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### CORRECTIONS:

The "Climbing Main Teton Peak" article on page 13 of the October issue about climbing the Grand Teton in a Day mistakenly didn't list one of the participants, David Baumann. Great job David, and sorry!

### ON OUR COVER:

Mike and Madison literally tie the knot on the last day of the Desolation and Gray Canyon rafting trip. See page 13 for details.



### ON OUR BACK COVER:

Ben Wake and Kurt Hiland searching for hidden sandbars in Labyrinth Canyon. See page 18 for details.



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## Historian's Message

by Debra Frank

Last month I had the experience of a lifetime—hiking in the Dolomites for a week. After spending so much time in a chair with my laptop, writing about people being active outdoors, I relished the opportunity to get out myself. The scenery was stunning, the company even better, and the break from screen time was most welcome.

I did have one of my scariest moments towards the end of the trek. Bob snapped this photo shortly before I cut over to my left too soon and had nothing to reach for. Stupid mistake on my part. The ladder scared me, and I was so busy urging myself upward that I didn't pay enough attention to the steps required. Thankfully, I was rescued by the strong arm of one of our hikers who was already on the cliff.

The experience put me in mind of, "Faint Heart Never Climbed Mountain," a quote from O'Dell (Pete) Peterson, spoken after his 1936 ascent of the Grand Teton. The five club members and their guide had quite a time of it. They got caught in a thunderstorm not far from the summit and had to shelter under a ledge. While huddled together, a lightning charge passed through them, making their hair stand on end. It was unnerving, but everyone wanted to get to the summit, so after the storm cleared, they finished the climb. No faint hearts among them!

I chose Pete's quote for my book title because it reflects the spirit of the club, from one of our most influential members. (Another quote that I love from him: "The Club didn't worry about avalanches. They hadn't been invented yet.")



Last month, I reported that the book was in the copy editor's hands. He finished as I was returning to Salt Lake City and since then I've been preparing the manuscript for the book designer, the last step before printing. As usual, obstacles have arisen. The U of U Marriott sent me the photo permissions I requested, but they put it in a link that expired after 2 weeks. I was in Europe, so it expired before I even saw it. I'm sure it will be fixable, but the work continues...

I hope hope hope I'll be ready to take pre-orders at the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. But if not, soon after. Stay tuned!



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# Congratulations!

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



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		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

## Willow Heights Day Hike - Sep. 6, 2025

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard

Willow Heights is a short but rewarding trail in Big Cottonwood Canyon. In less than a mile, it climbs through a grove of mature aspens, crosses a beautiful meadow, and then circumnavigates a quiet alpine lake. On Saturday morning, Marylou, Mike, and I set out for this relaxed hike. At the lake, we found a lively crowd of backpackers camped out. (For anyone looking for a beginner-friendly backpacking trip, this spot is an excellent choice.) We weren't in any rush, so we strolled back down the trail at an easy pace, savoring the cool, peaceful morning.



## Cycling along the Rio Ebro in Spain - Sep. 6-17, 2025

### Organized and report by Dea and Phillip Nelson

There's something magical about experiencing a country from the seat of a bicycle. This summer, eight members of the WMC Biking Group—Dea and Phil Nelson, Munia Collins, Dave Vance, Steve Duncan, Rodney Collins, Frank Rayburn, and Shane Andrus —set out on a two-wheeled adventure through northern Spain, tracing the winding path of the Río Ebro from its source to the heart of wine country.

The journey began in Reinosa, a charming town tucked into the Cantabrian Mountains. From here, the group followed the Río Ebro, whose waters start as a trickle from natural springs before growing into one of Spain's great rivers. Standing at its birthplace was more than just a sightseeing stop; it felt like watching history flow forward—fresh, pure, and brimming with possibility.

Each day of riding unveiled new wonders. We pedaled past ancient Roman ruins, centuries-old bridges, and stone villages that seemed frozen in time. Along the way, the scenery shifted from mountain valleys to rolling vineyards, with breathtaking views at every turn. The ride wasn't only about landscapes, though. It was about the rhythm of shared miles, the laughter over café stops, and the warm greetings from locals whose hospitality reminded us why Spain is loved by travelers worldwide.

On the eighth and final day, we arrived in Laguardia, a historic walled town in the Rioja region. Famous for its wineries—some operating for more than two centuries—Laguardia offered the perfect ending to the journey. Narrow cobblestone streets, medieval charm, and the fragrance of oak casks filled the air. For the WMC riders, it wasn't just the finish line; it was a toast to friendship, adventure, and the unforgettable beauty of northern Spain.

Eight days, more than 150 miles on the Spanish roads, countless memories: this WMC Biking Group's ride along the Río Ebro was more than a trip—it was a celebration of discovery, camaraderie, and the joy of seeing the world one pedal stroke at a time.





## Thayne Peak Day Hike - Sep. 13, 2025

Organized by Eve Kovacs

A group of four of us (Steve Maliszkeski, Don Tillman, Yijia Zhang, and Eve Kovacs) gathered in early afternoon to hike to Thayne Peak. The trail up the canyon was very shady and the day was cool, which made for very pleasant hiking weather. The lower parts of the trail had some slightly steeper and rocky sections, but once we joined the Desolation Trail, the ground was very soft under foot and the aspen forest was really pretty. The last few hundred feet to the peak were steeper, but well worth the effort for the great views from the top of the first bump. We were (accurately) warned that the views from the second bump along the ridge would not be as good, but two of us checked it out anyway. The group picked up a hiker from Wisconsin on the way up the peak and she joined us for the steep and sometimes quite slippery descent on the way down. Poles were a big help here. Once off the peak we returned to the trailhead via the well-graded and pleasantly soft Desolation Trail, stopping off at the Salt Lake Overlook for some nice views of the city and the changing fall colors on Grandeur Peak.



Our new Wisconsin friend, Steve, Don, Yijia, and Eve on the Salt Lake Overlook



## Mount Jardine Day Hike - Sep. 14, 2025

Organized by Akiko Kamimura

Our main objective was Mt Jardine (9,565 ft) in Logan. For Ed Hemphill, Joe Boyle and Akiko, it was the second try to bag the peak because we took a very long route and did not make it last time. Mary Yeager joined us this time. We started hiking from the Upper Green Trailhead. Akiko started one hour early to bag Mt Elmer (9,679 ft) which is located approximately 1.7 miles northeast of Mt Jardine. After making Mt Elmer, Akiko met up with Ed, Joe and Mary at the junction. We also found a much easier way to approach the summit. However, as we approached our goal, we felt it was best to turn around due to potentially significant exposure. Although the summit eluded us again, it was a nice day with great company.



Mary Yeager near the turnaround point



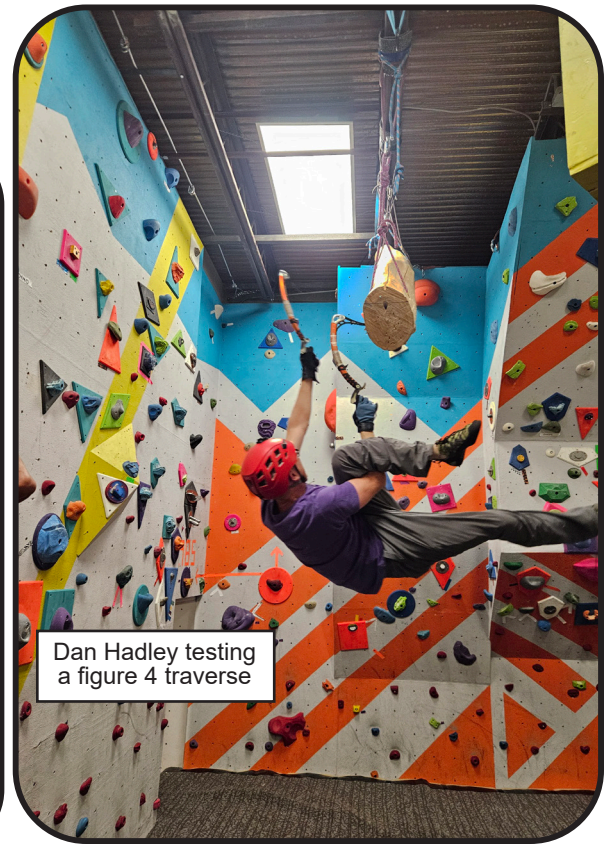
Joe Boyle, Mary Yeager, Ed Hemphill and Akiko Kamimurak

# Dry Tooling at the Scratch Pad - Sep. 17, 2025

Organized by Dan Hadley

A dozen of would-be ice climbers from the club gathered at the Scratch Pad, a dry-tooling gym in Bountiful, to hone their technique and get ready for the winter. Steph arranged with the gym's owner (an accomplished iced/mixed climber and coach) Dustin Lyons for WMC club members to receive dry tooling instruction, as well as a group rate.

