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Despite their best efforts, the obelisk is still standing! See page 9 for details. Photo by Julie Kilgore.



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There's some serious trail maintenance going on in the Ruby Mountains. See page 7 for the full report.



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Historian's Message

by Debra Frank

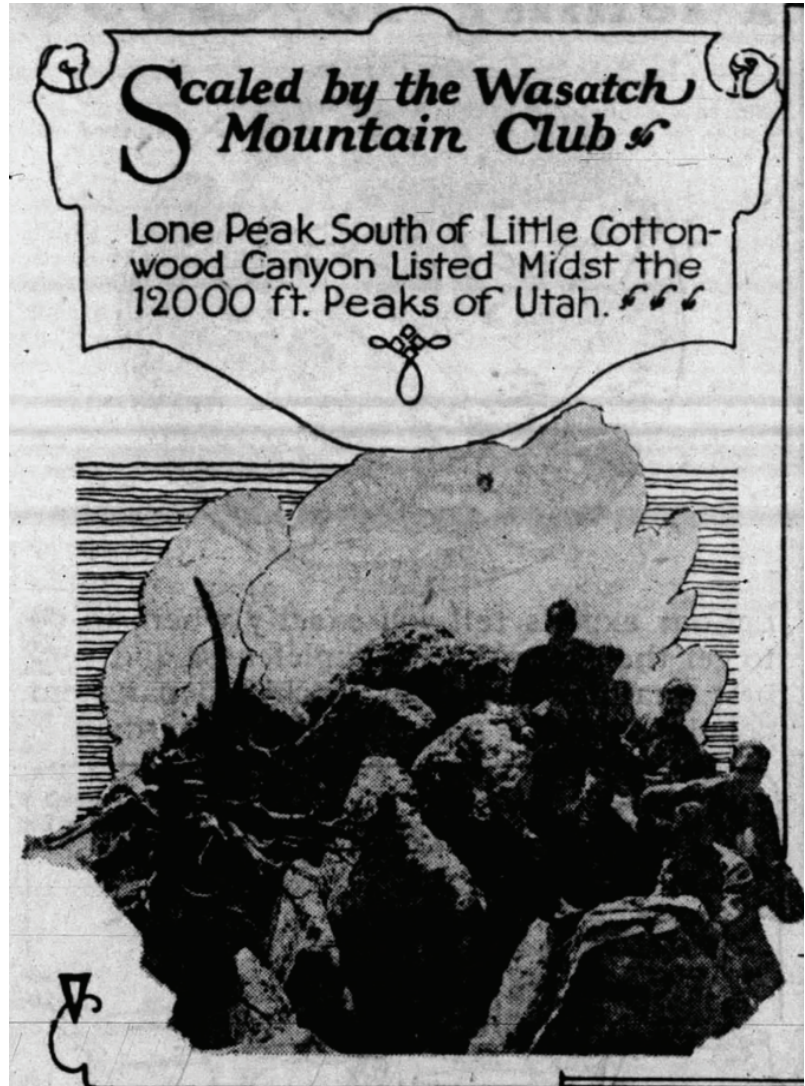
I'm often asked how I found the raw material for *Faint Heart Never Climbed a Mountain*, so I thought it would be fun to walk through the evolution of some of the stories to highlight my sources and to show how I worked in additional club history and context. The 1921 Lone Peak hike comes first in the book, so let's start there.

The Lone Peak story came about when I searched Newspapers.com for the Wasatch Mountain Club. Many of the 389,149 (!) results were mundane items about board member elections and hike announcements, but when I found the 1921 Lone Peak story, "Another Giant of the Wasatch Mountains Scaled by the Wasatch Mountain Club," it was a rare treasure—a detailed account of the 3-day adventure, lavishly illustrated, written by WH Hopkins (a prominent photographer and early club member). I couldn't use the newspaper photos because they are grainy and arranged creatively—overlapping each other and cropped with interesting frames, but they did serve as a key to un-labeled photos I later found in the club archive.

Side note: Newspapers.com is addictive-- often as fascinating for the adjacent news items and advertisements as it is for the stories I'm seeking. The advertisements that ran alongside this story included "Tiz" which did wonders for sore feet, drawing out "all the pain... I can dance half the night and not a twinge." Another ad was for "Mulsified" which came under the headline, Careless Shampooing Spoils the Hair. "Just a few ounces will supply every member of the family for months. Be sure your druggist gives you Mulsified." That begs the question: how often did people wash their hair back then?

But back to Lone Peak. The story ran on Sunday, July 17, 1921, filling a full page (except for the ads) in the Salt Lake Tribune. It supplied the critical details of who went on the trip, including co-founder Leon Stoney, prominent member Einar Lignell, and Ernest Capel, who would later marry Harriet Magdiel, another prominent club member who was not allowed on hikes to Lone Peak until a few years later because it was considered "too rough" for women.

Hopkins' article told how the men got to the trailhead (it was a six-hour (!!)) ride in hired open-backed trucks) and what they carried: food for several meals, blankets, and photography



equipment, adding up to about 40 pounds for each man. He gives a play-by-play of the men's every move: when and how they slept (badly due to the cold on the first night), what they ate—steak, ham, hamburger, eggs and coffee that “tasted like a million dollars”; how they found their way (vague instructions with a small sketch serving as a map supplied by a friend) and what they saw along the way: remnants of a mining camp, waterfalls, glittering city lights when they camped.

As a record straight from the club's second year, it was an extraordinary find, but for the book, it was just a jumping-off point. I used the events of the story to pack in more club history. So, when the men stopped to camp on the first night and Hopkins described the “merry laughter” and “snatches of song,” I added one of the songs they actually sang on such occasions, which I found in the 1923 Rambler.

Hopkins' joyful description of the camaraderie around the campfire was also an opportunity to work in his history with the club. From my research about his life, I knew he ventured into the mountains alone before the club was formed. He occasionally met up with other hikers and soon they arranged to hike together. While the club was officially organized by Leon and Claude Stoney, the Hopkins contingent, including Pa Parry, soon joined them, becoming some of the most active members in the newly-minted club. Although Clarence Parry was not on the Lone Peak hike, this was my opportunity to introduce one of the club's most prominent and influential members in the first story of the book, so I worked in details about him as well.

Then, when the men woke up at 2 am, too cold to sleep, I used that detail to work in another club hike, a notoriously icy trip to Lake Blanche and beyond that took place the previous October, and was described in an October 19, 1920 article in the Salt Lake Tribune. I speculated that Hopkins might have thought about that hike as he lay awake shivering which gave me the opportunity to describe another club adventure, and to work in more club members, including Harriet Magdiel.

The view from the top of Lone Peak when the men summited presented the chance to work in more details from my research on Hopkins, and to give some context. In 1917 Hopkins had accompanied an “automobile enthusiast,” Dolph Andrus as he explored routes to Zion Canyon. Hopkins' photos were taken to Washington DC to lobby for national park status for Zion. This had nothing to do with the Lone Peak story I was telling, but it anchors the hike in 1920's Utah, giving it context.

So, this is how one story came together. There was still a lot more work to do—locating photos and making sure they were high-resolution, sometimes securing permission to use the photos if they came from sources other than the club, assembling footnotes, working and re-working the writing itself, and so on.



Club archive copy of photo that accompanied the Tribune article about the 1921 first ascent of Lone Peak. Pictured: Leon Stoney, Einar Lignell, and Ernest Capel. Photo by WH Hopkins.

WELCOME

New & Returning Members

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Alon Dakik
Amanda Turner
Andrew Ericksen
Andrew Naylor
Anne Jekel
Anthony de Leon
April Holzer
Arshan Appleby
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Autum Wolski
Brandt Wilson
Brett Finklea
Calen Smith & Karen Valcarce
Carolyn Memmott
Cesira & Jon Irish
Cheryl & James Duckworth
Chris & Sophia Sarot
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Christopher DiMeo
Collin Seabourne
Coy Baker
Deepani Jinadasa
Erik OBrien
Gail Newbold
Grant Smith & Michele Stancer
Heather Nielsen
Hunter Waldron
Irina Gushin
Jason Whiteley
Jeni Blanchard
Jeremiah Ward
Jeremy Krug
Julie Montoya
Justine Jedlicka & Dan Carpenter
Kara Rose
Karen & Marc Robins
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Thank You August Activity Organizers!

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

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Activity Reports

Trail Maintenance in Ruby Mountains - July 11-17, 2026

Organized by Zig Sondelski and Rob Jones. Report by Barbara Boehme

Often referred to as the “Swiss Alps of Nevada,” it’s hard to beat the beautiful, glacier-carved Ruby Mountains for hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, or a rigorous, 6-day trail maintenance project. Inspired by prior backpack adventures in the Ruby Mountains, Zig Sondelski and Rob Jones organized a volunteer project with the USFS. Clearing aspens from the trail in the remote Smith Creek drainage meant using a base camp 11 miles from Harrison Pass. Backpacking this distance with sufficient food, camp gear, and tools would be difficult. Much to our delight, the USFS introduced us to the Back Country Horsemen of Nevada (BCHNV). This non-profit volunteer organization



Barbara the horse whisperer

supports volunteer efforts to keep public lands and wilderness trails open for recreational use. As BCHNV lead on our project, Danny Riddle arranged to have packhorse and mule owners transport our gear. Volunteers on this project included two rangers from the USFS, five horsemen/



Riding in

women of the BCHNV, 14 pack horses/mules, and a WMC trail maintenance crew limited to seven volunteers due to a scarcity of campsites and the maximum pack animal load. Four came from the Salt Lake Valley, and three from Flagstaff, AZ.



Is this really Nevada?

The day before we hiked to camp, we met at Danny’s ranch in Ruby Valley where we sorted, packed and weighed the gear to be distributed to our pack animals. Ranger James arrived with tools. Danny provided talented and fun guitar and vocal entertainment. The next day we were up at 4:00AM for final packing, loading the horses/ mules into the trailer, and driving to Harrison Pass at the south end of the Rubies. Ever the opportunist looking to hug a horse, Barbara rode in eight hours with the pack strings. The rest of the team hitched a ride the first four miles to the Green Mountain Trail junction in James’ truck, and hiked the remaining seven miles, taking time to clear trail along the way. The



Wet Camp





A fat rattlesnake

South Fork campsite offered large trees for shade, fresh cold water from Smith Creek, wild flowers, and quiet. The horse packers had a long day, getting back to Harrison Pass at 1:00AM; then loaded up and returned to Danny's ranch. The six days of trail maintenance involved cutting back aspen trees

to widen the trail to an arm's width. We also removed large, fallen trees. The



Storing gear for horse packers

work was 6 days for 7 people working 6 hours per day for 252 hours total. The final two days we hiked 2+ hours each way to arrive at the work location, resulting in 11-hour days. The work was challenging and rewarding with beautiful scenery and an abundance of wildflowers;

especially paintbrush. Rattlesnake sightings kept us alert. We rested and reorganized one day in camp prior to backpacking north towards Lamoille Canyon trailhead. Barbara rode out with the packers. Michael and Dianne got a fast start and completed the hike to Lamoille Canyon in three days. The lake views were well-earned and beautiful. Having camped at 7,000 feet the prior week, they



Michael & Dianne



Before



After

were acclimatized for the 10,000+ foot elevations along the ridgeline trail including Overland Lake Ridge, Wines Peak, and Liberty Pass. Rob, John and Zig were alerted to thunderstorms and opted to trek out on a side trail on the second day rather than hike the Ruby Crest Ridge under threat of lightning and heavy rain. The horse packers' trips involved over 70 miles of trail riding, 2 overnight stays, and 1,200+ miles of driving and transporting stock. A big thanks to the BCHNV for their support! A celebration dinner was enjoyed at O'Carroll's Grill in Lamoille before the return drive to SLC and Flagstaff. Trivia: When designing and maintaining wilderness access, the Forest Service focuses on safety, sustainability, drainage, and signage. It's an interesting read: Trail Maintenance and Construction Notebook.

Hiking Hogums Divide - August 8, 2026

Organized and report by Julie Kilgore

Participants: Keith Markley, Ray Daurelle, Chris Hartnett, Don Tillman, Stephen Higgins, Mina Eisberg, Jennifer Arce, Luke Holder, Brandon Callahan, and Luther Knicely.



Each person helps the one behind

Hogum Divide is the ridge that drops off of Pfeifferhorn and separates Maybird Lakes from Hogum Fork. The high point of the ridge is the infamous Obelisk, which is basically a big boulder that hasn't tipped over yet. The hike into Maybird Lakes was pretty straightforward, though we did need to cross the stream on a couple of logs where the bridge is still out. The group stopped for a snack and the first real look at the ridge that rises above the lakes and the massive boulder field beneath it. Getting to the top of the Hogum Divide didn't look particularly doable from our perch along the shore of the lake. The trick is knowing exactly where to pop out of the boulder field, up a grassy slope, to the specific break in the trees, to just the right scramble that is the most stable approach to the ridge. Then the fun begins!

