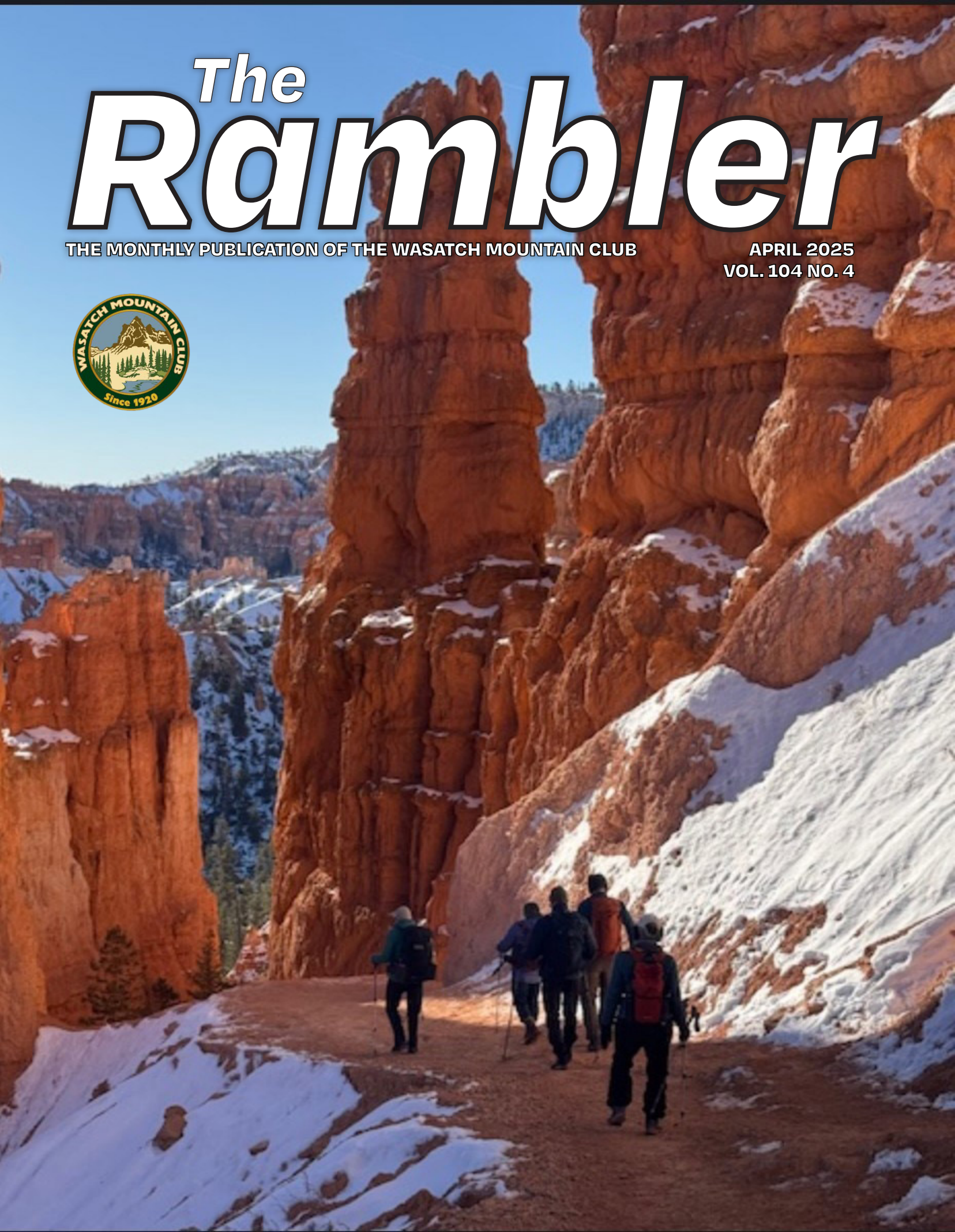


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Frank Bouchard Nordic skiing on East Canyon Road. See page 13 for details.

Historian's Message

by Debra Frank

Greetings, Clubbers,

I'm continuing my series of Trip Reports from Ramblers past, for fun and enlightenment.

One of the stories in the Canyoneering chapter of my forthcoming book "Faint Heart Never Climbed Mountain" features a backpacking trip in Escalante's Deer Creek area led by June Viavant in 1969. June was actively drumming up support for Escalante which was threatened with development. Thanks largely to June, who was called the "Backpacking Mother" in the press, Escalante was spared.

This entertaining trip report describes one of June's adventures.

Davis Gulch by Gale Dick

Davis Gulch is an adventure and a beautiful one. Drive down the Hole in the Rock Road to the 50-mile point and walk from your car a little to the northeast. Soon you will find yourself, as we did, in a little gully that almost immediately becomes a slot. This slot is the ultimate Narrows. If it got any narrower, you couldn't go through it at all. It's no place for clothes that you care about or for shorts (as Jack McLellan now knows). What the rest of us lost from our pants Jack lost from his knees and shins. The slot is frequently so narrow that a pack must be removed and wrestled along before or behind. The footing is a narrowing crack, and the slot is usually not vertical so that you have to slide and grunt along between sloping grindstones. Variety is offered by the drop-offs, which involve chimneying down or simply dropping from a smooth (often bloodstained) chockstone into a pool of unknown depth. When the water comes to your armpits, you, at least, have the fun of watching the one behind you find this out for himself. There is a delicious element of suspense if you're not first in line since you can't see the coming difficulties—you can only hear the shrieks and groans. One finds his fantasy wandering toward flash floods and estimates of how long he could maintain the chimney position a few feet above a boiling torrent. At one point I became uncomfortably aware of a dull, continuous roar. It wasn't a jet but rather the sound of eight packs rubbing along the slot walls. Unless you knew that June Viavant had, in fact, gone through, you would hesitate to get yourself into the unreasonable, increasingly awkward predicament of the slot. It's about a mile long, is lots of strenuous fun, and is not to be recommended for the whole family. Packs are a considerable nuisance, but we didn't need a rope.

After the slot, the canyon widens out into a classic red sandstone paradise, and it's one of the best. We found water seeps and a stream in October of a wet year. There are two spectacular arches, a superb cavernous, inverted amphitheater, pictographs, and moqui steps. Glen Canyon isn't utterly dead: it's alive and in hiding in the side canyons of Escalante. We walked to Lake Powell (Lake Cess-Powell according to Jack), the only dreary part of the canyon.

We found two different routes out that avoid reascending the slot. They climb opposite sides of the canyon near each other. The simpler of the two starts from an old corral on the northwest side of the canyon, a short way above a prominent rock wall on the northwest side of the canyon colored white from seeps in it. The other route had been discovered from the top by Nick Strickland and starts up across decayed moqui steps opposite this wall.

The walk back to 50-mile point across the Navajo sandstone petrified dunes is easy and full of surprises. Japanese gardens on islands of sand in rock hollows, great trays of polished pebbles set out evenly spaced as if for sale, a chain of 10 evenly spaced potholes like a negative necklace, a lovely narrow wash with scalloped walls that make it into a serpentine of machined perfection.

The combination of slot, canyon, and desert plateau makes this trip unusually satisfying. Go and see for yourself what all the fuss is about concerning a proposed Escalante Wilderness area. Davis Gulch will convert you. Let's not throw this region away as Glen Canyon was thrown away.

Those making the trip were June Viavant, Jack McLellan, Dick Snyder, Nick Strickland, David Daurelle, Hafty Hafterson, Jeremy Curtoys, and Gale Dick.



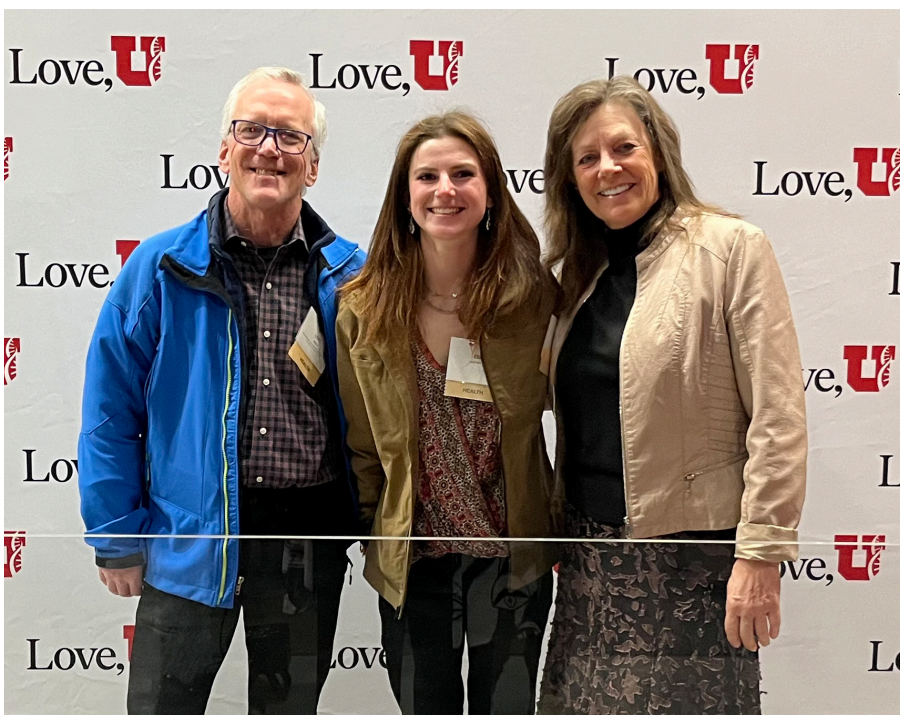
WMC's Latest Scholarship Recipient

In 2020, as part of the club's centennial celebration, the Wasatch Mountain Club worked closely with the University of Utah to establish an endowed scholarship fund to support students in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism department pursuing degrees focused in environmental health and community outdoor recreation.

The Parks, Recreation and Tourism program, part of the College of Health, inspires students to inform policy, serve social needs, promote sustainability, and advocate for the health of people, communities, and the environment. This is closely aligned with the purpose of the WMC.