Everyone enjoyed traversing around the gym on routes that hooked chains, plastic, and metal, where placements required precision. A slight change in posture could make the difference between holding and "skating off." Dustin taught us the basics, then demonstrated a few more advanced maneuvers. Most of us left with plans to return, stoked to keep learning and practicing the movement that will make us proficient at the Wasatch's waterfall ice.



# Desolation and Gray Canyon Rafting - Sep. 17-23, 2025

Organized and report by Mike Rush

Over six days, our group of eight paddled 84.1 miles down the Green River through Desolation and Gray Canyon, one of Utah's most remote and scenic stretches. Perfect fall weather, empty rivers, and calm waters made for an unforgettable adventure. We had a strong team, steady current (2,100 CFS), clear skies, camaraderie, exploration, laughter, spectacular scenery, and delicious meals. Oh, and did I mention the surprise riverside wedding! This was a classic WMC-style adventure. Participants: Mike Rush (Organizer), Madison Hoover, Chris Begnaud, Parker Winkel, Angel Moravek, Luke Johnson, and Eric and Jen Sandhu.



**Day 0 – Sandwash Launch (Mile 96)** Luke, Angel, Parker, Chris B, Mike, and Madison packed up three rafts and an inflatable kayak and headed to Sandwash. Jen and Eric joined after completing a Cataract Canyon trip. With flows at around 2,100 CFS, the river was ours — no crowds, no bugs, just the wild canyon. Rigging the boats was lively, and the day ended with a

delicious dinner of Jordanian kofta, homemade hummus, and flatbread courtesy of Mike and Madison.



**Day 1 – Sandwash to Fossil Camp #1 (19.6 miles)** We started early, enjoying the crisp morning light. Breakfast was Tanzanian chipsi mayai with mishkaki, fueling us for the day ahead. A lunch stop



at Mushroom Rock (Mile 68.8) gave us time to stretch and admire the view. Rowing 19.6 miles, we reached Fossil Campsite #1. Along the way, we spotted wild horses on the reservation side



of the river and soaked in the solitude of Desolation Canyon. Dinner was Creole jambalaya with espresso brownie cookies for dessert — a perfect mix of flavor and energy.

**Day 2 – Fossil Camp #1 to Cedar Ridge #1** Breakfast burritos from Mike and Madison set us up for the day. We found the rock with the turtle shell imprint that gave the campsite its name. Low water made for some tricky spots; two rafts briefly got stuck on rocks, requiring a bit of maneuvering and teamwork. We camped below Cedar Ridge #1 and watched deer cross the river right above us. Parker and Chris prepared a hearty chicken curry dinner to cap off the day.

**Day 3 – Cedar Ridge #1 to Rock Creek** Park and Chris treated us to toasted bagels with cream cheese and lox before hitting the water. The rapids were a welcome change after the initial 27 miles of flat water. Lunch was at Mile 54 at Rock Creek, where we explored a petroglyph panel. That evening, Jen



and Eric made salt-rimmed margaritas with crushed ice to pair with a taco bar — refreshing and indulgent after a full day of rowing.

**Day 4 – Rock Creek to Above Wire Fence Rapid (Mile 37.1)** An egg scramble with peppers and maple sausage links fueled us for a day of rapids. We stopped to scout Joe Hutch Canyon Rapid. We were glad we did to avoid the sharp-looking rocks. Lunch was at a sandy beach after the rapid. Camping above Wire Fence Rapid, Angel and Luke prepared spaghetti dinner, perfectly rounding out another adventurous day.



**Day 5 – Wire Fence to Rattlesnake Gulch (Mile 22)** Breakfast sandwiches (“Egg McAngels”?) energized the crew. We floated to lunch below Coal Creek (Mile 25.8) and hiked up to the petroglyph panel above Rock Creek Ranch. Some lucky adventurers even filled solar showers to wash off the sand. Luke and Angel’s “Snow on the Mountain” dinner wowed the group with layers of flavor — another culinary highlight of the trip.

**Day 6 – Gray Canyon to Swazey’s Boat Ramp** Our last morning featured crunchy, flavorful breakfast parfaits before packing up the boats. In a spontaneous and joyous moment, under the towering cliffs of Gray Canyon and cheered on by the rest

of the flotilla, Mike and Madison exchanged handmade willow rings (see photo on cover) as a symbol of their love and commitment — a riverside wedding after a 2.5-year engagement!

The Green River gods must have been smiling, as we had a full tailwind for the final stretch to Swazey’s Boat Ramp. After cleaning and packing the boats, we stopped for Green River melons before heading home, leaving the canyon with unforgettable memories, incredible photos, and strengthened friendships.



**Final Thoughts** Desolation and Gray Canyon lived up to their names: remote, beautiful, humbling. But this trip was far from desolate in spirit with good friends, flowing water, no bugs, benevolent breezes from the wind gods and a riverside wedding to cap it all off. This was a classic Wasatch Mountain Club journey: meaningful, memorable, and full of life. Here's to the next river bend!



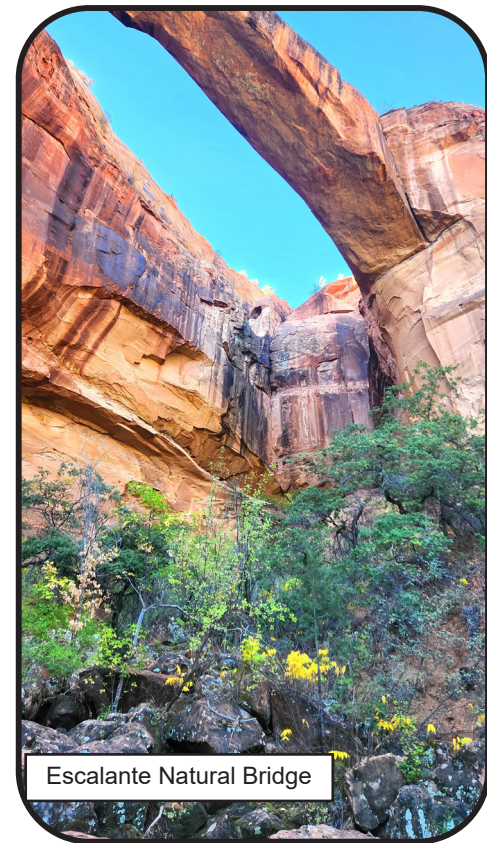
# Escalante Backpacking - Sep. 19-21, 2025