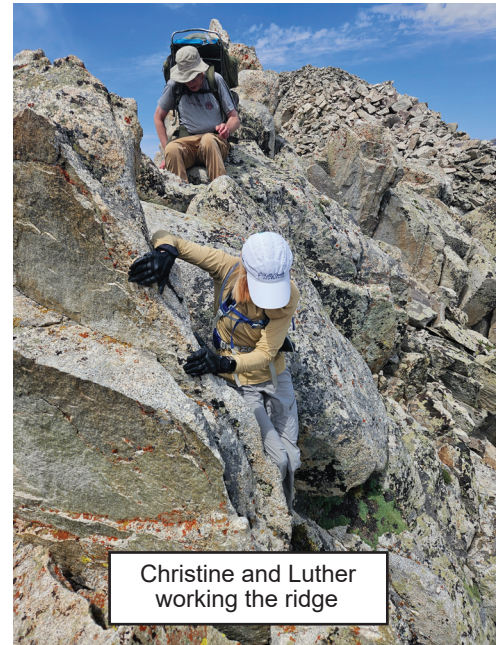
It's a quick few minutes along the ridge to reach the Obelisk, a perfect place to stop for lunch and snap photos of those brave enough to perch themselves on the high point of the ridge. It's a great place to eat and rest while taking in the views and sharing

stories of the Pfeifferhorn, Hogum Fork, South Thunder, North Thunder, the Hypodermic Needle, Coalpit Gulch, and other rugged wild features. You can read many stories about adventures and misadventures in Hogum Fork in the club's Centennial history book "Faint Heart Never Climbed a Mountain," but on this day, there were no mishaps and no explorations. Just a group of adventurers who wanted to play around on some fun scrambling that includes the

obelisk, a few spires to get around, a couple of awkward drops, and a small knife-edge to step across.

Four of our more adventurous participants continued along a few more spicy sections of the ridge, just for a little more fun! Eventually, we all had to drop off the ridge, which is the only unpleasant part of the day. It's steep, it's dusty, the rocks move, and the footing a bit precarious. It was a relief to get back into the boulders, back to the lakes then back on to a regular trail.

Hogum Divide is not a particularly long adventure, but between the route-finding, boulder hopping, scrambling, exposure, spectacular views, and the Obelisk itself, it packs plenty of fun into a relatively small stretch of ridge.



Christine and Luther working the ridge



Mina and Brandon add a little more spice



Taking in the views from Hogum Divide

Trail Running Kings Peak - August 8, 2026

Organized and report by Kerry Regan

Participants: Kerry R, Matt P, Michelle M, May R, Kiki M, Jorge T, Caroline P, Matt M, Christoph H, Eric W

Kings Peak from Henry's Fork is a classic Utah trail running route and a rite of passage for Utah trail runners. With its sweeping meadows and rugged terrain, it is a trail runner's dream! A group of 10 of us decided to give it a go. We arrived at the trailhead Friday evening, and after a brief dinner around a propane fire

(thanks to May, since campfires were banned), we got to bed early for a 3:00 am wake up. By 4:00 am we were on the trail, running through the dark. We passed a handful of other hikers and runners before reaching Henry's Fork Basin, where we could finally put away our headlamps. For much of the morning we leapfrogged with another runner, a man named Kevin, who we basically absorbed into our group. After a few short breaks, we made it to Gunsight Pass and dropped into Painter Basin. The summit push slowed as most of us felt the elevation between 12,000 and 13,000 feet. By 9:30 am all 10 of us were standing on the top. The weather cooperated and most of the smoke that had plagued the area earlier in the week had cleared out. We took in the views, snapped some photos, and started back down. On the way, we saw Kevin and cheered him on as he too made it to the summit (he later emailed me and is planning to join us on more runs). The way back from Kings Peak is always a slog, and this day was no exception. We stopped for water more

than once and ate as much as we could, but a few of us fought some stomach issues from the elevation. Following Caroline's questionable advice, Kiki and Jorge each ate an entire Nuun tablet for electrolytes and proceeded to burp their way down the trail.

Although it was a hard run back to the cars, all of us made it back before 3:00 pm. We all stopped at the trailhead for some much needed food and cold drinks before we drove back to Salt Lake City, glad to have made it to the top of Utah's highest peak in a day.



Rock Climbing in Squamish, BC - August 8-16, 2026

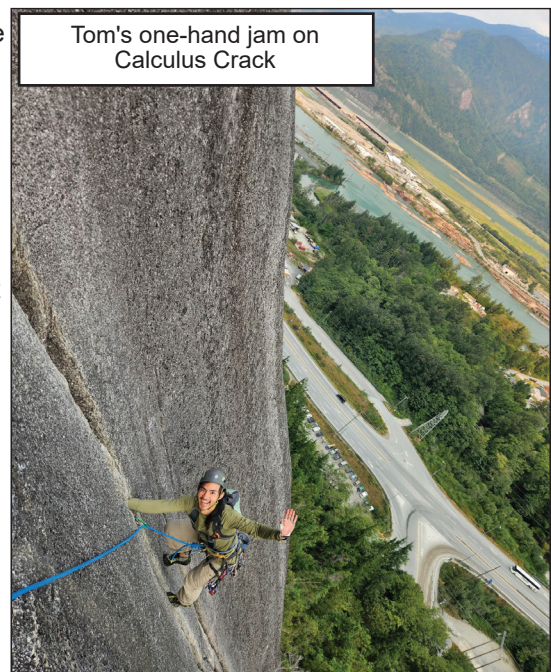
Organized and report by Bryan Mason

I traveled light this time, sent my camping stuff up with Paul and had Tim check a bag for me. It was 95 degrees outside and I ate dinner by the fireplace in the Delta lounge, all thanks to Tim. Then our flight got delayed an hour, and once we finally boarded, we sat on the runway for another hour because the plane was too heavy to take off. Should have sent more stuff with Paul.



Gail getting swallowed up by a crack (SOS)

Gail was a last minute add and filled up the rest of the space in Paul's truck. They picked up Tom in Seattle and headed for the border, where Paul realized he'd forgotten his passport at home and had to call a locksmith to get it out of his safe. Steph flew it up to Vancouver and Gail



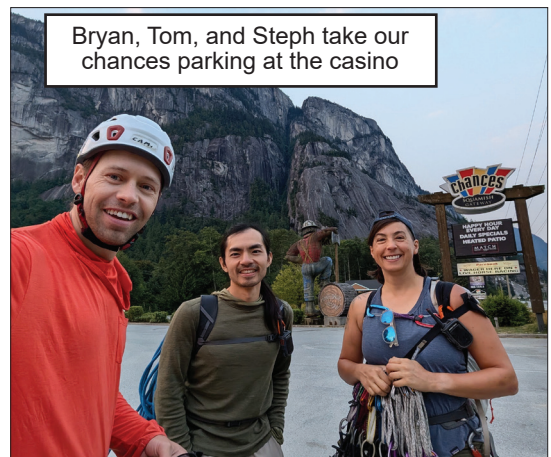
Tom's one-hand jam on Calculus Crack

smuggled Paul into Canada after midnight. Gail and Tom had to drop all the gear off at camp first, since she needed the space in the truck to get Tali and Steph at the airport. Tom stayed behind to guard the pile against the wood rats while Gail did the airport run. When Matt flew into Vancouver, we just told him he was riding with us without filling him in on any of it.

Turns out Tom had the right idea guarding the gear, the camp host



Tom leading Klahanie Crack



Bryan, Tom, and Steph take our chances parking at the casino



Gail bleeding at Malamute

confirmed the wood rats would eat anything we left in our tents. She also warned us about bears that turned out to be entirely made up, which meant we spent the trip either hiding the cooler behind a tent or hauling the whole thing all the way to Tim's luxury cabin. Somewhere in there a raccoon we named Fredward moved into Paul's truck overnight after



Tom the Malamute. Ya gotta trust that rope!



Tim with the longest arms on Butt Lite

someone left a window down in the rain, and ate through our snacks.

Gail showed up with six kinds of hummus and a bunch of wine bottles to go with the box wine and Oreos we already had. Steph dropped her phone while peeing and it slid down



Tim traversing Indra's Net

a pretty treacherous slope right before we hopped on Spirit of Squamish, the most popular 8 pitch route around. She didn't get it back until after we finished the whole climb, when she and Tali built a high angle rescue system to retrieve it.

On that same first day, Tom somehow ended up with an extra blue .3 cam that he must have swiped off one of the parties climbing next to us. After that we were pretty leery about lending him any of our own gear.

Tali and I made Japanese curry for everyone, though my food always ended up in whatever car wasn't at camp that day. I spilled half the onions on the ground, which the wood rats were probably thrilled about. Gail was a good sport even though nobody told her to bring crack gloves, she got swallowed up by a wide crack while I dragged her



We all made it up Spirit of Squamish



Posing as Power Rangers during our rainy day hike

up Spirit of Squamish.

Tim and I climbed the Chief, 17 pitches before noon. Steph and Tom did Calculus Crack and part of Long Time No See. Tom did great leading Indra's Net, which sits directly above a glacier blue river.



Hiking Bullion Divide - August 9, 2026

Organized and report by Brad Yates "Do the Book; Live the Legacy" Reflection by Deb Frank

Participants: Eve Kovacs, Mark Maier, Andrew Stiff, Luke Holder and myself, Brad Yates.

It had been a while since I'd done the Bullion Divide hike and even longer since I'd organized it. My first Bullion Divide experience was led by Tom Walsh in August 1994. Below is Tom's original posting:

Aug 14 Sun HIKE: BULLION DIVIDE Starting at White Pine Lake, this 11 mile hike goes to Albion Basin on a Little Cottonwood Canyon ridge run over 8 peaks more than 11,000' high (actually, one peak is a mere 10,992'). This is the only hike in the Wasatch with coin-op vending machines available at midpoint. Comes with scrambling, exposure and total altitude gain of 6,300'. Call Tom Walsh (969-5842) to register. Rating is estimated at 10.9.

I was a mere 30 at the time and damn fast. Some would say I have not slowed much; to the contrary I have lost many a step. This year's version started with five—two young guns, and three of us over 60. It would turn out to be a balancing act of keeping the youngsters in check and the elders in sight.

The weather forecast that day called for a chance of afternoon thunderstorms, as did the forecast for the 1994 outing. We started out with a few sprinkles followed by clearing skies. The summer flowers were still out in splendor though just starting to fade. We hiked the trail to the base of Red Baldy, a half-mile short of White Pine Lake. From there



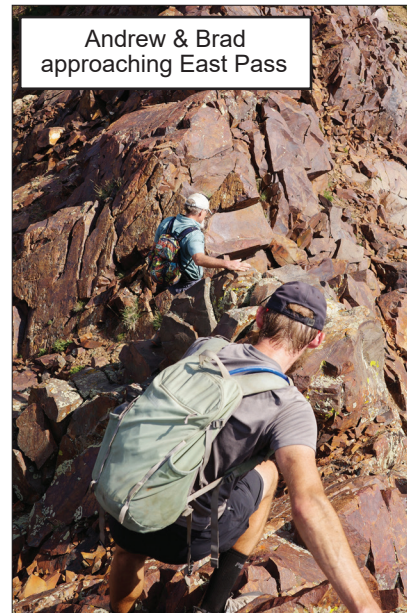
Red Baldy Summit: Mark, Eve, Luke & Andrew

we climbed directly up the slope to the east summit of Red Baldy. The scree and boulders were laced with outstanding wildflowers mixing with views of the Pfeifferhorn, North Thunder, and Lake Peak. It soon became apparent that the group would be moving at two distinct paces. Young Andrew and Luke sprinted ahead with me chasing while keeping an eye

on Eve and Mark's progress. The front group reached the top of Red Baldy well ahead of the others, so I sent Andrew and Luke west to a slightly lower summit to burn off some energy while I waited for the others. Soon we were all back together on the main east summit ready to begin the treacherous descent to East Pass, one of two cruxes of the day. The ridge is loose with class 3 scrambling and requires careful route finding and proper group dynamics—



Pfeifferhorn and Flowers



Andrew & Brad approaching East Pass

View from Red Baldy. All the points would be climbed, plus another three



rockfall is common and spacing essential. We regrouped at East Pass at the base of Red Top and, upon discussion, agreed the speedsters would go ahead to the top of the American Fork Twins and then bag the sub peak to the south that I named the Bastard



White Pine Lake while climbing Red Baldy

Son decades ago. Those of us in the front group were quickly atop Red Top, but I couldn't see Eve and Mark, so I slacked my pace and let the boys go ahead toward the Twins. When the other two came in sight I decided to chase the youngsters to the Bastard Son, and then wait for them on the East Twin. By the time Luke, Andrew and I got back from the side excursion Mark and Eve had reached the east summit. Skies were beginning to look a bit threatening, but so far no action nearby. Yet it had only been a few weeks since someone died of a lightning strike near our position, so attention needed to be paid. We descended toward Snowbird and Hidden Peak over the next crux section, a loose downhill followed by a fun (though a bit tedious) scramble. Andrew flew across this section getting well ahead of Luke and I, while the other two progressed slowly. We regrouped at the top of the Snowbird tram to have lunch while waiting for Eve and Mark. I figured I might as well enjoy the luxuries at hand—clean bathrooms, and a giant hot pretzel and a cold brew for lunch! Pricy though. Eve and Mark joined us as we were finishing our lunch and decided to take the tram down. With two more peaks to go, skies were starting to look a bit more intimidating at this point but no storms were close or imminent. Luke, Andrew and I decided to take it one peak at a time since there were available escape routes. Up Baldy, looking good, down to the top of the Supreme and Baldy lifts we went.

