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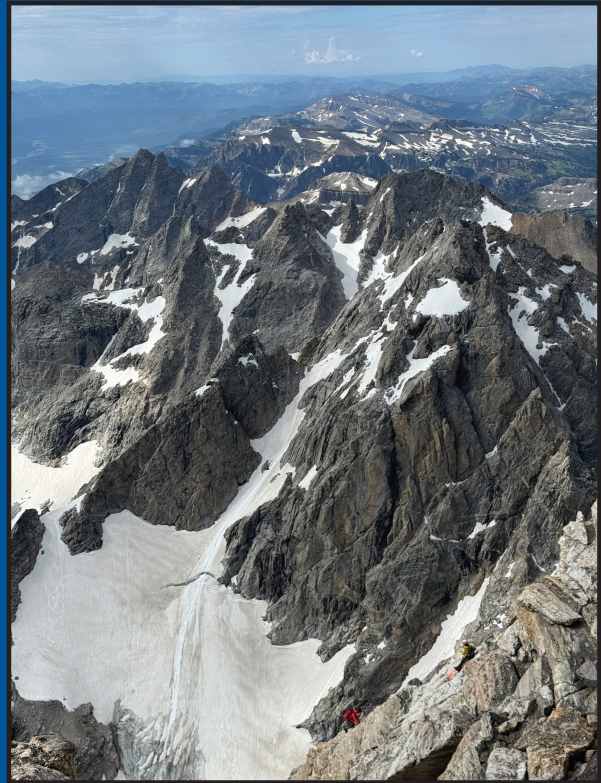


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Matt Moffet and Jorge Torres (barely visible in lower right) ascending the Friction Pitch on the Exum Ridge. See page 24 for details.



ON OUR BACK COVER:

Forget Old Faithful. The real action is happening at Mr Bubbles! See page 16 for the full report.



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Historian's Message

by Debra Frank

Hello Clubbers! We had a lot going on in August—let's dive in.

OLDTIMERS AND BOOK LAUNCH GATHERING AT THE LODGE, JULY 25

We had such a fun time—and a record crowd! Members picked up their pre-ordered books from Julie, or bought them on site. I made nametags which were printed with the names of members from the past. As people checked in, they picked up a nametag, wrote their own name in the space provided, and then set about learning something about their assigned member. (Huge thanks to Tony Hellman for handing out nametags and for providing prizes.) I loved that everyone embraced the idea. We didn't have time for everyone to share, but the personal recollections of past members were especially priceless. Let's do this again!



Photo of club members featured in the book taken at the book launch. (Not all of us made it in!)

OUTDOOR RECREATION ARCHIVE AT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

I've said it before but one of the pleasures of writing the club history and serving as historian, is getting to know the people I call "fellow travelers" that I meet along the way. One was Alex Mager who made a film about prominent club members, Jim and Elfriede Shane, founders of the Goldminer's Daughter. We had a lively discussion with lots of great questions when Alex showed his film at the July 2025 Oldtimers gathering. Another fellow traveler is Kim Johnson, a club member who is researching and writing about historical sites in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Then this past week, I had the pleasure of meeting Clint Pumphrey who manages the Outdoor Recreation Archive at Utah State University.



I had never heard of the archive when I received an email in February from Chase Anderson (who also works at the archive) asking if I might donate a copy of my book. I was flattered that they'd even heard of my project. Six months later (just last week) I drove to Logan to drop off a book and tour the archive.

Every now and again you discover that a great treasure exists in your own backyard. This is true of the Outdoor Recreation Archive. Begun in 2017, in partnership with the College of Agriculture and Applied Science's Outdoor Product Design and Development (OPDD) program, the archive's focus is on outdoor gear. Its collection of catalogs, magazines, photographs and books are an invaluable resource for those who work in the outdoor industry. The collection attracts visitors from all over Europe, and even Japan—that's how unique and special it is.

Clint led me through the archive, rolling tall metal bookshelves aside to reveal corridors of neatly labeled



boxes. Some contain magazines such as Summit, going back decades. Others contain the records of notable people who have bequeathed them to the archive upon their deaths. One set of boxes that Clint pointed out contained issues of American Whitewater. Back in February, I was struggling with photos. Most of my roughly 220 photos were high enough resolution to use in the book, but about two dozen were not, and these sent me on a wild goose chase. I was especially concerned about the photos Alexis Kelner took that appeared in the 1966 American Whitewater story on kayaking Cross Mountain. The photos were gorgeous! And un-usable. I needed scans. I asked Bruce Christenson if he had the magazine issue, no go. I asked Alexis, who recalled having a copy but had misplaced it. I checked the Salt Lake library system. I combed through Cal Giddings's huge archive at the University of Utah's Special Collections. I found nothing. I called and chatted with a representative at the magazine, who was sympathetic to my plight, but they'd just moved to new offices, and the archive was temporarily unavailable. (Do you see why it took me so long to finish this book?!)

It was the Outdoor Recreation Archive who came through for me. When I mentioned my search to them, they checked eBay and bought an American Whitewater lot that contained the issue I needed. In a matter of days, they sent me scans, which you can now see in the boating chapter of Faint Heart Never Climbed a Mountain. I'm so grateful to Clint and Chase!

Check out their website at: <https://libguides.usu.edu/outdoorrecreationarchive>. And for a quick glance at the huge variety of materials they collect, see their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/outdoorrecarchive/> Also they have a very cool book: <https://www.amazon.com/Outdoor-Archive-Collection-Adventure-Illustrations>

Postscript: At first I wondered why an archive which documents "the history of the people, products, and brands of the outdoor industry," would be interested in my book. And then I thought, sheesh, who in Utah has bought more outdoor gear over the last century than the WMC? Since my visit to the archive, I've also become more aware of design features in my own gear. Just today I discovered a hidden pocket in my Himali sun hoody. A nice touch. (I've come a long way since I bought a battered backpack at DI for \$4.) And I wish I'd known about the archive earlier, as I would have liked to study outdoor attire from the 1920s and 1930s.

ENGAGING WITH FAINT HEART

Last month I included comments from readers in my column and other connections I've discovered through the book. I'd love to hear from more folks! You can reach me at debwfrank@gmail.com. (If you'd prefer to be anonymous, please let me know.)

Some ideas: Did the book spark any of your own memories? Are you inspired to try a new activity or visit a new place? What story was your favorite & why? What surprised you? What did you learn?

PUBLICITY

We've had some nice publicity lately. Channel 4-ABC news interviewed Mark and me about the Do-the-Book Neffs Cave descent, organized by Frank Bouchard. My part didn't make the cut, likely because I held the book up (the photographer encouraged me to). I have to say, it's really tough to translate publicity into sales! The 45-minute Access Utah interview didn't lead to any pings on my website. I think people go to Amazon, and if they don't find it, they don't order it. (I did try to sell the book on Amazon, but when they said my birthday was wrong and I couldn't get a human to verify it, I had to give up for now. I'll try again.) RE: the sales—the club needs to recover printing costs, and I have a similar amount to recover with sales. You rack up a lot of expenses on a project this big, especially when it takes 7 years.

REMINDER

If you're local and can pick up the book yourself, you can buy Faint Heart Never Climbed a Mountain from Julie Kilgore for a \$35 donation to the club. You can also buy it from me at debawilsonfrank.com. I'll ship it anywhere in the US for \$5.50. I've recently sent books to Canada and Sweden, so international shipping is possible too—though not for \$5.50!

DO THE BOOK; LIVE THE LEGACY

This month we have three trip reports featuring activities from the book, and three more activities coming in September—marked with a "do-the-book" logo in the calendar listing. Coming soon: a game and incentives for participation in do-the-book activities!



WELCOME

New & Returning Members

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

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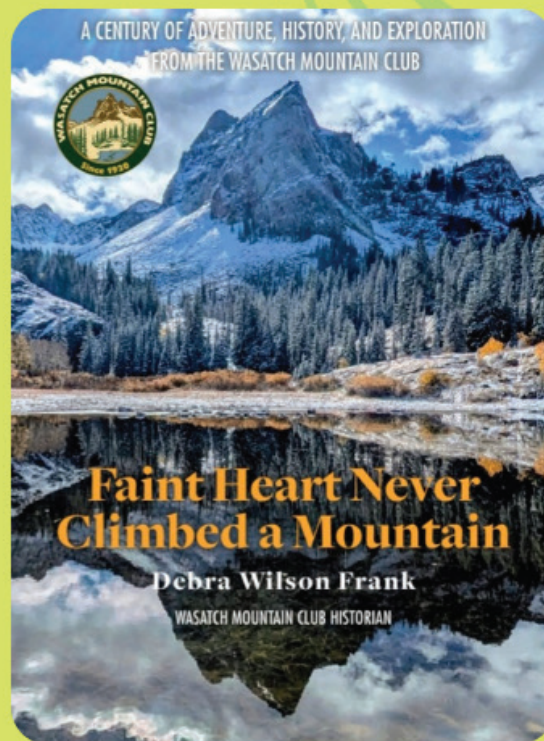
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From Kirkus Reviews:

"In addition to the many superb tales of the great outdoors, the book serves as an institutional history, documenting the club's growth from its origins as a small organization that brought together 13 outdoor enthusiasts to its development into a powerful and influential cultural institution in the region, boasting hundreds of members. The book includes a biographical directory of figures in the organization's past and present, describing some of their specific achievements within the club. Overall, Frank's work proves to be a labor of love in the best sense of the term. She documents the historical impact of the WMC in as thorough and thoughtful a manner as readers could imagine. It's also a beautifully illustrated work, with plenty of archival color and black-and-white photos taken over the course of a century, which effectively tell a story on their own while still complementing the text."