Organized by John Veranth

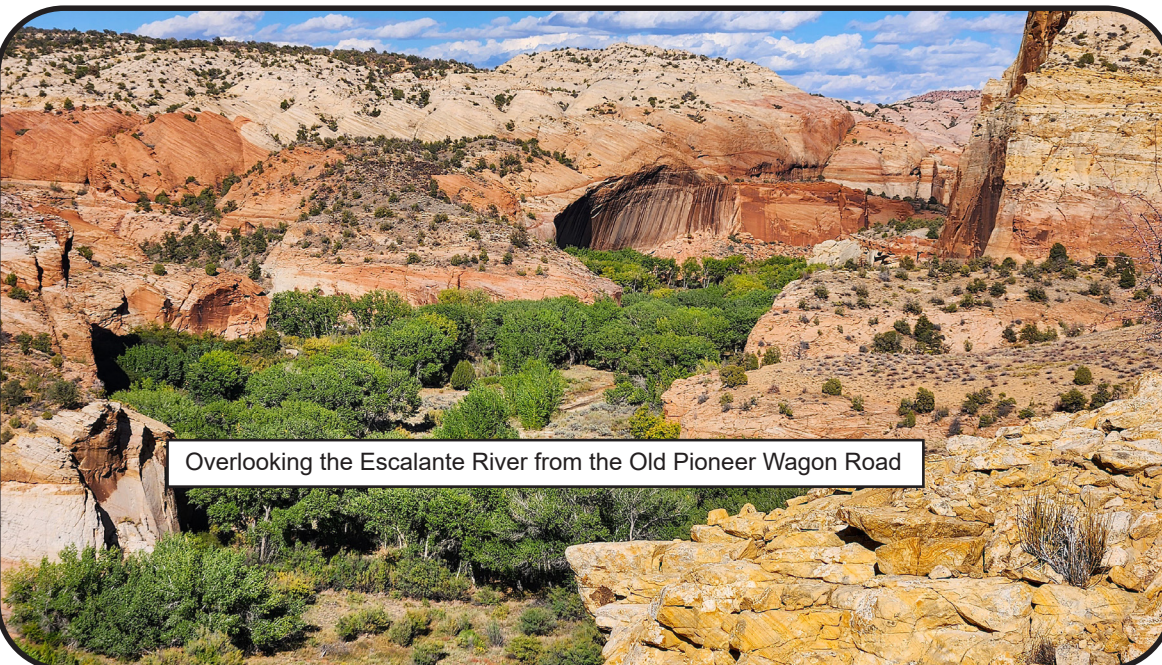
The weekend trip began at the Boulder Mail Trailhead and ended 14 miles later at the Escalante River Trailhead, off Utah Highway 12. Our focus was twofold: to explore the many petroglyph panels scattered along the route and to wander through the side canyons while enjoying a relaxed trek along the winding Escalante River. The first night, we camped beneath a massive rock alcove, which offered shelter from the occasional rain shower. As we made our way through the rugged terrain, we kept our eyes peeled for ancient petroglyphs--many of which we discovered carved into the lower rock walls. One of the trip's highlights was a detour up an old wagon road, chiseled out of the sheer rock by early pioneers. The panoramic views from near the top were breathtaking, revealing sweeping vistas of the canyon and river below. Throughout the journey, John's knowledge of the area elevated the experience, guiding us to hidden gems along the river. Participants: John Veranth, Louie Frucci, Aditi Vashist, and Laurel Harris.



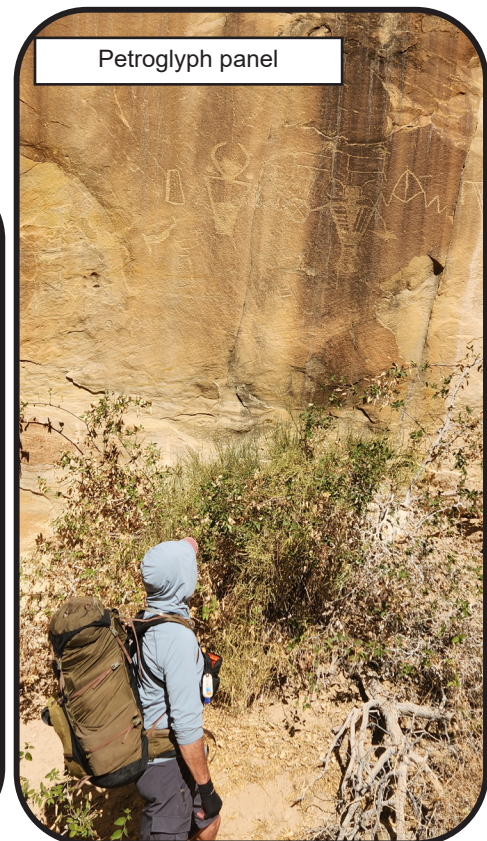
John, Laurel, and Aditi



Escalante Natural Bridge



Overlooking the Escalante River from the Old Pioneer Wagon Road



Petroglyph panel

# Strawberry Ridge Day Hike - Sep. 20, 2025

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Pierce Alexander, Matt Lipton, and Akiko enjoyed a fall color hike near Strawberry Reservoir. On the map, there is a trail to go up to the ridge, but there was no trail. Instead, we took a game trail to get to the ridge. We took the north ridge to bag West Peak (9,712 ft). There were lots of fallen trees. There was a registration at the summit and the views were very beautiful. We found a trail to go down to the saddle and went up to East Peak (9,653 ft). The trail to Strawberry Ridge (9,617 ft) was clear on the first half way. We went off-trail to reach the summit. The view of Strawberry Reservoir and the fall colors was stunning. We walked on FR 135 and 503 in fall foliage to go back to the TH.



Summit of West Peak - Pierce, Matt & Akiko



Strawberry Ridge Summit: Matt, Pierce, & Akiko



Bushwhacking to Strawberry Ridge



Summit of East Peak: Akiko, Pierce & Matt



Fall colors on Strawberry Ridge

# Labryrith Canyon Rafting - Sep. 20-22, 2025

Organized and report by Katherine Thom

Participants: Katherine Thom, Ben Wake, Jim Eichler, Kurt Hiland, Dave Ashley, and Shelley Johannesen. We met up at the Kings Bottom campground north of Moab. We were up before dawn the next morning in order to park two of our vehicles at Carol's Storage on the south end of town and make it back to our river outfitter (Tex's). By 9am we began a long journey on dirt roads to Ruby Ranch, the start of our paddle through Labyrinth Canyon, which is on the Green River north of Canyonlands National Park. The air was crisp and clear and the water smooth as we got underway by 11am. One case of poor boat loading led to some poor boat tracking and the need to repack while knee-deep in mud. Jim's expertise as the more experienced kayaker saved the day and we were back on track. After 18 miles of beautiful, wind-free weather, finding campsites was a decent challenge

18 miles and no wind!



Putting in at Ruby Ranch



Storm clouds building up at first campsite



Wait? What! You're telling me we all have to poop in a can that then goes into my canoe?!



Jim enjoying the scenery from his long touring kayak

since we had to brave slick mud to get to the soft sand suitable for setting up tents. That seemed to be preferred to the impenetrable tangles of tamarisk found above the sandy banks. We got settled into camp and debated the ideal location for our rented river toilet, knowing it would have to be carried back to one of the canoes. The weather ensured we got to bed at a reasonable hour as the thunder and rain appeared just before dark. Later in the night, those of us that got out of our tents to look around

were treated to a sky full of bright stars. The next morning, we noticed a brown lump on our beach that seemed to be moving ever so slightly. As we watched it's movements, we realized it was a large river otter getting ready to set out on a morning swim. A few minutes after that we saw a second otter cruising down the river in the same way. We thought they had the right idea and we got ourselves out on the river early enough to ensure we could do 20 miles, our longest day. There were no more signs of rain and the cool temps and light on the walls of the canyon made for magnificent paddling; we were reaching paces even faster than the day before. And then there were the sand bars. We got really good after some trial and error at looking at the widening river, the lack of signs of current, and the shallow glistening on the water that indicated we needed to steer around a big sand bar. There were a few times we had to get out of the boats and walk across to look for deeper water. We didn't see fellow boaters on the water until the second day and then we enjoyed the puzzled looks of a giant flotilla of kayaks, paddle boards and five big rafts, each sporting large orange umbrellas paddled by guides while



clients basked in the sun. Our streamlined boats moved quickly past them, securing us the prime camp spot without too much mud to navigate. We stopped at a time of day that was quite early by many standards, but it was nice to have some time to sit in the shade and enjoy relaxing and conversating after crushing 21.5 miles that day. The group's efforts to gather wood from the beach were much appreciated as we got to enjoy a few hours of non-smoky campfire well into the evening. We got to relax the schedule a



Getting close to Mineral Bottom

bit for the next day since we only had 7 miles left and several hours to get that done. We were moving so fast, in fact, that we basically coasted the final hour since any real paddling would get us to the take-out too soon. We hit only a little bit of fast water and a blue heron

directed us as we made it to the take-out at Mineral Bottom with plenty of time to spare. It was a good thing because the ramp was in chaos due to a large rafting party looking



One last view of the Green River above Mineral Bottom

to put in. We had our boats and gear up on shore and out of the way before our shuttle arrived, but still had to unload another group, so we got to relax and organize our gear



while we waited. The 10 switchbacks carved into the cliff above Mineral Bottoms were pretty impressive and we were thankful we didn't have to do this drive multiple times with our own cars. Paying Tex's to do our shuttles worked great! On the drive back, we learned about the history of Tex's Riverways from the former owner, who also happened to be our driver. After a few more hours on dirt roads, we made our way back into Moab and enjoyed burgers and shakes at Milt's Stop and Eat. There was a bit of a "linger longer" feeling as we chowed down under a big shady tree. As is always the case with a successful trip, the camaraderie is just as memorable as the spectacular scenery, especially while making new friends (Jim, Steve, and Shelley are relatively new to the WMC). It was a wonderful trip.