As of December 2024, the WMC has raised over \$80,000 and the University of Utah has awarded six scholarships. Ellen Deschenes is this year's recipient, and wrote the following. For more about the scholarship and how you can contribute, go to <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/centennial-education-endowment>

I am a fourth year student at the University of Utah and expecting to graduate at the end of summer 2025! I am studying Parks, Recreation, and tourism with an emphasis in Natural Resources. I am from Salt Lake, so I grew up spending my time outdoors. Throughout my time at the U, I have learned not just to play outside, but how to take care of the land we all play on (no matter where). I have learned so much about land policy and land planning from the amazing professors at the U and am so excited to contribute what I have learned to my future career. I have so many goals! One of my goals is to work on a SARS team. These teams are so important in the backcountry, and really I just want to help people. I spent time with one of my professors looking at the Big Cottonwood UDOT project. This was my first experience attending a public meeting and writing a formal public comment. It was so engaging to me because of how close and relevant this project is. There has been so much change in the Wasatch Mountains over the years. My goal is to explore careers aligning with land policy and public lands, whether this be with a non-profit, the Forest Service, BLM, or any local foundation, I just want to explore careers and opportunities!



Big Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Study

by Dennis Goreham

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has started a 2-year environmental study focused on evaluating traffic in Big Cottonwood Canyon. It will focus on tolling and enhanced bus service to address wintertime traffic congestion management on State Route (SR) 190 in BCC as directed by the Utah State Legislature in Senate Bill 2 (2023). SB 2 specifies and directs UDOT to “provide enhanced bus service, tolling, a mobility hub, and resort bus stops for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.”

Project features that UDOT is currently considering as part of the BCC environmental study include:

- Enhanced bus service for Big Cottonwood with buses running from a mobility hub near the canyon's mouth every five to ten minutes during peak hours
- Enclosed bus stops at the resorts
- Minor road improvements to improve bus mobility
- Winter-season tolling system starting below Solitude Entry 1 with variable pricing based on peak hour demand

The WMC recently submitted a comment for the purpose and need phase of this study.

We told them that the WMC has been recreating in BCC for over 100 years and the historic Lodge our members built at Brighton is nearly that old. We currently have over 1200 members and have a special interest in the canyons of the Wasatch and preserving their beauty and recreation opportunities for future generations.

The WMC agrees with the need to address transportation in BCC. In particular, we want to see year-round transit service integrated with the broader regional transportation network with infrastructure to ensure high-quality recreational experiences, while protecting the watershed and viewshed of BCC. We also agree with the Mountain Accord recommendation to expand transit services, decreasing single-occupancy vehicle use and improving biking and walking accommodations.

Through this study, UDOT has an opportunity to develop a comprehensive and holistic year-round transportation solution. The buses proposed in the draft plan should provide service for the ski resorts and dispersed recreation users year-round. This should be a phased approach with the first priority being winter season bus service.

UDOT's proposal to implement tolling below Solitude for the upper canyon will impact all users. Any solution must be equitable to all users, including back country skiers and snowshoers. As tolling is implemented, transit options for all users must be developed.

The recommendation for a Mobility Hub outside of BCC and with bus stops at Solitude and Brighton along with popular trailheads are needed components of a successful transit solution. Hikers and other canyon users need access to trailheads from such facilities. Since part of the goal is to remove personal cars from the canyon, buses should stop at all regularly used trailheads.

One topic that requires more attention in this plan is the need to determine carrying



capacity in BCC. This must be done in terms of watershed, wilderness, natural resources, quality of experiences, etc. Carrying capacity limits will need to be determined, monitored, and enforced.

We were fortunate to get copies of what our friends at SLCA and SOC also submitted for this phase.

The Salt Lake Climbers Alliance (SLCA) is the local climbing stewardship and advocacy organization serving the greater Salt Lake City area. SLCA advocates for outdoor climbing access while working to maintain sustainable climbing resources. Their comments focused on the following key points:

1. The Purpose and Need Statement is Too Narrow.
2. A Visitor-use Carrying Capacity Study is Needed.
3. Dispersed-Use Parking and Trailhead Crosswalks Should Be Analyzed.
4. Additional Roadside Signage Should Be Included in the Study.
5. Affordable Bussing, Microtransit Opportunities, Congestion Tolling, and Other Traffic Mitigation Strategies Should Be Studied.
6. Regional Transportation Connectivity, Including the Mobility Hub, Needs Analysis.

You can read their entire comment on the SLCA website (<https://www.saltlakeclimbers.org/news/2024/12/2/big-cottonwood-canyon-sr-19-study-climbers-voice-is-needed>)

Save Our Canyons (SOC) is dedicated to protecting the beauty and wildness of the Wasatch Mountains. They also made many important points. For example, UDOT “project planners should expand the scope of the need of the study to include year-round transportation improvements. UDOT’s study should evaluate developing year-round transit solutions, including 2050+ projections. Senate Bill 2 (2023) does not specify a particular season for utilizing funds for this project, and to better understand the evolving needs of transportation issues in BCC into the future, UDOT’s study should include analysis beyond winter months to anticipate these evolving needs.”

We all agreed we need a comprehensive, balanced and well thought out plan for year-round Big Cottonwood Canyon transit.

For the complete text of the WMC comment, see the Board Minutes on our website (<https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/board-meeting-minutes>). It is our practice to include official comments in the minutes, so check monthly if interested in this and other conservation topics. You can read more about this and many other issues concerning the Wasatch on the Save Our Canyons website (<https://saveourcanyons.org/>)



Congratulations!

to these members who completed their 100 activities and received a jacket!



Sue Baker	Paul Gettings	Mark Maier	Robert Turner
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Mac Brubaker	Akiko Kamimura	Paula McFarland	Kathleen Waller
Mike Budig	Tonya Karren	Dea Avila Nelson	Joel Winter
Vince Desimone	Julie Kilgore	Christine Pilgram	Brad Yates
Steve Duncan	Jim Kucera	Kerry Regan	Irene Yuen

Grab that centennial journal, notebook, or calendar, and track your WMC activity participation. The first 100 club members to participate in 100 posted club activities will receive a WMC “Activity Challenge” jacket.

Here are a few rules:

- Starting January 1, 2022, start recording any activity you participate in that is posted on the WMC calendar.
- Any activity that is posted on the calendar will count. That includes club socials, membership meetings, singalongs, board meetings, boating permit parties, trainings, etc. If it's posted on the calendar (which means the activity is an approved WMC activity), it counts. No fair backdating an activity, or only give an hour notice! Stay within the spirit please.
- For multi-day activities, each day the activity is posted on the club calendar can be counted as a separate activity. You'll be doing something fun and different every day, right? If the travel day is included in the post, that counts too. It's an important “activity” of sharing resources, planning, and camaraderie.
- Take your time. All 100 activities do NOT have to be completed by the end of this year.
- Activities prior to 2022 do not count, EXCEPT the activities that enthusiastic clubbers recorded from January 1, 2020, through March 22, 2020, when the original Centennial Activity Challenge was launched.
- Once you record 100 activities (or 100 days of activities, if you participate in multi-day events), submit your documentation to the board. You will be highlighted in the Rambler, and you will get your prize at the next membership meeting.

The more club activities you participate in, the sooner you reach the goal. If you don't see an activity that suits you, jump in and organize or co-organize!



Activity Reports

Snowshoeing Cardiff Fork (Big Cottonwood) - Feb. 12, 2025

Organized by Jim Kucera, report by Kurt Hiland

After being shut for over two years, Cardiff Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon finally reopened to public access. So, with a foot of fresh snow, Jim Kucera organized an adventurous snowshoe tour into the upper reaches of the canyon. It was a frigid start at only 2 degrees with a bit of a breeze. Once beyond the private mining claims, the group took a free-roam tour through Cardiff in which two streams were crossed and much fluffy powder blasted through. We saw plenty of ski turns flowing down the backcountry slopes. We saw a huge, fresh avalanche on Cardiac Ridge--a reminder to respect the risk. Participants were Jim Kucera, Kurt Hiland, Hong Duong, and Sally Aerts.

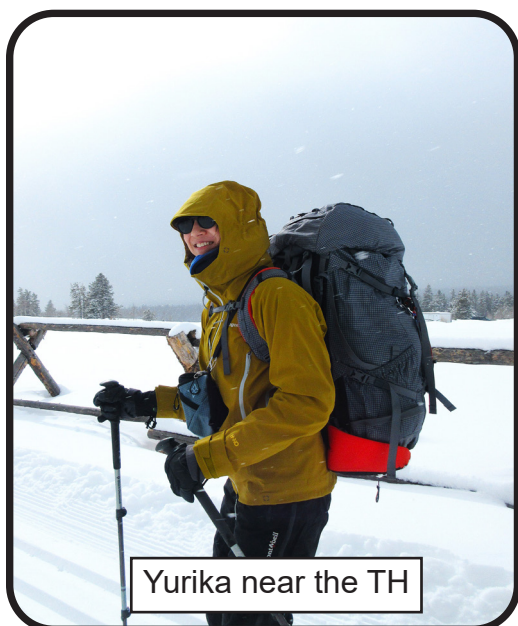


Snow Camping in the High Uintahs - Feb. 15-16, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Akiko Kamimura

Seven snowshoers (Brandy, Brennan, John, Pierce, Sasha, Yurika, & Akiko) and three skiers (Jessica, Keisuke, & Lubica) enjoyed winter backpacking in the High Uintas. The original plan was for camping two nights. But due to the weather forecast and the work schedule of some of the participants, we shortened the trip to just one night.

Feb 15 We met at the Yurt parking lot at the winter gate on the Mirror Lake Highway on the Evanston side. The parking lot is very large and there were many vehicles there, but we did not see very many people on the trail. We snowshoed/skied on the cross-country ski trail to Lily Lake (approximately 3 miles one way).



Yurika near the TH



On the way to Lily Lake. From left – Jessica, Keisuke, Sasha, Pierce, Yurika, & Brandy



Dinner time. From left – Jessica, Brandy, Brennan, Sasha, Pierce, Keisuke, & Yurika

There had been a recent snowstorm so there was lots of new snow. The area is pretty flat and does not have avalanche terrain. Carrying heavy packs, it took nearly 2.5 hours to get to Lily Lake. We stomped snow for tents, made a kitchen and dining area, and cut trees for firewood and enjoyed dinner together. The temperature was -5 F. We warmed up around the campfire.

Feb 16 We had a 7:00am start to get to Peak 9757. It was bitter cold and a few elected to snuggle deeper into their warm sleeping bags. The rest of us



made Peak 9757. The distance was short (1.8 miles one way) but we were slow because we had to break trail in the deep fresh snow. It became snowy on the way back to the campsite. We took down the campsite and went back to the TH. We had a very fun time together!



