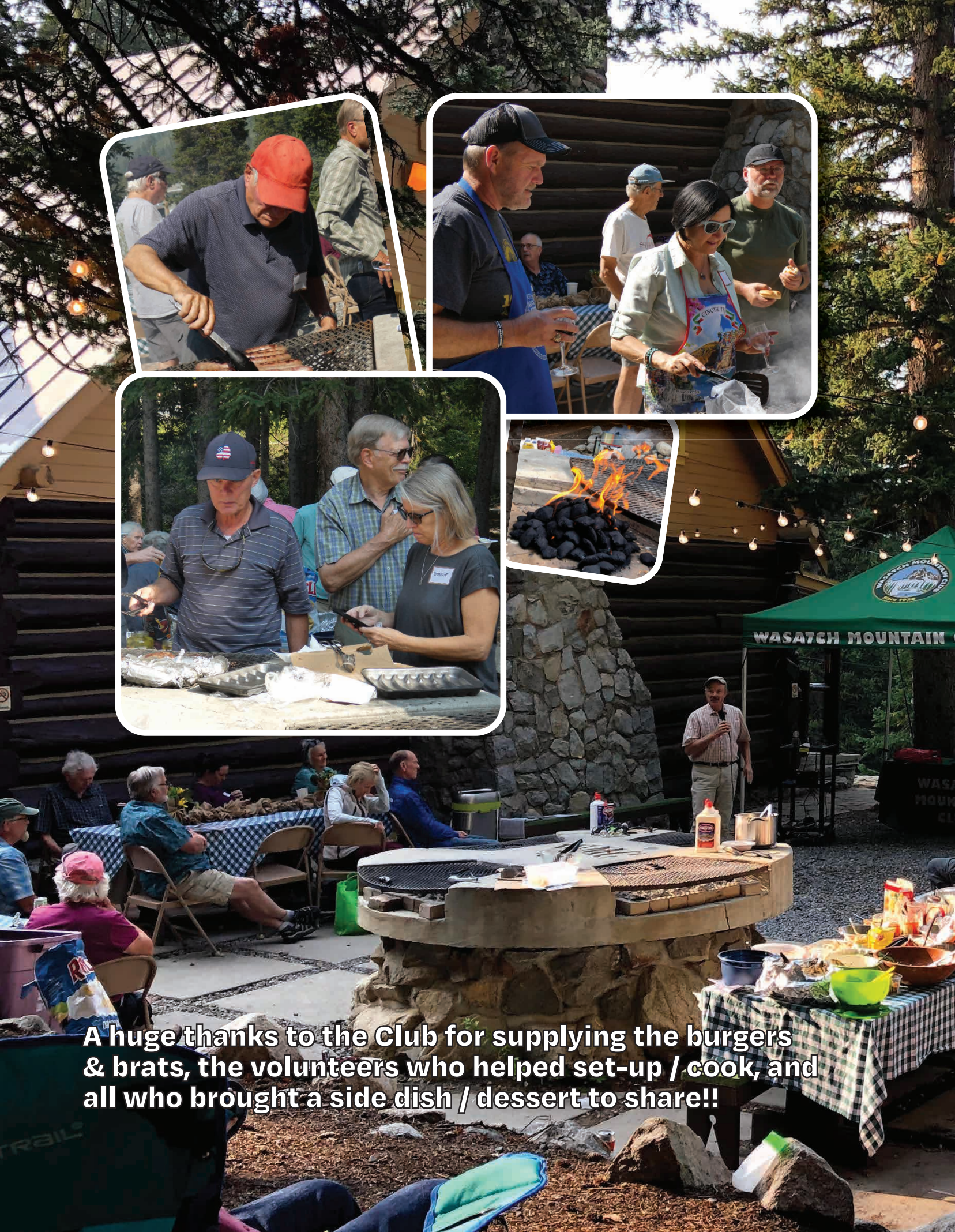
The Newcomer / Old-timer general meeting was a huge success!! On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, 80+ club members gathered at the WMC Lodge (Brighton) for the annual event. We shared great company and food! Tom Smith, Ph.D. (Wildlife Ecologist, BYU) presented a very informative and lively discussion on Bear Safety. He was a hit!

Thank you to Petra Brittner / Tonya Karren (Social Co-Directors), Julie Kilgore (President), JoDene Arakelian / Renae Olsen (WMC Lodge) for organizing the event! Additionally, special thanks to Steven Gadd (Secretary Co-Director) for inviting Tom to speak on Bear Safety.

A great time was had by all!!





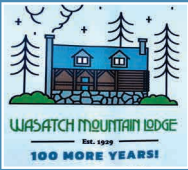


**A huge thanks to the Club for supplying the burgers & brats, the volunteers who helped set-up / cook, and all who brought a side dish / dessert to share!!**









## Enjoying Great Food & Company!





# Club Awards & WMC Lodge Restoration



We had a brief Awards Ceremony in which the following were presented:

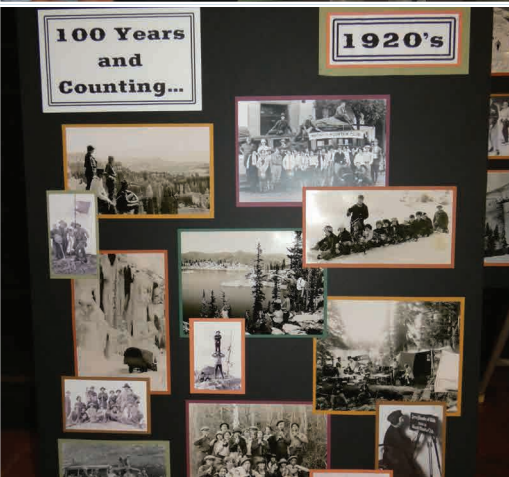
- **2020 Pa Perry Awards:** Phyllis Anderson (not present) and Mark Jones
- **2020 Alexis Kelner Award:** Utah Open Lands
- **Oral History Awards** (Cindy Smith): Matt Green, Michelle Judd (not presented), and Vicky McDaniel (not present, accepted by Mark Jones). A special thanks to Utah Humanities for their funding support.
- **Lifetime Memberships approved:** Liz Cordova (not present) and Craig Williams

**WMC Lodge Update** – JoDene reviewed the restoration work needed to preserve the original nature of the Lodge while ensuring its use for generations to come. The AHE/CI Trust has offered the WMCF a **Challenge Match**. All donations given towards Phase I of the restoration from now until December 1, 2021 will be matched **dollar for dollar** up to \$50,000. She highlighted the critical nature of this restoration work and asked us to consider donating to this very worthy cause.

Oral History award presentation (LtoR):  
Matt, Mark (for Vicky), and Cindy (presenter)



JoDene discussing Lodge restoration need



WMC photo history on display in the Lodge



Craig and Julie - Lifetime membership approval



# SAFE CONDUCT IN BEAR COUNTRY

Tom S. Smith, Ph.D.

We were very fortunate to learn about bears from Dr. Tom Smith. Dr. Smith earned degrees from BYU and the University of Alaska and currently teaches at BYU. He spent most of his professional career doing research on bears and bear/human interactions. He has held research positions with the National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey and continues to consult with governments and biologist around the world. Dr. Smith debunk many long-held beliefs about bears, and everyone came away with new, better understanding of bears. The information was timely, and the presentation had us laughing often.

A big thank you to Tom for having an interest in the Club and taking the time to teach us on a topic that is pertinent to all who love being outside in the mountains.

- Steven Gadd, WMC Secretary Co-Director



Steven introduces Tom

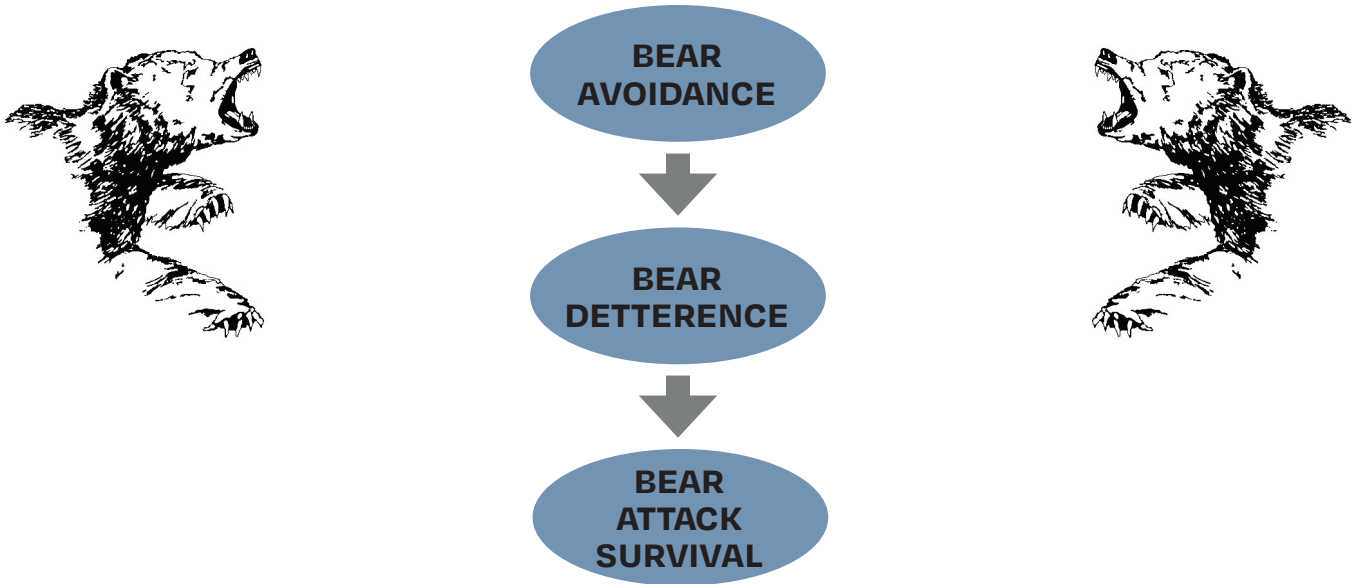


Tom talking with WMC members



# SAFE CONDUCT IN BEAR COUNTRY

Tom S. Smith, Ph.D.  
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There are three categories of actions for dealing with bears: avoidance, deterrence, and attack survival. This approach is similar to that we all take towards automobile safety: if you drive defensively and responsibly, you do not need to worry about whether or not the seat belt or air bag will save your life. However, just as the seat belt and air bag are important safety systems in automobiles you also need to be prepared for the very rare situation where you may find yourself having to deal with an aggressive bear. Fortunately, if emphasis is placed heavily on avoidance of sudden/close encounters with bears in the first place, you will not have to worry about how to respond to a menacingly curious bear or worse, destroy an aggressive one. It is all about attitude and preparedness.