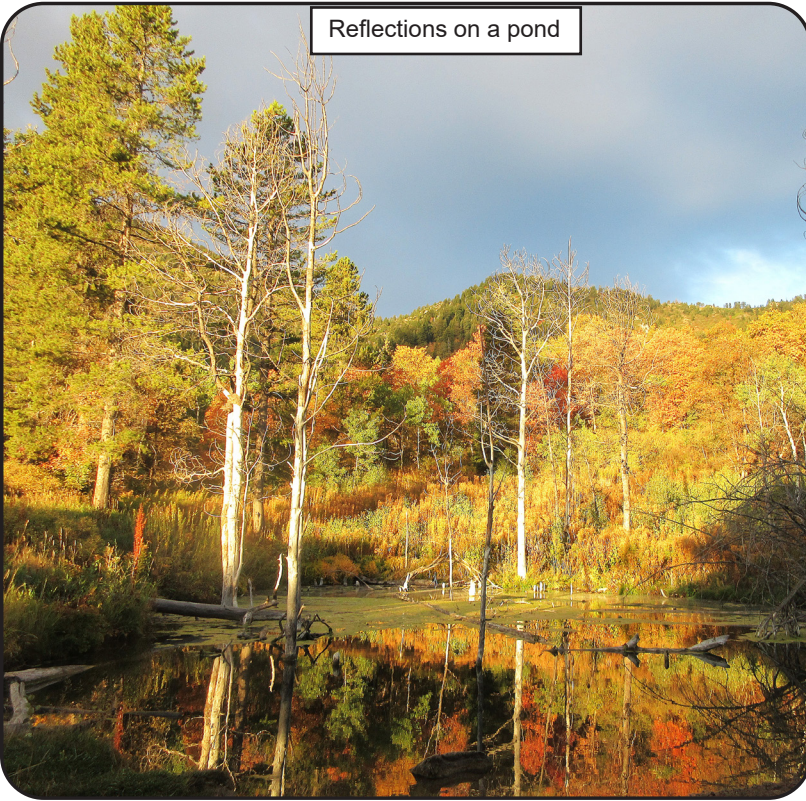


# Sardine Peak Day Hike - Sep. 21, 2025

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Our original destination was Peak 7539 via Maples Trailhead in Snowbasin. However, because we could not find the way to get to the ridgeline that connects to the peak, we changed the destination to Sardine Peak (7,490 ft). It was the first club hike for Rob. Early morning sunlight made the fall colors spectacular. We went to the overlook on the way to the summit. It was a relaxed pace hike in which we enjoyed views and chats. Participants: Akiko Kamimura, Ed Hemphill, Don Tillman, and Rob Martin.

Reflections on a pond



Rob, Don, Ed, & Akiko



Sardine Peak



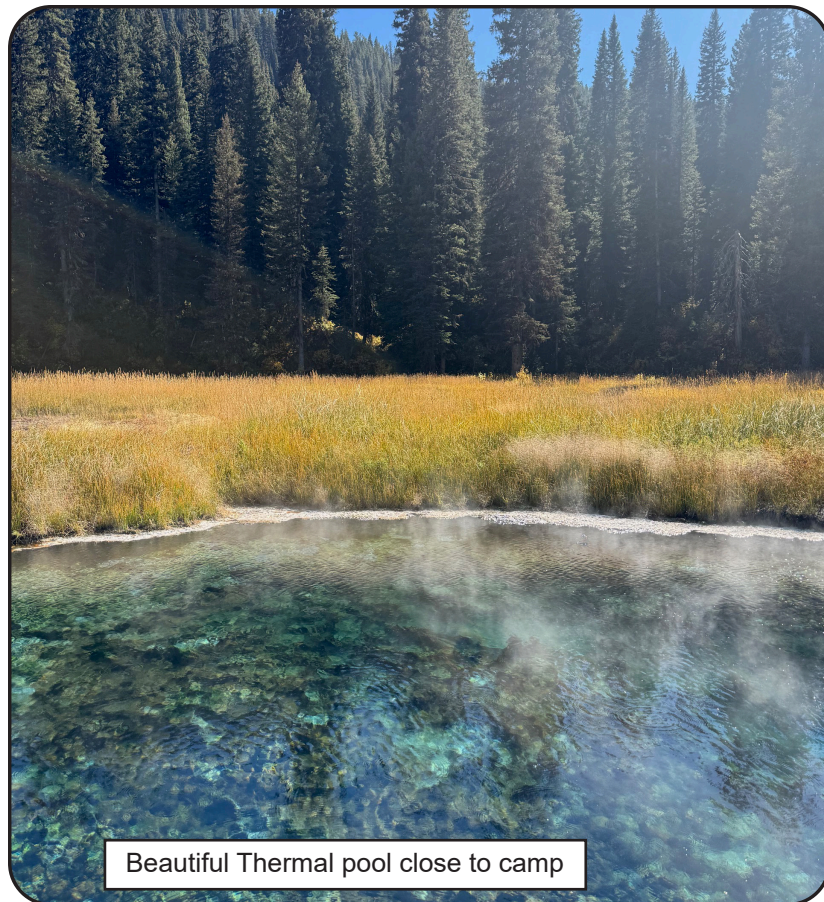
# Yellowstone Backpacking - Sep. 21-27, 2025

Organized by Mike Budig

This year's Yellowstone backpack offered exceptional weather and was accentuated by elk bugling throughout each night. As we started our eight-mile trek to Heart Lake, the rainstorm which dominated the previous night came to a merciful end. The weather became fairly ideal for hiking. Forging the Snake River, we reached Heart Lake and set up camp at the base of a 10,313 ft peak, Mt. Sheridan, in a beautiful area near a thermal basin with a geyser. We camped around Heart Lake for three days in weather which made swimming in the lake tempting for some. Lubica discovered that Heart Lake has leeches, which she apparently did not care for.



First crossing of the Snake River



Beautiful Thermal pool close to camp



Putting on dry boots after crossing the Snake River



Happy Hour

On the second day, we all hiked the 3,000' ascent up Mt. Sheridan where we enjoyed great views in all directions, extending out over the Tetons as well as most of Yellowstone Park.



Mt Sheridan Sunrise



Communications tower on top of Mt. Sheridan



View of Heart Lake from summit of Mt Sheridan



Our trip continued as we hiked around Heart Lake. Julie found the most amazing set of elk antlers and put them to good use. "I wanted a chair with a back. Sitting on a log with no back support was not very comfortable. These antlers were just laying there so I got my backpack and sit pad for padding and made a comfortable seat". We followed the Heart River and the Snake River to the South Entrance Trailhead, where we forded the Snake River at the trail's end.

Trip participants: Larry Hall, Mark Bloomenthal, Lubica Skumatova, Greg Clark, Patrick Watson, John Gould, Lou Melini, Julie Melini, and Michael Budig.



Julie on her antler throne



Fresh wolf tracks



## Climbing Narcolepsy Wall - Sep. 24, 2025

Organized by Dan Hadley

On one of the first days of Fall, a few WMC climbers met at the Narcolepsy Wall for some enjoyable top roping. The most dangerous part of the evening was the approach to the anchors, which has a short, exposed slab to descend. Fortunately, Paul had beta on how to lower oneself from a central anchor to the various climbing anchors. The climbing ranged from fun 5.7 to thin 5.9+. Conversation turned to the ethics of keeping the bolts according to the first ascensionist, even though some of these routes are dangerously run out. We didn't have to think too much about that, as the top rope provided a safe way to simulate the Ruckmans' 1985 ascent. Participants: Dan Hadley, Eve Kovacs, Dante DeSimone, Cyndee Pelt, and Paul Gettings.