Some of the club members featured in the book at the
Oldtimers' gathering at the lodge in July 2026



Climbing Kilimanjaro & Mt Kenya - June 24 - July 9, 2026

by Mark Maier

[Editor's Note: This was not an official WMC trip, but since a lot of members are interested in climbing these peaks, we thought Mark's report was worth sharing in *The Rambler*.]

In June and July of this year I traveled to Kenya and Tanzania to climb Kilimanjaro and Mt Kenya, with a primary goal of the main summit Batian. Leigh Maier joined me for the Kilimanjaro segment and the wildlife safari afterward. Kilimanjaro has been a popular objective for many WMC members. Mt Kenya is much less known, but I found it an outstanding adventure and quite different from Kilimanjaro. This article discusses both mountains and options for climbing.

Both mountains are very close to the equator and have similar seasons. In Kenya and Tanzania, the weather is relatively dry during January-February and July-August. The dry seasons extend a bit on both sides. Most treks and climbs are thus either from about Christmas to early March or from mid-June to mid-September. Outside of those times you expect to encounter rain and mud at lower altitude and substantial snow at higher altitudes.

Kilimanjaro - Kilimanjaro is the well-known highest mountain in Africa, located in the northern area of the nation of Tanzania (near the border with Kenya). Among the seven summits, highest peak on each continent, it is pretty clearly the easiest and most accessible and is thus the most popular. Based on the summit day crowds, I'd say over a hundred people a day must summit during the popular seasons.

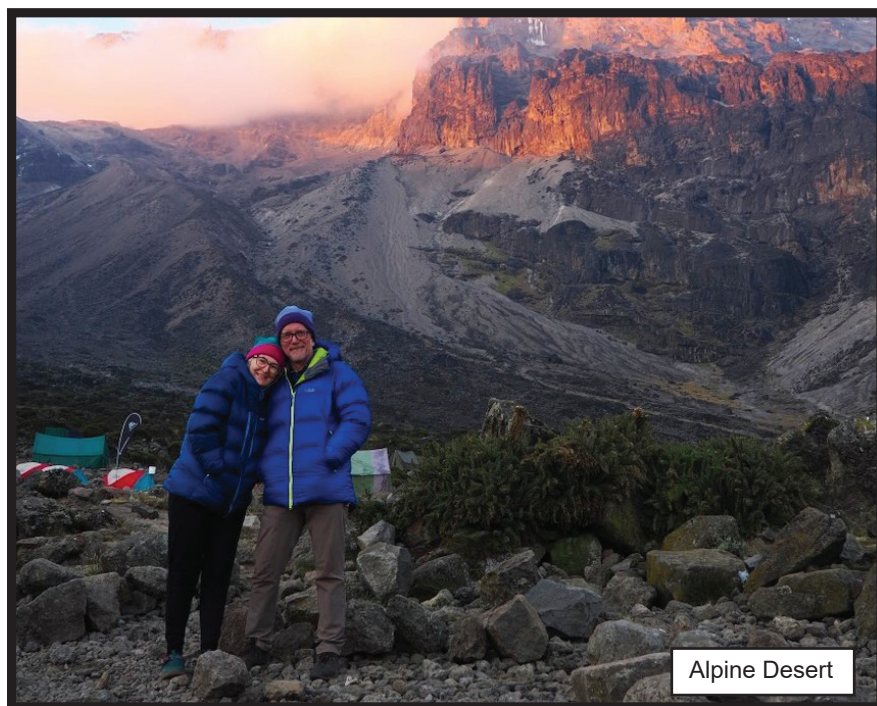


Cloud Forest

Kilimanjaro takes you from cloud forest, to moorland, to alpine desert. Its altitude, 19,341 feet or 5,895 meters, is certainly high enough to be a challenge but not in the extreme range. With well-established trails and camp sites on the popular routes the challenge is primarily in getting acclimated and staying healthy and



Moorland Camp



Alpine Desert

rested for the 6 to 8 days of a typical trek. The two most popular routes on Kilimanjaro are the Machame (done as a six-day trek) and the Lemosho (done as an 8-day trek). Both of these routes share many of the same camps and summit from the same point. The Lemosho starts a bit lower and farther away and takes more time to acclimatize. The camping starts close to 10,000 feet with most of the nights in the 13-14,000-foot range. The high camp before the summit is well over 15,000 feet, possibly 16,000 feet depending on the choice of final camp.



The routes share the unique Kilimanjaro experience of ascending through a sequence of biological zones. These start with the cloud forest around the trailhead where you are likely to see monkeys and other tree wildlife. Then the moorlands, then the alpine desert as you go higher and higher.

The challenge of Kilimanjaro is primarily acclimatizing effectively, staying healthy until you are acclimated, keeping your energy reserves up for a week of trekking, and then doing about 3000 feet of vertical on summit day in the thin air and cold. It is usually cold enough to require hiking in



down jackets and mittens on summit day (I did). Don't discount the descent, you'll be descending 9,000 to 10,000 vertical feet on summit day to get down to the lower camps. Some of the lower trails are very rough, kind of like broken up staircase. On the last day final walk-out, it may be muddy as the last section returns you to the cloud forest where you started where the clouds mimic rain.

And always with lots of company.

You'll get the classic summit shot, but you'll probably wait in line.





Looking down the Chogoria route from mid-way on the trek.

Mt Kenya Mt Kenya, logically enough, is centrally located in the nation of Kenya. It is the second highest mountain in Africa. It is a complex mountain with two primary summits nearly the same height and multiple lower summits and "points." Unlike Kilimanjaro, there are no trekking routes to either of the main summits (named Nelion and Batian). The easiest route to the lower summit (Nelion) has grade IV 5.5 (roughly) while the grade of Batian is V 5.8. The grades should be taken with a grain of salt. I did the route to Batian and didn't find anything technically harder than 5.6/7. However, both peaks are very complicated with complex route finding and I have no doubt that poor route finding would kick the grade up. Reading through various guides and looking at some topos, you'll find there are multiple recognized variations. Some are easier but more prone to

icing, some more direct, and so forth. Also, 5.6 at 17,000 feet does not feel like a 5.6 in LCC or BCC. A short pitch of 5.6 on Batian felt like running an all-out

Typical climbing on Batian, Mt Kenya. Steep enough to rope up, scrambling with vertical steps.



Approaching Point Lenana, Mt Kenya

800-meter race when I was in high school.

The climb to the lower summit, Nelion, is normally done in January/February. The typical high camp is a bit higher and the route is shorter and easier than the route on Batian. Those who want to climb Batian in Jan/Feb usually do the Nelion climb, bivouac just below the summit in the Howell Hut (it's basically a large bed with a roof, you can't stand up in it), and then traverse to the summit of Batian.

The third highest summit, known as Point Lenana, is a trail with a scramble at the end. The scramble by the usual route is easier than the scramble at the top of Mt Olympus by quite a bit. I've heard it is somewhat harder coming from the other side (south side), and it looked it when seen from the top, but I did not do it.

If you undertake one of the big routes to the higher summits of Mt Kenya, be aware it is a bad place to get caught in a storm, especially Batian. Snow can fall on the peak at any time of year. "Shipton's Notch" on Batian has to be traversed in both directions. Snowfall when you are above the notch, can make it very hard to traverse the notch down without mixed climbing gear, that you are almost certain not to take. People have gotten stuck in the notch due to storms and had to wait a day or more to get off the mountain. There is considerable loose rock on the mountain and climbers have to be very careful on the numerous rappels (about 20 on the Batian route) to not knock loose rock down on others or themselves. Consider this as an important element of the climb. You'll be making many, many rappels in the dark with loose rock everywhere.