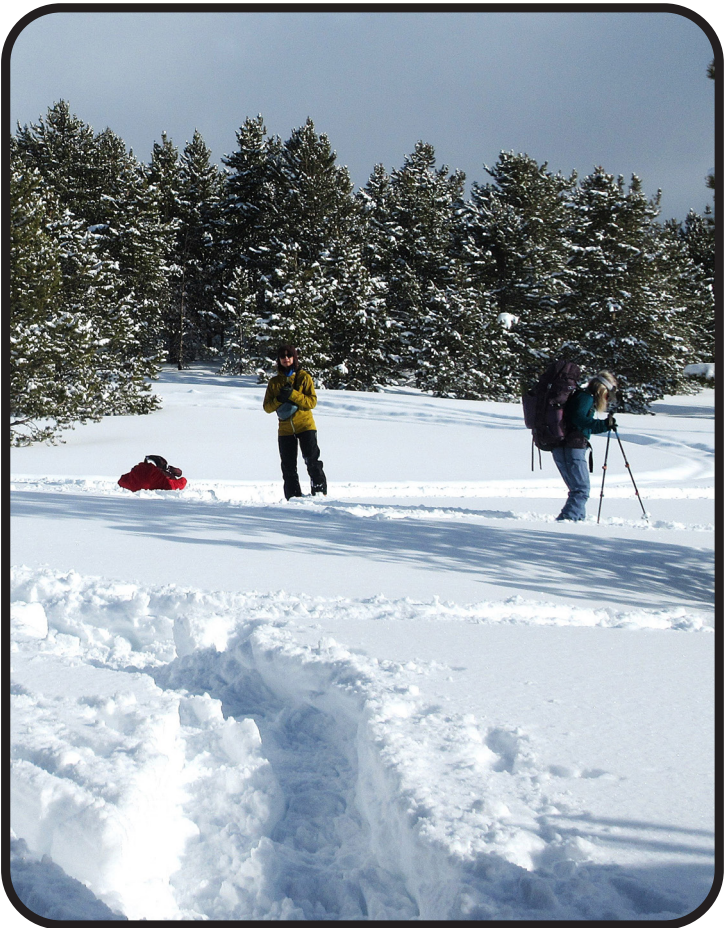
On the way to Peak 9757



Summit photo at Peak 9757. Back from left – Yurika, Jessica, Brennan, Pierce, & Keisuke. Front from left – Brandy & Akiko



Keisuke skiing down from the summit



Nordic Ski Tour of East Canyon - Feb. 16, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Frank Bouchard

A group of ten of us Nordic skied SR-65 (East Canyon Road) on a Sunday morning. We arrived at the road closure and parked at the Little Dell lot, then slowly made our way up the groomed snowy road. Some dropped off along the way and turned back, but four of us made it all the way to Big Mountain Pass (and a little further) despite frigid winds and snow in our face a good portion of the time. The way down is a gentle slope, just enough to keep you moving until the final couple miles which are pretty flat. In total we covered 11 miles.



Car Camping in Gold Butte National Monument Feb 20-22, 2025

Organized by Dennis Goreman. Report by Kris Hintze. Photos by John Gold and Kris Hintze

Participants: Kris Hintze, Jim Kucera, John Gould, Dennis Goreham, Matt Goreham, and Matt Peters

Thursday: Arrival and Exploration The journey to Gold Butte National Monument began with a sense of anticipation. Dennis, Jim, and Matt G. arrived earlier than the rest of the group and took the extra time to enjoy a couple of spontaneous hikes. Soon after, everyone arrived at camp and settled into their various camping arrangements. Some of us opted for the comfort of car camping, while others embraced the simplicity of tent camping, and a few chose to sleep under the vast open sky, directly under the stars. After everyone got settled in, we embarked on a short, exploratory hike around the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) campsite area. Our exploration led us to a small but charming sandstone arch. It wasn't a grand monument, but it held a quiet beauty that set the tone for the adventure ahead. Back at camp, as the sun began to dip beneath the horizon and the fire was crackling, we gathered around to prepare our dinners. Conversations flowed easily, punctuated by Matt P.'s impromptu storytelling. With a flair for the dramatic, Matt entertained us with tales spun from his imagination, and we all laughed into the night, enjoying the warmth of the fire and the comfort of each other's company.



CCC Campsite



Hike to Khota Circus L-R Matt P. Jim K. Kris H. Dennis G, Matt G.

Friday: Khota Circus, Little Finland, and Seven Keyholes The morning began with a special surprise. Those who were early risers were treated to the haunting hoot of a great-horned owl echoing through the camp—a perfect way to start the day. After breakfast, we set out for our first major hike of the trip, a five-mile trek to Khota Circus, an ancient petroglyph panel that left us in awe. The 50-foot-long art piece on the rock face displayed images of tortoises, deer, big horn sheep, geese



flying in formation, and a collection of other animals, including snakes, lizards, and centipedes. Some hunting scenes and mysterious symbols also dotted the panel, adding to its intrigue. Rumor has it that Khota is the Punjabi word for donkey, and given the presence of wild burros in the area, we speculate that the name “Khota Circus” refers to a ‘donkey circus’—an imaginative way of describing these figures. Next, we ventured to Little Finland, a surreal landscape where wind and water erosion have created striking ‘fin-like’ sandstone formations. The landscape here felt otherworldly, as though we had stepped into a place where nature’s creativity had run wild. The delicate arches and sharp angles seemed to defy gravity, creating a visual spectacle that was both humbling and mesmerizing. On our way back to camp, we stopped at a small slot canyon known as Seven Keyholes. Here, the canyon walls were adorned with even more petroglyphs, continuing the theme of ancient art that told stories of the land and its previous inhabitants.



Inside Seven Keyholes

Saturday: Bonelli Peak Summit We started early, as we had a bit of a drive ahead of us. Rough, washed-out roads led us to the base of Bonelli Peak. The journey to the top of the peak was not for the faint of heart. We began with a short

walk through dry wash basins and cattle trails before the real challenge began. The ridgeline ascent was moderately steep, with several saddlebacks along the way that offered us a chance to pause and catch our breath. As we climbed higher, the landscape became more rugged, with large boulders of granite and gneiss interspersed with outcroppings of quartz. The reward for the climb was nothing short of spectacular. Four of us made it to the summit, where we were treated to a 360-degree view that stretched out before us like an intricate map.



Dennis enjoying a great view of Lake Mead

To the west, the blazing red hues of the Valley of Fire contrasted beautifully with the snow-capped peaks of the Spring Mountains and the sparkling blue expanse of Lake Mead. Looking east, the Grand Wash Cliffs in Arizona rose majestically against the horizon. Northern views revealed Virgin Peak, Rattlesnake Peak, and Jumbo Peak, each one adding to the grandeur of the scene.

Wildlife Encounters Throughout the trip, we were fortunate enough to encounter some of the unique wildlife that calls this area home. Wild burros meandered near the various hikes, their presence adding a wild, untamed element to the landscape. Ravens soared above us, their calls echoing through the canyon walls, while phainopeplas flitted between the trees. We spotted a northern harrier hunting in the open, and ground squirrels scurried about, ever-watchful of predators. As the sun dipped low, bats emerged to dart through the evening air, adding their own rhythm to the wilderness symphony. As the weekend ended, Dennis, Jim, and John stayed a couple of extra hours before departing to meet with the Friends of Gold Butte in a trash pickup activity. We all left Gold Butte with a deeper appreciation for its raw beauty and ancient history. The landscape, rich in petroglyphs and natural wonders, had told its own stories, and we were grateful to be part of that narrative, if only for a brief moment in time.



Wild burros



Petroglyphs in Seven Keyholes



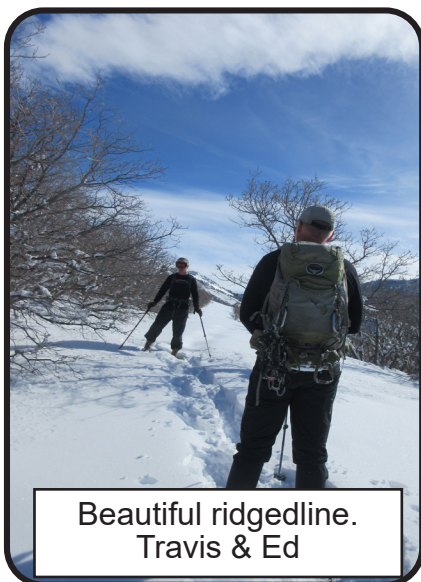
Boulders of Golden Butte townsites



Snowshoeing Holbrook Ridge, Bountiful - Feb 22, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Akiko Kamimura

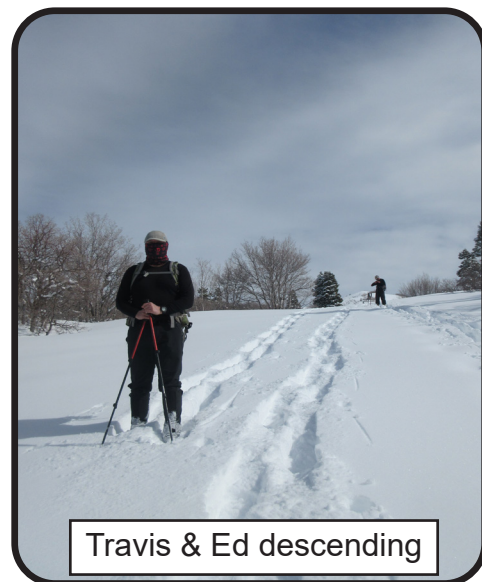
It was an absolutely beautiful day. Right after the latest snowstorm, there was tons of fresh snow. In order to do safe, fun snowshoeing on the fresh snow, we changed the original location to Peak 8583 via Holbrook Ridge that does not involve avalanche terrain. There was lots of snow from the TH. Once we were higher up, the snow on the trail was not packed and snowshoes were necessary. We took a relaxed pace to enjoy the views and a beautiful day. At 7,600 feet, Ed said it was enough for him for the day, so all of us turned around. We will go back there to bag Peak 8583 next time.



Beautiful ridgeline.
Travis & Ed



Time to turn around



Travis & Ed descending



Group photo. From left – Ed, Travis, & Akiko



Winter Hiking in Bryce Canyon - Feb 20-23, 2025

Organized by Zig Sondelski and Tonya Karren. Report by Tonya Karren.
Photos by Mike Budig, Tonya Karren, Carol Masheter and and others

The Bryce Canyon Winter trip proved to be incredibly successful with over 50 club members enjoying one of the most uniquely beautiful places in the world. The snow wasn't deep enough this year to strap on snowshoes, though we had excellent spike hiking conditions on the trails. With crystal clear skies, Bryce offered up an impressive display of the park's red rock formations and hoodoos. Various trails were taken, including the Navajo and Hat Shop routes as well as some exploration in nearby Red Canyon. We met each evening to share food and stories of the day in historic Ruby's Inn.