When we arrived at this location in 1994 the skies were very threatening, yet two women in the group were determined to climb Sugarloaf to complete the planned itinerary. None of the testosterone-laden men in the group were about to back down due to this, so off we went—the skies growing more threatening as we climbed. Within a minute of my crossing the summit, lightning struck the ridgeline splitting our group asunder. Those who had yet to summit fled west; those who had already summited, went east; a few including Mike Budig and Kiara Montrose went down a nasty chute.



Brad Yates having lunch at the Snowbird Tram

Back to 2026. Skies were not quite as threatening, though build-up was occurring to the west, so we decided to make a go of it. I was a bit apprehensive and tired, but up and over the summit we went to the Devil's Castle Divide, and then down to the hoards at Cecret Lake. Just after we descended past Alf's at Alta, we would hear the rumble of thunder, relieved that we had dodged the bolts.

A "Do the Book; Live the Legacy" Note by Deb Frank

Bullion Divide is featured in *Faint Heart Never Climbed a Mountain* in the *Hard Hikes* chapter. Bravado is a well-known characteristic of the Wasatch Mountain Club, and Bullion, with

its eight towering peaks, does not disappoint. It ranks as Julie Kilgore's favorite. In the book, Ray Daurelle leads it twice—one on a sunny, blue-sky day, and another in treacherous, icy conditions. Brad himself provides historical context within his trip report, recounting his first experience of the hike thirty years ago, a nice touch!



Climbing Grand Teton in a Day- August 14, 2026

Organized and report by Nathan Chaffee

Participants: Dalton J, Eric L, Eric W, Kelsey P, Madie K, Nathan C, Tizzy VH

Hot on the tails of July's three-day trip up the Grand Teton, seven WMC climbers would leave the tents at home and go all-in on a car-to-car attempt of the iconic peak. By the numbers, a trip up the Grand by one of the two standard routes makes for a 13+ mile and 7000-ft elevation day, with several hundred feet of technical climbing needed to reach the summit from any angle. Beyond the numbers you're considering logistics, weather, team composition, and all manner of other factors that have to align in your favor, many of which you only learn about once you're up there.

In contrast to the July trip, on which we enjoyed three days of clear skies, we rolled into GTNP under storms, hail, and an iffy yet optimistic weather forecast. One of the best ways to succeed in the mountains is to choose your day - a flexibility offered by three nights in the AAC climber's ranch. For most, night one didn't even happen due to the weather, with several folks driving up on Friday - a day later than scheduled. By then, Sunday was looking to be our Hail Mary, and we locked Saturday in for a modest day of multi-pitch climbing on the Guides' Wall of Cascade Canyon.

A short boat ride and a slightly less-short hike put us at the base of the granite wall that makes up the North side of Cascade Canyon and the South side of Symmetry Spire. As we were gearing up, we were treated to a dance of clouds across the canyon - a silver lining, knowing storms were likely on their way in the afternoon. A team of three ahead of us cleared their first pitch, and we got right down to business with our small army of club members. The first few pitches proved an opportune chance for the parties to further familiarize with each other, a process which had already been playing out for several weeks, as well as familiarizing ourselves with Teton granite.

Those of us on the Tetons trips last year joked about the Club's tradition in the Tetons - that is, getting stormed off on exactly the fourth pitch. With prophetic precision, storms would inundate the canyon at the same exact spot as last year's outing on Guides' Wall, chasing all ten climbers (7 of us, plus 3 others) off the wall in a collaborative and largely uneventful bail effort. By the time we got back to the Jenny Lake ferry the skies were, par for the course, blue again! Following the tactical retreat, we enjoyed a chill evening in town before heading back to the ranch. Perusing

the wares at Teton Mountaineering, Nathan bet Eric one dollar that he couldn't place a #14 Wild Country stopper, roughly equivalent to a #3 cam, on the Grand. Challenge accepted!

3:00 AM came early as always. A slam of instant coffee and a short drive to Lupine Meadows kicked off the push. We made good time up into Garnet Canyon and to the Meadows, the easiest parts of the hike. From there, a 1600-foot slog to the



Sunrise illuminates a foggy Teton Valley

moraines treated us to a beautiful sunrise over the fog-laden valley below. A bounce up the headwall and a short stop to refuel at the Lower Saddle, 5000 feet above our starting point, and we were back on our way. Unfortunately,



Kelsey experienced altitude-related issues above the Lower Saddle and chose to stay behind.

A thousand feet above the Lower Saddle is, you guessed it, the Upper Saddle. This marks the start of technical climbing on the Owen Spalding route, with an airy traverse across the Belly Roll and The Crawl, up into the Double Chimneys that deposit one at the base of the Owen Chimney. Eric W. and Tizzy went first and quickly pulled away from the main group - barely slotting in front of several other parties as they arrived. The rest of us patiently waited in the shade, wind, and cold for almost an hour. Amidst the boredom, Nathan had bet Eric L. another dollar that he wouldn't climb the Belly Roll in sandals. Dalton, also feeling sporty, upped the ante

another dollar on Eric. Challenge accepted! Soon an opening in the line presented itself, Nathan and Eric L. blasted two pitches across a much slower party's line, Madie and Dalton following closely behind.



Eric W. follows the Owen Chimney crux in proper alpine conditions

The next obstacle presented itself at the base of the Owen Chimney. Here, climbers have the option of bypassing the 5.4 crux by walking across the Catwalk up to Sargents Chimney - but a solo climber advised the Catwalk was impossibly iced up with verglas (Note - a fall on the otherwise trivial Catwalk slabs can lead to a several thousand foot fall into Valhalla Canyon below). The Owen Chimney wasn't far off of



The Upper Saddle - where fast and light means hurry up and wait



Eric L. showcases his trademark "sendos" on the Belly Crawl

that, and the route's "only 5.4" reputation shifted focus into an excellent alpine adventure as we finessed our way through a high-angle mix of ice, water, and rock. The remaining climb up Sargents Chimney and the summit slabs went by uneventfully, save for Eric finding a coveted placement for the #14 stopper.

The summit is where things got even more interesting. Not only did Eric arrive \$3 richer and still in his trademark sandals, but also



Nathan belays Dalton and Madie up the Owen Chimney



a local baker and climber had packed an entire cake to the top! The scratch-made construction of raspberries, buttermilk, and chocolate would have been delicious in town, but tee up a group of hungry climbers summiting at nearly 14k feet, and we were in heaven. Props to Windy Woman Cakes of Jackson for the flawless carry and the generous summit sugar bump!

Our bellies full and hearts content, we began our descent. At the main rappel, we ran into several



Eric W. enjoys a slice of summit cake

solo climbers who had come up the Upper Exum. Without ropes or harnesses, and faced with the aforementioned ice rink that was the Catwalk, they found themselves in a proverbial pickle. Understanding this, we lent our equipment and shuttled harnesses to help get them down to the Upper Saddle. The descent from there was uneventful until we strolled into the trailhead some seventeen hours after we started - beating last year's time by fifteen minutes! The fun wasn't yet over; several of us settled into the long haul through the night to make work commitments in SLC on Monday.



A summit well-earned!



Setting up the main rappel



One last look before heading down



Post-climb, mid-storm - Inspiration Point



Hiking Honeycomb Cliffs via Fantasy Ridge - Aug. 14, 2026

Organized by Jim Kucera. Report by Da Yang Wipfelnk

We started from the Silver Lake trail (Brighton). From there, it was not a very long hike with only about 1750' elevation gain, so we could afford a slower pace. The ridge itself offered some scrambling with the option to make it easier by using the steel cables and rungs. It was a wonderful day hike! Thanks Jim for your patience and slower pace! We loved it!!



Fitness Den Trail Work - August 30, 2026

Organized and report by Wasley Warne

A total of 17 members of the Utah Ice & Mixed Climbing community showed up to the Fitness Den on Sunday 8/30 and installed over 50' of retaining walls (2x12s) and moved over a ton of rock! 3 WMC members attended, and stuck around to get a few laps in afterwards.



Training for the WURL - August 15, 2026

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard

Participants: Frank B, Kerry R, Eric H, Chris M, Joslin H, Jimmy S, Eileen T, and Ray D.

The Wasatch Ultimate Ridge Linkup: An insane circumnavigation of Little Cottonwood canyon packing a ridiculous amount of mileage and vertical gain. Even among the fierce mountaineers of the WMC, few are prepared for this Herculean feat. But I wanted to see what we could do.

After posting, I immediately got some gung-ho, hardy hikers convinced they were going to conquer the full route. As the date got closer, enthusiasm turned to nervousness and everyone admitted they were only going to cover a section. The purpose of the activity was not so much to do the whole WURL but rather to set a baseline for future attempts. Plus, club policy technically does not allow class-5 unroped climbing, so the seven of us started at Cardiff Pass at 5 am, skipping the first ten rugged miles.

That still left many, many hours of some of the Wasatch's most crushing terrain. We scrambled, boulder-hopped, smeared, and stemmed along jagged rocks surrounded by endless spectacular views.



Ray and his crew of four met up with us late morning and accompanied the group through the toughest section of Devil's Castle. At Hidden Peak, we met up with my parents who took the Snowbird Tram up to deliver a critical resupply. At that point, most of the group ended their hike with a free tram ride down.



Three of us (myself, Kerry, and Eric) continued on. We got through most of the Bullion Divide before descending into White Pine basin just past Red Baldy and hiking the trail down under the setting sun. We covered 20 miles and 9,000 feet of vertical gain over 15 hours. My goal is to return and get farther next year.



Trail Running Hidden Peaks - August 18, 2026

Organized and report by Kerry Regan

Participants: Reid G, Matt M, Caroline P, Kerry R

Four of us met at Snowbird after work for a round of Hidden Peak repeats, with a plan to hit the summit twice. We started up via Cirque Ridge, the same route used by the Cirque Series and Speedgoat 30K. It was hot, and with all of us coming off a full work day, it was a slog to the top. Still, we made steady progress and summited with enough time for a second lap.

After a gondola ride down, we started back up, this time via Chip's Switchbacks, moving a bit slower than the first lap. About 900 feet below the summit, the light started going, and with most of the group without headlamps, we made the easy call to turn around rather than chase the second summit in the dark.

The descent back to the cars was easy compared to the climbs, and we enjoyed the faster pace, spotting several deer along the way. By the time we got back to the cars, we'd covered about 9.5 miles and 5,500 feet of gain.



Rafting Green River A & B - August 21, 2026

Organized and report by Mike Rush

The forecast said rain. The skies said rain. Friday night, we were pretty sure we were going to get rained on. Instead, Flaming Gorge gave us two days of sunshine.



A+B Section runners (Brad, Renee, Chris, Greg, Jared, Alice, Frank, Bret & Irene)

Saturday morning, two groups put into the Green River around 8:30 AM. Brad, Greg, Frank, Chris, Bret, Irene, Alice, Renee, and Jared headed downstream for the A+B sections, while Mike, Madison, Bob, Marilyn, Alice, and Kristian ran Section A. We had a mix of inflatable kayaks and hard-shell kayaks, with Jared choosing the most adventurous option of the day: a stand-up-paddleboard (SUP). We launched under dark storm clouds that looked ready to open up on us at any moment. Instead, the clouds parted, the sun came out, and we ended up with an absolutely beautiful day. We enjoyed sunny skies, temperatures around 80 degrees and wonderfully cold river water. The Green was running around 2,000 CFS, making for a fast and fun run. The A+B group covered the river in roughly 4-5 hours, considerably faster than the expected 5-8 hours despite the headwinds. Jared provided plenty of

entertainment on the SUP, putting on some impressive acrobatics and swimming only a few times as he worked his way through the rapids. Kristian, a newer WMC member who had never run rapids before, did an excellent job navigating Section A and handled the river like a pro.

Sunday morning brought more of the same. After another night of rain and threatening storm clouds, the crew was back on the water around 8:30 AM. Once again, the clouds gave way to sunshine, giving us another warm, beautiful day on the river with cool water and good rapids.

Overall, it was a fantastic Flaming Gorge weekend: fun people, great rapids, fast water, and surprisingly good weather. Brad even managed to capture an amazing photo of an osprey grabbing a fish right out of the Green.

A special thanks to Bret, Brad, Chris, and Nate (Alice's



Brad Yates



Jared on the SUP

husband) for handling the shuttles. Those behind-the-scenes logistics are what make trips like this run so smoothly - much appreciated!

Great weekend on the Green-I'd call that a win over the forecast!



Hiking Mt Superior & Monte Cristo - Aug 23, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Ten hikers, including two new members, had a wonderful time bagging Mt Superior and Monte Cristo in Little Cottonwood Canyon near Alta. The weather was nice. We took the standard route from Alta. We did some easy class 3 scrambling on the way up but mostly took the trail on the way down. While there were lots of cars at the parking lot, we did not see many other hikers. It was not a long hike, but we enjoyed our little adventure.



Ridgeline to Mt Superior



Summit of Monte Cristo. Front L-R: Heidi, Bob, Elise & Akiko.
Back L-R: Mary, JD, Caroline, Blake, Lexi & Mark



Descending. From front – JD, Caroline, Elise, Bob & Heidi.