From the table below you can see that summit day on Kilimanjaro appears to be substantially harder than on Mt Kenya, in terms of vertical and altitude. However, summit on Batian was much harder when I did it than summit day on Kilimanjaro. The impact of the much more difficult terrain was high, and the unavoidable real rock climbing was like inserting regular interval sprints into a marathon.

	Kilimanjaro	Mt. Kenya		
		Pt Lenana	Batian	Nelion
Summit Altitude	19,341	16,325	17,057	17,021
Gain on Summit Day (feet)	2,500 - 3,000	1,300	2,450	1,300
High Camp Altitude (feet)	15,300 (Barafu) 15,800 (Kosovo)	15,046 (Simba)	14,580 (Kami)	15,732 (Austrian)
Technical Difficulty	Trail	Scramble	IV+/V 5.8	IV 5.5 (roughly)
Summit Temperatures	20s or lower	Above freezing	Above freezing	Above freezing

Of the group, a Mt Kenya trek that just includes Point Lenana is the easiest. I'd say it is no more difficult than a Colorado 14'er trip, although you'll sleep more nights somewhat higher. The Kilimanjaro trek has no individual day harder than an MSD hike in the Wasatch, but it is still 6 to 8 days of back-to-back trekking, mostly above 12,000 feet. Self-care and proper acclimatization is very important. The biggest challenges of achieving Nelion or Batian, assuming you are following a climbing guide up, will be less the vertical or even the altitude than it will be doing that on continuously technical terrain, but up and down. It is a lot of ground to cover roped, with many, many transitions from simul-climbing, to pitching, to rappelling. Even the descent, with its 20 rappels, involves some transitions to climbing up and simul-down-climbing in complex terrain, some of it most likely in the dark. And you need to be prepared for the peak demands of pulling rock climbing moves at 17,000 feet. If you are thinking of doing either without a climbing guide, my first question would be: how many alpine routes graded IV 5.8 have you led on-sight? If that number is near zero, do you really want to expensively travel to a foreign high-altitude area to give it a go?

Logistics The simplest way to handle logistics is to contact a U.S. travel service and let them do it. No doubt you'll pay more. You can also contact Africa-based guide services and make the arrangements more directly. You will almost certainly want to go with porters and staff. This is the normal expectation and bypasses the problems of hauling all the necessary gear from the U.S., figuring out how to get backcountry food, and everything else. On Kilimanjaro you really have no other option. Plus, you eat really well if you have a cook, you won't get lost, and you'll have somebody who speaks both English and Swahili to manage everything. You support the locals and probably have a great time meeting some really great people.



We used the company Journey to Africa Safaris out of Houston to set up our trip, including the wildlife safari afterward. For Mt Kenya they engaged African Ascents for guides and porters and on Kilimanjaro Matembezi Safaris. You can contact African Ascents or Matembezi (or many others) direct from the U.S. if you want. We can hardly say enough good things about all three. We found them outstanding in every way. We showed up with our personal gear and everything else was handled, including tents, sleeping bags, all food, etc. For most people if you are making the money and time investment to go to East Africa, I think you'll want to do a wildlife safari as well, and there are piles of other activities one could do (like hang out in the beach resort area of Zanzibar).

Alternatively, you could show up and arrange guides and porters on the spot. For sure this is possible on Mt Kenya if you go to the west side (Naro Moru or Nanyuki) where most of the guide services are based anyway. There are some resort mountain lodges on that side where you could meet with guides and set things up. All depends on how much time you have and if you want to negotiate that sort of thing on the spot. For me, given how much it costs to fly over there anyway, I'm setting things up in advance.

On Mt Kenya you have a choice of trekking routes to get into and out of the peak area. There are three major trekking routes (Naro Moru and Sirimon from the west, Chogoria from the east) and two much less used routes (Burguet and Timau). I trekked in from the east on the Chogoria route and exited to the west on the Sirimon. Personally, that was a great choice. The drive from Nairobi to Chogoria is pretty tedious, but the Chogoria route is the most scenic to trek. You get not quite as scenic views exiting on the Sirimon, but very different from the Chogoria and it just takes part of a day to get out, with a quick drive back to hotels and showers on the west side.

On Kilimanjaro almost everybody is on either the Machame or Lemosho routes. There are other routes but they aren't much used. Talk to a guide service if you are really interested.

Conclusion If you want to go to (almost) 6000 meters altitude, or climb one of the seven summits, Kilimanjaro is the easiest and most pleasant choice that I know. The only thing that would rival it for direct access to altitude is probably Ecuador, but those who love Nepal may want to argue. If you are looking to experience technical rock climbing above 5000 meters Mt Kenya is a pretty great choice. There aren't a lot of alternatives that aren't much rougher. Neither mountain normally requires any snow or ice climbing. Both provide trekking through truly exotic scenery unlike almost anywhere else. And both fit great with other, non-mountaineering, travels, like wildlife viewing and cities. I count them as one of the great experiences I've had.



Activity Reports

Tony's Tiny Trail Hikes on Tuesday - June 2026

Organized and report by Tony Hellman

Howdy Wasatch Mountain Club Members! Our goal with these hikes is to help fill the Wasatch Mountain Club calendar with "NTD" (Not Too Difficult) options and get people exploring the wonderful trails located right here in the city. Ultimately, we want to get people out and about, and hopefully inspire you to start organizing the hikes you want to see!

Recent Adventures:

Storm Mountain & Beyond - 06/16/2026 Prior to Parley's, we completed a beautiful hike up at Storm Mountain Island. We visited Goodro's wall where Harold Goodro climbed the first 5.10 route. The club roster is full of legends and many are detailed in Deb Frank's incredible book *Faint Heart Never Climbed A Mountain*.

Parley's Historic Nature Park - 6/24/26 The WMC group of 10 hiked up from Tanner Park on the historic "No Dogs Allowed" side of Parley's. We really enjoyed this mostly flat hike which is surprisingly lush and green thanks to the numerous natural springs in the area. We also got to watch mountain bikers hard at work fixing and building out the local BMX path. Some were probably flying 20 ft in the air. Crazy! PS: that BMX trail has been there over 30 years!

Suicide Rock- 6/30/26 & Burch Hollow - 7/07/26 We had a fantastic turnout with nine people from the Burch Hollow trailhead to Rattlesnake Gulch and back. A week before We hiked up to Suicide Rock, which was incredibly interesting due to all the graffiti covering it—many WMC locals had never even been there before. Watching the locals "shooting the flume" in shorts and bikinis while sliding down the 300 ft culvert under the I 215 interstate was a great reminder have fun.

Upcoming Adventures: Burch Hollow to Rattlesnake, Thaynes Canyon Loop, ODYSSEY MOVIE NIGHT

See ya next Tuesday!



Boating, Climbing & Canyoneering - July 1-5, 2026

Organized and report by Chris Owen

Three adventuresome and psyched outdoors people spent five days during the 4th of July weekend doing Class IV boating, 5.9 climbing and 3A II R canyoneering. Once we left the put-in, we had the canyon entirely to ourselves and saw no one for 30 hours. Skull is a solid Class IV at these levels of approximately 1600 cfs. The third hole is a few feet deep and somewhat sticky. Our group ran right of skull rock. The water was warm and the cleanest the rangers had seen in years. Chris showed us underwater bouldering. This proved to be a great way to practice climbing and an opportune way to cool down. Masks and snorkels were not used as we needed to save space and weight for 56 pounds of climbing gear.

We climbed Rowing Tower on the left side of the river left just downstream of Big Horn campsite at mile 114.2. It's arguably the most prominent and aesthetically pleasing tower in the canyon. The route ascends the side facing the left down river canyon wall. The route went at 5.9, no chalk, bolts or webbing were left on the tower. The rappel off the top was radically overhung and highly picturesque. Crack tacks, KB's, LA's and thin Leeper Z's were the order for the day. One number 4 Camalot and one thread were also placed. The route was a first ascent.