The Hat Shop







Hiking Bowman Fork Trail to White Fir Pass

Jan. 23, 2025

Organized, report, and photo by Dave Andrenyak

Bowman Fork is a side canyon on the south side of Millcreek Canyon. There is an established trail that goes up Bowman Fork. Our hike starting at the Millcreek Canyon Road. We walked about 0.3 miles up the Terraces Picnic Area road to the Bowman Fork trailhead that is near the picnic sites. Then, we hiked on the Bowman Fork trail about 2 miles to White Fir Pass. After a snack break at White Fir Pass, we returned to the Millcreek road by reversing travel on the Bowman trail and Terraces road. Our trek was through a beautiful aspen-conifer forest where many trees were trimmed with snow from storms during the past week. Along the trail, there was consistent snow cover with snow depths of at least 2 feet in several places. The views of the Millcreek Canyon area were wonderful. Looking west from the Terraces road and the beginning section of the Bowman Fork trail, there were splendid views of snow covered Grandeur Peak. The weather was partly cloudy with seasonably cold temperatures. The trail had packed snow that was suitable for microspike travel. The hike participants were Holly Pearson and Dave Andrenyak. Thank you Holly for the great WMC fellowship.



Hiking Adams Canyon - Feb. 28, 2025

Organized & report by Dea Nelson. Photo by Frank Bouchard

February. The month that lingers between the last breaths of winter and the first whispers of spring. What better way to bid it adieu than a hike that will forever remind you of why you're convinced that the outdoors is where your heart truly lies—no matter the weather. So, seven of us decided to trek to Adam's Canyon, known for its glorious waterfall and status as a local legend of outdoor exploration. We were feeling so optimistic! But nature, like an unpredictable friend, had other plans. As we climbed, the terrain went from a straightforward, muddy path to something much, much more slippery. Packed snow turned into a tilted ice skating rink. And that's when the herd started to thin. Four of our crew, wisely deciding their health and dignity were worth more than the rush of seeing a waterfall, chose to take a gentler route on the Bonneville Trail. With a nod of solidarity, they waved and headed toward a steady elevation, while the three of us—Frank



Bouchard, Frank Ryburn, and yours truly—looked at each other like the adventure-starved souls we are and said, "We've come this far. What's a little ice between friends?" After what felt like an eternal battle of will versus ice, we reached our reward: the majestic waterfall. The magnificent ribbon of water, once full of life and energy, was now a frozen masterpiece, as if nature had taken a moment to just chill (pun intended). We stood there and shared the kind of quiet satisfaction only those who've been through a minor struggle with nature can understand. So we savored the moment, knowing that Spring would soon release her frozen grip and bring life back to this beautiful spot. The outdoors, with all its challenges, is a love affair like no other. And so, with our spikes still securely attached, we made our way back, already planning for the next trip—because no matter what February throws our way, we'll always see the sweetness that follows the struggle.



Hiking Ward Canyon in Bountiful - Mar. 1, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Akiko Kamimura

Our original plan was to take the Ward Canyon Trail to the junction with the ATV trail and bagging Peak 7761. The trail had only patchy snow at the beginning but was snow covered soon after. We put on snowshoes around 5,800 ft. The trail was easy to follow until we were close to the junction. We could figure out the location of the trail on the map but were unable to find a safe way to continue. We decided to turn around and will be back there when it's snow free. There were several challenging creek crossing due to snow and ice. For all of us, it was the first time to hike the trail. Although we did not make the summit, we had a great time in nice weather. Participants: Travis Husaboe, John Gould, Christopher Caruso-Lynch, Ed Hemphill, Akiko.



Travis and Chris



Akiko, Chris, John, Ed, & Travis



Lunch time: John, Chris, Ed, & Travis



Very tricky crossing: Travis & Ed



Snowshoeing Peak 10420 - Mar. 2, 2025

Organized & report by Akiko Kamimura. Photos by Carol Masheter & Akiko

It was very warm in the valley. But there was still lots of snow at higher elevations in BCC. While Peak 10420 is a popular winter destination, it was the first time for John and Robert. The snow conditions were great for snowshoeing. We stopped at the interesting dead tree and small wood shelter on the way to the summit. We took a long break at the summit and went down to Guardsmans Pass. Then, we snowshoed in the beautiful forest to go back to the TH. Participants: Robert Glenney, John Gould, Carol Masheter, & Akiko Kamimura.



Carol in the wood shelter



Carol descending to Guardsman Pass



Summit: Robert, Carol, John, & Akiko



Carol, Robert, & John at the dead tree



Climbing Recon Hike in Rock Canyon - Mar. 2, 2025

Organized, report and photos by Stephanie Stramm

Seven adventurous souls and four canine companions set out to reconnoiter Rock Canyon in advance of the upcoming climbing season. Conditions in the canyon were unknown beforehand, and thankfully the trail was mostly dry with some icy sections that were fairly easy to navigate. After a short walk up the canyon, the group noted sunny, south-facing climbing crags. Yet these intrepid explorers continued hiking, weighed down by their packs but buoyed by the fantastic weather. They crossed a foot bridge and clambered up a mountainside of loose soil and scree before reaching their final destination: Tatoonie. Here the adventurers found outstanding climbing on sharp limestone, as well as spectacular views of the valley and lake beyond. Some route highlights included



Jawa Jam, The Phantom Menace, and Leia's Leash, a two-pitch climb that transformed into a micro-epic when a loose, knotted rappel strand floated away, but was eventually rescued with the help of a panic draw. In the end, the group retreated back down the death scree and icy trail and everyone returned home cheery, if a little tired. Human adventurers: Bryan M, Ellyn N, Nathan C, Neil S, Paul G, Sam, and Steph S. Canine adventurers: Elliot, Dawsyn, Mazie, and Utley.



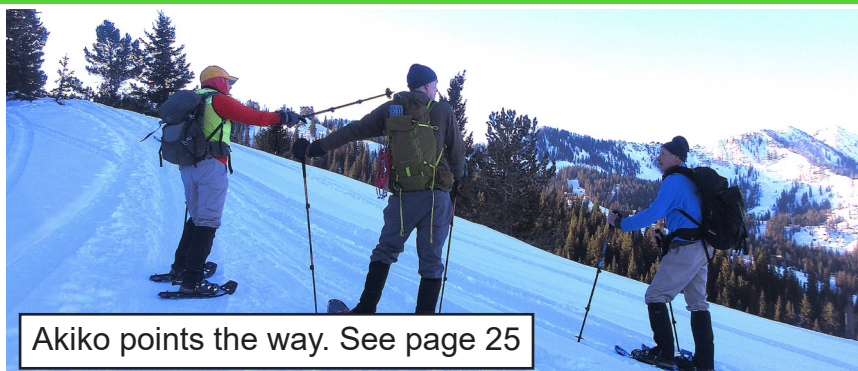
Thank You February Activity Organizers!

We appreciate you for your leadership, energy, and time for organizing amazing activities for our members

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Did you know that any member of the Wasatch Mountain Club can organize events? It's easier than you think. And everyone loves activity organizers! I'll be giving a quick presentation about this, focusing mainly on hikes, followed by time to chat. There will be food and if weather permits a campfire. All club members are welcome to join. The event will be Tuesday April 29th at 7 PM. Send an email to hikingdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org for the location.



Akiko points the way. See page 25



Activity Calendar

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 face masks 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.

Apr 2 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
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Apr 4 Fri – Apr 7 Mon	<p>Escalante Backpack – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> John* Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com Four day-three night from Silver Falls trailhead to the river with two days exploring cattle trail routes up onto the mesa top. Exact itinerary can be adjusted for group energy and interest.</p>
Apr 4 Fri – Apr 5 Sat	<p>Alpine/Snowshoe/Nordic Ski Tour: Henrys Fork And View Of Kings Peak – 16.0 mi Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael Berry, Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com For over 50 years, the Wasatch Mountain Club has organized a one-day ski tour of King's Peak, the highest peak in the state of Utah. This is a BIG endeavor, traveling a distance of up to 32 miles and climbing 4,556 feet of elevation IN ONE DAY! This activity is to honor the club's 50 years of skiing Kings Peak in the high Uintas (a tradition established by Larry and Steve Swanson). This year, the plan is to ski up to 8 miles (16 miles round trip) from our winter parking/camping location to Elkhorn Crossing (the Swanson pre-trip and trail breaking tour) to where we can maybe see the peak in the distance and stand in awe of all who have done this trip in its entirety. If anyone wants to travel beyond that point, they are free to do so but specific safety practices will be strongly encouraged. For starters, anyone going for more than a view of Kings Peak needs to organize their own group. We are not providing 'support' for that endeavor. The action will begin on Friday night (April 4th) with winter camping along the road to Henry's Fork Trailhead (FR 077). Participants can camp in vehicles or tents along the road. Distance from vehicles/camping to the Henry's Fork Trailhead will depend on road plowing conditions and can be as far as 3.5 miles one-way. On Saturday (April 5th), all participants need to check in with the activity organizer before starting the tour. Plan is to depart at sunrise (7:00am). All participants are required to check out with the activity organizer at completion of the tour. Standard alpine/Nordic/snowshoe gear that you have been using all winter season for longer outings is best. Essential equipment and supplies include sunglasses, sunscreen, plenty of water, headlamp, layers, snacks, etc. Whether we take the 'creek bed' winter route or the Kings Peak summer trail will depend on conditions (snow and flowing water). Everyone must follow the route chosen by the group for safety. Mandatory turn-around time is 3:00pm, no matter where participants are on the route. A backup date for this activity is posted for the following weekend (April 12th and 13th) in case of intense weather. RSVP for this activity is via EMAIL (kathwaller79@gmail.com) and response to your email will be an invite to a Google Sheet where participants can add contact information, tour goal, equipment, and prior experience. This activity is co-organized by Michael Berry and Kathleen Waller. Michael has summited Kings Peak several times in the winter. Email Michael (mcber.ut@gmail.com) with questions that he may be able to answer from his prior experiences.</p>
Apr 4 Fri – Apr 6 Sun	<p>Yellowstone Bike Ride And NTD Winter Hike – ntd – 40.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Join this annual pre-season road bike trek into Yellowstone the weekend before the park is open to cars. The park service is preparing for the season so the roads will be plowed, but being flexible is key. Plan A is a SLOW MEANDERING bike ride from West Yellowstone to Terrace Springs or Gibbon Falls, intentionally taking about 4 hours for the 40-mile round trip. Plan B will be dictated by whatever Mother Nature is dishing out that morning. Come prepared for every combination of sun/snow/rain/wind/hot/cold. Sunday morning, the group will head out for a snowshoe/ski/microspike trek to look for moose, muskrat, and swans, departing for home in the early afternoon. Base camp is the Kilgore cabin compound in Island Park. Because of the limited space, RSVP priority will be given to WMC members.</p>
Apr 5 Sat	<p>Canyoneering Season Opener <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com https://www.meetup.com/wasatch-mountain-club/events/306130375/?isFirstPublish=true</p>
Apr 5 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/Ski (Or Hike) - Location TBA <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/ski (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, March 28, 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.</p>
Apr 5 Sat	<p>Boat Shed Opening Work Party <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W (4340 Commerce Dr, Murray, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Bret Mathews, Donnie Benson 801-831-5940, 801-809-1854 bretmaverick999@yahoo.com, dmbenson13@gmail.com Come help us get the boating gear ready for a new season. It's the usual stuff - get the rafts out / inflate them / look them over / roll them up; a little cleaning; and check over the rest of the gear.</p>