Descending from Monte Cristo



Teton/Yellowstone Car Camping - Aug. 23-Sep. 2, 2026

Organized and report by Michael & Dianne Budig

Trip Participants (for some or all of the camping trip): Julie Kilgore, John & Martha Veranth, Greg Clark, Constance Modrow, Beth Blattenberger, Bob Grant, Marilyn Smith, Aditi Vashist, John Gould, Amy, Martin & Kelly Beumer, Annette McMullen, Don Droubay, Roy Youngblood, Lyn Bohs, John Porcher, Donnie & Dave Benson



Grandview Hike in the Tetons



Trapper Lake in the Tetons



Aditi Vashist, Julie Kilgore, Beth Blattenberger, Martin Beumer, Kelly Beumer, Annette McMullin, Michael Budig, Constance Modrow at Grebe Lake. Photo by Dianne Budig

Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks are incredible places for car camping, day hiking and rafting. Both have fantastic campgrounds. The best time to visit starts in mid-August, after mosquitoes begin to thin out and tourism peak starts to wane as children return to school. The key is to obtain campground reservations, which can be made 6 months earlier. So, to secure campsites early, I post the trip on the WMC website and in the Rambler in February and notify anyone I think is interested.

This year, we spent 3 nights at Colter Bay

in the Tetons, 4 nights at Canyon Village, and the last 3 nights at Madison in Yellowstone. Some people came for the entire 10 nights of camping while others



Mammoth Terraces near end of Sepulcher Mountain hike

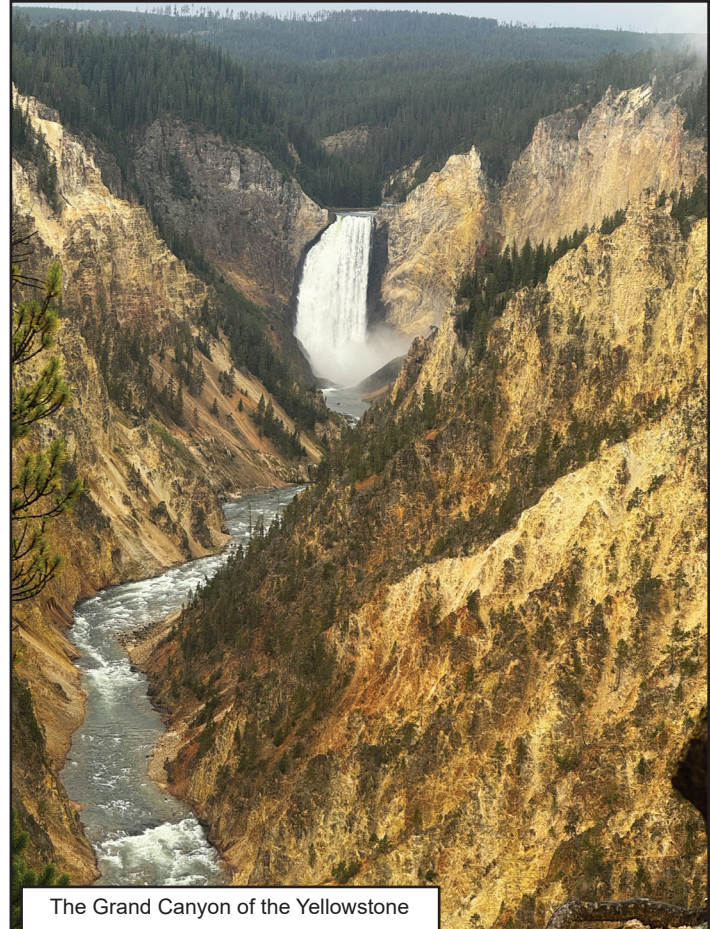


Dianne Budig and Julie Kilgore crossing bridge which needs some maintenance over Nez Perce Creek



View of Electric Peak from
Sepulcher Mountain

joined us at only 1 or 2 of the campsites. We have happy hours each night where we make and discuss plans for the next day. So, on this trip we had some people (the Beumers, the Bensons and Gretchen Siegler) rafting the Snake River in GTNP while the rest of us were hiking and bird watching. Notable hikes in the Tetons were the Two Ocean Lake-Grandview Point and the hike from String Lake to Leigh, Trapper and Bearpaw Lakes. Both hikes provided



The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone

outstanding views of the Tetons and few people on the trails, once we got a few miles into the backcountry.

In Yellowstone, the standout hikes were the South Rim trail of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, the Sepulcher Mountain loop and the Mary Mtn Trail.

The key to dealing with the crowds is an early start, especially for the more popular trails. For the Mary Mountain Trail, we had to drop off a shuttle vehicle at dawn then drive about 30 miles to the trailhead for a hike that took us about 10 hours. Mary Mountain is a rarely used trail in very remote bear country; no camping is allowed anywhere. We saw no one else on the trail until we encountered someone near the end who was just hiking a short segment. Apparently it's not a good place if you're a bison.

Sepulcher Mountain is a fantastic hike that I only recently learned about. It starts and finishes near Mammoth Hot Springs and offers a great view of the destination of my upcoming September backpack featuring Electric Peak. Six of us enjoyed this trek. It is one I expect to repeat in future years.

Aug 14th dead bison
2 miles into trail next
to path.

It has been eaten but
the smell will attract
animals

Potentially Very dangerous

Bring Bear Spray & hike in
groups

Warning notice at start of Mary Lake Trail



Old bison skull on Mary Lake Trail



New bison skull on Mary Lake Trail



A living bison at Mary Lake
wondering where all his friends went

WMC Run Week - August 23 - 30, 2026

Organized and report by Kerry Regan

From August 24 through August 30, the Wasatch Mountain Club held its first ever Run Week where we had seven straight days of running events for every level. The response exceeded expectations, and it's clear that this event will become an annual tradition.



Sugar House Park Ice Cream Run:
Mack, Reid, Chase, Caroline, and Matt



Solitude: Kiki, Matt, Caroline, and Jorge



Solitude: Caroline & Matt

Each day brought something different. Beginner-friendly runs gave newer runners a low-pressure way to check the group out, while harder, long runs and mountain runs pushed the more seasoned runners in the group. We also kept our usual weekly Wednesday evening run, which was well attended as always. There was even an ice cream social offered, where we ran to a local ice cream shop to stave off the heat.

On Friday evening, we had a celebratory social, which turned out to be one of the highlights with close to 20 people coming out to share their stories from the trails and enjoy some food and drinks. Unfortunately, rain and lightning forced us to cancel Saturday's runs. On Sunday, several runners braved the gaps between thunderstorms to complete the Alta-Brighton loop and several even tacked on a few extra miles afterward.

One of our runners deserves special recognition. Caroline Pickett attended an event every single day. That commitment earned her a prize!

Thanks to everyone that ran, and a special thanks to all who organized. None of this would happen without the members who are willing to step up, plan a route, and organize a run. Run week was a success because of all of you!

If you missed this year's Run Week, no need to worry as we are making this an annual tradition!



Wednesday night weekly group run
at the LCC Temple Quarry trail.



Runners on the Alta-Brighton loop



Runners at the post-run social

Hiking the Tobacco Root Mountains - August 27-30, 2026

Organized and report by Dennis Goreham

The Tobacco Root Mountains are located in the heart of the Beaverhead – Deerlodge National Forest in southwest Montana. The drive is about 400 miles each way from SLC. Five of us made the trip. Jim Kucera, Oliver Goldberg- Seder, Dain Smoland, Matt Goreham, and Dennis Goreham.

We were able to snag 2 of the 3 lakeside campsites at the Branham Lakes campground. From there, many peaks are doable as day hikes. Normally, you can string together 3 or 4 peaks in a loop from camp, but with rain part of every day, we were only able to do 2 at a time. After a lightning scare the first day, we were playing it safe. Luckily, we got in some other lower hikes too.



Dennis, Matt & Jim in Tobacco Root Mtns



Hiking down to Lady of the Lakes



Dain, Matt & Jim pondering over mushrooms

We ended up hiking West Branham Peak (10,292), Peak 9926, Mount Bradley (10,367), and Lady of the Lakes Peak (10,218). These hikes were only 5 - 6 miles each with elevation gain about 1500 - 2500 ft. Mostly off-trail hiking with some scrambling.

Because of the weather, we also spent time foraging for wild mushrooms including hawk's wing and king bolete (aka porcini) mushrooms with Dain's expert help. These added a gourmet quality to Friday's supper before more rain hit.

This was a fantastic trip in a secluded range. With over 40 peaks over 10,000 feet in the Tobacco Roots, we hope to go back and do many more.



Jim, Dain & Matt on Mt. Bradley



Matt, Dennis, Oliver & Jim in Camp

Exploring Timpanogos Cave - August 29, 2026

Organized and report by Jack Cook

I battled old man farts, hairspray, and missed bus connections to bring you this trip report.

Total Cost: \$53 Uber: \$41 Cave: \$12 Frontrunner: Have monthly pass. Point of Origin: Ogden, UT

Cool Factor: 5/5. Difficulty: 3/5. Technical: 1/5.

Tips:

- They have 8 extra slots at the 5 PM time
- You have an hour and a half from the time on your ticket to make it to the cave
- There are bathrooms at the top of the mountain

8/28 10:00 PM — My parents call me. I talk to my mom and dad on the porch, in the rocking chair, watching the lightning light up the Wasatch range. I think: My partner canceled, the girl who said she would come went silent, and I really didn't want to go to this cave. I check my email. WMC has emailed me and asked for a trip report. Dang, I guess I'm going to the cave tomorrow.

8/29 6:40 AM — I get up. It's raining crab apples, and there is a lightning storm. I shower and decide I'm not going to Swinging Bridge; I'll get on the 12:08 PM train and just do the cave.

9:00 AM — I find all my rain gear and get my food together.

12:08 PM — I make the train, and I think I should have gotten something else at Walmart. I've forgotten my water. I attempt to compliment a girl's nails. She blows me off.

1:08 PM — I talk to another girl who was confused about the train direction. I help her out, but it fizzles.



1:45 PM — I discover the 850 bus doesn't run on weekends. I have to make an audible. I decide to get off at Lehi instead of American Fork to get water, and take an Uber from Walmart to the visitor center.

1:50 PM — I deboard the Frontrunner and get on the bus to Walmart. Two bus drivers are chatting with each other, and there's a girl on the bus spraying her hair with hairspray. It stinks up the whole bus, and the drivers do nothing about it.

2:30 PM — I get my water and a pack of precooked hot dogs. I fill my Nalgene in front of the Walmart and cave-man these hot dogs. I call the Uber.

3:00 PM — I get to the visitor center. I'm down, because I think I'm late and feel like nothing is going right today.

3:10 PM — The ranger says I'm early — I have an hour and a half from the time

on my ticket to get to the cave (my ticket said 3:15 PM). I set off on the trail, which is steeper than I thought.

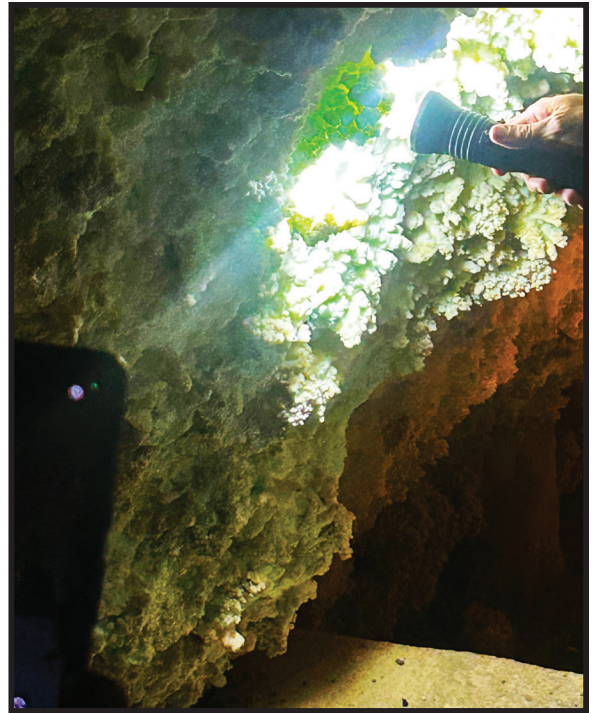
4:15 PM — I arrive at the cave. I go up to the ranger, and there's an 80-year-old grandma crying — she says it's her birthday. The ranger says he can accommodate 8 of her party, but he doesn't know if he can take all 15 in her party. The weather was beautiful going up, but by the time I got to the top, a squall rolled in and started dumping crab apples again, with lightning. The tour guide says, let's go into the cave.





4:30 PM — We see a small brown bat asleep. There are three caves in the system. The tour guide says the first cave has been used heavily by people and is heavily altered because of it. I say I don't see much graffiti

or bullet holes in this cave. The tour guide points out some light graffiti and mentions there are bullet marks, but doesn't point them out directly. I've been to a fair number of caves in Texas, and almost every cave there has graffiti and bullet holes. In Texas, graffiti is considered the original Facebook wall. We go into the second cave. The woman in front of me says "Ow, my shoulder," and I think maybe I should slow down. Then I ram my own head into a stalactite. The tour guide points out a helictite, a stalactite that grows twisted. This is supposedly the best cave on the planet for helictites.



Then he lights up the cave — this is one of only ten caves in the world that turns green, and the only walking cave on Earth. The rest you have to rappel down to reach. He also points out the purple stalactites and the blue stalactites. Then we come to the Heart of the Mountain, a massive stalagmite.