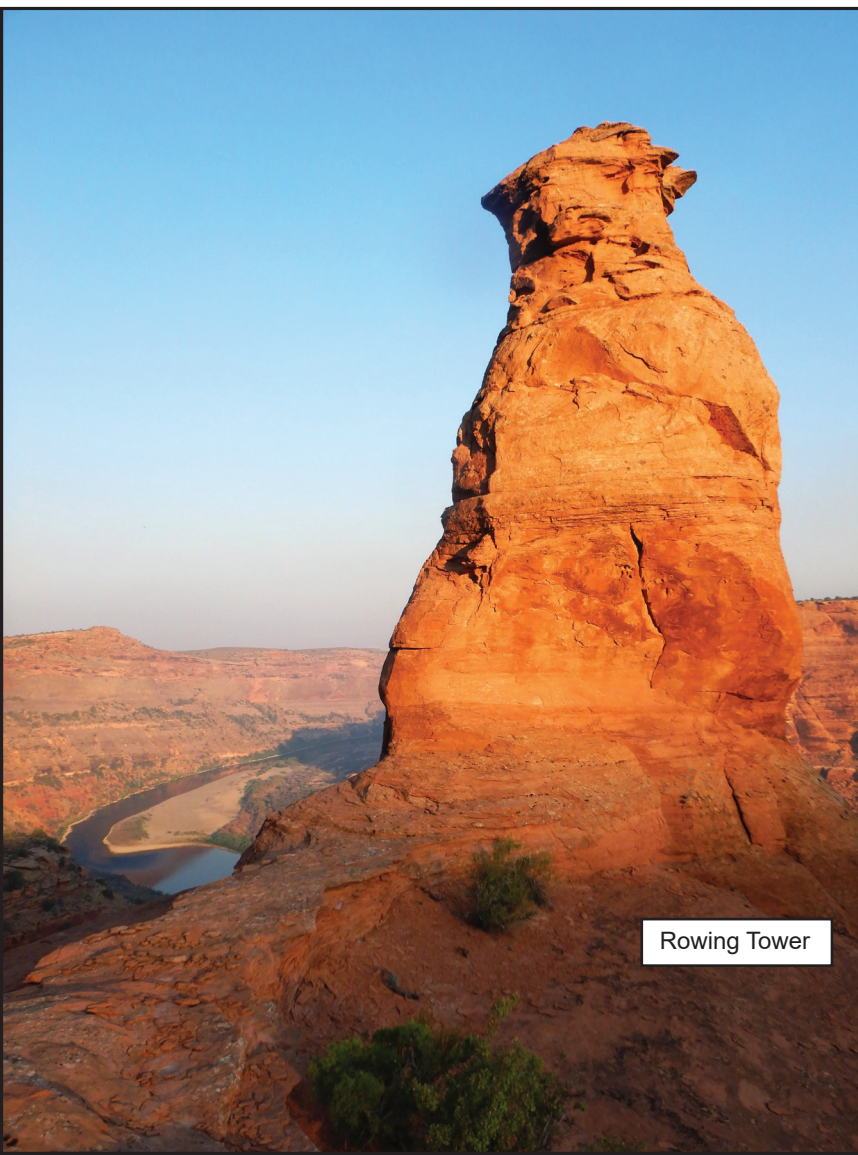
The elusive Westwater pagoda



Skull Sticky Hole



Skull Sticky Paddle



Rowing Tower

The canyoneering was special as we saw pictographs, petroglyphs, moki steps and metates. One canyon surprisingly even had a bit of poison ivy. Hand stacks, knee stacks, arm bars and 2 dyno moves were used to access the river right canyon rim. Picturesque alcoves with hanging gardens and blooming flowers were also explored. Hittle Bottom was the takeout. Twenty different species of birds were seen. We saw deer, beaver, rabbits and approached within 75 feet of antelope. We saw prairie dog homes, but no one was UP for visitation. Multiple signs of mountain lions were spotted.

The eerie glow of the upriver grasslands fire at night was only surpassed by the burnt orange orb of the rising gibbous moon. Remnants of snow were spotted on the La Sals.



Reflections above Bull Canyon



Crack Tacks et al.



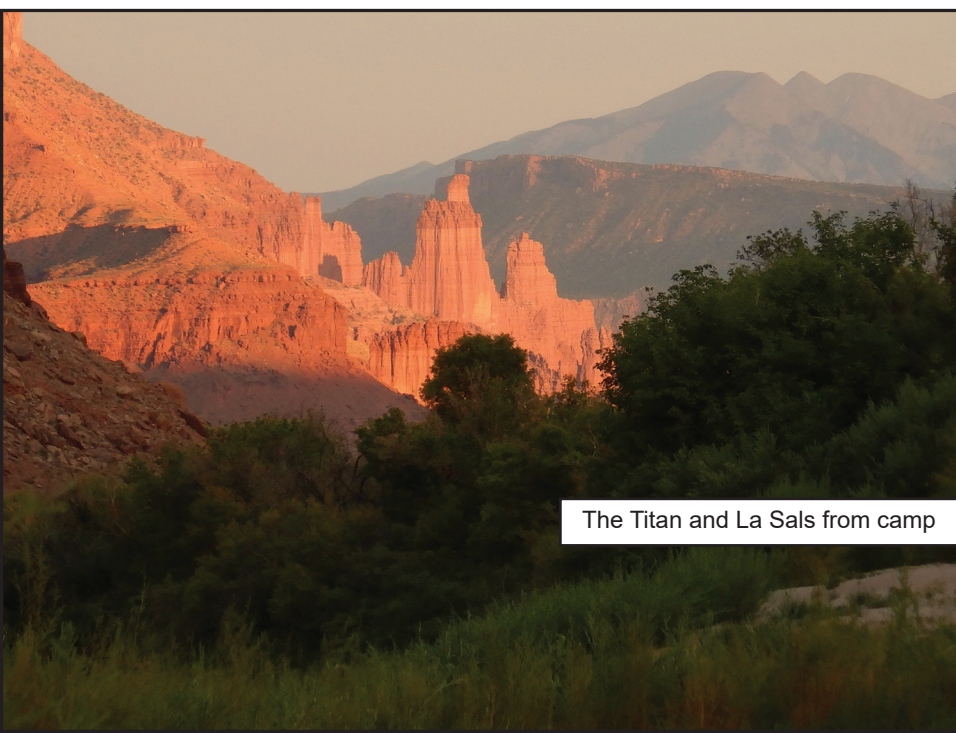
Alcove Island

and extremely scenic. The inner canyon walls of blackened and glossy Vishnu Schist juxtaposed with pink and salmon colored Zoroaster Granite comprise an other-worldly feel. These are framed by iron red and reflective manganese-streaked Windgate Sandstone, that is further accented by the varied colored

In the 80s and 90s, the club would usually do five Westwater trips per year. This canyon is just over 4 hours from SLC, somewhat easy to get a permit

palates of the Chinle Formation. These two layers forming the imposing and restrictive outer canyon walls.

This is a very pretty canyon with scenic camps and minimum bug concerns. This trip had great boating, climbing and canyoneering. Why did so few club members enjoy it? Eight people bailed from the trip prior to launch. So many skilled and seasoned club boaters, climbers and canyoneers missed out on a super adventure. What can we as a club do to get more people to enjoy such a great canyon? If anyone has any ideas or wants to do this trip again, please contact me. See you on the water!!



The Titan and La Sals from camp



Backpacking Bechler Canyon - July 3-6, 2026

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard

"Do The Book; Live the Legacy" Reflection by Deb Frank

Participants: Frank B, Kerry R, Bryan M, Tali B, and Nathan C.

When a last-minute snowstorm tanked Nathan's Granite Peak mountaineering trip, five of us were left with a free weekend and no plans. Drawing inspiration from a classic Mike Budig itinerary, we managed to snag backcountry permits for Yellowstone's Bechler Canyon.

Our trip began with a tedious but necessary car shuttle from the Bechler Ranger Station to the Lone Star trailhead, getting us on the trail by early afternoon. Our first stop was Lone Star Geyser. While it wasn't putting on a full-scale eruption, some mild splashing kept us entertained for a bit. Further down, a bison had parked itself in the middle of the trail. We cautiously skirted around it, and it continued munching on grass unconcerned with our presence. We pushed past a series of steaming thermal pools before climbing up to our first campsite just past Grants Pass.

By evening, the mosquitoes had arrived in full force. We geared up in our bug suits like astronauts in a hostile world, so we could quickly prep dinner before retreating to our tents. After a few rounds of a Jeopardy card game, we called it an early night.

The next morning, we continued our southern push. Mr Bubbles is an awesome thermal pool along a river where a wonderful mix of scalding hot and frigid cold waters come together. Following the Budig tradition, we broke out daiquiris, and



went for a dip. While mass crowds of tourists pushed and shoved for a view of the front-country thermal pools just fifteen miles away, we had this one all to ourselves for hours.

The trail continued with a couple of deep river crossings followed by three of the biggest waterfalls I've ever seen. We pitched camp on the edge of the Bechler River, watched two moose wade across the water just before dark, and wisely decided against sampling the wild mushrooms.

Our final morning was a flat-out slog through flooded





boggy meadows and thick, aggressive clouds of mosquitoes. With zero incentive to stop for breaks or photos, we put our heads down and booked it straight to the cars. Our total distance covered over three days was 31 miles.