Dante setting up the TR



Cyndee starting up Narcolepsy



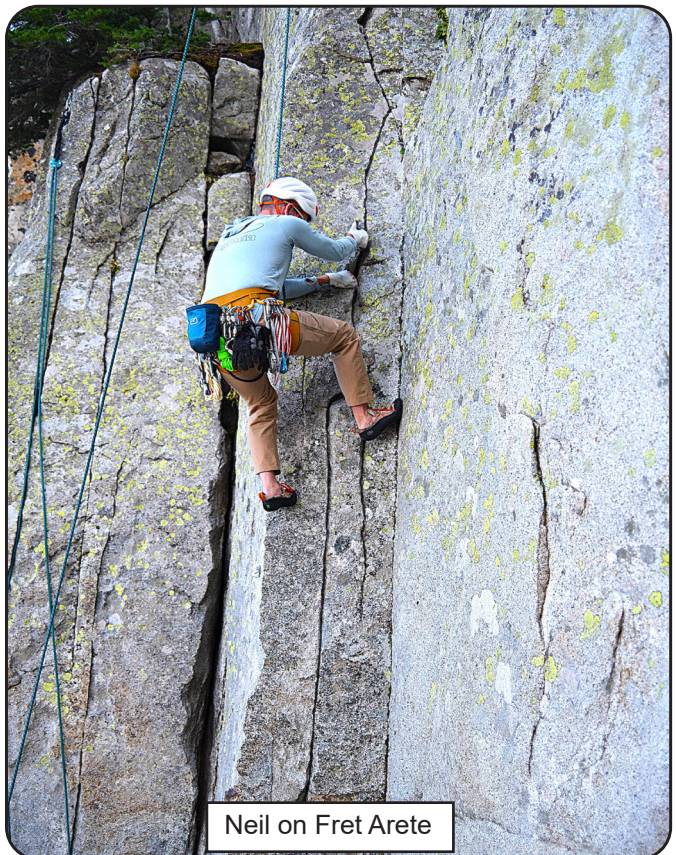
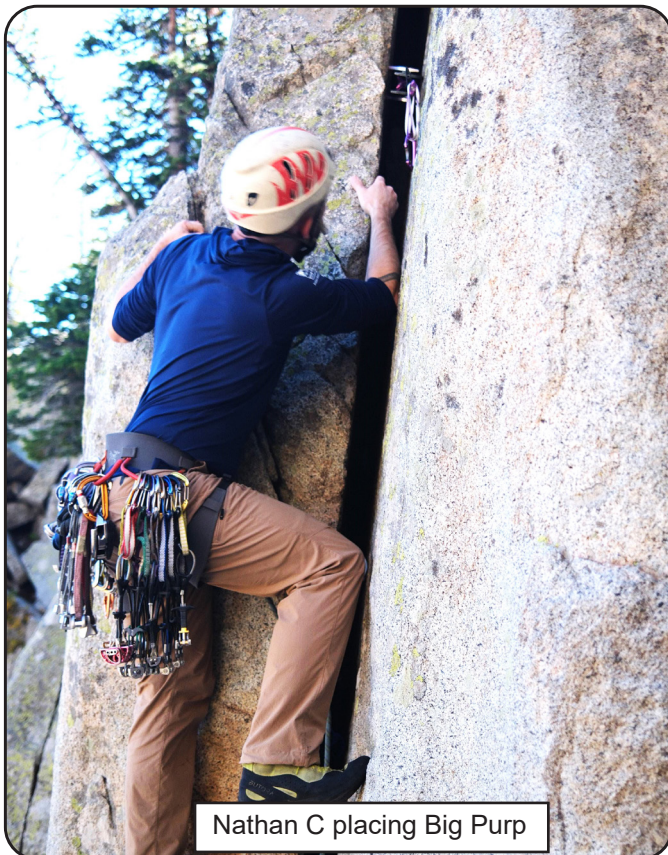
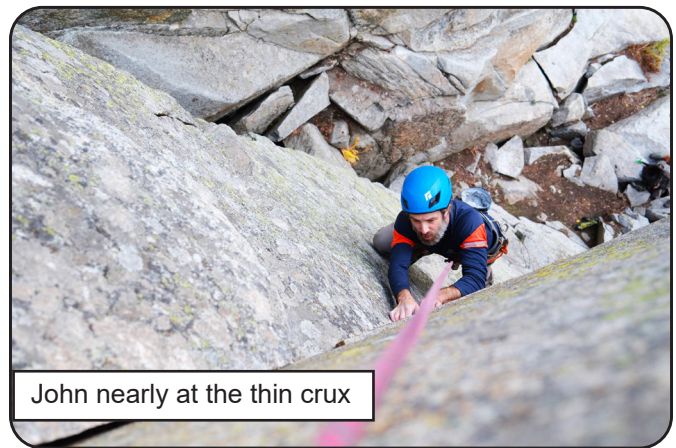
Eve on Narcolepsy



# Rock Climbing at Brighton Frighton - Sep. 27, 2025

Organized by Steph Stamm, report by Dan Hadley

With yellow and orange leaves at their prime, we hiked past Lake Mary to the Frighton crag. We rappelled in and started up some of the short but incredibly fun alpine routes on granite cracks, slabs, and flakes. Except for a few lost hikers, we were alone on that part of the mountain, climbing, kibitzing, and looking across to the trees at Willow Lake and the USA bowl, which were putting on quite the fall show. On one of the more challenging routes, a stiff 5.8+, Steph got to test her gear placement with a small trad whipper. There were enough trad and sport lines to keep us all stoked until the final climb out. After a pleasant hike down together, most of the group joined the fall membership meeting. Participants: Steph Stamm, Nathan C, Kurt Hiland, Dan Hadley, John Badila, Alonzo, Neil Schmidt, and Paul Gettings.



## Ben Lomond Day Hike - Sep. 28, 2025

Organized by Don Tillman

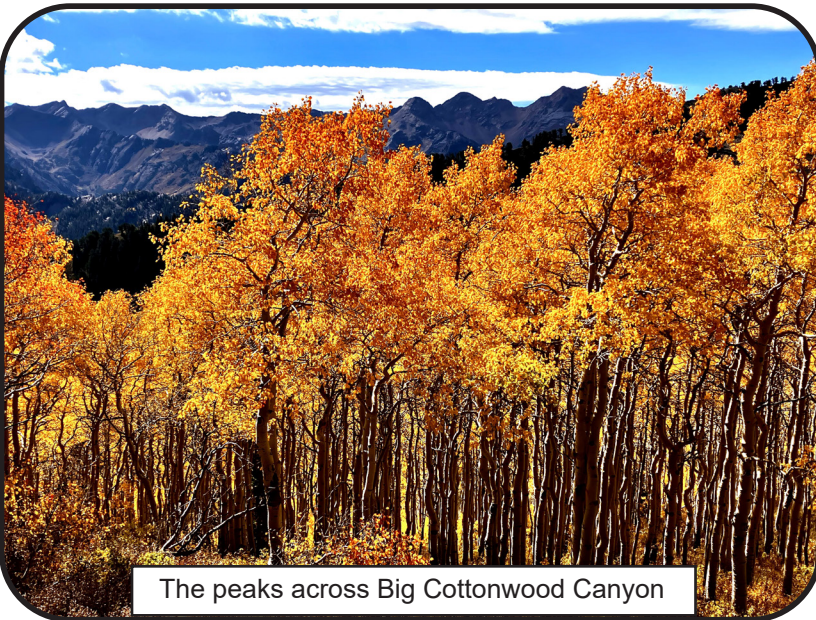
Fourteen of us (Don Tillman, Kathleen Waller, Ed Hemphill, Maegan Dillman, Paola Nix, David Nix, Aditi Vashti, Suzanne Sarro, Mary Friedman, Brandon Derfler, Erin Graham, Mitch Dutt, and Sandra and Al Berzinis) enjoyed a beautiful autumn day hiking Ben Lomond in North Ogden. Everyone made the summit (Mary and Brandon headed down before the photo). The fall foliage was spectacular as were the views of Liberty, Eden and the Pineview reservoir. Everything went well except for one bee sting on the way up. We enjoyed lunch at the top with perfect weather and a 360 degree view. After the hike, Kathleen and Maegan hosted a fun tailgate party outside of their RV by the corrals.



# Gobblers Knob Day Hike - Oct. 1, 2025

Organized by Kurt Hiland

On a sunny Wednesday, four clubbers set out to saunter up to Gobblers Knob on what may have been \*the\* peak day for fall colors in Big Cottonwood Canyon. As promised in the write-up, if the weather was good a casual pace would be had and much summit lollygagging enjoyed. The group encountered blast zones of vibrant yellows in all directions along the way. Many photo stops were had in between all the rubbernecking. Once the summit was reached, nobody was in a hurry to leave. We spent a full hour lazing in the sun amidst the colorful scenery. The normally familiar view from the top was like a painting.



The peaks across Big Cottonwood Canyon



A trail into the aspens long forgotten?