## ***Bear Avoidance: The most important tool for avoiding problems with bears***

Studies of bears have consistently shown that the vast majority want nothing to do with you. But if you surprise them at close range, introduce strong odors that attract them, approach them such that they feel threatened, or simply make them an offer they can't refuse (such as a sloppy camp with unsecured food), you will find yourself in an up close situation with bears, an animal that can do tremendous injury to humans. While it is not bears' inclination to harm you, if given no apparent chance to move out of your way, they will defend themselves. Therefore, you should always maintain a safe distance between yourself and bears, as well as do those things that do not attract them nor surprise them. This proactive attitude is the most important aspect of bear safety because it helps you avoid bear encounters altogether. We all can do many things that will greatly reduce the chances of bear encounters and hence avoid problems. Conversely, you can also unwittingly do things that will increase the chances of an encounter, so it is important that those actions be identified and the chances of a bear encounter minimized. Successful avoidance of bear encounters can be enhanced through 1) self-education, 2) effective camp layout and design, and 3) appropriate conduct in bear country.

## ***Self-Education***

If you are headed into bear country, doesn't it seem reasonable to learn at least a little about them so that you can avoid problems? After all, standing face-to-face with a bear at close range is not at all like seeing a fox on a trail, or having even an angry dog growling at you. Imagine the most powerful and frightening dog squaring off with you... then multiply that by many times, upscaling to the size of a bear.



You do not want to be in that situation and, if after all you have done to avoid it, if you are, you want to be well-prepared to deal with it. Heading into bear country ill-prepared is like driving on the freeway with no seatbelt: it is taking an unnecessary risk... and for what? You and I are smarter than that. Take the time prior to entering bear country to learn a little about them, their habitat, their behavior so you can go and return safely. Consider the following:

- < Visit YouTube™ and watch bear safety presentations...and there are countless of them! For example, the bear safety videos shown to visitors of National Parks with bears can be found here. So can many presentations regarding how to be safe in bear country. Watch them, learn, and practice the guidance given. You'll feel safer on the trail and in camp and will have a much more enjoyable trip.
- < Purchase one of the excellent "how to" guidebooks such as Backcountry Bear Basics by Dave Smith, Bear Encounter Survival Guide by James Gary Shelton, and others. Ultimately, safety is your responsibility and you can do much on your own to insure that.
- < Look online to see if the agency that manages the area into which you plan to travel has bear safety information posted. Many agencies (like the US Forest Service, National Park Service, etc) not only post bear safety information, but also the history of bear-human interactions in their respective areas and that can be very informative. Most parks and refuges maintain a database of incidents and this information may provide guidance you can use.
- < Talk to others who have been to the area and see if they have any background information that may prove useful.

Next, if you are going to camp in bear country, please consider aspects of bear avoidance as they relate to the Camp Setting. How to set up and maintain a safe camp is an important first step in avoiding unwanted bear encounters.

### **Campsite Safety**

- < Campsite location - There are many things to consider when selecting a location for your camp that minimizes the chances of an unwanted bear encounter. Not only do you want to avoid seasonal high-use areas but also avoid doing those things that may elicit bears' attentions and subsequent curiosity. Consider these site selection criteria:

#### **Sensory Issues**

Because bears respond to the sights, scents and sounds associated with people, you will want to minimize those cues, or at least be aware of the fact that you are telegraphing them into the wilderness.

1. To the best of your ability, avoid areas with poor visibility which may diminish the bear's ability to see you (and you them) at a safe distance (not only vegetation, but also topography can be problematic).
2. Try to avoid areas which are naturally noisy such as those near heavy wave action, rushing streams or roaring waterfalls.
3. Extremely windy areas are also problematic in that the sound of the wind not only blocks hearing (yours and bears) but also whisks your scent away so that the bear cannot detect you with their nose and avoid you.

#### **Bear Habitat Quality**

("bears are where they find you")

Not surprisingly, bears key in on berry patches, areas with young emergent vegetation, fruits on trees and where fish congregate in streams. Stay back from such areas, allowing bears to come and go without encountering you. Therefore:

4. Avoid bear seasonal foraging areas (streams - berries - horsetail - sedges)

#### **Bear Movement Corridors & Restrictions**

5. Avoid areas which concentrate bear movements (e.g., ridge lines, narrow valley constrictions, shortcuts from river to lake, stream sides, etc.). In areas that support healthy bear populations, bears walk long creeks, shorelines, and so you should not camp immediately on them, but back as



far as is reasonable, perhaps 20 m or more, thus giving bears a chance to pass without interacting directly with you.

6. Use terrain and natural features to your advantage when possible: cliffs limit approach paths; knoll tops provide good view sheds but may well advertise your presence to bears which would otherwise pay no heed...consider that too; very thick brush can passively route bears around camp; water is not necessarily a deterrent to bear approaches.

< Camp Layout - the physical layout of campsites should be with bear safety in mind:

1. Place sleeping tents in the most secure areas - space them out linearly (not in a circular pattern) which not only provides the bear more options for leaving but is also safest with regard to hazing away curious bears.
2. Consider putting the most experienced people on each end of a line of tents so that someone with experience can deal with bears that may approach either end.
3. Keep the cooking area, food and any scented objects at least 100 m downwind from your sleeping area unless you are using an electric fence; then do all such activities inside the fence, including storing your food.
4. When laying camp out, use the vegetation and topography to your advantage: extremely thick brush limits the possible approach routes for bears and focuses your attentions in the most likely directions just as a camp backed up to a cliff has 180 degrees less concern than one in an open meadow.
5. Brush in bear trails that come to camp so as to deflect their movements away from, rather than into, your camp.

< *Food Storage & Preparation*

1. Use bear-resistant food containers (BRFC) for food storage when possible.
2. If you do not have a BRFC, then attempt to hang the food at least 10 feet above the ground and 10 feet from the nearest tree trunk. If no trees are available, hang the food from a cliff. If no cliffs are available, stash the food at least 100 m from your camping area but be aware that it may be gone by morning. You might consider not hanging food in brightly colored stuff sacks... these bright colors advertise their presence and a pinata for bears is the last thing you would want near your camp.
3. Handle wastewater like the attractant it is: all washing/cooking liquids should never be drained in or around camp (water from boiled pasta, etc) - bears will key in on it. Instead pour them into lakes, streams or far from camp (100 m) so that they are not drawing bears into your area.
4. Manage stove fuel carefully! Fuel spills are strong bear attractants, especially diesel and kerosene. These fuels must also be secured from bears as they will bite through containers to get at these oily, attractive scents.
5. Any excess food (after dinners) should be zip-locked and placed in BRFC's when not in use.

< *Management of Other Bear Attractants*

1. Make certain that personal tents are devoid of scented products: toothpastes, lip balms, snacks, etc. And no, using Cinnabon's Cinnamon Roll Body Lotion (yes, this is an actual product!) in bear country is not a good idea. Most people get that, but they do not understand why washing their hair with Strawberry Essence is also not a good idea. Think about... do you want to be perceived as a 150 lb strawberry in bear country?
2. Loud noises may work for/against you: bears find novelty in any form of interest so loud noises may not only alert them to your presence but may also attract them - this is also counter to a wilderness, low impact, ethic.
3. Be aware that human excrement/urine is known to attract bears and should not be deposited near your campsite. Some persons keep a "pee bottle" (mark it well: NOT FOR DRINKING!) in their tent and discard later distantly from camp so that they don't have to wander far, into the dark at 2 AM to relieve themselves. Remember: when you are relieving yourself (particularly defecation)



you are sending an attractive scent signal downwind - be wary and beware of wind direction and approach! More than a few persons have been approached by a curious bear when in a somewhat compromising position.

#### < *Other Bear Safety Considerations For Camp*

1. As a group, determine where your camp perimeter is and agree that if and when a bear comes within that perimeter that it will be hazed away; discuss a hazing strategy (begin with low level hazing and increase it until the desired effect is achieved) and agree to it.
2. As a group, discuss what you will do should a bear come to camp in the night: who will respond with deterrents and who will back them up; what if a bear is near a tent? How do you respond as a camp?
3. Discuss what to do should someone be attacked - these things should be discussed in camp and everyone clear on the action plan.
4. As a group, discuss the use of bear hazing options and the need to carry them at all times; what is required/what is not; leaving camp unattended - who is responsible for what?
5. What about headphones/walkman use? These seem inappropriate for outdoor use...but if someone must have them then make sure that someone else is listening.
6. Make certain that bear deterrents are available while cooking - do not get caught with nothing available. Deterrents (e.g., bear spray) stored in your tent or in backpacks are useless.
7. Before turning in for the night, make sure you have a flashlight handy, as well as bear spray and a flare gun or other scare device. Be prepared for the worst case scenario and you will sleep better.
8. Sleeping under the stars is particularly risky behavior in bear country.