A “Do the Book; Live the Legacy” Note by Deb Frank

In 1984, Michael Budig posted his first Yellowstone backpack to the WMC calendar. Forty+ years later, he’s still posting them! I love that Frank & company dashed off to Yellowstone when a sudden snowstorm changed their mountaineering plans. Frank snagged permits for Bechler, perfect for “do-the-book” since that’s where Michael went on that first trip. Snow figured too, in Michael’s experience. The forecast had been for clear skies leading up to the trip, until a sudden blizzard came up. Michael’s crew took it in stride and didn’t let it change their plans. Instead, they sipped daiquiris in a hot pool while the snow

swirled around them. Frank continued that tradition by pouring daiquiris, although they braved mosquitoes rather than weather.



I’m glad Frank’s crew didn’t sample the mushrooms! One of Michael’s backpackers had a miserable night after ingesting a poisonous mushroom. Happily, it wasn’t worse.



Hiking Mt Jardine - July 5, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Mt Jardine (9565 ft) is not a difficult peak to make *if* you choose a good route. A year ago, we took the Ridgeline Trail. It was very long. We did not make it. Last fall, we took the “standard” route that apparently many people take. We did not feel comfortable doing the last part to the summit which involves scrambling and exposure. This time, we followed the route which we scouted last fall. We started from the Upper Green TH. We were on the Green Canyon Trail until it meets with the junction of Trail # 131/049. The junction was not clear. But we identified the location on the GPS unit. In addition, Trail # 131 which goes to the summit was not clear or no longer exists. We did class 2 scrambling (bushwhacking) to get to the summit. For all of us, it was the first time on the top. We felt very good about our achievement. We spent nearly an hour at the summit and went back the same way to the TH.



There was a nice place to get mountain water.



Erik near the summit



Ed Hemphill, Akiko, Erik Neilson & Don Tillman

Hiking Mt Nebo - July 12, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Eight hikers, Brennan Apilungo, Ed Hemphill, Akiko Kamimura, John Gould, JD Overton, Steve Maliszkeski, Andrew Still, and Victor Lee, hiked to the highest peak in the Wasatch, Mt Nebo (11,935 ft). It was the day of the record high temperature in the Salt Lake Valley (109 degrees). But it was not very hot during the Nebo hike. We followed the standard route to the summit via North

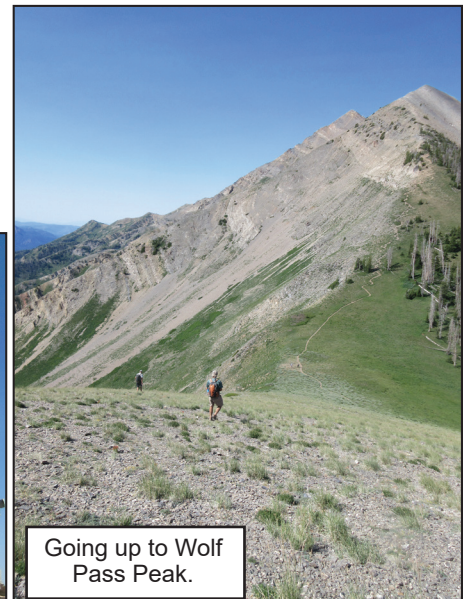
Peak and Wolf Pass Peak. Surprisingly, we saw only a few other hikers. We were by ourselves on the top and spent quite a bit time there to enjoy the nice weather (the temperature at the summit was around 65 degrees). We went back the same way. The cold drinks, which we had in our cars at the TH, were great.



Short break in the shade. Andrew, JD, Brennan & Steve



Back from left – John, Andrew, Ed, JD & Steve. Front from left – Akiko & Victor.



Going up to Wolf Pass Peak.



Trekking the Cordillera Blanca, Peru - July 6-16, 2026

Organized and report by James Fierbaugh

In the fall of 2025, I reached out to Nathan Heald - long-time guide and mountaineer based out of Cusco, Peru. I told him I was interested in a really high-altitude climbing adventure. We discussed options for a time, finally settling on a number of potential objectives. Over the next months we stayed in touch, updated our plans, and began to finalize details. We finally decided on some peaks in the Cordillera Blanca mountain range, located in the Ancash region of the Andes in Peru. He had obligations up to July 10, so we decided to begin our journey on July 12.



I arrived in Huaraz on July 7, and began my acclimatization, which involved a couple of days hikes up to ~4850m (16,000ft), and finished with a solo ascent of Nevado Vallunaraju 5,686m (PD, 650m), with a planned bivy at the beginning of the glacier. In the meantime, it became apparent that the climbing conditions in the Cordillera Blanca were some of the worst in memory. Numerous icefall and avalanche incidents led us to make changes to our plans. After much discussion between Nate, myself, Macario Crispin, and Ben Billet, we landed on a peak with significantly fewer objective hazards: Hualcan.

Hualcan is a rarely-climbed mountain. Located between its much more recognizable neighbors, Huascaran and Chopicalqui to the north, and Nevado Copa to the south, it rises to a respectable 6,165m (20,226ft). Nate had been to the basecamp there just a couple weeks earlier, so he had a good idea of the conditions: Very little overhanging serac, and what we hoped would be much more consolidated snow on the unclimbed south and west faces. Excellent.

On July 12, about 6 hours prior to departure, we were informed that the burros (donkeys), and requisite arriero (donkey driver), were in need of rest after a hard night of drinking and would not be joining us. However, our minds were set and we took off with just 10-15kg of extra weight per person for the approach.

After 2 days, we reached high camp, and prepared for the ascent. At approximately midnight, July 14, we set off. The





Above High camp - Daybreak

first portion of the climb from high camp was a maze of complicated glacier and sugar snow. The conditions improved slightly on the south face with steep snow and ice to 80deg; but loose snow continued to complicate the climb. This eventually transitioned to an interesting pitch of mixed climbing to gain the upper southwest ridge and more moderate terrain above. After approximately 12



Hitting the false summit

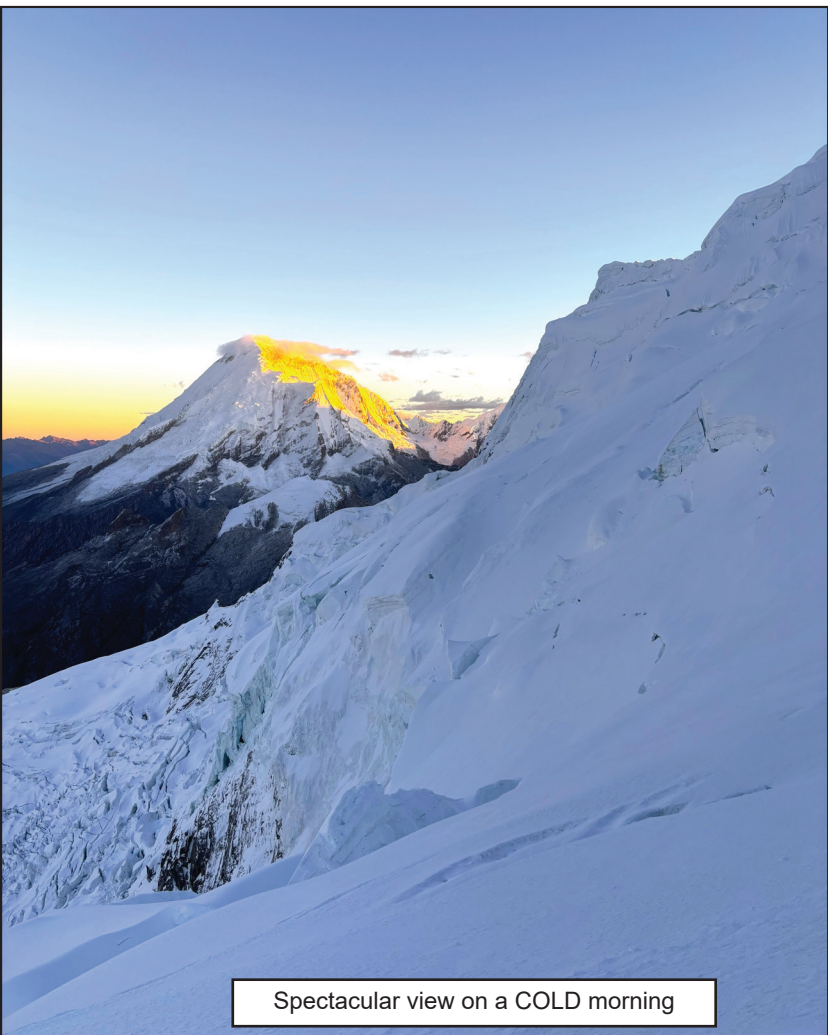


Getting closer



Summit success!

hours, the team was able to gain the summit. Just as we began to prepare for the first rappel, fog banks and cloud began to rip over the summit from the east. We quickly decided our best option for retreat was via the west face, which we could see was in much better condition. However, poor visibility and worsening weather complicated our descent. After several hours of increasingly difficult navigation and hostile conditions, we set up an unplanned bivy at 5600m and settled in for a long, cold night. After 12 hours of violent shivering, huddled together on our impromptu platform, dawn began to brighten the eastern sky and illuminated our way home.