Apr 6 Sun	Canyoneering Season Opener <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com A practice session to practice the things you know already.
Apr 6 Sun	Snowshoe/Ski (Or Hike) - Location TBA <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/ski (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, March 28, 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.
Apr 7 Mon	Canyoneering Training Night <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com TBD
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Apr 9 Wed	WMC Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or attend in person at the WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Carpool:</i> 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Emigration Cafe (1700 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> WMC Board 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.
Apr 9 Wed	Canyoneering Training <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Beginner Canyoneering Experience: An Introduction to the Basics Save the date: come and share what you have learned and get new skills!! The leader and location will be determined on a future date. More details on Meet up: https://www.meetup.com/wasatch-mountain-club/events/306049160/
Apr 9 Wed	Porter Fork Sledding Evening Hike – mod – 3.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Canyon, Porter Fork Road <i>Organizer:</i> Alex Walton 801-866-9946 alexwalton3@gmail.com Hike up the road to the Wilderness sign and sled down! Meet at the Porter Fork road gate near the Burch Hollow Trailhead parking lot in Millcreek Canyon. 1.5 miles up with 800 ft gain (that's what makes it such a fun sled down!), moderate pace. Bring your own sled or borrow one of mine, I have several extras to share. I also have extra helmets and gloves and such. Bring warm clothes and a headlamp, spikes/Yaktrax can help on icier nights. Please email me for an RSVP so I can get a headcount and can watch for you. You'll see me at the road gate with the funky ski/sled contraption!
Apr 9 Wed	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.
Apr 10 Thu – Apr 13 Sun	Rock Climb - St George – mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Stephanie Stamm 973-945-3755 steph.m.stamm@gmail.com **The group site for this event is currently full. Message me to get on the waiting list. You can also plan to camp in another site or on nearby BLM land and still join the group to climb** Join us for a long weekend of camping and climbing in (hopefully) sunny St George, UT. This area is home to some fun single pitch sport as well as bouldering. This should be a warm getaway while the crags close to home are still covered in snow. The sport climbs start at 5.7 and go to 5. hard. The club will provide a few ropes and anchors, but bring your quick draws, a rope (if convenient), helmet (required), harness, and belay device. We'll probably hit Prophecy Wall and Chuckwalla at least, but other crag ideas are welcome. Here's the MP link for the area. Feel free to bring a bouldering pad and check out the local pebbles too! I have reserved a group site for up to 12 people at Baker Dam Campground . It's mostly tent camping but could support a camper van or two. It's dry camping so there is no access to electric hookups or water - be sure to bring anything you'll need in that regard. The cost of the campsite is \$9/person. If you want more privacy or if the group site is packed, feel free to reserve your own site nearby and join us for campfire time. Once we are a few weeks out from the trip, I'll help coordinate carpooling.
Apr 10 Thu – Apr 13 Sun	Rafting 4 Day/3 Night San Juan River Trip (Sand Island To Mexican Hat) – class II – 27.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Sand Island Boat Ramp <i>Organizer:</i> Cindy Spangler 801-556-6241 cindyspangler@gmail.com Meeting at the put in at 9:30 AM Thursday April 10. Running shuttle and launching. We plan to take out of the river on Sunday, April 13 and drive back to SLC the same day. We have some spots open. We need those with experience rowing and preference given to a raft. Plan to hike on the days. Group Breakfast and Dinner. \$40/person
Apr 11 Fri – Apr 13 Sun	Canyoneering Poe <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Brent McCormick brentmccormick@gmail.com CLASS 4, LEVEL 3 EXPERIENCE REQUIRED MORE DETAILS TO COME
Apr 11 Fri – Apr 13 Sun	Trail Running - Zion Races (Multiple Distance Options) <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com The Zion Ultras are a race event that includes a half marathon, 30k, 60k, 100k, and 100 miler! Several club members are planning to drive down, camp, and run the race or support runners. The race is a good objective to keep yourself training through the winter. Feel free to signup for one of the distances and join our group for camping. If you don't want to race but still want to be involved, there will be runners needing crew and pacers. Doing this costs no money at all but still allows you to hang out and see the running community in action. Let me know if you would like to be part of this.



Apr 11 Fri – Apr 15 Tue	Escalante Car Camp – mod- <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> John, Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com We have the group site reserved at Escalante State Park (Wide Hollow Reservoir) for Friday night through Monday night. Same site as previous years. This is a great base camp for hikes along Highway 12 and down the Hole in the Rock road. The group site is an RV parking lot with tent pads but has a restroom, picnic pavilion, and even hot showers nearby. Potluck dinners Saturday and Sunday. I will organize day hikes in the Red Breaks and Egypt areas, but you are encouraged to explore on your own. Register to get on the email list for logistics and updates.
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Apr 11 Fri – Apr 12 Sat	Alpine/Snowshoe/Nordic Ski Tour: Henrys Fork + View Of Kings Peak (Backup Date) – 16.0 mi Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael Berry, Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com THIS POST IS A BACKUP DATE IN CASE OF WEATHER CANCELLATION FOR APRIL 4 AND APRIL 5. For over 50 years, the Wasatch Mountain Club has organized a one-day ski tour of King's Peak, the highest peak in the state of Utah. This is a BIG endeavor, traveling a distance of up to 32 miles and climbing 4,556 feet of elevation IN ONE DAY! This activity is to honor the club's 50 years of skiing Kings Peak in the high Uintas (a tradition established by Larry and Steve Swanson). This year, the plan is to ski up to 8 miles (16 miles round trip) from our winter parking/camping location to Elkhorn Crossing (the Swanson pre-trip and trail breaking tour) to where we can maybe see the peak in the distance and stand in awe of all who have done this trip in its entirety. If anyone wants to travel beyond that point, they are free to do so but specific safety practices will be strongly encouraged. For starters, anyone going for more than a view of Kings Peak needs to organize their own group. We are not providing 'support' for that endeavor. The action will begin on Friday night (April 4th) with winter camping along the road to Henry's Fork Trailhead (FR 077). Participants can camp in vehicles or tents along the road. Distance from vehicles/camping to the Henry's Fork Trailhead will depend on road plowing conditions and can be as far as 3.5 miles one-way. On Saturday (April 5th), all participants need to check in with the activity organizer before starting the tour. Plan is to depart at sunrise (7:00am). All participants are required to check out with the activity organizer at completion of the tour. Standard alpine/Nordic/snowshoe gear that you have been using all winter season for longer outings is best. Essential equipment and supplies include sunglasses, sunscreen, plenty of water, headlamp, layers, snacks, etc. Whether we take the 'creek bed' winter route or the Kings Peak summer trail will depend on conditions (snow and flowing water). Everyone must follow the route chosen by the group for safety. Mandatory turn-around time is 3:00pm, no matter where participants are on the route. A backup date for this activity is posted for the following weekend (April 12th and 13th) in case of intense weather. RSVP for this activity is via EMAIL (kathwaller79@gmail.com) and response to your email will be an invite to a Google Sheet where participants can add contact information, tour goal, equipment, and prior experience. This activity is co-organized by Michael Berry and Kathleen Waller. Michael has summited Kings Peak several times in the winter. Email Michael (mcber.ut@gmail.com) with questions that he may be able to answer from his prior experiences.
Apr 11 Fri	Road Bike – ntd+ – Loop – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Boomerangs Down Under Bar: 1306 Woodland Avenue Mill Creek Utah 84106 <i>Organizer:</i> Craig* Williams 801-598-9291 123golobos@gmail.com Calling all Roadies, Closet Roadies, Roadie Curious and Gravel Grinders! Let us convene 6 pm on Friday April 11th at 'Boomerangs Down Under Bar': 1306 Woodland Avenue, Millcreek, Utah 84106, to meet each other, meet our Road Bike Coordinator Cheryl Krusko and me, Craig Williams, the WMC Biking Director to have a little fun and start to dial in our summer ride schedule by sharing our favorite rides and volunteering to organize some of those rides. If there are any questions, please email me at 123golobos@gmail.com See Y'all there !!
Apr 12 Sat	Tetzlaff Peak Day Hike – mod – 5.0 mi Loop – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 7:30 am at Utah Travel Council Lot (150 E 300 N, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com Tetzlaff Peak is in the Silver Island Range, north of Wendover, overlooking the Salt Flats. It's not the highest peak in the range, but it's my favorite, because of the narrow rocky canyons, the stark desert scenery and the cubical iron crystals (they look like rusty dice). The hike is off trail and has some fun scrambling.
Apr 12 Sat – Apr 13 Sun	Canyoneering Level 1 Course/Assessment <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration reqd
Apr 12 Sat	Snowshoe/Ski (Or Hike) - Location TBA <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/ski (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, March 28, 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.
Apr 12 Sat	Full Moon Grizzly Gulch Snowshoe/Hike With Westminster's Outdoor Program – ntd – Out & Back <i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at Space is limited, so RSVP with Julie <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The WMC is partnering with Westminster University's Outdoor Program students for a magical full-moon adventure to enjoy the beauty of Grizzly Gulch under the moonlit sky. The Westminster van will meet WMC hikers at the Grizzly Gulch trailhead, located on the north side of the parking area where the road ends at the top of Little Cottonwood Canyon.
Apr 13 Sun	Snowshoe/Ski (Or Hike) - Location TBA <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/ski (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, March 28, 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.