5:00 PM — We exit the cave. The squall has moved on but is still spitting rain. I grab my stuff from the upper locker and start down the mountain. There's a group of about 15 kids heading down, and they're obnoxious. When one starts running, they all start running. The dad yells "No running!" Then, after they stop, he says "We're trying to beat the rain!"

6:30 PM — I call the Uber and think I'll make the 7:15 PM Frontrunner home.

6:45 PM — I'm trying to find the Uber, but it dropped my pin on the other side of the mountain. I have to cancel.

7:30 PM — Someone finally answers the Uber to come get me down the mountain. I breathe a sigh of relief.

7:45 PM — It starts spitting crab apples again, with more lightning.

8:00 PM — I get dropped off at the Frontrunner station.

8:05 PM — An LDS girl starts chatting me up. She invites me to her ward in South Jordan on Sunday.

8:15 PM — I catch the train home and get the only table with a working outlet. Things are looking up.

8:30 PM — An old man boards the train and starts stinking it up with old-man farts. I didn't want to give up this primo seat, but my nose was assaulted from Draper station all the way to Ogden.

10:15 PM — I de-board the train and make it home. So overall a good day. Tomorrow: Ward meeting?



Do-the-Book; Live the Legacy Commentary by Deb Frank

Timpanogos Cave is significant in our club's history because members played an important role in its preservation. First, they helped locate it when it was mostly just a rumor. Then they helped rescue it from mining companies. Finally, they provided funding for electric lights inside the cave.

So, I was pleased when Jack posted this activity. Jack's trip report touches on some important features of Timpanogos Cave. First, as Jack mentions, it is a 3-cave system. The first cave is named Hansen for Martin Hansen, a logger, who discovered it when he followed a mountain lion's tracks to its entrance. Martin led tours inside the cave for years, until he ran out of customers.

Jack also notes the dearth of graffiti in Hansen Cave, but that doesn't mean it has fared well. It was pillaged in the late 19th century by folks seeking to profit from it. They shipped out tons of flowstone, mistaking it (or misrepresenting it) as onyx. The cave was quickly stripped of its scenic value.

This lent urgency to preserving Timpanogos, the 3rd cave, known for its scenic cave features. As Jack reports, Timp is a walking cave though I can't imagine what the ranger meant when he said Timp is the only cave you don't have to rappel into. As just one example, the Grand Canyon cave featured in one of the stories in *Faint Heart Never Climbed a Mountain* is walkable except when you need a boat.

The club's caving history is remarkable and exciting to read about. Check out more in chapter 2 of *Faint Heart Never Climbed a Mountain*.



Club outing to Timp Cave in 1922. Photo by WH Hopkins



Activity Calendar

Organizers can opt for a group size they are comfortable with, except for the group size limit of 10 in wilderness areas.

Oct 1 Thu	Trail Running - Day 1 Of Vert-Tober! Mountain Running Series: Mt. Superior – msd – 5.1 mi Out & Back – 2700' ascent – Fast pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Reid Gardner, Chase Tharp 801-718-1746, 801-891-6908 reid.gard.97@gmail.com, chaser.tharp@gmail.com Day 1 of Vert-tober! We will start promptly at 3:30PM from the Cardiff Pass trailhead and head toward Mt. Superior. Monte Cristo will be an optional extension only if the group is moving very quickly and we have sufficient time. Beyond Cardiff Pass, expect steep, loose, and unmaintained terrain, including scree, routefinding, and sections of Class 2-3 scrambling. We will stay together as a group, but this outing requires a fast pace. We must be back to the established trail at Cardiff Pass by 6:30PM and will turn around together as necessary to meet that cutoff. Participants should be comfortable moving quickly uphill and efficiently through steep, loose terrain and Class 2-3 scrambling. A headlamp and spare batteries or backup light are required. Bring sufficient water and nutrition, a first aid kit, and appropriate layers for changing mountain conditions. This outing is conditions-dependent and may be modified or canceled if snow, ice, or other conditions make the scrambling terrain unsafe. Mountain Running Series outings are for people interested in building fitness, durability, and community for trail races, peakbagging, fastpacking, scrambling, mountaineering, etc. Expect steady movement, limited breaks, and a mix of running and fast hiking depending on terrain. These are not beginner/no-drop social runs unless specifically stated.
Oct 2 Fri – Oct 4 Sun	Antelope Island Multi-Sport Activity Weekend Meet: 5:00 pm at See calendar for the various activities. If camping, arrive at the island any time. Organizer: Giulia Roselli, Julie Kilgore 801-604-6635 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org, jk@wasatch-environmental.com This is a beloved activity by Julie Kilgore. Join us for the day, or reserve a campsite and stay a night or two. Come hike, climb, and/or peddle on Antelope Island. See the WMC calendar for the variety of activities to choose from. Each activity posted on the calendar counts as a separate activity towards the Activity Challenge jacket! After a great day of WMC activities, gather at and around Campsite BB10 and BB12 at Bridger Bay Campground for some Saturday afternoon socializing. THERE IS AN ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.
Oct 2 Fri	Relaxed Pace Antelope Island Evening Hike – ntd – 4.0 mi Loop – 300' ascent – Slow pace Meet: 6:30 pm at Meet at Bridger Bay Campsites BB10. https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/utah/lake-side-trail-loop Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com To kick off our Antelope Island Multi-Sport Extravaganza, strap on those hiking boots (or maybe just some comfy sneakers) for a chill stroll along the Lakeside Trail. It's got lake views, the fresh smell of adventure, and maybe just a few of those tiny buzzing pals.
Oct 2 Fri	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: 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.
Oct 2 Fri	Trail Running At Rattlesnake Gulch – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1200' ascent Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Let's go for an early AM run at Rattlesnake Gulch! This will be about a 3 mile out and back run (6 miles total) on the pipeline trail to start off your Friday. Please email me if you are interested.
Oct 3 Sat	Antelope Island - Saturday Morning Frary Peak Hike- Meet: 9:30 am at Frary Peak Trailhead, East side of Antelope Island Organizer: Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com We'll take the regular route to Frary Peak, then have the option for a little ridge line scramble on the way back down. Many of us are spending Saturday night at Bridger Bay campground so feel free to bring some food and hang out for dinner afterwards.
Oct 3 Sat	Day Hike - Portal Benchmark – mod+ – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Portal Benchmark (8891 ft) is located in the west of Strawberry Reservoir. I have hiked in the area but not to the peak. There is a trail to the summit on the map. But I am not sure if the trail is well maintained. If the group feels this is too short, we will explore other bumps on the ridgeline. Distance depending on how much the trail is maintained and how many bumps we want to make. Elevation gain is not a lot. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 2, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Oct 3 Sat	Trail Running At Antelope Island – 16.0 mi Loop – 2500' ascent Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Come for a trail run as part of the annual Antelope Island Multi-Sport Activity Weekend! We will do the figure 8 loop on the island, which is a classic route for trail runners in the SLC area. The pace will be chill and we will power hike the uphill and run the downhill and flats. This is a great run for anyone training for a late fall race! We will meet at 9:30 am.
Oct 3 Sat	Maple Canyon Fall Color Day Hike – mod – 7.0 mi Loop – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: 7:00 am at Bluffdale Park & Ride (14598 Pony Express Rd, Draper, UT) Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com Maple Canyon has become a serious rock climbing destination since the first time Donn visited in 1991. It's still a spectacular location to go hiking, particularly in color season. Come enjoy the cliffs, slots and fins in conglomerate rock. There's even an arch. It's in Sanpete County, about an hour and 20 minutes by car.
Oct 3 Sat	Mountain Bike BST/Mueller Park Loop – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 2200' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Sharon Vinick 801-865-4614 outdoorsharon@yahoo.com Come join a fun day with fall colors and cooler temperatures for a mountain bike ride loop. We will start at Mueller Park head up 1 mile to BST to Rudy Flats then finish the loop down. Exploration of new trails is possible. We will stay together as a group. Minimal tech terrain.



Oct 3 Sat	Day Hike: Half- Pipe 6 Hour Endurance Training Park City Mountain Resort <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Ingrid Middleton 808-358-7363 ingridm@icloud.com This is mostly a test for your brain and quads to climb and descend the brand-new half-pipe run on the Park City mountain-just 700 feet long and with a 100-foot elevation gain-for six hours. The real challenge is how long you can keep going. So, whether it's 9000 feet or 100 will depend on how strong and tough you are. I hope to see you there! Parking is easy and free and just bring enough water and drive to last! :)
Oct 4 Sun	Day Hike - Black Mt. West Peak Via Avenues, SLC – msd- <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Black Mountain West Peak (8061 ft) via Avenues in SLC. I have hiked this route close to the summit but did not go to the summit. Approximately 9-10 miles RT with 3000 ft gain. There are steep sections. There is a trail all the way. But the trail may not be very clear for the last half mile to the summit. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 2, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Oct 4 Sun	Gravel Bike On Antelope Island Part 3 – mod- – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:45 am at Bridger Bay campground slot BB13, Antelope Island <i>Organizer:</i> Dave Ashley 703-966-9741 david.ashley.vet@gmail.com Come join us for the Antelope Island multi-sport weekend! I'll lead this casual paced ride from the Bridger Bay campground to the Frary Peak trailhead. Ride time is approximately 35-45 minutes, about 8 miles one way. You can join me for a Frary peak climb (bring a bike cable lock), or cycle back to the campground on your own. Mix of paved and gravel roads; gravel, hybrid, or mountain bike recommended.
Oct 4 Sun	Gravel Bike On Antelope Island Part 4 – mod- – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 12:00 pm at Frary Peak trailhead <i>Organizer:</i> Dave Ashley 703-966-9741 david.ashley.vet@gmail.com Come join us for the Antelope Island multi-sport weekend! I'll lead this casual paced ride back to Bridger Bay campground from Frary Peak trailhead. Ride time is approximately 35-45 minutes, about 8 miles one way. Mix of paved and gravel roads; gravel, hybrid, or mountain bike recommended. I'll be leading a Frary Peak climb before this, so our start time depends on when we finish the climb. Estimating we'll be back at the trailhead around 12:00. See earlier ride post for the pre-climb group ride.
Oct 4 Sun	Antelope Island - Sunday Morning Frary Peak Hike – mod – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 2500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Frary Peak Trailhead, East side of Antelope Island <i>Organizer:</i> Dave Ashley 703-966-9741 david.ashley.vet@gmail.com We'll take the regular route to Frary Peak at a moderate pace. Make it multi-sport; see the bike activities before and after the climb to join the 8 mile one way rides from the Bridget Bay campground to the trailhead and back.
Oct 4 Sun	Hike, Fall Foliage Peak Bagging Extravaganza – msd – 14.0 mi Loop – 4600' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@gmail.com We will Hike through peak autumn foliage country, while climbing Reynolds, Soldier, Wilson, Gobblers Knob, Raymond and Circle Awl. It will basically be a loop hike via Butler Fork with some out and backs. pace will be fast but not running or a race, expect 7-8 hours of hiking.
Oct 4 Sun	Training - Problem Solving Scenarios <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Nathan C 307-371-6356 nac787.home@gmail.com Stuck ropes, damaged ropes, traversing falls into outer space, dropped belay device... Climb long enough, and eventually you'll come across a situation that throws you a curve ball. The goal of this workshop is to take a bit of the guesswork out of that moment, instilling confidence when things aren't quite an emergency, but have definitely gone off-kilter. After breaking into teams, we'll draw scenarios from the hat of many problems, set them up in a controlled way, and work together to figure the situation out. Some problems will be straightforward, others a bit less so. This workshop will be best suited for intermediate and advanced level climbers who are comfortable with multi-pitch systems and possess a working knowledge of climbing hitches and knots. Email the organizer to register - limited to 9 participants / three teams of three.
Oct 5 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.
Oct 7 Wed – Oct 10 Sat	Trek-Napali Coast 22 Mile Backpacking Trip – msd – 22.0 mi Out & Back – 800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com Trek- Napali Coast on the Kalalau Trail, Kauai, HI Description: Location Kauai, Hawaii 11 miles Kalalau Trail on the Napali Coast October 7, 8, 9, 10, 2026 Beach camping for 2 nights Permits open up 90 days in advance. Cost is \$35 per person/per night Plus getting to Kauai, food, rental gear, and rental vehicle. We will try to get permits for Hanakapi'ai Beach The Kalalau trailhead is located in H'ena State Park at the end of HWY 52. Hiking the first 1/2 miles will offer spectacular views of the coast line. The 11 mile trail ends in Kalalau Valley. This is a strenuous backpacking trip that is recommended for experienced hikers only. 2 miles in the trail will cross the Hanakapi'ai stream. Here the trail breaks and a short section of 1.8 miles heads up the canyon to a 300 ft waterfall. Add 4 hours to the hike time if we hike to the waterfall. The next 4 miles Hiking becomes more strenuous at the switchbacks and the trail climbs 800 feet. We will pass the 500 ft Hanakoa Falls. There is a midway camp that we can camp at here if the weather turns or people are too tired. After Hanakoa, the trail becomes more drier (5 miles). This section is narrow and has steep drop offs. No swimming. There is strong rip currents. These are wilderness beaches with no lifeguards and very little people. If someone gets swept out to sea and people had rescue devices to call for help, it would still take 3 hrs for them to mobilize. Often the person swept out to sea will drown before help could arrive. So this is not a swimming beach in October. The plan would be to start hiking on October 7 by 7 AM and get to the campsite that night. Spend 2 nights. Hike out on October 9 and on the way out drop the backpacks at the Hanakapi'ai junction and hike up the 1.8 miles to see the 300 ft waterfall. Once back at the trailhead, we can spend time in the Haena State Park and swim at Ke'e Beach. June meeting to organize and get camping permits and finalize the itinerary. October head to Kauai and hike. Itinerary to be finalized in July once we have the permits. Key Details & Regulations Permits: Camping permits (\$35/night non-residents) are issued through Hawaii State Parks. Permits for Kalalau Valley also allow camping at Hanakoa. Parking/Access: A separate Overnight Parking Permit or shuttle reservation is needed at Hena State Park. Trail Difficulty: Very challenging; 22 miles round trip with 5,000+ ft elevation gain, narrow cliff paths ("Crawler's Ledge"), and muddy conditions. Safety: No potable water; all water must be filtered/purified. Flash floods can make stream crossings (especially Hanakapi'ai) deadly. Duration: Recommended 2-5 days. Many hikers camp one night at Hanakoa (mile 6) and 1-2 nights at Kalalau Beach (mile 11). Camping Info Locations: Designated camping is limited to Hanakoa (mid-point, no ocean view) and Kalalau Beach. Amenities: Basic composting toilets are available; no tables or potable water. Best Time: May through September (dry season) offers the best conditions. Winter (Oct-April) brings high surf and dangerous, wet trail conditions. Department of Land and Natural Resources - Hawaii (.gov) Department of Land and Natural Resources - Hawaii (.gov) +4 Preparation Bring a water filter/purifier, sturdy hiking shoes, and a lightweight tent or hammock. Start early (6:30 AM) to avoid midday heat and finish, or to avoid hiking in the dark. Reservations sell out instantly-be ready 90 days out at midnight HST. https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/files/2022/12/Kalalau-Trail-Brochure_2015.pdf