#### **Hiking Safely in Bear Country**

##### < *Be A Defensive Hiker - Avoid bear problems!*

1. How close do you approach a bear? (Yellowstone NP has a 100 yard rule; Katmai NP has the 50-100 yd rule; Denali NP has a 400 yard rule; distances are location-specific and you should be aware of guidance for the area into which you are venturing). It goes without saying: never approach a bear. This can be perceived as an aggressive action and bears are well-equipped to deal with would-be aggressors.
2. Minimize the chances for a surprise encounter (be terrain smart) - avoid brushy areas, salmon streams in late summer/fall; bears rest about anywhere and you should be aware of them whenever visibility is poor; bears like "lookout" locations so be prepared to encounter day beds on promontories, hillsides, etc. Pick your paths carefully - note the wind direction, noise level, adjust your awareness level accordingly.
3. Make noise appropriately - alert bears to your approach and presence.
4. Be aware of bear activity as a function of time of day - they are most active morning and evening but also midday, but to a lesser extent. In areas of well-established campgrounds, if you perceive a bear prowling at night, you can be certain this is a food-conditioned bear and you need to be very wary. These are bears that have associated humans with food and are particularly dangerous. Notify campground hosts. If camping in the backcountry, ready your deterrents and be ready to haze it off should it boldly approach.
5. Be aware of bear activity as a function of season. Bear attacks are least common in winter but not unheard of. In Alaska, people have been attacked and killed in every month of the year.

##### < *Bear Safety Deterrents*

- 1) You should carry at least 2 bear deterrents at all times - these must be accessible if they are to be of any use to you. Even in camp, keep bear spray on your belt. Bears show up at the most inopportune times...
- 2) In many areas leaving a pack on a river bank is unwise and a punishable (fines) offense in National Parks - bears are very curious and have destroyed many packs in this manner - do not leave gear



unattended OR out of your safe keeping while conducting field research.

- 3) Consider carrying the following on yourself when hiking in bear country:
  - a. bear spray in holster on your belt or on a pack strap - very convenient location
  - b. USCG approved hand held safety flare (XLT SkyBlazer type)
  - c. small first aid kit
  - d. flashlight if anticipated that you may be hiking at night
  - e. cell phone
  - f. binoculars may help you spot bears from a safe distance

#### < *Be Aware of Bears & Bear Behaviors*

1. When you encounter a bear, size up its behavior immediately: is it aware of your presence? Is it showing interest in you? Is it acting abnormally? Does it track your movements and reorient its movement so that it will intercept you? Is it treating you as a potential prey item? (e.g., positioning so that it is at an advantage, quartering around you as if calculating an attack strategy). Regardless, if the bear is in your line of travel, divert widely around so as to give it space. Directly approaching a bear is to be avoided at all costs.

#### < *Group Size and Bear Safety*

1. Research in many parts of the world has shown that the larger the group of persons, the safer it is. Clearly, soloists are the group of greatest risk, so hike together when possible. Hiking spaced widely increases the probability of an attack should a bear be surprised. Walk as a group, talk and pay attention, particularly in low visibility areas.
2. If approached/charged by a bear, do not split up and never run. Group together and do not let a pushy bear split you up. Remember the bears may try to test the waters but bears almost never attack a group of people that are standing their ground. Once grouped up, ready your deterrents and back away slowly while keeping your eyes on the bear. You may have unknowingly approached a bear on a carcass or a mother with cubs. The only solution to resolving such encounters is to get out of the bear's personal space. So do so, but do it slowly, steadily and with deterrents raised and ready to use should the bear charge.

### **Bear Deterrence**

#### < *The Camp Setting - Topics That Should Be Discussed Among Campers*

1. Determine how close you will allow bears to approach your camp. As a rule of thumb, consider 10 m. Any closer than that and you will defend your gear with the use of deterrents.
2. Discuss a hazing strategy that dials up the heat if the bear continues to approach. For example, imagine a bear approaching your camp. While still out at 30 m, everyone should group together in front of the camp and stand and watch the bear. Often this show of numbers is enough to convince the bear to leave. If the bear continues, then a person might shoot a screamer in the bear's direction (and if armed backup is available, make sure it is trained on the bear should a charge ensue). If the bear continues then rubber bullets or cracker shells can be used, again with armed backup. In cases where armed backup is not on hand, back up the screamer with bear spray and be ready to use it. Never abandon camp because of an approaching bear!
3. Decide which deterrent options should be used first and at what distances (e.g., a screamer can be used at 30 m if need be; bear spray only at 10 m).
4. When carrying firearms, be sure to back up any non-lethal deterrent actions with firearms. Realize that hazing is an aggressive act and may precipitate a charge.
5. Establish a hazing strategy for day and night - run through some mock scenarios so that if a bear wanders into camp at 2 a.m. you are ready to deal with it.
6. Make sure that nighttime tent arrangement provide for ready access to bear deterrents and their use (i.e., that in each tent at least 2 deterrents are on hand plus powerful flashlights so that you can see the bear).

photo courtesy of John Eastcott & Yua Momutlak



< *Killing a bear may be the only alternative if it is damaging property such that the property loss threatens your survival OR if the bear has injured someone and is an ongoing threat*

1. A short-barreled, pump-action, 12-gauge shotgun is extremely effective at close range - use slugs! Double ought (00) buck and Sabot rounds are not recommended as your best choice for cartridges. Do not mix rounds in your guns. Nothing but lethal loads should be in the gun, with deterrent rounds carried in either the 'side-saddle' type of attachment or elastic cartridge holder that stretches onto the gunstock. If you have time to shoot a deterrent round, you have time to ease the fore stock back and load a deterrent round into the chamber. Trying to remember how many non-lethals you have to eject in order to put a lethal round into a bear is not likely to be useful when under stress.
2. Your first shot must be your best - shoot for the 'center of mass'
3. Keep shooting until the bear stops moving.
4. Immediately report the kill to a wildlife officer.
5. Defense of life or property laws (depending on the state) require you to salvage the hide, skull and claws. Do not make this even more of a loss - carefully salvage the hide so that it can be sold for conservation purposes...careless (needless) knife cuts through the hide make is considerably less valuable and expose you to possible fines.
6. If a bear is killed near your camp the carcass must be adequately disposed of, including entrails and blood, or you will want to move camp. Failure to move the carcass will result in it attracting other bears and further exacerbating a bad situation. You may have to move camp if you cannot deal with the carcass effectively...

### **Bear Attack Survival**

Studies have shown that you should never play dead with a black bear and only with a grizzly/brown bear when it has knocked you to the ground and you can no longer get up due to the bear mauling you. To lay down for a black bear is 'akin to offering yourself up as a sacrifice' said Dr. Stephen Herrero in his classic book "Bear Attacks: Their Causes and Avoidance." Why? Because analysis of black bear conflict data shows that they a) do not protect their young, b) do not protect carcasses, c) do not try to aggressively interact with humans when surprised, d) run for cover as their primary defense. So if a black bear approaches and does not haze off, you have a problem and must deal with it aggressively. If a black bear were to attack you should fight with all you have. To play dead will to soon be dead.

With grizzly/brown bears it is different in that a) they aggressively charge and often make contact to 'neutralize a perceived threat', b) they defend cubs, c) they defend carcasses, and d) they are only very rarely predatory. This means that if your deterrent has failed and the bear charges, you should keep spraying (or shooting) until the bear either makes contact, draws up short or veers off and leaves. I would not let them have access to my face, their focal point for attack. Turn away at the last moment, allowing any contact to be on your backside, preferably into a pack. Do not lay down! I would never lay down for a bear but if knocked down I would stay down if I could not reach either my spray or gun. Data show that these bears will cease mauling once they feel the threat has been neutralized. If however, after laying still a bear begins exploring, nipping, biting... it is time to fight for your life with anything you have. Data have shown that in 90% of cases when a second person returned to help someone being mauled, the bear left. But I would never go to assist without bear spray or a gun... unless you are willing to risk getting mauled yourself. Of course, sometimes drastic times require drastic measures... it is up to you.

If down, wait until the bear leaves the area, but until that time do not move. Moving before the bear has left has often led to repeated renewals of attacks, more severe injury and consequently has not been a wise choice. Once the bear is gone, leave the area. If at all possible, go in the opposite direction the bear went. Carry deterrents at the ready. Make noise. Some few persons have re-engaged with a bear and suffered considerably.

Bear attacks are extremely rare and most often were the result of persons not having conducted themselves according to these guidelines. A bear's jaws and teeth have been known to shear off 9 mm bolts on cabin doors in Denali National Park. You do not want to get any part of your body between them....

Following this advice will minimize your chances of encountering bears. If you don't surprise or encounter them they cannot attack you. Pretty simple stuff.