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Apr 16 Wed	Social - Book Club - Salt Lake City 6-7:30PM <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Chase Tharp 801-891-6908 chaser.tharp@gmail.com This will be the third meeting of the book club, the book is "A walk in the Park" by Kevin Fedarko. After discussing the book there is an option to walk to a nearby restaurant for food or drinks. As always, planning outdoor adventures for the future is always encouraged. The location will be sent to those who register, capacity is 12 people.
Apr 18 Fri	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.
Apr 19 Sat – Apr 20 Sun	Spring Canyon In Capitol Reef Car Camp – msd – 18.7 mi Shuttle – 1800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com The goal for this trip is a very long day hike through the upper part of Spring Canyon. It's in an unusual and less-visited part of Capitol Reef National Park, north of the Fremont River. The scenery is mostly sheer red Wingate sandstone cliffs, with a few short narrow sections. If we're still ambulatory on Sunday, we'll check out Meeks Mesa. The hike will be exploratory, and you can expect cross-country travel with route-finding. Limit: 7.
Apr 19 Sat	Snowshoe/Ski (Or Hike) - Location TBA <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/ski (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC/LCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City, the Uintas, American Fork or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Whether avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is required, not required or optional will be determined based on the location, conditions and weather. Most likely, we will pick the location where avalanche safety gear is optional or not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear if someone wants to practice/use. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, March 28, 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.
Apr 20 Sun	Rock Climb - Multipitch Traditional <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Little Cottonwood Canyon P&R (4385 Little Cottonwood Cyn Rd, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Tony Calderone 801-455-5629 runitout@yahoo.com A climbing location will be decided when we meet up based on the skills and interest of those in attendance. Bring: pack, helmet, harness, 3 locking carabiners, belay/rappel device, water (1 liter min), closed-toe hiking shoes, rock climbing shoes, food (in hard-sided container), headlamp/batteries, climbing guidebook and weather-appropriate clothing.
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Apr 22 Tue – Apr 26 Sat	Backpack - Zion National Park, Kolob SectionI – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com This is an occasion to visit the northwest section of Zion National Park. The trip will involve a two night stay at a LaVerkin Creek backcountry campsite. The plan is as follows: Tuesday April 22 - Drive to Springdale Utah and camp at the Zion Canyons Campground (tent site at private campground just outside Zion NP). Wednesday April 23- Pickup backcountry camping permit at Zion NP Visitor Center (unfortunately the backcountry desk at the Kolob Area Visitor Center is closed this year). Drive to the Lees Pass Trailhead in the Kolob Canyons section of Zion NP. Backpack hike to the LaVerkin Creek campsite. Set up camp. Thursday April 24 - From camp, go day hiking in the Kolob area. Some of the hikes include the Kolob Arch viewpoint, Hop Valley, Wildcat Canyon. Return to campsite following day hiking. Friday April 25- Break camp. Hike back to the Lees Pass TH. Drive to the Pyramid Ridge Campground (BLM campground off of I-15 just south of Cedar City). Set up camp. Saturday April 26- Break camp. Drive back to the Wasatch Front. The one way backpack hike distance to the LaVerkin Creek campsite is about 7 miles mostly downhill hiking in (about 1040 feet elevation loss) and uphill hiking out (about 1040 elevation gain). I have made reservations for the campsites. The group size limit for this trip is 4 participants. Because I have not done this trip, it should be considered exploratory.



Apr 23 Wed	Porter Fork Sledding Evening Hike – mod – 3.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Canyon, Porter Fork Road <i>Organizer:</i> Alex Walton 801-866-9946 alexwalton3@gmail.com Hike up the road to the Wilderness sign and sled down! Meet at the Porter Fork road gate near the Burch Hollow Trailhead parking lot in Millcreek Canyon. 1.5 miles up with 800 ft gain (that's what makes it such a fun sled down!), moderate pace. Bring your own sled or borrow one of mine, I have several extras to share. I also have extra helmets and gloves and such. Bring warm clothes and a headlamp, spikes/Yaktrax can help on icier nights. Please email me for an RSVP so I can get a headcount and can watch for you. You'll see me at the road gate with the funky ski/sled contraption!
Apr 23 Wed	Canyoneering Training <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Beginner Canyoneering Experience: An Introduction to the Basics Save the date: come and share what you have learned and get new skills!! The leader and location will be determined on a future date. More details on Meet up: https://www.meetup.com/wasatch-mountain-club/events/306049266/
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Apr 26 Sat – Apr 27 Sun	Canyoneering-Mechanical Advantage <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com https://www.meetup.com/8492b23b-6dd0-4709-b815-ce6ae533b3ab/events/306185773/?eventOrigin=group_events_list
Apr 26 Sat	Cedar Mountains High Point Day Hike CANCELED <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Utah Travel Council Lot (150 E 300 N, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com CANCELED
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Apr 27 Sun	Mountaineering Workshop – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu This workshop will provide some very focused skill development for Mt Rainier or other mountains in the North Cascades, or other big mountains (e.g. Denali), depending on participants' interests. We will have an instructor from the U of U's Department of Recreation and Tourism. Topics to be covered are included, but not limited to, glacier travel, team rope travel, crevasse rescue, running belay on snow, snow travel skills on steep slopes (45-65 degrees), and preparation for climbing glaciated peaks. Approximately 8:00 am-2pm. Location TBA. Participants are expected to have basic knowledge and skills of mountaineering (e.g. how to use crampons and ice axe). This is also a great refresher class for those who have mountaineering experience. Instruction donation - \$20/person. Limit 15 participants. Registration is required. Priority will be given to WMC members. Max 15. Registrants will receive more detailed info including the list of required and optional gear.
Apr 28 Mon – Apr 30 Wed	Canyoneering-Canyon Rescue <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com https://www.meetup.com/8492b23b-6dd0-4709-b815-ce6ae533b3ab/events/306169329/?eventOrigin=group_upcoming_events
Apr 28 Mon	Canyoneering Training Night <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com TBD
Apr 29 Tue	Social - Hiking Social And Organizer Training <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com Looking to get more involved in the WMC? One easy way is to start organizing activities. This event is a great opportunity to socialize with other hikers and learn a little more about how to organize WMC hikes, particularly in the winter. We'll get started 6:00 p.m. with an informal organizer training from 6-6:30. Afterwards, we'll have some food and mingle until 8:00 p.m. Food will be provided by the WMC. Please RSVP to make sure we have enough. Let me know if you would like to attend remotely and I can set that up.
Apr 29 Tue	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.



May 2 Fri – May 4 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - La Sal Mountains – msd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make Mt Tomasaki (12,239 ft), Manns Peak (11,272 ft), Haystack Mt (11,641 ft), and Burro Peak (11,641 ft). There are additional peaks that we may want to climb - Dry Peak (11,849 ft) and Peak 11,926 ft. The distance and elevation gain will depend on how many peaks that we will actually climb. But if we do all the peaks (not including the additional ones), the distance will be approximately 10 miles in total. The TH elevation is approximately 10,538 ft. We plan to have a ski group and a non-ski group. Trip schedule: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) & hike to the summer TH (approximately 3.4 miles) for camping on May 2 Friday; climb on May 3 Saturday; and hike back from the summer TH & road trip on May 4 Sunday. We will camp in the summer TH. The schedule may be adjusted depending on the conditions. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; 3) know how to use crampons & ice axe; and 4) no history of altitude problems above 12,000 ft. Back-packing experience strongly desired. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 10. WMC members only.</p>
May 2 Fri – May 4 Sun	<p>Canyoneering-Advanced Anchor, Ghosting And Potholes <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR: This is a great course for experienced and intermediate canyoneers wanting to solve more advanced anchor problems. You'll learn common techniques for pothole escapes, minimizing impact on the natural environment, leaving little or nothing behind, and ensure you make it back to the trailhead when the natural environment and canyon conditions leave you with fewer obvious materials to work with. We will focus on the tools, techniques, and teamwork involved in facing more advanced canyon challenges that have kept you from entering that particular canyon you've been eyeing - until now! https://www.meetup.com/8492b23b-6dd0-4709-b815-ce6ae533b3ab/events/306168599/?eventOrigin=group_events_list</p>
May 9 Fri – May 11 Sun	<p>Canyoneering San Rafael Swell <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration req'd</p>
May 21 Wed – Jun 8 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Sajama & More, Bolivia – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to climb five 6,000m peaks in Bolivia including the highest peak in the country - Sajama (21,463 ft). Other 6,000m peaks that we will attempt are Uturuncu (19,751 ft), Acotango (19,856 ft), Parinacota (20,807 ft), and Pomerape (20,610 ft). In addition, we will do a Uyuni (the world's largest salt flat) tour for acclimatization. Uturuncu and Acotango can be done as a hike. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, snow/ice anchors, the use of crampons, crevasse rescue, and ice axe arrest); 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k peaks; 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary; and 4) can climb comfortably 60 degree ice slopes, 45 degree snow ice slopes, and 55 degree mixed ice and rock slopes. Backpacking experience is strongly recommended since climbing Sajama involves multi-days. Mountaineering training sessions will be offered in winter-spring to prepare for this high altitude expedition, in collaboration with the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) and the U of U's Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics and demanding alpine climbing, we will use a local company's package that has a fixed fee. The estimated cost for the local company is approximately \$4,420 including ground local transportation, meals, certified guides (ratio depending on a mountain), lodging/camps in the mountains and towns, camping gear, full base camp infrastructure and services, donkeys/porters, and hotels in La Paz. The additional cost will be for international flights, compulsory travel insurance, personal expenses, personal equipment, and gratitude. Each participant will pay directly to the company. If interested, please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. WMC members only.</p>
May 22 Thu – May 26 Mon	<p>Canyoneering Lake Powell <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration Req'd</p>
May 30 Fri – Jun 1 Sun	<p>White Water Rafting Beginners Trip – class II+ – 7.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Luke Johnson 801-755-7575 huckleberry78360@gmail.com Beginner Whitewater Training Trip-- Moab Daily - May 30, 2025 Besides being a fun river trip this trip introduces you to WMC Boating trips. On a commercial boating trip the Guides do everything for you (inflate the boats, make the meals, guide you down the river, ...) but on Club trips there are no paid guides. Hence everybody on the trip contributes to completing the tasks that need to be done. Club members will share with you what they know about running rivers. This should include how to "read the river", throw a throw bag, right a flipped raft, paddle a paddle boat/paddle a duckie (inflatable kayak)/row an oar rig, what it's like to swim a rapid, and other safety skills. Non-river skills you will learn about are what personal gear works well on river trips, how to make group meals using the WMC Boating's kitchen, what gear the club owns (and is available for cheap private rentals when it's not being used on a club trip). Experienced boaters--we need you to help make this a successful learning experience!</p>
May 31 Sat	<p>New Member Spring Social And Multi-Sport Event <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Hidden Valley Park (2860 Wasatch Blvd, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Debbie Olson, Giulia Roselli 801-372-6814 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org 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 to sample a WMC activity, followed by a picnic at Noon, sharing of club information and resources, and answer questions. Bring a dish to share. We'll have small bites and finger food on hand. PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PLAN FOOD ACCORDINGLY</p>
Jun 5 Thu – Jun 8 Sun	<p>Canyoneering Escalante Social <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Watch for details</p>
Jun 20 Fri – Jun 22 Sun	<p>Car Camp And Hike Notch Peak – mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fbouchard@gmail.com We'll be driving out to the House Mountain Range and camping for the weekend. We will be car camping at a primitive dispersed site. On Saturday we are planning to climb Notch Peak, which has one of the highest cliff faces in North America. Besides that, we might do some shorter hikes and just have a fun time at camp. Let me know if you would like to join.</p>
Jun 20 Fri – Jun 22 Sun	<p>Canyoneering North Wash <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration req'd</p>