Mt Raymond and Mill A Basin



Summit lollygaggers - Jim Kucera, Kurt Hiland, Al Berzinis, and Chris Hartnett



# Thank You September Activity Organizers!

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

Aditi Vashist  
Akiko Kamimura  
Brad Yates  
Brandon Derfler  
Bryan Mason  
Cheryl Krusko  
Chris Venizelos  
Craig Williams  
Daisy DeMarco  
David Andrenyak  
David Baumann  
David Kenley  
David Rabiger  
David Tanner  
Don Tillman  
Eve Kovacs  
Frank Bouchard  
Giulia Roselli  
Heidi DeMartis  
Jim Kucera  
Joel Winter  
John Veranth  
Jose Pacheco  
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Kerry Regan  
Kurt Hiland  
L Beth Blattenberger  
Mac Brubaker  
Madison Hoover  
Mark Glick  
Mark Tuttle  
Martin McGregor  
Michael Budig  
Nick Calas  
Paige Williams  
Paul Gettings  
Peter Crowley  
Philip Nelson  
Reid Gardner  
Ronna Cohen  
Sally Aerts  
Shane Wallace  
Sharon Vinick  
Steph Stamm  
Stephanie Anderson  
Tali Brenner  
Tony Calderone

## Save The Date: The Organizer and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is 11/8/2025 @ 6pm

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6pm - Social hour

7pm - Dinner/Awards and prize raffle

Organizers:Debbie Olson, Gillian Roselli

Email:socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org



# 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.

Nov 1 Sat	Hike/Snowshoe/Ski At Alta – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We usually have enough snow to snowshoe/ski on the first weekend of Nov at Alta. Hopefully, we will have enough snow for snowshoeing/ skiing. If there is no enough snow, we will hike. The specific destination and necessary gear will be determined when it gets closer to the date. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 30, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
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Nov 1 Sat	Hike To The Top Of Houndstooth – msd- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Meet at the trailhead (7721 Timberline Dr.) but there is limited parking, so if full, park at the overflow (7722 S Prospector Dr) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com It's time to knock this one out before more snow comes in. This is a relatively short MSD hike, but it's CRAZY STEEP (2,800 is 2 miles). The hike will somewhat follow the ridge to the "gum" of the Houndstooth, with a short scramble through the not-so-se-cret-anymore sweet spot that leads to the top. Expect approximately 6 hours or so of hiking time.
Nov 2 Sun	Hike/Snowshoe/Ski At Brighton – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Hopefully, we will have enough snow for snowshoeing/ skiing. If there is no enough snow, we will hike. The specific destination and necessary gear will be determined when it gets closer to the date. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 30, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
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Nov 2 Sun	Very Relaxed Pace Family Hike To The Bear Canyon Suspension Bridge – ntd- – Loop – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Bear Canyon Suspension Bridge Trailhead (12625 Highland Dr, Draper, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Jamie Nolan jamieslhg55@gmail.com Join us for this family-friendly hike along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail to the Bear Canyon suspension bridge. This hike is highly weather dependent, so watch the calendar for changes or cancellation.
Nov 3 Mon	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.
Nov 3 Mon	Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Winter may or may not be upon us yet, but it IS officially dark now, so Jack's is Back! We will be hiking under the glitter of the stars and above the glitter of city lights. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the STEEP route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills (we can only hope), micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Typically it's getting too cold to stand around long, so we will have a 5:45 departure.
Nov 4 Tue	Rock Climb - Indoor Evening Climbing At Momentum <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Indoor gym climbing when the sun is down or the weather is bad. Stay or get strong for the spring. We will definitely do some top-roping, but lead is also available.
Nov 5 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.



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Nov 5 Wed	Moonlight Hike Super Moon Avenues Twin Peaks (Terrace Hill Loop Trailhead) – 3.7 mi – 1003' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Top of Terrace Hill Drive <i>Organizer:</i> Mark Tuttle 801-913-8504 markedwardtuttle@gmail.com Charge up that head lamp and roll out with us under the Beaver moon. We will hit the Terrace Drive Hills trail head in the Avenues and jaunt or way up through the dark rolling hills of the Avenues cresting the first peak then the 2nd. 3.7 miles round trip of hopefully moonlit adventure. Bring the usual 10E's, snacks, water, etc. 6pm roll out.
Nov 6 Thu – Nov 9 Sun	Rock Climb - Indian Creek <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Bryan Mason 208-589-3906 flymason13@gmail.com Indian Creek is a crack climbing mecca. If you haven't climbed crack before, this is your chance to learn. Grades start at 5.9 and there are limited routes at that level, so you should be used to climbing 5.9-5.10. Leaders will setup top-ropes so not everyone has to be a trad leader. We will get a couple big campsites at Superbowl campground.
Nov 6 Thu	Foothills Winter Night Hike - Dragons Tail – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Grandeur Peak (Face) Trailhead (2900 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Starting at the West Grandeur parking lot, it generally takes about 1 hour of STEEP hiking to get to the base of Dragons Tail. Dogs conditioned for cold weather ok. 5:45 prompt departure. Headlamp, microspikes, and cold-weather layers are mandatory even if it turns out we don't need them.
Nov 7 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.
Nov 8 Sat – Nov 9 Sun	Canyoneering In The Gorge <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com Cherry, Portal, 55
Nov 8 Sat	Hike/ Snowshoe - Peaks In Park City/ Midway – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will bag 2-4 small peaks in the Park City/ Midway area. The specific destination and necessary gear will be determined when it gets closer to the date. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Nov 7, 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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Nov 8 Sat	Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner- November 8th 2025 <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Debbie Olson 801-372-6814 debbieolson63@gmail.com trip organizer and volunteer appreciation dinner - November 8, 2025 Annual Trip Organizers and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This is an invitation only event, our way of saying thank you to all those who organized 2 activities or 1 multi-day activity, or volunteered in another capacity within the last 12 months. Most of the invitations will be going out via email, so if you think you qualify and you don't see that invite, check your spam, then follow up with your respective activity director. Social hour 6:00 pm, Dinner/ Awards at 7:00 pm. Raffle prizes will be given away. You don't want to miss this event. Organizer:Debbie Olson, Gillian Roselli Email:socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Date:Sat Nov 8 2025 Meeting Place:Location will be on your invitation Meeting Time:6:00 pm
Nov 8 Sat	Relaxed Paced Co-Organized Foothills Day Hike – mod+ – Loop – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Meet for carpool at the southeast end of the Walmart parking lot (2705 East Parleys Way) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore, Aditi Vashist 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com, Aditi@eccles.utah.edu There are several ridge options above Foothill Drive that lead to a nice overlook into a secluded canyon. We'll make route decisions as we go so we'll set a pace that keeps the group together. Come prepared for steep winter hiking conditions (layers and micro spikes). Plan about 5 to 6 hours .
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Nov 10 Mon	<p>Evening Indoor Rock Climbing - The Front – ntd  <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at The Front Climbing Club (4140 S Main St, Millcreek, UT)  <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com  We'll be climbing at the Front's South Main location at 6:30 every Monday. Note that there are two locations. We are at the Millcreek location. Multiple people have gone to the wrong place, don't do that. If you don't know me, look for my bright orange hat and come introduce yourself. We usually meet at 6:30 around the benches on the east side of the first floor. If you come later, we can usually be found on the first floor, but you can also call or text. All levels are welcome. We generally have a group of around 15 people each week including top-rope, lead climb, and bouldering so there's always someone to climb with. Feel free to contact me beforehand and I can let you know what the best option for you is.</p>
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Nov 13 Thu	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Churchfork – mod- – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Church Fork Trailhead, Millcreek Canyon  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  There's nothing better at the end of a stressful work day than a WMC Winter night hike. We'll head up the Churchfork trail to the last switchback, and back, which should make a nice two-hour hike. Dress warm, but in layers. These are steep routes and you will be warming quickly! Bring micro spikes or other studded footwear. Dogs prepared for winter conditions ok.</p>
Nov 14 Fri	<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>
Nov 15 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/ Ski - Scotts Pass &amp; Guardsmans Pass, BCC – mod+ – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We plan to snowshoe to Scotts Pass and Guardsman's Pass in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes/skis. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe &amp; shovel) is recommended but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 14, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Nov 16 Sun	<p>Hike - Peaks In The West Mountain Range, East Of Utah Lake – mod+ – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  In summer, it is possible to drive to West Mountain North Peak. But the road is closed for winter - that said there are fewer people once the road is closed. I have hiked the entire ridge and made a couple of peaks. But there are approximately 5 more small peaks that would be worth to bag. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 14, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Nov 17 Mon	<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>
Nov 18 Tue	<p>Rock Climb - Indoor Evening Climbing At Momentum  <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT)  <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com  Indoor gym climbing when the sun is down or the weather is bad. Stay or get strong for the spring. We will definitely do some top-roping, but lead is also available.</p>
Nov 19 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>