# ***The Basic Rules of Bear Safety***

WHEN HIKING IN BEAR COUNTRY

**DO NOT ENTER BEAR COUNTRY WITHOUT A DETERRENT.**

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR

(simultaneously)

***ALERT OTHERS  
GROUP TOGETHER  
READY DETERRENTS  
LEAVE AREA IMMEDIATELY***

IF BEAR PURSUES THEN USE YOUR DETERRENT

WHEN CAMPING IN BEAR COUNTRY

**USE AN ALARM/FENCE/DETECTION SYSTEM WHEN POSSIBLE  
PITCH TENTS IN A “BEAR SAFE” MANNER  
AVOID SCENTED OBJECTS IN TENTS  
DETERRENTS AT THE READY**

IF ATTACKED

**NEVER LIE DOWN FOR A BEAR – BLACK OR BROWN  
IF KNOCKED DOWN – GET UP WHEN POSSIBLE....  
OTHERWISE ASSUME PROTECTED POSITION  
RESCUERS ARE 90% EFFECTIVE IN HALTING ATTACKS**

Dr. Terry D. DeBruyn



# Butterfield Canyon Trails Update

by Spencer Millerberg

Good news! Butterfield Canyon trails are scheduled to open by July 2022. Oh baby – soon we can bike, hike, run, and ride the Butter! (want to help – see ACTION on next page)

A few summary points:

- Overview: 70+ Miles of trails in Butterfield Canyon (south of Rio Tinto mine) with 16 miles plus a connector trail to Yellow Fork in phase 1. Multi-use trails (hoof/boot and bike) with trailheads and trail standards meeting NICA and IMBA requirements.
- Government Approval: Feb 2021, the SL County council unanimously approved plans to put trails in Butterfield Canyon, work with the BLM, and maintain the trailhead going forward. Unanimous. Yes. That means EVERYBODY wants to play on these trails!
- Funding: Private donors and government grants got us started, and SL County closed the gap in July 2021, fully funding the trail system, parking lots, and trailheads.
- Land: The last piece to fall into place is land contracts with the final two landowners. Rio Tinto and Doug Young are great partners and both incredibly supportive; however, red-tape & legal contracts can take time. We're all working hard to clear these hurdles and stay on timeline.
- Public Opinion: Public opinion has been overwhelmingly supportive. The BLM survey had 95%+ positive comments --- the highest positive rate in the past 10 years of projects! This shows we're meeting the needs of the majority of the respondents.



**Trail Builders  
explore potential  
trail alignments**

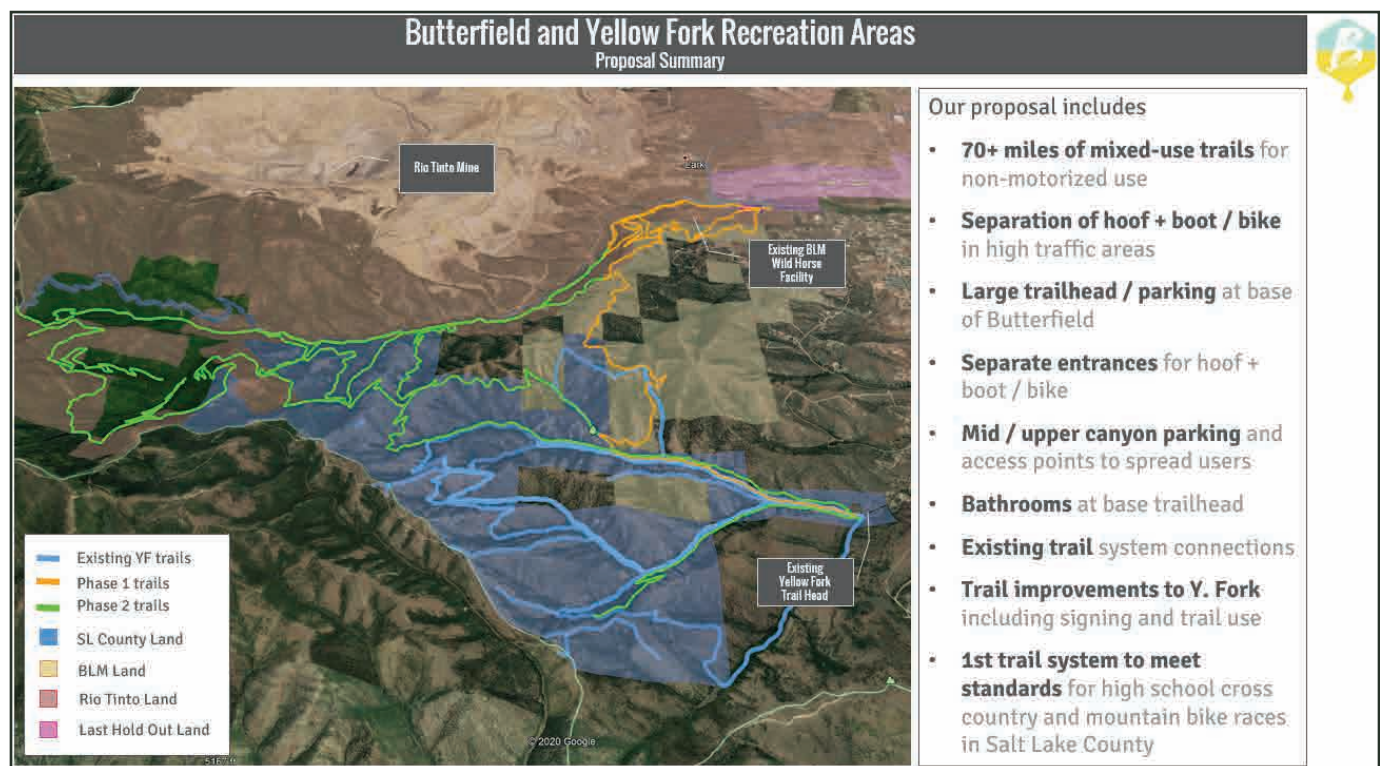
**Trail Builders  
overlooking  
proposed trailhead**





**ACTION:** Public officials get a TON of complaints – but not from us. Please consider showing our public officials some love with a quick note to thank them for the financial and governmental support of Butterfield Canyon Trail system. Their contact info is:

Area	Council Person:	Email
West Bench / Herriman	<a href="#">David Alvord</a>	<a href="mailto:DAlvord@slco.org">DAlvord@slco.org</a>
SoJo, Riverton, B.dale	<a href="#">Steve DeBry</a>	<a href="mailto:SLDeBry@slco.org">SLDeBry@slco.org</a>
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SL County Mayor	<a href="#">Jenny Wilson</a>	<a href="https://slco.org/mayor/listening/">https://slco.org/mayor/listening/</a>



Support for Butterfield Canyon Trails has been overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who came to the rallies, wrote letters to council people, and has donated time and money. A special thank you to Jack and Jo Darton for their hours of work on these trails.



# Yenta Kaufman - A Lifetime Member Tribute 1918-2021



Yenta Kaufman died peacefully at home on July 18th, 2021. She was born on March 4, 1918 in Turners Falls, Massachusetts to Wolfe William Cotton and Jennie Bramson Cotton. She attended the New Theatre School in New York City and also studied painting. She married Nathan Kaufman in 1938 and during WWII they lived in Philadelphia where she was active in Little Theatre. They became residents of Salt Lake City in 1949.

Yenta had a radiant personality and left an impression on everyone she met. She lit up the room with her welcoming smile and witty sense of humor. Yenta connected with others for the pure pleasure of it and made lifelong friends everywhere she went. A true seeker of adventure, she enjoyed hiking with the Wasatch Mountain Club, folk dancing, ice skating, skiing, swimming, and kayaking. In April 2021, Yenta was awarded an honorary life membership as she had been a WMC Club member for sixty years. She lived every day with true delight and was admired for her inexhaustible zest for life. Her wish: That all people learn to respect each other and our precious Earth.

She is preceded in death by her husband, siblings Zelda Snyder (Edward), Joseph Cotton (Vivian), Bernard Cotton (Beatrice), and grandnephew Ansgar Hansen. Survived by sister, Grace Wylie, seven nieces and nephews, and many grand nieces and nephews. Her instructions were for no funeral service and that her body be donated to the University of Utah Hospital for medical research. A life so beautiful deserves a special celebration. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Please email contact information to: [celebration4yenta@gmail.com](mailto:celebration4yenta@gmail.com) to be kept informed about the event.



# In Memory of Bunny Sterin

***"The first river you paddle runs through you for the rest of your life. It bubbles up in pools and eddies to remind you of who you are." - Lynn Noel***

On Sunday, August 29, our amazing sister, aunt, and friend Bunny Sterin lost her 3-year, courageous battle with lung cancer.

Bunny was born and raised in Swampscott, MA but when she headed west for college, she never looked back! She graduated from the University of Denver with a BA in Biology and Utah State University with a MS in Watershed Science. Bunny's career spanned over 35 years working for the government and private organizations, with the majority spent at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) taking care of our country's majestic rivers. She was also heavily involved with the River Management Society whose mission is to support professionals who study, protect, and manage North America's rivers.

Bunny received many awards, one in particular was for coordinating a group called the Eagle River Rescue. It was an extraordinary group of police, military and civilian, fire rescue, state troopers and park rangers. Since its inception, this group has saved many lives along the Eagle River just outside of Anchorage, Alaska.

Bunny spent 10 years as a volunteer ski patroller at Alyeska (one of the most difficult mountains open to the public) learning avalanche and mountaineering skills, as well as providing emergency care. She was considered one of the best and most beloved by her fellow patrollers.

Bunny was an avid kayaker and white-water rafter who competed on the U.S. White Water Rafting Team in Turkey! She spent her life traveling all over the world seeking adventures that most people only dream of. She ran the Grand Canyon five times (on her own permit), swam with humpback whales in Tonga, skied double black diamonds in Jackson Hole, paddled in Patagonia, and watched the sunrise at the base of the Himalayas. She was also an incredible wildlife photographer who captured on film one of the rarest animals on planet earth - a Spirit Bear - in British Columbia. She even hunted a buffalo!

She was a member of WMC for 12+ years (joined in 2009). She was an avid boater, skier, diver, traveler, adventurer and was passionate about conservation, especially of rivers. She will be dearly missed.

Bunny was a tremendous adventurer and very comfortable in the wilderness. She slept more often on the ground than in her own bed. She had a genuine love for the outdoors and was a passionate advocate for rivers. She requested that a scholarship be established for the River Management Program at Utah State University. We invite you to join us in donating to the "Bunny Sterin Scholarship for River Management" in her memory. We hope this scholarship will help the next generation of river managers and carry on Bunny's legacy of advocacy.