Jun 20 Fri – Jun 23 Mon	Rock Climb Ibex West Desert <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Sharon Vinick 801-865-4614 outdoorsharon@yahoo.com This trip will be in conjunction with the Notch Peak trip with Frank Bouchard. Camp and climb a few days and then join the group for a peak. Reservation required. More details to follow. A variety of ratings. Safety gear and safety knowledge related to climbing mandatory. Helmet required.
Jun 27 Fri – Jun 29 Sun	Canyoneering Class C-Beginner In Pnw <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Brent McCormick brentj.mccormick@gmail.com Details coming
Jul 11 Fri – Jul 12 Sat	Canyoneering Darby Ice Cave <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Brent McCormick 801-580-6647 bmccormi@comcast.net https://www.meetup.com/wasatch-mountain-club/events/305926628/
Jul 12 Sat	Annual Oldtimers Social And Potluck At The Historic WMC Lodge <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at Wasatch Mountain Lodge (8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com Come one, come all...although we are celebrating us 'oldies' and Life Members of the WMC, everyone is welcome to attend our afternoon Social get-together at the historic WMC lodge at Brighton. Come early for a leisurely hike up to the Lady Lakes (Mary, Martha and Catherine) at a relaxed pace if you like. The Social gathering and Pot Luck will run from 2 to 5 PM. WMC will provide burgers and fixins. Bring a picnic dish to share, and your favorite beverages. No RSVP needed, just show up at the lodge at 11AM if you want to hike, or at 2PM for just the social gathering and shared dining. If you're new to the club, come and meet the legendary Life Members, and everyone, let's enjoy this activity at the Lodge, one of the two scheduled events there for the summer. Life members, if you need a ride to the lodge or assistance getting to it, please contact me and we'll try to get arrangements made for you
Jul 18 Fri – Jul 20 Sun	Canyoneering Class C-Intermediate Training In Wa <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Brent McCormick brentj.mccormick@gmail.com Details coming
Jul 18 Fri – Jul 20 Sun	Canyoneering Paris Ice Caves <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Details to come
Jul 21 Mon – Jul 23 Wed	Hike & Car Camp - Mt. Columbia (14,075 Ft) In Colorado – msd – 12.0 mi – 4250' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Columbia (14,075 ft) - class 2, 12 miles RT with 4,250 ft gain. Due to a risk of rock falls, helmets are required. I have two extra helmets in case you want to borrow. The planned schedule is: July 21 Monday Road Trip. July 22 Tue hike, July 23 Wed rest day for those who will continue the adventure. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. We will stay at a FF developed campsite. The main group will stay there from July 21 M to July 27 Sun (including hiking to Mt Massive and Mt Elbert). Partial participation is fine. To register, please email kamimura@umich.edu. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.
Jul 23 Wed – Jul 25 Fri	Hike & Car Camp - Mt. Massive (14,427 Ft) In Colorado – msd – 14.5 mi – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Massive (14,427 ft) - class 2, 14.5 miles RT with 4,500 ft gain. The planned schedule is: July 23 W rest day for those who hiked to Columbia or road trip for those who will come for this hike, July 24 Thu hike, July 25 F rest day for those who will continue the adventure. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. We will stay at a FF developed campsite. The main group will stay there from July 21 M to July 27 Sun (including hiking to Mt Columbia and Mt Elbert). Partial participation is fine. To register, please email kamimura@umich.edu. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.
Jul 24 Thu – Jul 27 Sun	Canyoneering Advanced Class C Training-Jump Canyon Ca <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Brent McCormick brentj.mccormick@gmail.com Details Coming
Jul 25 Fri – Jul 27 Sun	Hike & Car Camp - Mt. Elbert (14,438 Ft) In Colorado – msd – 9.8 mi – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Elbert (14,438 ft) - class 1, 9.75 miles RT with 4,500 ft gain. The planned schedule is: July 25 F rest day for those who hiked to Massive or road trip for those who will come for this hike, July 26 Sat hike, July 27 Sun road trip. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. We will stay at a FF developed campsite. The main group will stay there from July 21 M to July 27 Sun (including hiking to Mt Columbia and Mt Massive). Partial participation is fine. To register, please email kamimura@umich.edu. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.
Aug 1 Fri – Aug 12 Tue	Grand Teton/Yellowstone Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig, Dianne Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com We will camp at the following campgrounds on the following dates: Colter Bay on Grand Teton National Park Aug 1-6, Bridge Bay: August 6-9, Canyon Village: August 9-12. We will be doing different hikes every day and getting together for food and drinks at night. You can join us for part or all of the trip, but you need to make your own campground reservations --- through Recreation.gov for Colter Bay Campground Reservations (we have site #76) and through Xanterra's Yellowstone website for Bridge Bay and Canyon Village. You should make reservations ASAP if you want to come as the campground reservations will fill up as we get closer to the actual date. You can get a full refund of your deposit for Yellowstone campsites up to one month before the reservation date. Campsite numbers will not be revealed by Xanterra until the date of the reservation, but we should be able to get campsites in the same general vicinity. Please contact me by email.
Aug 9 Sat – Aug 10 Sun	Canyoneering Level 1 Training/Assessment <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration req'd



Aug 13 Wed – Aug 17 Sun	Canyoneering Escalante Trifecta <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com First timers only
Aug 15 Fri – Aug 17 Sun	White Water Rafting Weekend Below Flaming Gorge Aug 15-17 – 7.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at Dripping Springs Campground Group Site #1 <i>Organizer:</i> Mike Rush 208-932-3882 rush.miked@gmail.com Floating the Green River Section A and maybe Section B is an incredible experience that offers a mix of stunning scenery, mild rapids, gin-clear water, and abundant wildlife. Here's what you can expect: Section A: This section runs 7.2 miles from Flaming Gorge Dam to Little Hole Recreation Area. The water here is crystal clear, allowing you to see the riverbed and fish swimming below. The rapids are no more than Class 2+, making them fun and a great place to practice your skills for bigger water. The scenery is breathtaking, with towering canyon walls and lush vegetation lining the riverbanks. You'll likely see rainbow trout near the dam and brown trout farther downstream. Section B: This section extends from Little Hole to Browns Park, covering approximately 9 miles. The river here is slightly more challenging, with a few more rapids and faster-moving water. The scenery continues to be stunning, with more opportunities to see wildlife such as deer, elk, and various bird species. The riverbanks are lined with cottonwood trees and willows, providing a beautiful backdrop for your float. Overall, floating the Green River from Section A and/or Section B offers a perfect blend of adventure, relaxation, and natural beauty. It's an experience you won't want to miss! This is activity if open for Wasatch Mountain Club Members Only. Please do not bring any children. I have a group campsite reserved at Dripping Springs Campground Group Site #1. All participants are responsible for their own boats/gear/PFDs etc. Your boat must be appropriate for whitewater. If you have any doubts, please ask before you show up and everyone should review the river requirements: https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/documents/files/BLMUtahGreenRiver.pdf As a group we will organize shuttles when we get to camp. I strongly encourage everyone to carpool to the campground. I have already paid for the campsite and am asking for \$10 per vehicle per night. This is mostly a self-supported trip; please send an email with a head count so I have an idea of who is coming. I am not organizing the carpools - if you need a carpool, I encourage you to send an email to the WMC boating. Each person is responsible for their own Food/Beverage, although we will sit around the campfire and connect in the evenings. Depending on people and interest, we could run Section A Friday PM, Saturday AM/PM, and maybe once more on Sunday. People interested in running Section A and Section B will need to organize given the longer shuttle. Can't wait to see you on the river!
Aug 28 Thu – Sep 1 Mon	Canyoneering Ouray <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration Req'd
Aug 29 Fri – Aug 31 Sun	Canyoneering Level 2/3 Training/Assessment <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration req'd
Sep 6 Sat – Sep 17 Wed	Bike Touring -Bike Trip Spain In September – mod+ – 30.0 mi Loop – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Philip, Dea Nelson 385-391-2626 formidable.ser@gmail.com We are full as January 2025 - You can be waitlisted if we have an open space later during the year. Thank you. Join Us for an Amazing 8-Day Cycling Adventure in Spain! Dear Club Members, Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime! We're excited to invite you to join us on a 8-day cycling trip through the heart of Spain, exploring beautiful towns, stunning landscapes, and rich history - all while enjoying the fresh air and great company! When: First week of September (after the peak season is over, great weather in Spain) starts Sept 8th Here's what you can look forward to: 8 days of cycling through picturesque Spanish countryside and charming towns. Bed & Breakfast accommodation each night - no need to worry about where you'll stay! Luggage and bike transportation will be taken care of by this trusted company, so you can focus on enjoying the ride. The Trip Itinerary : This trip is perfect for anyone who enjoys cycling and discovering new places, whether you're an experienced cyclist or just love to explore at a steady pace. It's all about having fun, getting some exercise, and soaking in the beauty of Spain! Important details: Cost: The trip includes your B&B accommodations (they suggested 3 and 4* start local hotels) and luggage/bike transportation. Meals and your arrival costs are separate. Fitness level: Expect a mix of short and long cycling days, so a moderate fitness level will make this trip more enjoyable. Sign-up deadline: March 15 - let us know if you're in! Spaces are limited, so don't wait too long to reserve your spot. It's going to be an unforgettable journey, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! We can have a zoom meeting with all the interested people that want to join. If you're ready to cycle through Spain with us, just reply to this email, and we'll get you all the details you need! Let's ride! Best regards, Dea and Philip Nelson -Formidable.ser@gmail.com
Sep 13 Sat – Sep 14 Sun	Canyoneering Pothole Escape <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration Req'd
Sep 17 Wed – Sep 23 Tue	White Water Rafting - Desolation Canyon - September 17, 2025 – class III – 84.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Madison Hoover 225-247-8788 madisonhoover@gmail.com We will leave SLC on Wednesday, September 17 and camp near the put in and will get on the river the following morning. We plan to take out of the river on Tuesday, September 23 and drive back to SLC the same day. We have some spots open. We need those with experience rowing. Those who provided interest by signing up at the Boat Planning Party and didn't provide what kind of boat and other important gear you have (or if you don't have any, let me know), please email me with that information.
Sep 20 Sat – Sep 21 Sun	Canyoneering Advanced Anchors <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration req'd
Sep 27 Sat – Sep 28 Sun	Canyoneering Mechanical Advantage & Rescue <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Registration Req'd
Oct 8 Wed – Oct 12 Sun	Canyoneering 7th Annual Rendezvous <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Details to come