Spectacular view on a COLD morning



The only good thing about the unplanned bivy at 5600m was the view

The remainder of our descent was uneventful, and after a nap, food, and water, we packed up our gear and returned to base camp, then Huaraz, and finally the long flight home.



Goodbye Hualcan

The Lander Climbing Festival - July 9-12, 2026

Organized and report by Nathan C

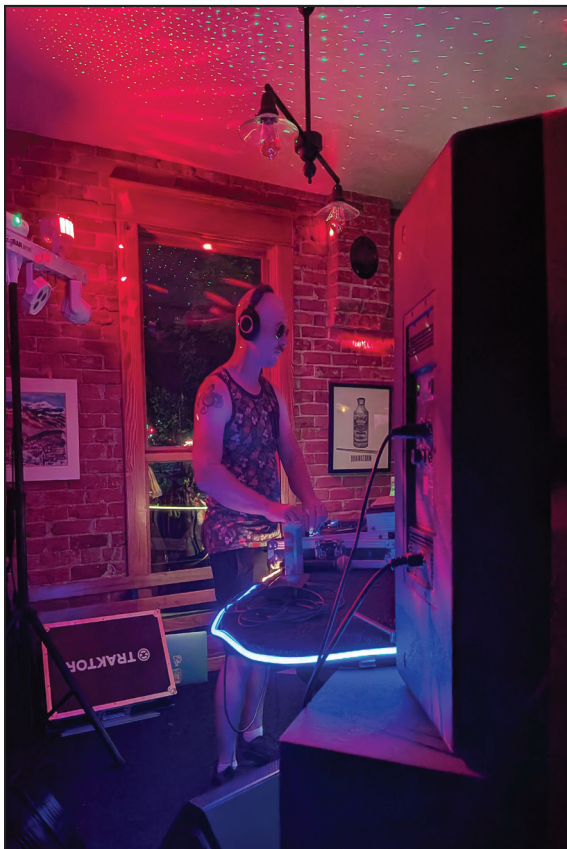
A combination of climbers and runners from the WMC converged for the weekend at The International Climbers Festival in Lander Wyoming. Held at Lander City Park, it's a bustling atmosphere of friendly folks all bound by a love of the mountains.



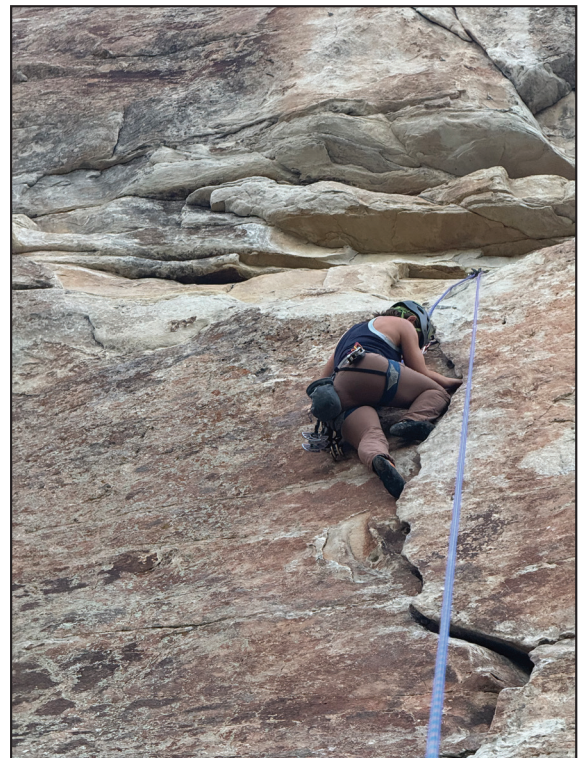
The running contingency of the trip included Kerry, Frank, and Joslin. On Saturday morning, the three of us set off from the Worthen Meadows campsite and completed a 16-mile loop. The temperatures were scorching but the trails were great. By the time we wrapped up in the mid-afternoon, only one thing could save us from total heat exhaustion: a hasty, refreshing plunge into the lake.

The climbing side of the house was made up by

Nathan, Ajeeth, and Courtney. Taking advantage of the festival's educational offerings, Ajeeth found some exposure therapy at Wild Iris in a falling clinic, while Nathan learned tricks of the rebolting trade with the ASCA. Between the festival goings-ons, some fun climbing was had in Sinks Canyon and up the Louise Lake loop road.



When the sun went down, the festival energy dialed all the way up. We migrated downtown for live music. A few of us looking to take the party to the next level ventured upstairs to a full-blown rave, complete with dazzling lights, trippy lasers, and the wildly entertaining beats of DJ Butterlord.



Floating the Ogden River - July 15, 2026

Organized and report by Anja Wadman

After work, the three of us, Frank Rayburn, Zack Heuscher, and Anja, decided to see what all the hype was about on the urban section of the Ogden River. Apparently, floating through downtown is the cool thing to do when it's 100 degrees. We met at Walmart, because every great river adventure starts in a parking lot. Two tubers and one kayaker headed out to scout the features before launching. The river was running at 388 cfs and packed a surprising amount of fun into 1.5 miles. We stopped to play at the popular surf wave under the Gramercy Street Bridge before cooling off with a swim at Crystal Wave below Wall Avenue. While this stretch is often described as "kid and dog friendly," we'd respectfully like to submit an amendment. At 388 cfs, there's enough maneuvering to keep things interesting. Kids? Maybe. Athletic dogs with excellent river-reading skills? Perhaps. Your average golden retriever just looking for a relaxing float? Probably not. Overall, it's a fantastic little run with fun features, easy access, and a great way to escape the summer heat without leaving town.



Floating the Ogden River - July 31, 2026

Organized and report by Anja Wadman

Friday after work, five of us decided there was no better way to beat the summer heat than with an evening lap down the Ogden River. With the flow sitting at a friendly 244 cfs, linking together the 1.9-mile Rainbow Gardens section with the 1.3-mile Urban Section for a fun 3.2-mile adventure seemed just right..

We put in at Rainbow Gardens. Our eclectic flotilla included Anja Wadman (packraft), Les Simmons and Mikki Fritz (hardshell kayaks), Chris Rowins (inflatable kayak), and Zach Heuscher proving that sometimes all you need is an inner tube and a good sense of humor. By the time most of us reached the take-out, we'd covered 3.2 miles of river, shared countless laughs, cooled off from the summer heat, and been reminded why this stretch of the Ogden is such a local favorite. Chris Rowins and Mikki Fritz weren't quite finished. They

kept paddling beyond the Urban Section, continuing all the way to the confluence of the Ogden and Weber Rivers. "Who's in after work?" Here's to 244 cfs, warm summer evenings, and making the most of a Friday on the Ogden River.



Climbing the Exum Ridge - July 17-19, 2026

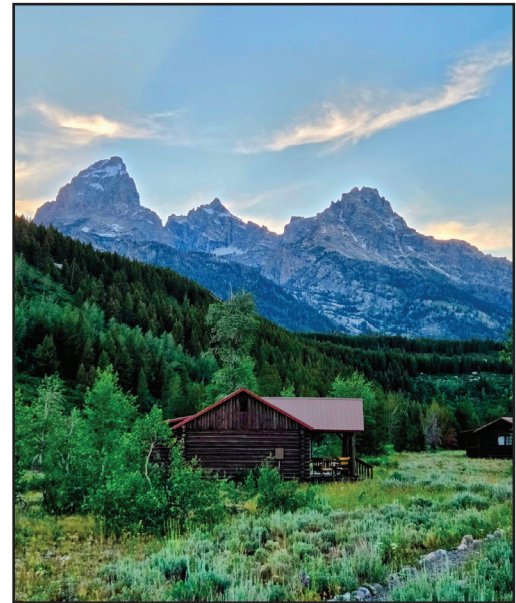
Organized and report by Nathan C.
"Do The Book; Live the Legacy" Reflection by Deb Frank



Participants: Nathan C., Matt M, Steph S., Jorge T., Dan H.

Our journey began on Thursday night at the AAC Climbers' Ranch, a dirtbag oasis nestled at the base of the Tetons. There, the team assembled to divvy up gear, finalize plan details, and pack in for a good night's rest before the big hike to come. Despite delays in permit pickup, we still escaped much of the day's heat while switchbacking up the Lupine Meadows trail and into Garnet Canyon. A scenic display of wildflowers, and the towering cathedrals of granite surrounding us, helped take the edge off our heavy packs as we plodded into camp on the Moraine, some 4000 feet above where the day started.