Thank you for your support!

To remember Bunny, donations can be made to the Bunny Sterin Scholarship in the S. J. Quinney College of Natural Resources. The scholarship benefits students who are pursuing a degree in river management.

Donations to the scholarship can be made using the secure giving form on this page <https://www.usu.edu/advancement/bunnysterin/index>

or one of the following ways:

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Bunny Sterin Scholarship  
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# 50 Years Ago in *The Rambler*

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

## club activities for Oct 1971 [...]

- Oct. 16 Sat. WESTERN PARTY - The accent is south-of-the-border for this traditional shindig. Come in costume and plan on an evening of dancing, gambling, partying and surprises. Your hostesses will be Carol Greenly, Marilyn Kier, and Denna Wright. Call Judy Allen by October 14 [...] for details and reservations. Price: \$2.50/person includes music, 4 drinks, snacks, and lodge fee. Pay at the door, please.
- Oct. 16-17 Sat-Sun PILOT PEAK - Rating 6.5 - This significant peak across the Nevada border served as a beacon during the time "when the West was won". Wagon trains crossing the Salt Desert could also find good water on its far slopes. There is some dirt-road driving involved but the terrain is not difficult. The view from the peak across the desert is outstanding. On clear days, you may also see the Sierra Nevada in the distance. For details call Pete Hovingh [...].

## MT MORAN [July 23-25, 1971] by Harold Goodro

[...] Re-uniting with the others, the long, very steep way up a stream bed to a high camp got under way. The trail was non-existent, the footing got more precarious, the packs got heavier, the perspiration got sweatier, as we labored up, up, up. How morale soared as we finally reached that beautiful spot in the last pine trees on the shoulder of the mountain which was to be our home for two nights. The view from this high camp is indescribable in its grandeur and we lingered long before starting the evening tasks of camp making. Soon a dozen different food odors drifted from tent to tent as the small stoves sputtered and hissed. It seemed as though all fifteen had different food desires that first evening. Early to bed was the order, but 4 a.m. came all too soon, and once again the little stoves did their duty with the accompaniment of much grumbling.

Under way at 5 a.m., Harold led the way up the Drizzlepuss in the early dawn. The rappel down the overhang to the notch was bypassed on easy ledges (with much exposure) and with protection from the ropes. Here, Jackie, becoming bored, added to the excitement by pulling a rock off onto the top of her head. Soon we were climbing the East Face of the mountain with five ropes of three climbers each. This part was the greatest, with over 2,000 feet of easy but stimulating climbing to the summit. Some route variations were accomplished by the different rope leaders, which added to the pleasure of a perfect day. The silence on the top was broken only by sighs of appreciation and the mad clicking of cameras. All too soon the downclimb had to be started. Harold's rope led the way to the two exciting rappels, which he rigged and then had to test (like the book says). Then the sky was darkening as the afternoon thunderheads formed. Soon a few drops of rain, then hailstones pelted us on our way. As we climbed back up over the Drizzlepuss, the storm left us and soon life was rosy again. The way down to high camp went rapidly, with several glissades and much boulder hopping. Another evening at high camp followed, more enjoyable than ever, filled as were with the knowledge that we had climbed our mountain. It had been a long day (16 hours) but super rewarding. [...]

The rope leaders were: Steve Adamson; Dixon Smith; Max Townsend; Marge Yerbury; Hal Gribble; and Harold Goodro. The climbers were Jackie Thomas; Lauren Williams; Melvin Hansen; Renny Jackson; Gary Adams; John Riley; Lyman Lewis; Karen Carlson; and Dick Wagner.

[It's over 300 mi from Pilot Peak to the Sierra Nevada. I once saw White Mountain in California from the high point of the Quinn Canyon Range in Nevada (140 mi), but 300 mi seems like a stretch. The approach to Pilot Peak from Miners Canyon gains 4,400 ft of elevation in less than 2 mi, kind of like doing Mt Olympus without a trail. - Donn]



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**WMC members should stay informed on current COVID guidelines. Those who are not feeling well, whether COVID symptoms or other illness, should not participate in WMC activities. During a club activity the use of facemasks or carpooling is up to each individual, unless otherwise specified by the organizer. Organizers can opt for a group size they are comfortable with, except for the group size limit of 10 in wilderness areas**

Oct 1	Antelope Island Multi-activity Event
Fri	<i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at See calendar for the various activities. If camping, arrive at the island any time.
-	<i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Oct 3	Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, paddle (??), or peddle on Antelope Island. After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB07 at Bridge Bay Campground for some Saturday afternoon socializing. There are currently fire restrictions, so we might not be roasting anything on the campfire. Best to bring your favorite picnic goodies. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.
Oct 1	Relaxed Pace Evening Hike – ntd – 4.8 mi Loop – 328’ ascent – Slow pace
Fri	<i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at We will meet at the trailhead parking area at the west end of the Bridger Bay Campground. <i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 tonya.karren@gmail.com Join our relaxed pace hike on the Lakeside trail at Antelope Island. It's a great view of the lake. Good idea to bring a head-lamp, in case we need it and maybe plan to also bring a head net, in case the bugs are bugging us. The visitors center sells them inexpensively. The bug problem should be mild this time of year, but with the crazy weather this year, better to be prepared.
Oct 2	Hike - Ibapah Peak – msd – 12.0 mi – 5,200’ ascent – Moderate pace
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Ibapah Peak (12,087 ft) in the Deep Creek Mountain Range, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Ibapah Peak is the highest peak in Juab County and is on the list of the 5000 ft Prominence County High Points. Easy class 3 scrambles. It's a long hike. It takes approximately 4 hours to drive to the TH from SLC. Participants will 1) camp out at the TH, 2) do a day trip, or 3) stay overnight in Wendover. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Thursday, 3 pm, Sep 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.
Oct 2	Mountain Bike/road Bike On Antelope Island – ntd+
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Cecil Goodrick 865-201-8339 tnbikerboy@gmail.com
-	Join us on Antelope Island for our Multi-Sport Weekend. At this time the dates are tentative. More information to follow.
Oct 3	
Sun	



Oct 2	Antelope Island - Saturday Morning Frary Peak Hike - mod - 7.0 mi Out & Back - 2,050' ascent - Moderate pace
Sat	Meet: 8:30 am at Frary Peak Trailhead, East side of Antelope Island Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 Jk@wasatch-environmental.com We'll take the regular route to Frary Peak, then have the option for a little ridge line scramble on the way back down. Spend some time at the visitors center, join an afternoon bike ride, and/or bring a cooler and join club members at the Bridger Bay Campground for an afternoon. Participants can camp on the island or coordinate with friends and drive out Saturday morning.
Oct 2	Antelope Island Multi-activity Social
Sat	Meet: 3:00 pm at Bridger Bay campground, Antelope Island State Park; Campsite BB07 Organizer: Petra Brittner 512-525-9285 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, paddle (??), or peddle on Antelope Island. After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB07 at Bridge Bay Campground for some socializing. There are currently fire restrictions, so we might not be roasting anything on the campfire. Best to bring your favorite picnic goodies. THERE IS A \$10 ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.
Oct 2	Evening Paddling At Antelope Island? - flat water - 1.0 mi
Sat	Meet: 5:30 pm at Antelope Island Marina Organizer: TBD 801-244-3323 Jk@wasatch-environmental.com To round out a multi-triathlon, we'll give it a go for an evening paddle on Antelope Island, though we might need to walk out a bit to find water. Make sure to have a PFD, headlamp, and warm clothes!
Oct 3	Hike - Volcano Peak In Wendover - mod+ - 2.0 mi - 1,000' ascent - Moderate pace
Sun	Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Volcano Peak (6,011 ft) in Wendover, weather, conditions and situation permitting. This is a short hike but looks very interesting. Class 2-3 scrambles. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Thursday, 3 pm, Sep 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.
Oct 3	Mountain Bike Elephant Rock Antelope Island Multisport - mod
Sun	Meet: Registration required Organizer: Sharon Vinick 801-865-4614 outdoorsharon@yahoo.com Join a beautiful mtb bike ride through Antelope Island for multi sport day. Watch out for buffalo!
Oct 4	Relaxed Pace Draper Hike - Lupine Loop - ntd- - Loop - Slow pace
Mon	Meet: 5:45 pm at Meet at the trailhead near the junction of Silver Blossom Way and Alpine Peak Drive. Google "Silver Flower Trailhead," which should pin pretty close. Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com This time, we'll go left instead of right, and loop in reverse. The temperatures are dropping and the days are getting shorter, so bring an extra layer and a headlamp. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Oct 5	Fall Foliage Day Hike To Primrose Over Look - mod - 4.5 mi Loop - 1,000' ascent - Slow pace
Tue	Meet: 9:30 am at Meet at Summit Trail head at Alpine Loop (National Park Pass/Golden Age pass or \$6 for parking) Organizer: Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com Primrose overlook nested in Timpanogos Wildness access by Alpine Loop. Hope the fall colors at its best. Bring your Ten-Es and a camera. We will have lunch at Over look. Covid regulation still applies (6ft & /mask at gathering) No-Pets please. Bring National Park Pass or \$6.00 for Parking Hope see you there.
Oct 6	Wmc Board Meeting
Wed	Meet: 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 Organizer: 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.
Oct 7	2021 Moab Canyoneering Rendezvous
Thu	Meet: 6:00 pm at <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true">https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true</a>
-	Organizer: Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com
Oct 10	Follow this link: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true">https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true</a>
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Oct 7	Evening Work Out Hike - Churchfork - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Skyline High School frontage road (3713 Virginia Way Salt Lake City UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Maybe the crowds have thinned out. Everyone can set their own pace for one hour, then we'll gather everyone back up again on the way down. Bring layers for cooling temps, and headlamps for the hike down.
Oct 8	Ruby Horsethief Kayaking/canoe Trip - class II - 25.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Gretchen Siegler 801-661-5635 gsiegler@westminstercollege.edu Class II, 25 mile self supported trip on mellow moving water (one rapid) in pretty canyons. Camp Friday night with shuttle/put-in early Saturday morning. Float and camp with short hikes for two more nights, taking out mid-Monday morning with time to return to Salt Lake. Contact will be made to those who register near end of July. Numbers limited based on camping spots. Trip cancelled due to rain or wind.
Oct 9	Day Hike - Regulator Johnson Peak & Mineral-cardiff Peak Via Mineral Fork - mod+ - 11.0 mi Out & Back - 3,600' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag two rarely climbed peaks, Regulator Johnson Horn (10,820 ft) and Mineral-Cardiff Peak (10,634 ft) via Mineral Fork, BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail until the end of Mineral Fork. Expect some scrambles beyond the end of the trail. Fall colors are very beautiful in the area in October. Please bring 10 Es. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on October 8 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.
Oct 10	Hike To The Top Of Houndstooth - msd- - 5.5 mi Out & Back - 3,000' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Butler Elementary - 7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Maybe MSD-, Maybe MOD+, but this is a short but VERY STEEP hike. The hike will somewhat follow the ridge to the "gum" of the Houndstooth, with a short scramble through the secret sweet spot that leads to the top. Expect approximately 6 hours. Parking is extremely limited, so meet and carpool.
Oct 11	Relaxed Pace Draper Hike - Traverse Ridge To The Triangle - ntd- - Loop - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet at the trailhead. Make your way to the 4-way stop at Traverse Ridge and Sun-crest Drive, then go west until the road ends. <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We'll meander along the different ridges while this is still open space. The temperatures are dropping and the days are getting shorter, so bring an extra layer and a headlamp. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Oct 12	Day Hike - Grand Canyon South Rim To North Rim - msd - 24.0 mi Shuttle - 6,000' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will hike from South Rim to North Rim in Grand Canyon. Trip schedule: Oct 11 Mon - Road trip. Oct 12 Tue - Hike from South Rim to North Rim. Oct 13 Wed - Road trip. Expected hike hours - 10-14 hours, depending on pace and conditions. For more details, please contact the organizer. WMC members only. Limit 10.
Oct 12	Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The October book is The secret wisdom of nature: Trees, animals and the extraordinary balance of all living things by Peter Wohlleben. The meeting will be on October 12 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.
Oct 13	Evening Work Out Hike - Cherry Canyon One-hour Rock - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Orson Smith Trailhead - 12625 South Highland Drive, Draper, UT <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Depending on the pace, there is 1-hour rock A, 1-hour rock B, and 1-hour rock C. Everyone can set their own pace for one hour, then we'll gather everyone back up again on the way down. Bring layers for cooling temps, and headlamps for the hike down.