Oct 12 Sun – Nov 4 Tue	<p>Mountaineering- Baruntse Peak Nepal (7,129 Meters) 24 Days Oct '25 – mod+ – 30.0 mi – 18000' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at SLC to Kathmandu <i>Organizer:</i> Jon Stones 801-599-1635 jstones74@gmail.com This isn't a WMC sponsored event. Just posting for anyone interested in joining my buddy and I on this epic 7k meter mountain in Nepal. We both live in Utah. If interested please reach out to me. Jon (801)599-1635 I have no affiliation with this guide service. This is just the group we chose to climb with. OVERVIEW Baruntse Peak climbing is one of the best accessible peaks climb to achieve at the 7000M level. Mount Baruntse is located between Mount Everest (8848M), Lhotse (8516M), and Makalu (8463M) with other Himalayan peaks stretching on either side. This mountain offers a chance to gain valuable experience and skills that can be applied to higher peaks. Prior alpine/mountain climbing experience is required for this expedition, and we will carefully verify any such experience before accepting applicants. This is to ensure that all team members are well-equipped to handle the challenges of the climb. Pre-requisite requirements (at least one or more): Lobuche East & Island Peak, Chulu West, Khumbu 3 Peak expeditions, Aconcagua (Similar semi-technical 6000M peaks or higher) There is no denying the beauty of climbing this 7000M giant, but it is by no means an easy feat. With a difficulty rating of AD+, the climbing route includes technical climbs and glacier routes that will test your skills and endurance. Despite its challenges, this mountain will provide the necessary experience to prepare you for climbing 7500-8000 meter peaks in the future, should that be your goal. The South-East Ridge of Mount Baruntse is known for its steep sections of ice at 50 degrees and a prominent ice cliff around 7000 meters, making it a somewhat difficult climb. As a result, we recommend the more accessible and popular South Ridge to climb to the summit. DEPARTURE Autumn 2025 via Amphu Lhatsa pass 5860M : 12th October - 4th November (Bookings for autumn 2025 closes on 20th August) https://www.namasadventure.com/baruntse-peak</p>
Nov 8 Sat – Nov 9 Sun	<p>Canyoneering In The Gorge <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Cherry, Portal, 55</p>
Dec 31 Wed – Jan 4 Sun	<p>Alpine Ski Tour With Vmt In Canada – 10.0 mi – 4000' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Lisa Verzella 801-554-4135 lisaverzella@gmail.com Come join me for a 5-day backcountry ski/ride package from Valhalla Mountain Touring in British Columbia, Canada from December 31, 2025 to January 4, 2026! Trip includes a snowcat trip to a private lodge with 3 full days of touring, fully guided and catered. As of now there are about 10 spots left but I'm sure they will fill quickly. The cost on the web is around \$2400 CAD, which is about \$1700 USD. https://vmt.ca/winter/the-skiing</p>
Feb 12 Thu – Feb 16 Mon	<p>Death Valley Canyoneering <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Details to follow</p>
May 20 Wed – Jun 3 Wed	<p>Mountaineering - Chearoco & Chachacomani, Bolivia – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to climb two 6,000m peaks in Bolivia - Chearoco (6,176m/ 2,0263 ft) and Chachacomani (6,090m/ 19,980ft). In addition, we plan to climb two 5000m peaks - Condoriri (5,648m/18,530ft) and Paco Q'iuta (5,570m/ 18,274ft). Furthermore, we will do an acclimatization hike near La Paz and rock climbing/ hiking in Panas. Chearoco and Chachacomani were recently opened for climbing and have not been climbed by many climbers yet. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, snow/ice anchors, the use of crampons, crevasse rescue, and ice axe arrest); 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k+ peaks; 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary; and 4) have ice climbing skills and can climb comfortably 50-degree snow/ice slopes. Backpacking experience is strongly recommended. I will organize mountaineering training sessions to prepare for this high-altitude expedition, in collaboration with the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) and the U of U's Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics and demanding alpine climbing, we will use a local company's package that has a fixed fee. The estimated cost for the local company is approximately \$2,100 including ground local transportation, meals, certified guides (ratio depending on a mountain), lodging/camps in the mountains and towns, camping gear, full base camp infrastructure and services, donkeys/porters, and hotels in La Paz. The additional cost will be for international flights, compulsory travel insurance, personal expenses, personal equipment, and gratitude. Each participant will pay directly to the company. The dates include international travel. Depending on your flight schedule, you may add an extra day. If interested, please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. WMC members only. Note (10/7/2024): The itinerary and cost/person will be finalized after the 2025 Bolivia Expedition around June-July, 2025. For those who want to climb Illimani, the second highest peak in Bolivia, there will be an Illimani extension with additional cost and days (extra 4 days) as a private trip, not a club trip, since the organizer has made the summit before and will not do the Illimani extension.</p>

More activities will likely be added to the on-line calendar. Check wasatchmountainclub.org/calendar for updates. And subscribe to one or more activity email lists for short notice postings. Go to <https://wasatchmountainclub.org/email-lists> to subscribe (you'll have to log in)



Petroglyphs in Gold Butte National Monument. See page 14 for details

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*.

Note: You can also renew online at <https://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/join> using a credit card.

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 for Single Membership (Annual dues \$35 plus \$5 paper application fee, printed Rambler not included)
- \$60 for Couple Membership (Annual dues \$55 plus \$5 paper application fee, printed Rambler not included)
- \$25 for Student Membership (Annual dues \$20 plus \$5 paper application fee, printed Rambler not included)
Student members must be full-time students.
- \$12 for OPTIONAL annual PRINT subscription to WMC's "The Rambler" newsletter,
mailed to you 12x/year (digital subscriptions are included with membership at no additional cost)

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

How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club: _____

* Your birthdate 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.

PHOTOS: I understand that photos taken during a WMC activity may be used on WMC social media sites and in The Rambler.

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: _____

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50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for April 1975 [...]

APRIL 6 Sunday	LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN – Rating 6.0. A good intermediate hike up onto some of the University's new land. Meet at the west end of the Shriner's Hospital at 8:30 am. Leader: Carl Bauer [...]
APRIL 25-27 Fri-Sun	DEWEY BRIDGE TRIP. Beginner whitewater trip on Class II (AWA) water. Bring a wetsuit, water is in low 40's. This is a primitive camp, come prepared. We will camp at Rock Garden Rapid Friday night, and run our trip from there. To reach our camp, take route 163 south and turn left on route 128 just before Moab. Drive approximately 16 miles on route 128. Campsite is on the left. Leader: Dan Thomas [...]
APRIL 27 Sunday	SETTLEMENT CANYON – El. 10,000. Rating 8.0. A fantastic hike up one of the canyons on the west side of the Oquirrh Mts. Bring an ice axe as the trip will probably include a good glissade. Meet at 1300 East and Simpson Ave at 8 am. Leader: Dale Green [...]

PARK CITY SKI TOUR [3/2/1975] by Marlene Austin

Except for one stray skier, who turned up at Olympus Hills, we met at K-Mart. Pooling our cars, we started up the canyon to Park City, picking up Audrey Stevens along the way, and spotting a car near Park City West. We parked at the resort and quickly filled two gondolas and headed up. One car carried a curious passenger, a furry little fellow who went by the name of ODIN. We met the rest of our group at the summit beneath a bright blue sky and hot summer sun. After lengthy discussions about the right wax, the majority decided on purple klister. Even that wasn't quite right for the very icy, crusty, and later mushy "snow".

We continued up the hill for some distance, then circled around the head of Thaynes Canyon. The trail we followed was a real experience. I thought that if the rest of the trip was going to be like this, I wanted to resign. Going through the trees following a trail which was hard packed and icy caused everyone to move fast. Cowards like me side-stepped down some places, or took their skis off, which the brave ones raced down and fell in some unique positions.

We then broke out into a beautiful bowl full of snow of sorts. A day or so before, it had all been powder, now it was something else. We stopped to refresh ourselves with some white wine, but unfortunately one of our members slipped on the ice and dripped the bottle. If you ever tour with Bill Keegan, don't let him hold the wine.

More wax, and then we continued along the upper part of the bowl. We cut up over the ridge separating Thaynes from White Pine, and stopped for lunch along the ridge. More white wine with wine glasses plus hot spiced wine, cheeses and many more such goodies. It was great!

Starting down, we reflected on how fantastic it would be if only the crust were powder. The first slope we came down turned out to be very steep. I called this the 101 worst ways to get down a slope. We had no control at all. Some of us travelled across the slope, then gracefully fell, while others rode on the back of their skis down the slope. Except for a few snow bridges across creeks, things went smoothly the rest of the way. Then, after a beautiful day, some of us went to Audrey Stevens' to end a great day by the fire.

Members of the party were: Marlene Austin, Bob Everson, ODIN, Bill Keegan, John Cole, Audrey Stevens, Jackie Thomas, John Ryan, Mike Hendrickson, Mike Treshow, Mike Jr, and Truus Bos.



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