Though evening rains had lulled us to sleep, 3:30 still came early. We broke camp and marched onward past the Lower Saddle with a conservative,



Dinner at Moraine Camp



but deliberate pace.

After no small amount of scrambling, we roped up at the base of Wall Street - a sidewalk in the sky which narrows to a gap

Jorge and Matt negotiating the "Step-across" on the Wall Street ledge



called the "step-across", where an airy move with 1500 feet of air beneath your feet marks the start of the Exum Ridge.

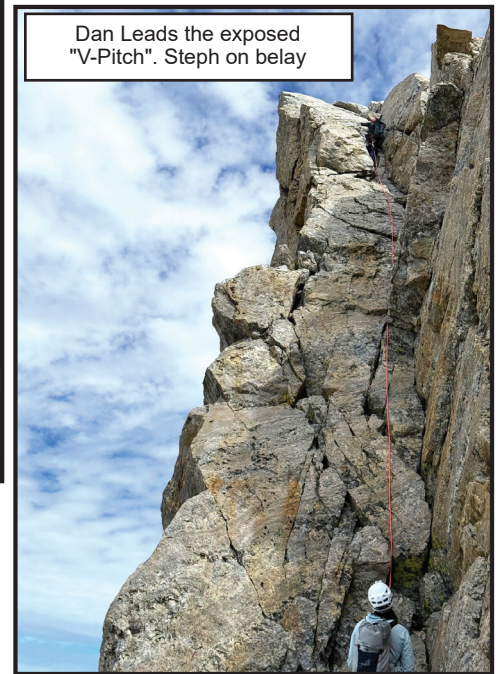
From there, the Exum Ridge ascends the prominent Southern skyline of the Grand for 1500 vertical feet. Breathtaking views of the Middle Teton and beyond only further cement this route's iconic status. Sections of scrambling are broken up by frequent 5th class steps and several pitches of sustained rock climbing. For those who had trained on alpine rope skills in the weeks and months prior, now was the time to perform - and perform they did!

Matt and Jorge took point on the first half of the route, yielding the lead to Steph and Dan around the Jern Dihedral. Steph rose to meet the crux of the route, the "Friction



Jorge on the airy Oween Rappel. Cascade Canyon is seen far below

Pitch", head-on - sending it after some well-timed jazzing-up from a local Jackson celebrity out for a solo mission. Dan cashed in on full-value exposure during the

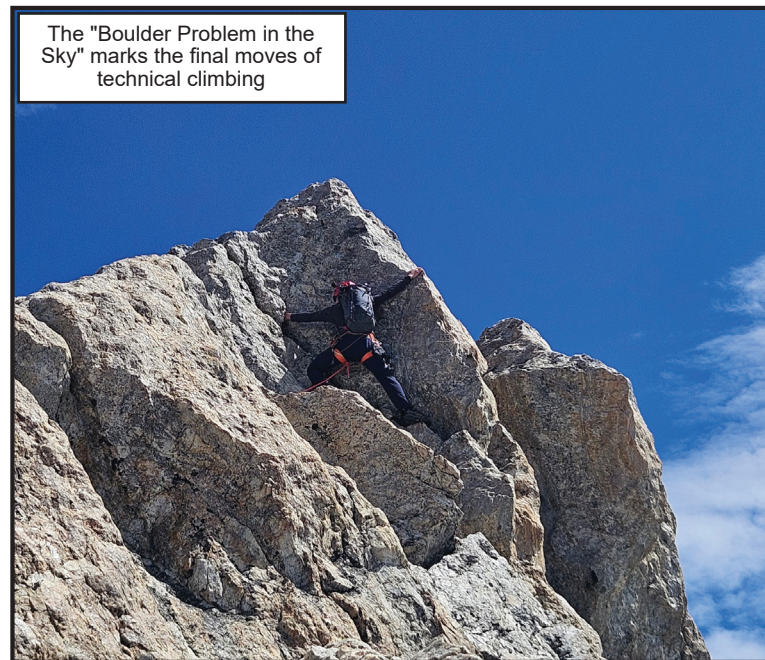


Dan Leads the exposed "V-Pitch". Steph on belay

V-Pitch, a dihedral which drops dead vertical off the mountain's Western face. Nathan helped both teams with routefinding and beta, occasionally hopping on a "fix-and-follow" line to protect the crux pitches. All enjoyed the final few moves onto the summit ridge - the airy "Boulder Problem In the Sky."

Despite going in with questionable weather forecasts, we lucked out with warm temperatures and benign cloud cover - though a massive avalanche on the Middle Teton Glacier would remind us of the dynamic environment we were in. From the summit we took in beautiful views of Cascade Canyon, Alaska Basin, and other features as we happily and uneventfully made the two rappels to the Upper Saddle, then picked our way down loose scree and talus back to camp. Our freeze-dried meals were extra tasty that evening!

The final day was marked by the long slog back out of Garnet Canyon. By now, most had sworn off ever carrying heavy packs up there again. Rallying in town for beers and celebratory slices of pizza, we remarked on our accomplishments for the weekend. Steph claimed redemption after a grueling single-day push up the Owen-Spalding last year. Dan, Matt, and Jorge realized the efforts of their training on one of America's most



The "Boulder Problem in the Sky" marks the final moves of technical climbing



iconic climbing routes. Nathan bagged his 9th summit on the Grand, and got even more stoked for the upcoming single-day push only a month away. If you're viewing this digitally, check out Dan's video of the trip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXpZuRe0BXo>

Matt Moffett, Jorge Torres,
Steph Stam and Dan Hadley.
Photo by Nathan Chafee



A “Do the Book; Live the Legacy” Note by Deb Frank

Back in May 1967, Ann McDonald was out for Thursday Beer Night with fellow clubbers when talk turned to a Grand Teton trip scheduled for July. Ann asked if she could come along. “Sure, if you’re fit,” was the reply. Oops! Ann had neither training nor any experience with mountaineering.

Since Nathan gives a compelling description of Wall Street, let’s hear Ann’s perceptions of it in this excerpt from *Faint Heart Never Climbed a Mountain*:

“After the rocks, the obstacles got harder—the Belly Roll, for one. In a feat of persuasion, Dale

coaxed Ann around the massive boulder, inconveniently jutting out from the mountainside. Nerves a-jitter over the 2,000 feet of air beneath her, Ann thought, surely that was the worst. But no, next up was the infamous Wall Street with its ledge that tapers to nothing, requiring a step across empty air to reach the next ridge. Ann tried not to think about the ‘several million feet of exposure’ as she clung to the rope and followed Dale’s instructions. Just concentrate. And for God’s sake, don’t look down! Dale, dear man, got her safely over the gap.”

Ann McDonald was the club’s oldest member when she passed away in April, just two months shy of 105.

Save The Date: General Membership Meeting September 10, 5:30 PM at the Millcreek Community Library

This is the second of the two annual Wasatch Mountain Club general memberships meetings. Yes, this is a bylaws-required meeting. But we’ll make it useful, informative, and fun, and not just business. 5:30-6:00 is member social with refreshments, new member orientation, and shop for merch (including the now available centennial history book); 6:00-7:00 board business, voting for Life Members, book signing for WMC books, presentation of activity challenge jackets, member benefits, volunteer opportunities, and more! 7:00-8:00 Presentations to be announced (expect “TED Talk” on outdoor adventures), followed by Q&A and closing social.

Address: 2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84109



Rafting Desolation Canyon - June 18-23, 2026

Organized by Justin Good & Greg Clark. Report by Justin Good

Participants: Justin Good, Greg Clark, Leslei Masters and James Price

We started this adventure Friday 7/17 at the Sand Wash boat ramp. We loaded and dropped the boats in



Sand Wash boat ramp, where the adventure begins

the river the night before and stayed in the screened cabins. The mosquitoes were not too bad, but we were prepared. We departed 7/18 after the chat with the on-duty BLM ranger who stressed the importance of leave-no-trace.

This trip occurred during a heat wave. The high temp on the trip was 106 degrees



Screened cabins at Sand Wash to keep the bugs out



The Flotilla



Greg paddling his lime green boat in 106 heat



Greg fixing up some breakfast

and the nights did not provide much relief. We had a downpour or two, but we had thunderstorms in the area every night. We made several stops along the way to check out ancient petroglyphs and ranch buildings.

The wind was constantly an issue and the low flows (2200 cfs) made for some challenging moments. We scouted a few of the Class III rapids so there were no surprises. We all took turns with our meals. After 6 days we emerged on the other side in Green River, UT. Half of the group went to Ray's for lunch before heading home.