Nov 19 Wed	Rock Climb - Indoor Evening Climbing At Momentum <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com Indoor gym climbing when the sun is down or the weather is bad. Stay or get strong for the spring. We will definitely do some top-ropeing, but lead is also available.
Nov 20 Thu – Nov 23 Sun	Rock Climb - Red Rocks, Nv – mod <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Steph Stamm 973-945-3755 steph.m.stamm@gmail.com Come camp, climb and eat (birthday) cake in Red Rocks, Nevada! <a href="#">The area</a> is best known for its soaring Aztec Sandstone cliffs with world-class moderate multi-pitch trad climbs, as well as sport routes and lots of <a href="#">fantastic bouldering</a> . We'll be celebrating Paul's birthday and everyone is welcome. I reserved a group campsite for anyone wanting to camp, and well-socialized fur friends are welcome too (note that many of the long, classic routes are all-day affairs). There is space for tents and up to 8 vehicles, so let's do our best to carpool. If you plan to fly, we can arrange a shuttle. It's dry camping so there is no access to electric hookups or water - be sure to bring plenty of water and anything else you'll need in that regard. The cost of the campsite will depend on how many folks join, but we are probably looking at about \$15/person total. Once we are a few weeks out from the trip, I'll help coordinate carpooling. Please register via email.
Nov 21 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.
Nov 22 Sat	Hike/ Snowshoe - Point 8305 Via Holbrook Ridge, Bountiful – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/hike to Point 8305 via Holbrook ridge in Bountiful, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail all the way. The route involves steep sections. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended (for practice) but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Nov 21, 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.
Nov 22 Sat	Snowshoe/ Hike - Point 8305 Via Holbrook Ridge, Bountiful – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/hike to Point 8305 via Holbrook ridge in Bountiful, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail all the way. The route involves steep sections. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended (for practice) but not required. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Nov 21, 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.
Nov 22 Sat	Relaxed Paced Co-Organized Lake Blanche Day Hike – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Broads Fork Trailhead, Big Cottonwood Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Lake Blanche as a winter hike is beautiful.
Nov 23 Sun	Snowshoe/ Ski - West Uintas – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe/ski in the West Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific destination and necessary gear will be determined when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 essentials, micro-spikes, and snowshoes or skis (if there is enough snow). Avalanche safety gear recommended (for practice) but not required. I have two extra sets of avalanche safety gear. If we have snowstorms on the day, the location will be changed to somewhere closer to SLC/ Park City. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Nov 21, 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.
Nov 24 Mon	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.
Nov 24 Mon	Evening Indoor Rock Climbing - The Front – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at The Front Climbing Club (4140 S Main St, Millcreek, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com We'll be climbing at the Front's South Main location at 6:30 every Monday. Note that there are two locations. We are at the Millcreek location. Multiple people have gone to the wrong place, don't do that. If you don't know me, look for my bright orange hat and come introduce yourself. We usually meet at 6:30 around the benches on the east side of the first floor. If you come later, we can usually be found on the first floor, but you can also call or text. All levels are welcome. We generally have a group of around 15 people each week including top-rope, lead climb, and bouldering so there's always someone to climb with. Feel free to contact me beforehand and I can let you know what the best option for you is.
Nov 24 Mon	Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the STEEP route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. Bring micro spikes or other studded footwear. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 5:45 pm departure. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek, so watch the calendar for changes.
Nov 27 Thu – Nov 30 Sun	Thanksgiving Boulder Ut Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> John & Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com We will be hosting an open house and car camp at our place in Boulder UT. Group holiday dinner Thursday evening. The house will be available for cooking and socializing all weekend. Indoor, tent, and RV sleeping options. Organized hikes in nearby areas Friday and Saturday or you can just do your own thing from our base camp. Hiking routes will be adjusted for the weather. Register to get on the logistics and planning email list.



Nov 29 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe &amp; shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Nov 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>
Nov 30 Sun	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+ – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe &amp; shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Nov 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>
Dec 13 Sat – Jan 18 Sun	<p>Carretera Austral In Chile Tour And Camp – mod+  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com  Come for all or part of an adventurous, non-guided trip to southern Chile. We'll start in Puerto Montt and head south on the Carretera Austral, visiting famous and obscure sights along the way. There will be opportunities for sightseeing, hiking, rafting, kayaking and bicycling. We'll visit fjords, lakes and glaciers, and enjoy remote mountain scenery. You can join or leave the trip at the midpoint in the town of Coyhaique. Airfares are currently (July) running around \$1300 r/t from SLC to Santiago. We can split costs on lodging and car rental; I figure \$50 - \$100 per night on rooms and \$110/day on the 4WD car rental. Check out the Bradt guidebook "Chile: The Carretera Austral" by Sinclair and Menard for photos and route descriptions.</p>
Dec 31 Wed – Jan 4 Sun	<p>Alpine Ski Tour With VMT In Canada – 10.0 mi – 4000' ascent  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <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. <a href="https://vmt.ca/winter/the-skiing">https://vmt.ca/winter/the-skiing</a></p>
Jan 29 Thu – Feb 1 Sun	<p>Ice Climb - Ouray Ice Park  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Nathan C 307-371-6356 nac787.home@gmail.com  Lace up your boots and sharpen your front points for a trip to the Uncompahgre Gorge, home of the world-famous Ouray Ice Park and it's 200+ ice routes - all within walking distance of the cozy town of Ouray, CO. The Ouray Ice Park is the perfect place for novice ice climbers to get mileage or for folks to experience ice climbing for the first time in a reasonably controlled environment. The ice here is "farmed" - which means a professional staff maintains the ice condition. Also, most areas at the park allow for setting top ropes before descending into the gorge. For experienced ice climbers seeking more adventure, there's plenty of WI4+ and comp-level mixed climbing in the park as well as wild ice options up Camp Bird Rd. and the nearby town of Silverton/Eureka. With enough interest, I hope to secure a group rate for us at the Twin Peaks Lodge and Hot Springs. This is a great hotel, a short walk from the ice park, and comes with it's own private natural hot spring pools - the perfect recharge after a day of climbing! The town of Ouray also has a public hot springs facility which is well worth a visit. Please register with the organizer via email, noting your level of ice climbing experience and whether you're interested in staying at the Twin Peaks Lodge. Rental equipment, if needed, can be sourced from University of Utah Outdoor Program. Membership to the Ouray Ice Park is highly encouraged for all participants. The park is a free resource, volunteer managed, and most importantly - membership gets you into the park and onto the good routes 30 minutes early :)</p>
Feb 9 Mon – Feb 15 Sun	<p>Rock Climb - El Potrero Chico, Mexico  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Steph Stamm 973-945-3755 steph.m.stamm@gmail.com  <a href="#">El Potrero Chico</a> is a world-class sport climbing destination with dramatic vertical limestone faces and spires, speckled with palm trees, giant air plants (Tillandsia for any fellow plant nerds), and assorted jungle-y vegetation. There are tons of moderate sport routes and massive classic multi pitch climbs, so pick your flavor, make a plan, and come prepared! There is some talk of tackling <a href="#">Time Wave Zero</a>, which is one of the longest sport routes in the world. If this magnitude of climb interests you, start thinking big and dialing in your systems. I'd love to organize some training climbs for anyone interested. <b>Lodging</b> Last year I stayed at <a href="#">La Posada</a> in a casita, and plan to glamp for this trip. There are also tent options, if you want to go really cheap. I've also heard good things about <a href="#">El Cubil</a>. It's a much quieter vibe compared to La Posada. <b>Travel &amp; Getting Around</b> Fly into Monterrey, MX and take a 1 hour shuttle/taxi ride to EPC. No need to rent a car as the climbing and lodging are all very walkable. Obviously you'll need a passport that is valid for the duration of the trip. <b>Food</b> La Posada has an on-site restaurant offering breakfast, packed lunch for the crag, and dinner, and also offers a community kitchen if you want to get groceries and prepare food yourself. There are also many other restaurants within walking distance. <b>Safety</b> Who knows what the future holds, but when I visited here in February 2025, I felt very safe. I traveled with a girlfriend, and we had no issues whatsoever. The tiny town of Hidalgo is a world-renowned climbing destination, and is very tourist friendly. I am happy to coordinate this trip, but request that you book your own plane tickets, lodging, etc. Reach out with any questions at all! Club members only.</p>
Feb 12 Thu – Feb 16 Mon	<p>Death Valley Canyoneering  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com  Details to follow</p>
Feb 21 Sat – Feb 24 Tue	<p>Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolves, Wildlife, &amp; Winter Activities – ntd  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore, Robert Turner 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com, r46turner@gmail.com  Join us for wildlife watching and general winter activities in the northeast corner of Yellowstone Park. Sightings of wolves, foxes, coyotes, bighorn sheep and eagles are common. We'll motel it in Gardiner, MT, where we have secured the entire bottom floor for group meals and socializing. We'll drive into the Park each day on the only road kept open in Yellowstone in the winter. Some will get going very early each morning (about 6:00am), while others can linger and mingle over breakfast. There are also lots of opportunities for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, so bring your skis or snowshoes if you want to enjoy some time trekking around in Yellowstone's spectacular winter wonderland. The drive to Gardiner in the winter is about 500 miles since we can't go through the Park to get there. Another option is to fly into Bozeman and share a rental car. e-mail Robert or Julie for more details, to register, and get instructions to reserve a room at the lodge.</p>