Oct 16	Bruneau Dunes Alpine Ski Tour And Car Camp. Bruneau Dunes State Park Idaho. – mod – 10,000' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Bruneau Dunes State Park
–	<i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net
Oct 17	After a 14 year hiatus what was once an annual tradition in the nineties and early 2000's makes it return. Believe it or not the skiing can be quit good with slopes over 400 vertical feet and sustained low 30 degree angle with no avalanches hazard! Drive up Friday evening, ski all day Saturday half day Sunday. Saturday evening potluck and a star gazing at the observatory. The outing is loosely organized, ski at your own pace and for as long as you like.
Oct 16	Day Hike - Sabie Mountain In The Western Ut Desert – mod+ – 8.0 mi – 2,300' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Sabie Mountain (8021 ft) in the west of Utah Lake, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Sabie Mt is one of the prominent peaks in Utah. We will start from Vernon Reservoir (note: 1.5 hour drive from SLC). There is no trail. But since it's a hike in the desert, it's not bushy. Please bring 10 Es. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 15, 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.
Oct 16	New Member Orientation, Social, And Bbq At The Lodge - Weather Permitting
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> 1:00 pm at WMCF Lodge - 8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Are you new, newish, or renewed to the WMC and want more information about how to engage? Join some current and former WMC board members, coordinators, and activity organizers at the lodge for an early afternoon cookout, sharing of information and resources, and answer questions. Bring your own meal or a dish to share if you would like. PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY
Oct 16	Newbie Pre-bbq Day Hike – ntd+ – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1,300' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat	<i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Wasatch Mountain Lodge <i>Carpool:</i> 9:30 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride - 3865 Big Cottonwood Canyon Road <i>Organizer:</i> Greg Libecci 801-699-1999 glibecci@yahoo.com If you are a relatively new member and planning on attending the BBQ at the WMC Mountain Lodge you should consider joining in on this activity. We will meet at the lodge and head up towards Lake Mary and continue on to Lake Catherine. Round trip is under 5 miles with just under 1,300' elevation gain. We'll accommodate all hiker skill levels. Bring your 10 E's and an interest in learning more about the club and how to get the most out of your membership. RSVP preferred. Email me at glibecci@yahoo.com
Oct 17	Day Hike - White Pine Hamongog & Tie Peak In Herriman – mod – 6.0 mi – 2,000' ascent – Moderate pace
Sun	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag White Pine Hamongog (8390 ft) & Tie Peak (8528 ft) via Butterfield Canyon in Herriman, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Butterfield Canyon Rd is closed from Nov to May. Fall colors are very beautiful in the area. So this is a great time to hike there. There is a trail all the way. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 15, 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.
Oct 18	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Evening Hike - Traverse Ridge – ntd – Loop – Slow pace
Mon	<i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Meet at the Telegraph Trail trailhead at the end of Deer Ridge Drive <i>Organizer:</i> Steve Leitch 513-505-3857 sleitch31@gmail.com The group will meander up and down the various humps and bumps of Traverse Ridge, making our way out and back from the big Triangle. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.
Oct 21	Evening Hike - Cecret Lake – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace
Thu	<i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Alta, Albion Base Trailhead in Little Cottonwood Canyon. New parking lot near the Albion Grill and store. <i>Organizer:</i> Steve Leitch 513-505-3857 sleitch31@gmail.com A hike from Alta Albion Base Trailhead with a prompt departure at 5:45pm from the trailhead in Little Cottonwood Canyon. This is a 1 hour up and then turn back hike from the trailhead. Be prepared for earlier sunset and a steep hike. Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you.

Oct 22	Preservation Utah Heritage Awards Dinner
Fri	<p><i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Tickets are available at <a href="https://preservationutah.org/see-our-impact/heritage-awards">https://preservationutah.org/see-our-impact/heritage-awards</a></p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 <a href="mailto:jk@wasatch-environmental.com">jk@wasatch-environmental.com</a></p> <p>Preservation Utah has selected the Wasatch Mountain Club to receive the prestigious Heritage Organization Award! The Heritage Organization award recognizes organizations involved in furthering the historic preservation movement in Utah. Preservation Utah is recognizing the Wasatch Mountain Club for the extensive efforts to collect, organize, document, and disseminate 100 years of written, oral, and photographic outdoor recreation history. This award honors the historical preservation that was undertaken for the 2020 WMC Centennial in 2020.</p>
Oct 23	Social: Ballet West
Sat	<p><i>Meet:</i> 11:30 am at TRAX station</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Liz Cordova <a href="mailto:liz1466@live.com">liz1466@live.com</a></p> <p>Let's catch the 2pm matinee and refreshments before. Check it out at <a href="http://balletwest.org">balletwest.org</a>-Dracula will provide thrills and chills. TRAX is a good option. Let me know by the 15th so we can purchase tickets. I might move this to the 30th, based on ticket availability. Boo!</p>
Oct 24	Hike - Wardsworth Peak In Springville – mod+ – 13.0 mi – 3,600' ascent – Moderate pace
Sun	<p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura <a href="mailto:kamimura@umich.edu">kamimura@umich.edu</a></p> <p>We plan to bag Wardsworth Peak (8829 ft) via Right Fork Hobble Creek in Springville, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail all the way, except a couple of short off-trail sections. Please bring 10 Es. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 22, 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>
Oct 25	Relaxed Pace Draper Hike - Suspension Bridge – ntd- – Loop – Slow pace
Mon	<p><i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Orson Smith Trailhead - 12625 South Highland Drive, Draper, UT</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 <a href="mailto:jk@wasatch-environmental.com">jk@wasatch-environmental.com</a></p> <p>A relaxed pace hike the the Draper Suspension Bridge is a great way to wrap up the month. The temperatures are dropping and the days are getting shorter, so bring an extra layer and a headlamp. Optional apps and drink at a nearby restaurant following the hike.</p>
Oct 28	Evening Work Out Hike - Red Pine – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace
Thu	<p><i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Little Cottonwood Canyon Park &amp; Ride</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 <a href="mailto:jk@wasatch-environmental.com">jk@wasatch-environmental.com</a></p> <p>We can probably make it to the Maybird Bridge junction in one hour. Bring layers for cooling temps, and headlamps for the hike down.</p>
Oct 30	Hike - Willard Peak Via Ben Lomond From Cutler Creek, Ogden – mod+ – 10.0 mi – 4,000' ascent – Moderate pace
Sat	<p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura <a href="mailto:kamimura@umich.edu">kamimura@umich.edu</a></p> <p>We plan to bag Willard Peak (9,763 ft.) via Ben Lomond (9,712 ft.) from Culter Creek in Ogden, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Willard Peak is the highest peak in Weber County. Ben Lomond is one of the well-known peaks in the Northern Wasatch. We will start from Cutler Creek, not the standard route from the North Ogden TH, to make the hike distance half. In return, the driving time is longer. There is a trail all the way, except the very last part to Willard Peak. Please bring 10 Es as well as micro-spikes (if there is snow). I have hiked to Ben Lomond, but not to Willard Peak. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 29, 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>
Oct 30	Boat Shed Closing Work Party.
Sat	<p><i>Meet:</i> 1:00 pm at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Bret Mathews 801-831-5940 <a href="mailto:bretmaverick999@yahoo.com">bretmaverick999@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>Time to clean the boats and gear so they can be stored for the winter. Come help us out and earn our undying gratitude. Please park at the Flower Patch and walk over to the shed. #8 in the storage units. Currently planning a 1pm start time to let it warm up some.</p>
Oct 31	Hike - Teat Mountain In Spanish Fork – mod+ – 7.0 mi – 2912' ascent – Moderate pace
Sun	<p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura <a href="mailto:kamimura@umich.edu">kamimura@umich.edu</a></p> <p>We plan to bag Teat Mountain (8537 ft) in Spanish Fork, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Teat Mt is one of the prominent peaks in Utah. There is a trail all the way. The trail has steep sections. Please bring 10 Es. Exploratory. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 29, 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>