Oct 7 Wed – Oct 11 Sun	2026 WMC Canyoneering Rendezvous <i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at https://luma.com/20nwt78 <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com REGISTRATION OPENS 8/6 AT 7PM MDT https://luma.com/20nwt78
Oct 7 Wed	Trail Running - Church Fork Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Church Fork Trailhead, Millcreek Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Fall is in full swing and Millcreek Canyon is a great place for leaf peeping! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future. Message me if you want to arrange carpool.
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Oct 7 Wed	Trail Running - Vert-Tober! - Pre Group Run Grandeur Summit! – mod+ – 6.2 mi Out & Back – 2800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 4:30 pm at Church Fork Trailhead, Millcreek Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Chase Tharp, Reid Gardner 801-891-6908, 801-718-1746 chaser.tharp@gmail.com, reid.gard.97@gmail.com The group run starts at church fork trailhead this month, so why not get a little grandeur peak appetizer before we run and socialize with sane people? We will start at the same trailhead and summit grandeur. Then, pending the time we have until the group run, hangout and have a good time before joining them. I will try to remember to bring some sparkling water, feel free to bring snacks to share if we have the time! If we are close on time, we will wait to meet the gang at the intersection of pipeline so we don't miss the group run.
Oct 8 Thu	Social - Neon Skate Night + Dinner At Millcreek Common <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Common 1354 E. Chambers Ave. Millcreek, Utah 84106 <i>Organizer:</i> Tali Brenner 312-405-9930 tbrenn12@gmail.com Come out in your neon best and skate with us! Bring your own skates or grab rentals. Climbing is available, if you don't wish to skate. Dinner will be at Tres Hombres. Reservations can be made in advance here - https://ecom.roller.app/millcreek/publicskating/en-us/home Please let me know if you plan to join!
Oct 9 Fri	Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntđ <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.
Oct 9 Fri	Climbing Meeting/Social - Season Wind Down Party <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Email me to register. <i>Organizer:</i> Stephanie Stamm, Nathan C 973-945-3755 steph.m.stamm@gmail.com, nac787.home@gmail.com Another season of fun, friends, and vertical adventures is wrapping up - so let's celebrate! Nathan and I are hosting a season wind-down party at my house and would love to see you all there. All you need is a camp chair, stories from the season and stoke for next year. Some conversation starters: - What was your most memorable climb this season? - Did you have a "scariest moment" or a big learning experience? - Which climb or crag gave you the biggest sense of accomplishment? - What's one skill or technique you improved this season? - Any funniest or most unexpected moments from the crag? - What's at the top of your wish list for next season? Fantastic local businesses have donated raffle prizes so come and try your luck! - Momentum Climbing - The Front Climbing Club - IME (International Mountain Equipment) Friends and family are also welcome to join.
Oct 9 Fri	Trail Running - Vert-Tober! Mountain Running Series - Partial Speedgoat – ext – 16.0 mi Loop – 5000' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 4:00 pm at Snowbird Parking Lot: Entry 2 by the skiers bridge. (Near Pond Lot) <i>Organizer:</i> Reid Gardner, Chase Tharp 801-718-1746, 801-891-6908 reid.gard.97@gmail.com, chaser.tharp@gmail.com Do you have FOMO from watching your friends run Speedgoat this summer? Does your idea of a fun Friday night include suffering immeasurably? Have you ever thought, "That sounds horrible-let's make it worse by doing some of it in the dark!"? Then this run is for you. We'll run a slightly abbreviated version of the Speedgoat 30K course, covering a substantial portion of the terrain used by both the 30K and 50K races. Partial participation is welcome and encouraged for the more sane among us. Expect a long outing with sustained climbing and descending over steep, rocky trails and service roads. We'll keep moving steadily, but this one is going to take a while. Participants should be comfortable covering this distance and elevation gain at a steady pace, including prolonged uphill hiking and running downhill as appropriate. (I won't say we'll run the flats, because there aren't any.) Bring sufficient water and nutrition, appropriate layers, and a headlamp with a backup light or spare batteries. We will still be out after dark. Mountain Running Series outings are for people interested in building fitness, durability, and community for trail races, peakbagging, fastpacking, scrambling, mountaineering, etc. Expect steady movement, limited breaks, and a mix of running and fast hiking depending on terrain. These are not beginner/no-drop social runs unless specifically stated.
Oct 10 Sat	Day Hike - Treasure Hill, Park City – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu Since I will do a long hike on the next day, this will be a short hike to Treasurer Hill (8240 ft) in Park City. On trail all the time. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 9, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
Oct 10 Sat	Run Race: Antelope Island Fall Classic (10 Miles, 50 Km, OR 68 Km) <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Antelope Island Marina, Syracuse, UT 84075 <i>Organizer:</i> Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com I have registered for the 10 mile run but participants can do 10 miles (starting 8am), 50 km (31 miles and starting at 7am), or 68 km (42 miles and starting at 6am). All distances start and end at the Antelope Island Marina. The Antelope Island Fall Classic offers a late-season race across rolling desert terrain, ridgelines, and wide-open views of the Great Salt Lake. In 2026, the event includes new distances, including a 68 km featuring an out-and-back to the island's high point, Frary Peak, and a 10-mile loop highlighting the singletack around Bridger Bay. If you would like to join me for this event, please register using the link below and let me know you have registered via email so we can hopefully meet up and possibly run together.
Oct 11 Sun	Day Hike - Grandview Peak – msd- – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I have done Grandview Peak (9,409 ft) via Big Mt Pass but want to explore different routes. Distance and gain will depend on which route we will take. But all routes are very long and steep. Please bring 10 essentials including plenty of water. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 9, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.



Oct 11 Sun	Rock Climb - Coalpit Butress – mod <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Tali Brenner 312-405-9930 tbrenn12@gmail.com Home to the classic route Pentapitch 5.8. 80'-100' sport routes also grace the west side of the butress. Please register with organizer for more details on departure time and include which routes you'd like to hop on. Limit 8 people.
Oct 12 Mon	Evening/Night Sunset Hike - Lower Ridge Of Bells – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Bell Canyon Boulders Trailhead (10245 Wasatch Blvd, Sandy, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Let's see how we can get up the ridge between Little Cottonwood Canyon and Bells. The trail is STEEP with a little tricky footing in places. With the city lights in view, this should make a nice sunset and city-light night hike. Plan on a 5:45 p.m. departure and an 8:00 return. Meet in the upper parking lot that is accessed from Wasatch Boulevard.
Oct 13 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.
Oct 14 Wed	WMC Monthly Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See the Agenda link below for Zoom details, 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 Fiddler's (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Jack Cook secretary@wasatchmountainclub.org Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President and Secretary no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. See the link below to access the Board Meeting Agenda. Note you must be signed into the WMC website to access the Agenda.
Oct 14 Wed	Trail Running - Church Fork Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Church Fork Trailhead, Millcreek Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com Fall is in full swing and Millcreek Canyon is a great place for leaf peeping! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future. Message me if you want to arrange carpool.
Oct 14 Wed – Oct 17 Sat	Hikes - Grizzly Peak & More, Colorado – msd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Grizzly Peak (13,434 ft) via Loveland Pass in Colorado. We will bag Cupid (13, 125 ft) and Peak 12941 on the way to the summit. Class 2. 5.6 miles RT with 2,837' gain. I have hiked the first part of the route. We plan to do an optional acclimatization hike to several 12k peaks on the day before. The planned schedule is: Oct 14 W Road trip to CO; Oct 15 Thu acclimatization hike; Oct 16 Fri Grizzly Peak hike; Oct 17 Sat Road trip to UT. Partial participation is fine. There is no camp site near the TH. Those who want to camp should check campgrounds in the area. At this point (7/26/26), the organizer plans to stay at a hotel in Keystone or nearby town. To register, please email the organizer. If you have never hiked with the organizer, please include your hiking experience. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer.
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Oct 15 Thu – Oct 18 Sun	University Fall Break Backpack – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> John* Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com Silver Falls drainage. Three days, two nights. About 5 level miles to a campsite with spring water. Day hike option are downstream the Escalante river or taking cattle trails up onto the mesa. This is a reschedule of a hike posted last spring. Register for details.
Oct 16 Fri	Trail Running - Vert-Tober! - Grandeur Deja Vu – msd – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 5600' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Church Fork Trailhead, Millcreek Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Chase Sharp, Reid Gardner 801-891-6908, 801-718-1746 chaser.tharp@gmail.com, reid.gard.97@gmail.com Grandeur, a run so nice you want to do it twice. We will plan to summit grandeur twice, hiking up and jogging down. A rough guess is a 3.5-4 hour outing. Any one lappers are welcome to join but we will try to convince you to join for the second. We will guaranteed be finishing in the dark, so come prepared with headlamps and lights. Note: if you can start earlier than the posted time please let me know. We can start as early as 4:30pm, but wanted to make this accessible to others. Please email/call/text to join, as the start time may change pending the people that sign up and their availability!
Oct 17 Sat – Oct 28 Wed	Trek The Annapurna Circuit In Nepal – mod – Loop – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Dave Ashley david.ashley.vet@gmail.com Re-scheduled from March 2026 when we cancelled due to flight impacts of the Middle East war. Come join Dave Ashley in Nepal on a trek of the world-famous Annapurna Circuit! We'll start with arrival in Kathmandu International Airport (KTM). Here you'll be picked up by a local guide company and transported to the Yak and Yeti hotel. We've been staying here for years; it's popular with 8,000 meter peak climbers and has a fantastic breakfast buffet! You have two nights at the hotel to adjust to the time zone change, explore and shop in Thamel and visit several UNESCO sights in Kathmandu. On day three our adventure begins with a long drive to Chame. We then spend the next few days hiking to high elevation villages, staying at teahouses, and soaking up the amazing Himalayan views. The crux of the trek is the challenging Thorong La Pass which is located at an elevation of 17,769 ft (higher than Everest Base Camp). We finish the circuit by driving down to Jomsom and flying back to Pokhara where we have a day to see the town and enjoy the lake, restaurants, and shopping. Finally we fly back to Kathmandu for one more night at the Yak and Yeti followed by your flight home. The Annapurna Circuit Trek Express is a tough and rewarding adventure that provides the opportunity to explore the natural beauty, culture, and traditions of the Annapurna region. You'll want to be in good physical shape for this trek, able to walk 6-8 hours per day for multiple days while carrying a light (10-15 lb) day pack. This trek is guided by a local certified trekking guide and is porter supported so you only carry water, snacks, sunblock, and some clothing layers while hiking. Dave Ashley is your trip leader for this Annapurna Circuit trek. He has climbed numerous high elevation peaks around the world, including Mount Everest, Makalu, Island Peak, and Lobuche East in Nepal. Contact the organizer for more details.