Mar 2 Mon – Mar 7 Sat	<p>Annual Bob Wright Death Valley Winter Escape Hike, Road Bike, Car Camp – ntd  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Angela Vincent, Matt Davidson 801-281-3160, 801-706-0608 avince182@yahoo.com, davidson801@comcast.net          Looking for a trip to escape the winter blues? This one is for you! This trip is open to all, whether you are planning on road riding, hiking, peak bagging, going on Ranger led tours, just relaxing, or all of the above. We have already reserved a set of tent-only camping spots at the Furnace Creek campground, and there are a few spots to join for members only. No car, van, or RVs camping are allowed at these sites. However, feel free to reserve a site for your tents and RVs on your own, and join in the daily activities, happy hours, and a variety of breakfasts and dinners for the group. Details will follow on that, but sites will fill up fast, so if you are reserving a site at the campground or the nearby motel or the Ranch Cabins or Fiddler's Campground, do so now, then let me know and I will add you to the group communications. There will be a small fee for the shared amenities, and the cost will vary depending on group meals and the shared tent sites. Contact me for further details. Rating for the car camp = NTD and varies for each of the group activities. Get you lodging at either <a href="https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232496">https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232496</a> or <a href="https://oaisatdeathvalley.com">https://oaisatdeathvalley.com</a>. NOTE: Sunset campground across the road is another option, but is in the open for sun, wind, and rain, and reservations are not taken for that campground.</p>
Mar 6 Fri – Mar 11 Wed	<p>San Ignacio Lagoon Camp And Whale Trip  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com          Mark your calendars to join me as I celebrate 20 years since I first visited this special place. The San Ignacio World Heritage Biosphere Reserve is Latin America's largest wildlife sanctuary, and is located about half way down the Pacific side of the Baja Peninsula. San Ignacio Lagoon is one of only two undeveloped nursery and breeding grounds of the Pacific gray whale worldwide. I've done this trip several times with family, friends, and fellow WMC members, and I choose this particular time of year because the lagoon has 200 or so mama, baby, and juvenile whales that are very interested in and interactive with we humans. This is NOT whale "watching", this is a whale experience in a very remote and rugged area. There are only about a half a dozen outfitter/camps at the edges of this lagoon, some more glumpy than others, and I always go to the same place with the same naturalist <a href="http://www.purebajatravels.com">www.purebajatravels.com</a> (Jose stopped by Salt Lake a couple of years ago on and did a great presentation for the Wasatch Mountain Club). The entire Pure Baja camp is being set aside for our group. I'm still getting pricing information, but the cost is roughly \$4000 per person, plus some travel costs. Send me an email if you're interested in joining, and/or if you'd like more information.</p>
May 1 Fri – May 3 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - La Sal Mountains – msd  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu          We plan to make Mt Mellenthin (12,645 ft) and Mt Laurel (12,279 ft). The distance will be approximately 8 miles with 3057 ft gain from the TH. The TH elevation is approximately 10,020 ft. We plan to have a ski group and a non-ski group. Trip schedule: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) &amp; hike to the campsite (approximately 2.6 miles) for camping on May 1 Friday; climb on May 2 Saturday; and hike back from the campsite &amp; road trip on May 3 Sunday. The schedule may be adjusted depending on the conditions. Some participants may hike out on Saturday. 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 &amp; 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 20 Wed – Jun 3 Wed	<p>Mountaineering - Chearoco &amp; Chachacomani, Bolivia – ext  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <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 \$2,575 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.</p>
May 19 Wed – Jun 3 Thu	<p>Mountaineering - Acohuma &amp; Illampu, Bolivia – ext  <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu          We plan to climb two 6,000m peaks in Bolivia - Acohuma (6,427m/ 2,1086 ft) and Illampu (6,331m/ 20,771ft). We will do acclimatization hikes before climbing those peaks. Illampu is known as "The King of the Mountains" which is one of the hardest climbs in the Andes. We may set a different easier peak for those who do not feel comfortable to climb Illampu. 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. For Illampu, high altitude mountaineering experience (above 18,000 feet) and technical mountaineering experience that involves ice climbing are required. Backpacking experience (especially in winter) 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 \$3,250 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.</p>

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# 50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for November 1975 [...]

NOVEMBER 27-30 Thurs.-Sun.	GRAND GULCH BACKPACK. The Grand Gulch Primitive Area lies just south of Natural Bridges National Monument. The gulch itself is not as spectacular as Escalante or Canyonlands, but contains extensive areas of colorful Anasazi ruins and petroglyphs. The gulch sits on Cedar Mesa at elevations ranging from 5700 feet to 5200 feet. The plan for this trip calls for traversing the gulch from Kane Springs to Collins Springs, a distance of 33 miles. Due to the elevation, this trip might be cancelled in case of extremely bad weather. Register with the leader for details and meeting place. Leader: Elmer Boyd [...]
NOVEMBER 27 Thursday	THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE LODGE. Bring your family, table service, skis, snowshoes, toboggans and thanks to the Lodge again this year. Dinner will be around 4:30 p.m. This is a planned potluck; call Judy Smith [...] to discuss your contribution. Reservations will close Sunday night, November 23rd. Capacity is limited to about 90 people. Lodge open overnight and through the weekend. P.S. Be prepared to reimburse the turkey providers.

## **SUNDIAL September 21 by Larry Swanson**

The twilight hike out from the Sundial climb each fall pretty well finishes off the bigger stuff of the year for all of us. The early fall frost on the trail evaporating in the splash of sunlight made offerings from the watermelon man almost inappropriate. Fall is upon us, and those who passed up Sundial may well have to settle for lesser things until next season.

The climbing was of first order. Two thin intersecting routes quite a bit left of the nose were climbed by Mason-Baty and Gottman-Cole. This is relatively unexplored country and very sustained climbing. A direct line through the summit cap is possible which lessens the congestion on the upper nose. Marsh, Mark and Mark moved to the right for a very difficult F7 route to the scree ledge. Lew and Bob took the classic route straight up the nose in very good style, while George and Mike did the difficult "Pino Solo Direct" just left of the nose. Stevens and Swanson sort of rambled around the face taking pictures and offering encouragement. Being an experience climb, some emphasis was put on what to do and what not to do – forgetting climbing boots at home (leader) was listed as a "not to do."

Sundial is five to eight pitches of F5-F6 with a little F7 and A1 thrown in. The high caliber climbing reflects the Horton-Gottman leadership of the last few years.

Leader: Larry Swanson. Climbers: Marshall Ralph, Mark Ebaugh, Bob Bamford, Audrey Stevens, Lew Hitchner, Bonnie-Jeanne Baty, John Mason, Mike Hendrickson, John Cole, Mark Brabakis, George Westbrook and Watermelon Man. Hikers: Eric Keller and Mike Brown.



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