Nov 5	Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 2019 <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Location will be on your invitation
Fri	<i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren or Petra Brittner 801-493-9199 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Annual Trip Organizers Appreciation Dinner. This is an invitation only event, our way of saying thank you to all those who organized 2 activities or 1 multi-day activity, or volunteered in another capacity within the last 12 months. Most of the invitations will be going out via email, so if you think you qualify and you don't see that invite, check your spam, then follow up with your respective activity director. We'll be presenting the 2021 Pa Parry award and Alexis Kelner Conservation Award, we'll have some product samples from some Outdoor Retailer vendors, and we'll also have more cool merchandise available for donations to the Education Endowment, much like we had at the August membership meeting/party at the lodge. Social hour 6:00, dinner/awards at 7:00 pm.
Nov 9	Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM
Tue	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The November book is Rain: A Natural and Cultural History, by Cynthia Barnett. The meeting will be on November 9 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.
Nov 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.

## WMC Blood Drive - August 2021

by Tony Hellman, WMC Blood Drive Coordinator



The WMC continues to support others in need during the Covid pandemic. The August Blood Drive was held at the back conference room of the Red Cross located at 6616 South 900 East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Our goal was 28 donations, 32 people registered and 35 donations were gifted!

35 x 3 = 105 Patients can possibly be impacted by this weekend!

Since the start of the blood drives, the WMC has donated 229 + 35 new donations for "drumroll" 254 pints of life saving blood. Thank you!

You also had 3 "First Time Donors" & we always hope they will become Lifetime Donors 😊 This is Amazing ...

The WMC is obviously a magnet for GREAT Spirited Selfless People!! ... that like to hike, bike, climb, boat, and have lots of fun.

It is planned to have two more blood drives in 2021. Probably Oct 25 and Dec 15. This would smash through the 300-pint milestone. Unfortunately, the need may be greater than ever.



Tony donating a pint

# Trail Maintenance - Amazing Work!

by Kyle Williams

## Ski / Hiking Trail Maintenance At Spruces Xc Trail! - July 10, 2021

In the heat of the hottest summer on records, with temps topping 100 many days, what is top of mind? Skiing, of course!. A team of WMC skiing fanatics joined the USFS team to build a XC kick and glide skate ski trail through the Spruces campground, connecting to the Donut Falls trail. It was actually an existing hiking trail that we had to widen to allow the ski trail grooming machinery to get along come winter time. We worked for several hours, swinging big heavy trail hoes called the Pulaski, a hybrid axe/ho. We also used an oversized hoe called the McCleod to move



dirt and gravel loosened by the Pulaski. A few boulders were in our way, and they succumbed to the persistent efforts of our team swinging a classic sledge hammer. We got a lot done, so next winter, take your XC skis up the Spruces campground in Big Cottonwood and give it a go. I think they have about 5 miles of groomed trail now, and its free!

Please give a huge round of thanks and applause to today's team: *Tony Zimmer, Michael Berry, Rob Rogalski, Geoff Hardies, Bruce Christensen, Brent Blakley, and Kyle Williams.* We were joined by a family of young teenage kids, not members of the club, but they knew the Forest Service people and they just wanted to help! How cool is that?

## Hiking Trail Maintenance Butler Fork Trail Work - August 28 2021

Butler fork is a fine trail in Big Cottonwood canyon, and boasts the reputation of having the longest steepest "Luge Run" in the Wasatch. Our work today, however, didn't get to address that feature..... There were sections that cut across a very steep slope, and time, foot traffic, and erosion has worn it down to a narrow down-sloped trail that is difficult for 2 people to pass without one of them tumbling down to the creek below. Our work involved using the classic trail tools, Pulaski, shovel, and McCleod, to carve back the edge of the trail so it is now about 3 feet wide. Much safer and enjoyable. . There is also a section that crosses a vertical

rock outcrop, and has been a bit of a tiptoe/hanging on affair. Persistent effort with a heavy sledge hammer chiseled out a nice trail that can now be crossed with your hands left in your pockets, no desperate hanging on required. But don't

worry, The Luge Run remains. Please give a huge round of thanks and applause to today's team: *Albion Berzinis, Alex Arakelian,, Evette Raen, Dave Andrenyak, Geoff Hardies, Kyle Williams*





# Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)

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

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

**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.

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

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

Member of WMC? (Y/N)	Signature	Print Name Legible	Phone	Check Out
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# Trip Reports



Steve Duncan

## Dromedary East Peak Hike August 21<sup>st</sup>

Organized, report & photos by Cigi Owens & Akiko Kamimura

We bagged one of the Wasatch 10k peaks, which is rarely climbed – Dromedary East Peak (10,910 ft). It was a women's MSD hike since all male registrants canceled due to a concern about air quality or a family reason. It was a beautiful day with blue sky. We started from Mill B South/ Broads Fork TH and hiked to Lake Blanch first. From the west of Lake Lillian, we went toward south. We briefly had rain showers on the way. To avoid the very steep slope, we hiked to east and went up to the east of the peak. The last part to the summit involved easy class 3 scrambling. It was very windy at the summit. We had a very long lunch break below the summit. The views were incredible. We took a slightly different route to go back to Lake Blanch. We worked on navigation together. We also chatted each other a lot. It was an amazing day. Dromedary East Peak looks a very small bump from Lake Blanch. But it was a real peak. The hike took 9 hours in total including breaks (distance – 10.9 miles, elevation gain – 5,436 ft).



Peak photo (LtoR): Beth, Cigi, Daisy, and Akiko

Beth and Akiko  
descending from  
the summit





# Telegraph Trail Evening Hike - August 30<sup>th</sup>



Taking a break on the Telegraph trail (LtoR): Cigi (dog), Julie, Roger, Dave, Merilynn, Albert, Alfred, Brenda, Maggie



Trip organized by Julie Kilgore

Another great turnout for a Monday evening NTD hike on the newly completed Telegraph Trail loop. Welcome to David and Roger, 1<sup>st</sup> time hikers with the Club! Several hikers enjoyed post-hike refreshment.





# Shoshone Falls Kayak Trip on the Snake River

## July 15-18<sup>th</sup>



Organizers: Christine Pilgram & Irene Yuen

Participants: Christine, Bryce, Corey & Sorell Pilgram, Irene Yuen & Bret Mathews, Diana Yang, Da Yang & Mia Wipfel, Bruce Moore, Eileen Haynes, Donnie Benson, Sandy McNicoll, James Naus, Tonya Karren, Yi Qu, Aymara Jimenez-Lofgren & Sean Lofgren, Joy, Mike, Chase & Connor Johnson, Connie Bain, Cindy & Dick Smith, Frank Ryburn, Sharon Vinick, Gene Dennis, Gloria Watson and Vicki Mills.

Christine Pilgram and Irene Yuen generously organized an amazing camping and kayak experience in Twin Falls, Idaho on the Snake River. They both made great efforts to research and plan many details to prepare us for this trip. We started our adventure by camping in tents at 1000 Springs Resort. This was a beautiful, grassy campground with large shade trees right on the banks of the Snake River. We were able to carry our kayaks out to the river from our tent sites which was really convenient. We could paddle our kayaks around Ritter Island, a State Park across from where we were camping, to a huge waterfall which is part of the Thousand Springs aquifer. The vast Snake River Plain Aquifer flows 2,308 miles beneath volcanic rock from the St. Anthony to the Snake River, where it flows over the cliffs at Thousand Springs. The water was sparkling clear and you could see trout

swimming below in the river. We saw muskrats playing near the banks, a snake swim through the reeds and even a deer swim across the small part of the river right in front of our kayaks.

Early on Friday morning, we packed up our lunches, drinking water and kayaks and headed from 1000 Springs Resort to Centennial Waterfront Park to start our kayak trip on the water. Christine and Irene had arranged a group rental of single or tandem kayaks from AWOL for some of us at this location and we all started together to paddle upstream in the gentle current of the Snake River. The morning was sunny and beautiful and we felt the energy of many kayakers on the river. There were pelicans, hawks and eagles looking for fish in the river along the way. We admired the majestic



Enjoying the river (LtoR): Connor, Joy, and Chase





rocky cliffs as we paddled under the huge Perrine bridge that allows vehicle passage across the Snake River Canyon. This bridge is 486 feet above the Snake River and is the 8<sup>th</sup> highest bridge in the United States. It is not too far from where the famous stuntman, Evel Knievel, attempted to jump across in his modified motorcycle rocket in 1974. We watched base jumpers jump off the bridge, their parachute would open and then they would float quietly on the breeze out of sight up the canyon. We paddled for about an hour and a half and then came to the portage. We helped each other carry kayaks across the 300 yards of rocks to put back in the river on the other side. Connie brought wheels for her kayak so she could move her kayak across the rocks solo. Then another paddle of



Irene having a great time!