Oct 17 Sat – Oct 18 Sun	Car Camp Spooky Canyon For Spooky Season – mod – 7.0 mi Loop – 400' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Joel Winter 385-495-2864 hebrewhammer168453@gmail.com We will do some short hikes near hole-in-the-rock area of coyote gulch on Saturday and camp in dispersed camping in the area. On Sunday we will head to peek-a-boo canyon and hike up and come down spooky canyon. This canyon is about 10 inches wide so watch this video before signing up. https://youtu.be/TBbm0B5eP0E?is=UTOWaZJYnxovEAuo If inclement weather, we will postpone.
Oct 17 Sat	Boat Shed Closing Work Party <i>Meet:</i> 10:30 am at Boat Shed - 4340 S 300 W (4340 Commerce Dr, Murray, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Donnie Benson, Bret Mathews 801-809-1854, 801-831-5940 dmbenson13@gmail.com, bretmaverick999@yahoo.com It's time to (maybe) clean and inflate the boats and other gear so they can be stored for the winter. Come help us out and earn our undying gratitude. Please park at the Flower Patch and then walk to unit #8 (it's in the first bay). Send a text to Donnie's number to get the gate code. Thank you!
Oct 17 Sat	Notch Peak Day Hike – mod+ – 8.0 mi Loop – 2765' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 am at Bluffdale Park & Ride (14598 Pony Express Rd, Draper, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com The WMC has been hiking to Notch Peak in the fall for more than 50 years. That's partly because there are fewer hunters in the House Range on the first weekend of the deer hunt than there are in the Wasatch, but it has a lot more going for it, including a slot canyon, an insane cliff, and a lovely bristlecone pine grove. On a clear day, it also has an unbeatable view of the West Desert. The hike is off trail with some scrambling, and there's a 3-hour drive each way (we'll get dinner in Delta).
Oct 19 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.
Oct 19 Mon	Broads Fork Evening/Night Hike – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Overflow P&R (3653 Fort Union Blvd, Cottonwood Heights, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We'll hike the Broad Forks Trail up to the meadow. Meet at the BCC overflow parking lot across the street from Alpha Coffee. Bring headlamps for the return.
Oct 20 Tue	Social - Hiking Social And Organizer Training <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <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 and learn a little more about how to organize WMC hikes, runs, or any kind of activity. We'll get started 6:00 p.m. with an informal organizer training. 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.
Oct 21 Wed	Trail Running - Church Fork Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Church Fork Trailhead, Millcreek Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Fall is in full swing and Millcreek Canyon is a great place for leaf peeping! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future. Message me if you want to arrange carpool.
Oct 21 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.
Oct 21 Wed	Trail Running - Vert-Tober! - Pre Group Run Grandeur Summit! – mod+ – 6.2 mi Out & Back – 2800' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 4:30 pm at Church Fork Trailhead, Millcreek Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Chase Tharp, Reid Gardner 801-891-6908, 801-718-1746 chaser.tharp@gmail.com, reid.gard.97@gmail.com The group run starts at church fork trailhead this month, so why not get a little grandeur peak appetizer before we run and socialize with sane people? We will start at the same trailhead and summit grandeur. Then, pending the time we have until the group run, hangout and have a good time before joining them. I will try to remember to bring some sparkling water, feel free to bring snacks to share if we have the time! If we are close on time, we will wait to meet the gang at the intersection of pipeline so we don't miss the group run.
Oct 23 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.
Oct 24 Sat	Fremont Island, Great Salt Lake, Long Day Hike – msd – 23.0 mi Out & Back – 800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Dennis Goreham 801-550-5169 dgoreham@gmail.com Fremont Island is north of Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake and is seldom visited. The State of Utah owns Fremont Island and the Nature Conservancy holds a conservation easement on the island ensuring it will never be developed. One of the highlights of the island is a cross chiseled in a rock outcrop by Kit Carson during the Captain John Fremont Expedition in 1843. We did this hike in February 2022 and Stanley Chang wrote a detailed trip report in the March 2022 Rambler for more info. The hike across mud flat from the Antelope Island causeway to the southern tip of Fremont Island should be totally dry. Castle Rock, the high point of the Island is 4995 feet and lake level will be about 4190 feet, so we will have about 800 feet elevation gain to the top. Count on a 23 mile hike from the Antelope Island marina to the high point and back. Email registration is required.
Oct 24 Sat	Day Hike - Jeep Benchmark Via Ward Canyon, Bountiful – msd- – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I have hiked to Jeep Benchmark (8653 ft) but want to try the different route via Ward Canyon. I have hiked the trail before. While there is a trail all the way, it is difficult to follow it. Depending on the water level, there may be creek crossing. Approximately 10+ miles RT with 3700 ft gain. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 23, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.



Oct 24 Sat	Trail Running - Vert-Tober - Triple Crown Finale!! – ext – 18.0 mi Out & Back – 9200' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: 5:00 am at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5425 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT) Organizer: Chase Tharp, Reid Gardner 801-891-6908, 801-718-1746 chaser.tharp@gmail.com, reid.gard.97@gmail.com I did not want to post this on halloween, so the main event will finish a week early for the month, but what a day! We will start way too early by hiking up and jogging down mount Olympus (7.2 miles, 4,200'). After this nice warm-up, we will drive over to grandeur and hike up and jog down that peak (6.2 miles, 2,800'). We will then drive over to mount wire and, you guessed it, hike up and jog down the steep side of mount wire (4 miles, 2,200'). Totalling around 18 miles and 9,200' of vertical. Feel free to join for part of this event if you don't want to do it all.
Oct 24 Sat	Drytooling Exploration In Willard Canyon Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Nathan C 307-371-6356 nac787.home@gmail.com Planning a day trip to Willard Canyon (North of Ogden) to scope out a possible drytooling crag. This is an exploratory outing on potentially unclimbed rock, so the only guarantee is a bit of adventure. That said, I've looked at the spot a couple times and am optimistic there's some good lines awaiting us. We'll get to check out the Willard Canyon Waterfall (W12, 5P) while there - but there's a snowball's chance of it being in this early. It's a modest hike, and some help with hauling static rope and development tools would be much appreciated. First time drytoolers with interest in the dark side are welcome, and I have a few extra pairs of ice tools if needed. Email to register.
Oct 25 Sun	 Social - Halloween Party At The Lodge Meet: 6:00 pm at Wasatch Mountain Lodge (8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT) Organizer: Giulia Roselli 801-604-6635 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Do the Book, Live the Legacy: The Club is hosting our classic Halloween party at the WMC Lodge on Sunday, October 25 from 6 pm to 10 pm. This event honors the memory of our dear friend and member, Craig Anderson, who was the driving force behind these celebrations for many years. While we would prefer to host this on a Friday or Saturday, this was the only date available near Halloween. Location & Parking - Park in the Brighton parking lot near the Crest chairlift and Brighton Lodge. Walk uphill approximately 400 feet past the Brighton Lodge pool; the Wasatch Mountain Lodge will be on your left. Please note that the path is unpaved and unlit; we recommend wearing appropriate shoes and bringing a light if you are arriving/leaving after dark. Entertainment - We are excited to share that club member Shawn Whiting has graciously offered his DJ expertise for the evening. Volunteers - We are also looking for volunteers to assist with setting up and taking down decorations. Entry Fee - Tickets purchased thru Fri, Oct 23 are \$10, and tickets purchased (Sat-Sun) Oct 24-25 are \$15. Tickets are non-refundable. See the ticket link below. Food - The Club will provide appetizers. BYOB beverage, and you're welcome to bring a dish or snack to share. Lodging - Avoid the drive back to Salt Lake City by booking a room at the Brighton Lodge for a discounted rate of \$134 (tax included) through October 24. Standard rates apply on October 25. Call Monica at 385-799-5510 to reserve. We will have a raffle with a prize for the scariest, the sexiest, the funniest, the cutest, and most unusual costumes. We look forward to seeing everyone in their Halloween costumes!
Oct 25 Sun	Trail Running - Flying Dog Loop From Jeremy Ranch – 20.0 mi Loop – 2700' ascent Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com We will be starting at Jeremy Ranch road, run out to do the Flying Dog loop, and return to Jeremy Ranch. This route is about 20 miles. Expect to run the downhills and flats and to hike the uphills. This is a great long run for those training for the Dead Horse Ultras in November or for anyone looking to get out on the trails to see the last of the fall colors. We will start in the morning. Let me know if you are interested or if you have any questions.
Oct 25 Sun	Day Hike - Cascade Mt. Or Maple Mt, Provo – msd – 13.0 mi – 5398' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Cascade Mountain (10,908 ft) and North Cascade (10,874 ft). Anticipate scrambling, exposure, and a moderate pace. Please bring 10 essentials and micro-spikes. If there is lots of snow, we may need to carry snowshoes. Expect an early morning start. If the road to the TH is closed for winter before Oct 25, we will hike to Maple Mt (9094 ft) in Provo. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Oct 23, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.
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Oct 26 Mon	Dog Friendly Evening Hike - Mount Olympus Trail To The Stream Crossing – mod- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1400' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: 5:45 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5425 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT) Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Come join us for the usual 2-ish-hour evening hike where we go about one hour out and then do one hour back. The goal is to turn around at the Tolcat stream crossing! Bring layers, along with the 10 essentials, including a headlamp for the way down).
Oct 28 Wed	Trail Running - Church Fork Trailhead – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 800' ascent – Fast pace Meet: 6:30 pm at Church Fork Trailhead, Millcreek Canyon Organizer: Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Fall is in full swing and Millcreek Canyon is a great place for leaf peeping! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. Bring a headlamp. It's a great run for anyone who is looking for running partners or is new to trail running. Let me know if you want to join this run or others in the future. Message me if you want to arrange carpool.
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Oct 29 Thu – Nov 1 Sun	Rock Climb - Red Rock Canyon Nv <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Nathan C 307-371-6356 nac787.home@gmail.com Come camp, climb, hike and run in Red Rocks, Nevada! The area is best known for its soaring Aztec Sandstone cliffs with world-class moderate multi-pitch trad and sport routes and lots of fantastic bouldering . Red Rock Canyon is an incredibly scenic area for non-climbing recreation as well. I have two campsites reserved at the Red Rock Canyon campground (tent / car camping). Total cost will be split between participants. A spreadsheet will be shared to help coordinate carpooling, teams, and other logistics. Please register via email. Since it's Halloween weekend - bringing a costume is highly encouraged, especially if you can climb in it :D
Oct 30 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.
Oct 31 Sat	Day Hike/Snowshoe/Ski - Alta – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will see if we have enough snow for snowshoeing/skiing or hiking. I will update the description based on snow conditions when it gets closer to the date.
Oct 31 Sat	Trail Running - Round Valley Costume Run – 20.0 mi Loop – 2700' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com We will be running from the Quinn's trailhead at round valley. We'll be doing two loops so distances from about 10-20 miles are available. Expect to run the downhill and flats and to hike the uphill. This is a great long run for those training for the Dead Horse Ultras in November or for anyone looking to get out on the trails to see the last of the fall colors. We will start in the morning. Let me know if you are interested or if you have any questions. In the spirit of Halloween, wear your best trail running costume!!
Nov 7 Sat	Social: Organizers And Volunteers Appreciation Dinner <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Wasatch Presbyterian Church (1626 S 1700 E, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Giulia Roselli 801-604-6635 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Sat November 7, 2026 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:Giulia Roselli, co-organizer TBA Email:socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Date:Sat Nov 7, 2026 @ 6 pm to 9 pm, Meeting Place:Location address will be on your invitation email
Nov 7 Sat	Organizer Appreciation After Party <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com The Organizer Appreciation Dinner is always a blast and I recommend everybody post two things on the calendar to get an invite. My only gripe is that it wraps up at 9 PM when I'm still wired and ready to keep going. To keep the energy alive, I'm hosting an after-party at my place starting right at 9! Feel free to bring drinks or snacks, but nothing is required. You must be invited to the organizer appreciation party to be invited to this (see other event for specific requirements). There will be karaoke!
Nov 13 Fri – Nov 15 Sun	Trail Running - Dead Horse Ultra (15k, 30k, 50k, 50 Mile) Race <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Let's get out and do a race! The Dead Horse Ultras offers multiple distances depending on what fits your goals! This is the second event in the Triple Crown of Moab series. The course goes through beautiful terrain near the Gemini Bridges Area and features some challenging single track and sandy sections of trail. We will go down on Friday evening to camp and be up bright and early for the race on Saturday. On Sunday, we will either do a short run or hike before going home in the early afternoon. Please let me know if you are interested and we can plan to head down there together!
Feb 4 Thu – Feb 7 Sun	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 Park is a great place for novice ice climbers to get mileage, and for folks to experience ice climbing for the first time. 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 surrounding areas. Participants will need to arrange their lodging independently, but I will share a spreadsheet to help us coordinate. Ouray is a very small and walkable town so most places will be close to one another. Plan for early starts and full days on the ice, followed by evening socials at restaurants in town and glorious soaks at the city hot springs. Please register with the organizer via email and note your level of ice climbing experience. Rental equipment, if needed, can be sourced from The Scratch Pad, the University of Utah Outdoor Program, or thru local shops in Ouray. I also have a few sets of extra tools, boots, and crampons. 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 :) Click here to see photos from last year!
Feb 27 Sat – Mar 5 Fri	Death Valley Winter Escape - Car Camp - Hike - Bike - Relax <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik, Angie Vincent 435-649-9008, 801-792-5515 csoshnik@yahoo.com, avince182@yahoo.com Escape to Death Valley Furnace Creek Campground the first week of March 2027. Reserve a campsite or RV site at Furnace Creek, rent a cabin or motel...whatever you are most comfortable doing. The WMC has been escaping to Death Valley for 30 years! It used to be a big group event, complete with "cooking pods" and fully organized activities, and over the years has morphed into a week of just coming down to camp together, make last minute plans for road bike rides or hikes, or ranger led tours, or just sitting out by the pool relaxing. We no longer have the large group cooking set up, so everyone will be on your own for meals, although we may have some group breakfasts, to be announced. The one thing that's guaranteed is a daily afternoon 'happy hour' in Furnace Creek, where folks share stories of their daily adventures, and plan hikes, bikes, or other activities for the next day. Very casual nowadays, no stress, no major planning. However, if you would like to join us, and you would like to camp at the Furnace Creek Campground or in the nearby cabins or motel, you do need to plan in advance, as sites and rooms fill up fast, this is the prime time for Death Valley visitation...can you say Super-Bloom? Please contact Angie or Matt or Cheryl for more information on this winter escape week. Cheryl and Angie's contact info are below, and Matt's is davidson801@comcast.net (801) 706-0608