Bruce Moore

about an hour and a half to the beautiful Shoshone Falls, named in honor of the Native Americans that once inhabited the area. At 212 feet tall and 900 feet wide, Shoshone Falls is one of the largest natural waterfalls in the United States, surpassing the height of the famous Niagara Falls. We paddled around below the falls in admiration, had a picnic lunch and paddled back the way we came. We had a nice ice cream stop at the Cloverleaf Creamery in Buhl on the drive back. Back at camp, we shared a scrumptious potluck dinner organized by Eileen and

Ready, Aim, Fire!! On the slingshot (LtoR): Sorrell, James (near), and Frank (far). In the back (LtoR): Yi, Donnie, Aymara, and Scott



shot balls into the river with a giant sling shot that required the help of three people, while a couple of kayakers paddled around the river fetching the balls. We then had a drawing and Christine handed out some fun prizes, like dry bags, back packs and some cleverly painted kayak paddles. We ended with a limbo contest using a kayak paddle.

Saturday morning, Frank and James scouted out a great route for us to drop our kayaks in up river and then paddled towards camp. Blue Heart Springs was on this route. What an amazing clear, clean spring in a small cove on the edge of the river. The water stays at about 58 degrees and you can see the white sand on the bottom which gives the water a soft blue hue. We had a little picnic and some of us enjoyed a brief swim, except for Corey who did a longer swim in the cold water. We paddled back to camp for another delicious potluck dinner.

Some of the group went to the Paris Ice caves this day and some paddled some whitewater rapids.

Sunday morning, we drove to the top of Shoshone Falls and looked down on the massive flow of



water. Then did some swimming, diving and cliff jumping at Dierkes Lake and a hike behind the Perrine Coulee Falls. The adventure ended as we all traveled back home with great memories and some new friends. A big thank you to Christine and Irene for organizing such a memorable experience!





# Mt. Adams in Washington State (Mountaineering) - August 23<sup>rd</sup>



Final ascent to the summit. The trail was snow-free.

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Mt Adams (12,276 ft) is the second highest peak in Washington State. Our original plan was making the highest peak in the state (Mt Rainier – 14,411 ft) and then Mt Adams. However, we had to turn around at 13,200 ft due to heavy rain and high wind on Mt Rainier. So, we were looking for a consolation prize an aborted attempt on Mt Rainier.

We arrived at the Cold Springs Campground, which is located at the South Climb TH for Mt Adams on August 8. We stopped by the Ranger Station on the way and were told it would not be necessary to start hiking/climbing very early because there was not much snow left. It looked like the campground was burned out from wild fires a while ago. It had burned/fallen trees and green grass. There was only one picnic table left from the wild fires. We took the tent spot with the picnic table. We saw many deer and birds at the campground. The majority of other cars at the campground had a Washington or Oregon plate.

It was a very cold morning on August 9. The sky was clear. We started hiking at 6 am. We followed the trail with huge cairns. When we did not see any more cairns, we met two rangers. They suggested take the left edge of the snowfield to go up to the false peak. However, we accidentally went up toward the right side and ended up on the steep slope with loose rocks. This was the hardest part. Once we made the false peak, it became easier. The summit has an old broken cabin/hut. The views from the summit were stunning. We could see Mt Rainier, Mt St Helens, Mt Hood and other cascade mountains. We took a better route that we could avoid the steep loose rock part to go back to the TH and camped out one more night. (Distance – 12.7 miles, total elevation gain – 6,890 ft).



Trip organizer: Beth Blattenberger

Participants: Mary Whittington, Jean Rengstorf, Shawn Bagci, Louis Melini

We gathered on Wednesday evening to camp at the trailhead campground. The trip was planned to begin on a Thursday to avoid crowds but it seems others had the same idea, and we were lucky to find parking spots on Thursday morning. We arrived at Lower Red Castle Lake at 2 in the afternoon and easily found a good camping spot overlooking the lake. After our arrival there was rain, but it did not discourage a steady stream of backpackers from continuing to arrive all afternoon and into the evening. Fortunately this very scenic area has lots of places to camp.

On Friday morning we got a 6:45 am start and headed up to Red Castle Lake. Here we are pointing at our destination, Wilson Peak (13,060 ft.), the lowest of Utah's 13ers.



Group near camp with Red Castle in the background (LtoR): Shawn, Jean, Lou, Beth, and Mary



Shawn and Mary relaxing in camp



Our route went by a higher lake to the pass west of the peak, then up the ridgeline to the summit. The wind was strong when we got to the pass and added a level of difficulty in negotiating our footing on the talus. Louis decided the pass was a sufficient destination for him and returned to camp, where he rescued Shawn's tent, which had blown away.

Not long after the rest of us arrived at the summit, a father and son appeared and obliged us by taking our photo. They were the only people we saw on our day hike. They returned to their camp the way they had come, and we did not see anyone after that until we got back to Lower Red Castle Lake.

But first we had to get down. The east ridge of Wilson is steeper than the west ridge that we had come up, and had a couple of short cliff bands that challenged us to find routes through and required a few class 3 or maybe 4 moves. We helped each other out and were happy to get safely down about 500 vertical feet to a scenic col and opportunity for more photos.

From the col we descended further to head east on the south side of Red Castle, intending to meet up with the trail over Smith Pass. We found a trail but it soon disappeared among the talus, and we again found our own way until reaching a lower segment



# Red Castle Lakes & Wilson Peak Backpacking

## August 4-8<sup>th</sup>



Pointing to Wilson Peak, our final destination (LtoR):  
Lou, Beth, Jean, Mary, and Shawn

of the trail that we could see from above. The trail led past more lakes on the east side of Red Castle. Wanting to take a shorter way back to camp, we left the trail and contoured around the base of Red Castle to reach Lower Red Castle Lake. This was not difficult, but there was a large swampy area and stream at this end of the lake. After some exploration we were happy to find a log bridge over the stream and to return to camp without getting our feet wet, 11 hours after our morning departure,

where Louis greeted us. The air was getting smoky by evening and we complained, not knowing how much worse the air was in Salt Lake City.

On Saturday morning we took time to watch a cow moose and calf graze in the wetland near the lake, not far from camp, then packed up. Many people were headed out on Saturday morning, just as we were. The trip home was uneventful and we felt a satisfying sense of accomplishment.



Descending from the summit to the north was very steep at first, but we found a way.

Sitting at the summit as to not get blown off (LtoR):  
Mary, Beth, Jean, and Shawn.



## Mt. Timpanogos South Peak Hike, July 13<sup>th</sup>



Organized, report & photos by Cigi Owens & Akiko Kamimura

Mt Timpanogos (11,749 ft) is a very popular hike destination. But not many people know the trail continues from the main peak to Mt Timpanogos South Peak (11,722 ft). We aimed at making the rarely climbed South Peak from the Timpoonoke TH. It was cloudy on the way to the saddle. Wild flowers were blooming. We saw many mountain goats. We had rain showers when we got to the saddle and saw dark sky in the north. We took a long break at the main peak to see the weather. Once the sky became clear, we started following the trail to South Peak. Right after leaving the main peak, there were two mountain goats (mother and baby) in front of us. We took time to figure out how to pass them. Al turned around. The rest of us, Cigi, Sandra and Akiko, continued on the trail to South Peak. Although the trail is not used very much, it was in the excellent shape. We got rain showers again on the way to the next saddle between South Peak and Everest Ridge. The views from the saddle were incredible as we could see both sides of the ridge. We lost the trail from the saddle to South Peak and had an unnecessarily hard time to go up.



Beautiful wild flowers - Sandra (front) and Akiko (back)



On the main peak (LtoR): Akiko, Al, Sandra, and Cigi

Akiko reached the peak first by making a switch back and let Cigi and Sandra, who were taking the more direct route, know the location of the trail. When Cigi and Sandra were at the summit, it was too windy to set up a tripod. So we were unable to take a peak photo together. We followed the trail to descend from South Peak. The trail was very close to the west ridge of South Peak. Al was waiting for us at the saddle of the main peak. It became sunny while going back to the TH. We had a very long conversation with a Russian backpacker visiting from Michigan. We were also stuck with a large group of high school students. Sandra and Al helped an injured high school student. It was a wonderful day. This hike took 12 hours in total including breaks and other stuff (distance - 16 miles, total elevation gain - 7,084 ft).



## Lake Ibantik Hike - August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Since there were only 3 of us, we decided to hike to Ibantik Lake rather than do the original key exchange hike. It was a beautiful sunny day on Sunday. We arrived early enough at the Crystal Lake Trailhead and were able to find parking. Several backpackers informed us that the previous evening (Saturday) had lightning, thunder, wind, hail and about an inch of rain. Water was running down many portions of the trail. We encountered many backpackers heading back including a family of 8, a few heading in. We also passed many hikers and dogs, including a Great Dane. We passed by Wall Lake, went over the Notch and then down to Ibantik Lake, where we ate lunch and relaxed. We enjoyed the spectacular views and scenery. There were 2 rock climbers on Notch Mountain. On the way back, we ate at Dicks Drive-In in Kamas. Overall, we hiked about 8 miles and did about 1,000 ft vertical.

Participants- Chris Venizelos and Tom Mitko (co-leaders), Michi Bracken

Photos by Tom and Michi



Michi and Tom



Chris and Tom



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