Apr 9 Fri – Apr 16 Fri	Burnie Glacier Chalet Alpine Ski Touring Trip – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Eve Kovacs 630-985-1419 evekovacs@gmail.com A week of ski touring at Burnie Glacier Chalet near Smithers B. C. Canada from April 9-16, 2027 offers longer days (for some epic tours) and good weather. We will likely have powder on north aspects, and realistically, may have some crust on south facing aspects at that time of year (although the guides do their best to avoid less optimal conditions if possible). Please checkout the website listed below for more details. The cost is about \$3750 for the lodge, guiding, and helicopter transport to and from Smithers. Airfare will be SLC to Vancouver and, if you fly with Delta, a separate domestic ticket from Vancouver to Smithers on West Jet or similar (because Delta does not offer a round trip to Smithers). I have skied at Burnie twice before. The terrain is big and spectacular. The lodge is comfortable and the food was excellent. Our guide will most likely be Tom Wolfe whom I have enjoyed skiing with before. I have also enjoyed skiing with the two other guides who could substitute for Tom. We have 6 people signed up so far, with 6 more spaces available. I would recommend that you be at least a very strong intermediate skier who can handle some steeper terrain and variable snow conditions, have a good level of fitness and be capable of climbing a minimum of 3000 feet per day. Avalanche safety gear and the skills to use them are required. Ski crampons and glacier travel gear (harness, prussiks, etc) are also required but the latter can be borrowed at the hut. Please see the equipment list on the website for details. I am happy to answer questions about my experience or any other questions you may have. If you would like to sign up, please go to the website and fill in the required forms. You will be asked to pay a 50% deposit to reserve your spot.
Apr 20 Tue – Apr 28 Wed	Hike Across Romania <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Frank Bouchard 352-246-5304 fabouchard@gmail.com I'm organizing a 7-day hiking trip in Romania. Our style of travel for this will be unique so read this carefully. We will fly into Bucharest, take local transit to a quieter rural town, and from there travel entirely by foot from town to town with no planned route. Expect 10 - 20 miles of hiking per day mostly on rural roads or trails. We are "backpacking" in the sense that we will travel on foot with ultra-light packs, but we will not be camping or spending much time in the wilderness. We will not be booking any lodging in advance. Generally we'll stroll into a village, ask around, and find a place to stay each night. There are many cheap accommodations and the people are known for their hospitality. The route will evolve daily. If you like structured itineraries, this is not going to be the trip for you. We will be avoiding big cities and famous tourist spots. The goal is small, quiet villages and authentic local interaction. Expect to see scenery similar to this . Food: We'll enjoy slow restaurant meals when available, but lunch will often consist of whatever you can stuff into your pack from a corner store (usually cookies and bananas for me). Again, you will need to be flexible. Why Romania? It's a lesser visited part of Europe and flights aren't too expensive. I don't speak the language or really know anything about the country and that's part of the adventure. We are going to figure it out as we go. Ultra-light packing: Your pack should be under 10 pounds. I can send you my packing list to show how I accomplish this. But it only includes absolute essentials. If you realize you need something, you can probably buy it there. Estimated costs Total expenses should be around \$1,500 per person. Flights from SLC: Usually \$750 - \$850. Lodging: Under \$50 per night. Spending money: Very minimal, as there won't be much to buy where we are going. Note: I'm spending a second week with just my family and I would encourage you to plan something extra as Europe is a long way to travel for just one week. The exact dates might change but it will be close to this week. Want in? If this sounds exciting to you, let me know. Limit: 6 people.
Apr 30 Fri – May 2 Sun	Mountaineering - Mt. Tukuhnikivatz (Tuk), La Sals – msd <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make Mt Tukuhnikivatz (Tuk) (12,485 ft) and Little Tuk (12,056 ft). The TH elevation is approximately 9,013 ft. Distance is approximately 7.5 miles RT. I have not done those peaks yet but scouted the route in May 2026. We will take the ridgeline route. We can have a non-ski group and a ski group if someone can co-organize for a ski group. Tuk is a great expert skiing destination. Trip schedule: Apr 30 Fri: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) & set up a dispersed camp site near the TH. May 1 Sat: climb. May 2 Sun: Road trip. The schedule may be adjusted depending on the conditions. Some participants may go home 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 & ice axe; 4) feel comfortable to climb up and down on steep snow/ice covered slopes; and 4) no history of altitude problems above 12,000 ft. Camping experience strongly desired. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 10. WMC members only.
May 19 Wed – Jun 3 Thu	Mountaineering - Chearoco & 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 - Paco Q'iuta (5,570m/ 18,274ft) and Wila Llusi (5,395 m/ 17,700 ft). 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; 4) have ice climbing skills and can climb comfortably 50-degree snow/ice slopes; and 5) No pre-existing medical conditions that may become worse in the high altitude. 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 \$2,400-2,800 including ground local transportation, mountain meals, internationally certified guides (ratio depending on a mountain), camps in the mountains, camping gear, full base camp infrastructure and services including Satellite Wi-Fi connection, donkeys/porters, and hotels in La Paz. The additional cost will be for international flights, compulsory travel insurance, personal expenses, personal equipment, gratitude and meals in La Paz. 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 (6/26/2026): The cost per person is subject to change depending on the situations in Bolivia and the exchange rates.
Jun 16 Wed – Jun 24 Thu	Trek- Napali Coast, Kalalau Trail, Kauai, Hi. <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com Trek- Napali Coast on the Kalalau Trail, Kauai, Hawaii. April Organization planning to obtain permits Location Kauai, Hawaii 11 miles one way Kalalau Trail on the Napali Coast June 2027 (Depending on permit availability) Beach camping for 2 nights There is a waterfall for the water source and outhouses. Permits open up 90 days in advance. Cost is \$35 per person/per night Additional costs of traveling to Kauai, food, rental gear, and rental vehicle. We will try to get permits for Hanakapi'ai Beach The Kalalau trailhead is located in Ha'ena State Park at the end of HWY 52. 22 miles total. This is a strenuous backpacking trip that is recommended for experienced hikers only. April meeting to organize and get camping permits and finalize the itinerary. See event listing on WMC website for more details.



Jul 1 Thu – Jul 10 Sat	Kayaking- Ocean Kayaking Along The Na Pali Coast Line. Kauai – class III+ Meet: 8:00 am at Kauai Hawaii Organizer: Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com This trip will be expensive and strenuous. Kayaking to Miloli'i Beach on Kauai is a premier, challenging adventure along the Na Pali coast, typically accessible only by boat or kayak during summer months (May 15-Sept 7). Key Information for Miloli'i Beach Kayaking: Seasonality: Kayaking the Na Pali coast is generally limited to summer (May 15th to Sept 7th) due to winter swells that can reach 50 feet. Access: Landing is allowed only during these summer months; you must use the established channel through the reef. Difficulty: This is a strenuous trip, requiring a high level of physical fitness, as you will be paddling roughly 5-7 hours, often in open ocean conditions with potential for high winds. Camping: Overnight camping is possible but requires camping permits from the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). What to Expect: Scenic Highlights: You will paddle beneath the dramatic cliffs of the Na Pali coast. Wildlife: Potential sightings include dolphins and green sea turtles. Amenities: Miloli'i features a beach, a primitive public bathroom, and cold showers. Important Safety Note: Commercial tours often advise caution against seasickness and advise that this is not a beginner-friendly trip. Guided segment from Haena to Kalalau. Plan to spend 2 nights camping at Kalalau. Possible -would like to swim the 100 to 200 feet to visit Honopu Beach if possible and if the conditions are ideal. Guided segment from Kalalau to Miloli'i. Plan to spend would 3 nights on the beach. Pick up at Polihale. Spend 1 night there. Need to get camp reservations 90 days out. Possible to shorten the nights at Kalalau but since it is so rare to be able to visit Miloli'i, I would like to spend some time there. I know that Kayaks are not able to land at Nu'alolo Kai but looking into taking a guide trip that has a permit to visit. Additionally, Plan to rent the Double Zest kayak and fuel. Maybe other items. Plan to book a maverick trip with Kayak Kauai. Each guided leg is about \$380 per 8 person group. Cost of renting a kayak is \$350 for the week. Everyone will be responsible for their own Cost of food, flight, lodging, camping, transportation, and all rental gear. Estimate about \$2,000 to \$3,000 per person. This planning is for a year in advance due to logistics and costs. Tentatively, this will happen in July 2027. For all interested, require a \$300 deposit per person (non refundable) by February 2027 to book the guided tour and to get it confirmed to focus on the camping reservations.
Sep 17 Fri – Sep 19 Sun	Car Camp & Hikes - Mt. Belknap & Mt. Baldy (& More), Tushar Mts – msd- – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Belknap (12,143 ft), Mt Baldy (12,084 ft) and maybe other peaks in the Tushar Mountains, weather, conditions and situation permitting. I have hiked in the Tushar Mountains but not to those peaks. Exploratory. Expect class 2+ scrambles. We will leave on Friday and come back on Sunday. The main hike to Belknap and Baldy will be on Saturday. We may do a short hike on Friday and/or Sunday. Approximately 3.5-4-hour drive from SLC. We plan to camp at a dispersed/primitive campsite. Please email before Thursday, noon, Sep 16, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Note (7/6/2026): This is a tentative schedule. It will be finalized later.
May 24 Wed – Jun 8 Thu	Mountaineering - Acohuma & Illampu, Bolivia – ext Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to climb two 6,000m peaks in Bolivia - Acohuma (6,427m/ 21,086 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 \$2,600 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.

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If you are 18 or older, living in Utah, and often on the water, we encourage you to take about 15 minutes to complete the survey. Your feedback will help guide future education, outreach, and policies designed to keep people safer on Utah waters.

Go to <https://recreation.utah.gov/life-jacket-survey/> or scan the QR code



50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for October '76 [...]

OCTOBER 9 Saturday	MOUNT OLYMPUS – NORTH FACE. Elevation 9,026. Rating 8.0. The North Face of Olympus features some tough steep areas along with exposed scrambling. The beauty and the steepness make this a very worthwhile outing for a fall day. Meet at the Movie at 8:00 am. Leader: Paul Horton [...]
OCTOBER 30 Saturday 8:00 pm.	WESTERN NIGHT at the lodge. We have done some rearranging of tradition, and the Halloween Party has become the Western Party. You are welcome to come dressed up as your favorite cowperson, buffalo chip or whatever and to enjoy a night of gambling (for fun) and socializing. Play money is provided at the door, and prizes will be auctioned at midnight. Hamburgers will be available for a fee, and other snacks will be provided. Drinks will be as usual. Admission is \$1.50 for members and \$2.50 for guests. Help is needed to bartend, deal cards, fix food, etc., so please call Mary Manley to volunteer. [...]

SAN RAFAEL black box July 23-25 by Mike Hendrickson

In the RAMBLER, this trip was advertised for strictly desert freaks only. As it turned out, only Bob Thomas and myself ventured forth. The first day, we drove down the river road below the San Rafael Bridge Campground, loaded our packs on our backs and headed down a ravine to the San Rafael River, which was to be our home for the next three days. The first day we waded the first narrow part of the canyon, enjoyed a noontime siesta under the shade of a cottonwood, and boulder-hopped into the increasing depths of the canyon. With clear skies, we spent the first night camped next to the river and let it lull us to sleep.

The second day dawned very early, a necessity this time of the year, and the canyon started to narrow, and the boulder-hopping turned into wading. As we continued, the first obstacle loomed ahead, a waterfall with a deep pool at the bottom. With some ropework and some swimming we managed to get past the waterfall and continued wading down the canyon. As the canyon started to open up, we heard a dog barking and met a couple with their dogs who had “united” into the center of the river area. They offered a couple of thirsty-looking souls a beer which was quickly downed. In this area, the river opens into a very broad valley with sandstone spires and cliffs offering a spectacular vista. The second night was spent on the opposite end of the valley where the river plunges into the lower Black Box, which was our objective for the final day.

With the usual early start, the lower Black Box started out spectacularly, with the canyon walls only about 15 feet apart at the place named Swasey’s Leap after some fool who actually jumped the canyon. The canyon turned narrow again and reminded one of the canyons of Zions. With several obstacles to climb down and work around, the day turned out to be long and tough. After a long morning, the canyon opened up a little bit and became especially spectacular, and impressive sandstone formations [appeared] around every bend of the river. Finally, we reached the open flatlands near the freeway and climbed up a steep talus slope to where we thought the car was spotted. After a long search, the car was found and we headed back to pick up Bob’s car under threatening skies. As we passed the San Rafael Bridge Campground and headed up the river road, we found ourselves blocked by a very sizable flash flood and had to retreat, leaving Bob’s car to be picked up later. We promptly headed for Green River for food and the final drive home. A perfect end to a tough but most spectacular and worthwhile backpack.

[A perfect end, but Mike didn’t reveal what happened to Bob’s car. It may still be there. I-70 through the San Rafael Swell opened in 1970. – Donn]



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