Repairing a hole in the floor

Trail Maintenance on Khvy Peak TH - July 18, 2026

Organized and report by Daisy DeMarco

Thank you to all of the WMC volunteers who came out on a hot and sunny Saturday to join forces with Save Our Canyons and the Forest Service. We cleared out trash, debris, invasive weeds, and illegal fire rings around the Khvy Peak trailhead. Volunteers also enjoyed some free protein powder samples from Stomp Nutrition who reached out and were happy to supply our volunteers with a little extra nutrition boost. If you haven't come out for one of our trail maintenance events and are interested, please reach out or check the calendar for upcoming opportunities. This a great way to give back to the lands we love. Thank you to all WMC members for continuing to set such a great "leave no trace" example on all of your outdoor adventures. Happy trails!



Hike Silver Lake Boardwalk - July 25, 2026

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard



L-R: Joslin H, Jeanie, Jennifer S, Mark M, Kayla, David S, Penny S, Tim S, ?, Anne

To help fulfill the Oldtimers Party mission of bringing out long-standing WMC members, I scheduled a pre-party hike accessible to just about everyone. The boardwalk trail at Silver Lake, mostly flat and roughly a mile long, served as the perfect backdrop for socializing and moose spotting. After one lap around the lake, most of the group were still wanting more. We went around again, this time taking a side excursion onto a bushy trail that added a little more adventure, before heading over to the lodge for the party.



Climbing Colorado 14ers - June 21-25, 2026

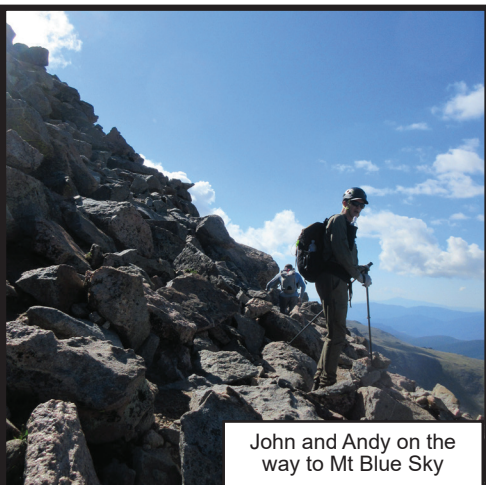
Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura.

Participants: Akiko Kamimura, John Gould, Courtney Nelson and Andy Bibby

We hiked to three Colorado 14ers - Mt Blue Sky (14,268'), Grays Peak (14,275') & Torreys Peak (14,272'). All of them are considered easy peaks. But we took the non-standard routes to avoid parking issues and crowds and to make the hikes more interesting.

July 21: Road trip SLC – Guanella Pass Campground

July 22: Mt Blue Sky via Guanella Pass. There is a paved road that gets you very close to the summit



John and Andy on the way to Mt Blue Sky

of Mt Blue Sky. But John, Andy and Akiko took a class 2 route (9.25 miles RT with 3,100' gain) via Guanella Pass. The first part of the route was slippery because of ice on the surface and then became muddy. Once we entered the gully, the muddy part was over. We continued on the gully and the ridgeline to the summit. There were lots of other people at the summit who did a 3-5-minute hike from the parking lot. We saw many mountain goats and enjoyed solitude (except at the summit).



Summit Mt Blue Sky. L to R – Andy, Akiko & John

July 23: Guanella Pass Campground to Keystone

July 24: Grays Peak & Torreys Peak via Argentina Pass



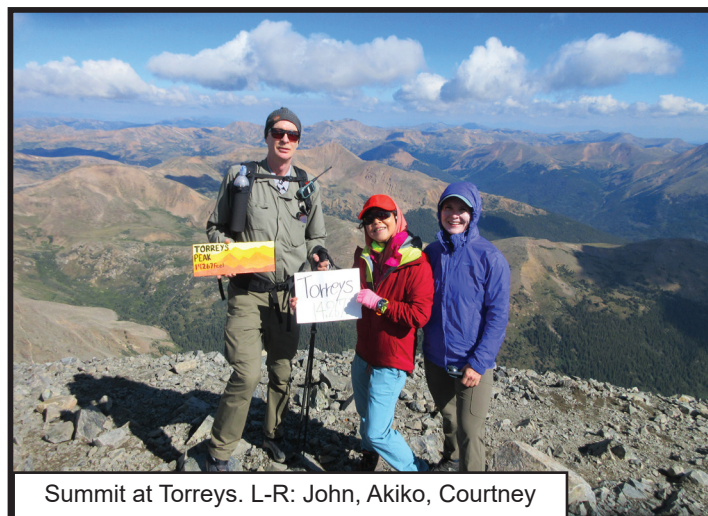
Summit at Grays Peak. Courtney & Akiko

TH. We read that the class 2 route to Grays Peak via Argentina Pass TH is horrible – lots of loose rocks on the steep slopes (7.5 miles RT with over 4,250' gain for the two peaks). But it

turned out it was great for us – easy to navigate and short. Although the 4WD road to the TH was rough, Subies could make it. John, Courtney and Akiko started from the TH at 5:10 am. The first half of the route was on the flat road.

Then, the steep part began. The good thing about this route

was that we could see the summit of Grays Peak and the south ridge to the summit. Until we got to the summit, we did not see any other hikers. But there were lots of hikers on the summit. We continued to the summit of Torreys Peak where we enjoyed socializing with hikers from other states.



Summit at Torreys. L-R: John, Akiko, Courtney



Running Women's Epic 10K - July 25, 2026

Organized and report by Kerry Regan

Participants: Kerry R, Frank B, Caroline P, MJ H, Tsokyi C, Jorge T, Kiki M, Lee M, Tali B, Oliver G, and Reid G.

Supporting local races is a great way to give back to the running community. A group of regulars from the running group made it out to the Women's Epic 10k at Brighton to help make the race go off without a hitch. Some of us managed the aid stations, which started slow, got extremely



hectic for 30 minutes, then slowed down. Others were course marshalls, keeping the runners safely on track at key junctions. A huge thank you to the eight volunteers who woke up early and represented the club. After the race was over we went on our own group run through Brighton, passing several lakes before ending at the WMC lodge for the Oldtimers Party.



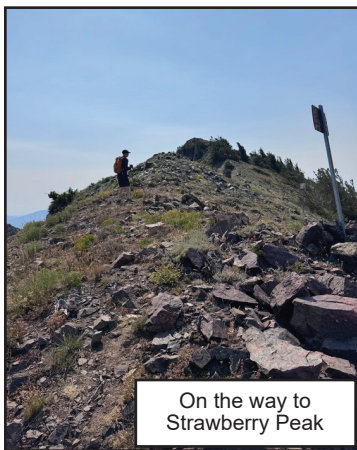
Hike Mt. Ogden GOAT Challenge - July 25, 2026

Organized and report by Anja Wadman

Anja Wadman and Zach Heuscher's original plan was to head for Strawberry Peak (9,265 ft), enjoying the scenic ridgeline and taking in views of Mount Ogden (9,570 ft), Allen Peak (9,465 ft), Floyd Iverson Ridge, and The Needles (9,240 ft) along the way. After reaching Strawberry, we decided to make the day more adventurous by going on a recon mission to summit the lesser-known DeMoisy Peak (9,363 ft).

From the saddle between Strawberry and DeMoisy, we picked up the game trail that contours around DeMoisy's east side. The trail doesn't actually reach the summit and some class 3 scrambling is involved to get to the summit. This was an easier approach than tackling the brushy ridgeline. The ascent to the summit is much more gradual and enjoyable.

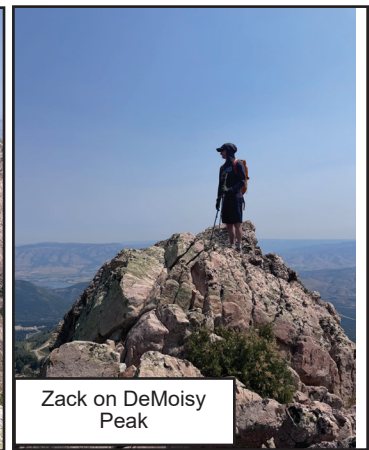
After tagging DeMoisy, we had a long descent and steep slopes down. The hike offers beautiful views back toward Mount Ogden and east across the Wasatch.



On the way to Strawberry Peak



Anja on top of Strawberry looking at Mount Ogden in the background



Zack on DeMoisy Peak

Hike White Pine Lake - July 25, 2026

Organized by Aditi Vashist and Julie Kilgore. Report by Julie Kilgore

White Pine Lake is a pretty alpine lake in a glacial cirque at about 10,000 feet that sits at the base of White Baldy and Red Baldy peaks. It's rugged and beautiful territory, the perfect destination for a full summer day in the Wasatch. Many of us had swapped out our warm winter gear for lighter layers of summer. A bit premature, as it turns out! We took our time, enjoying the day, keeping an eye out for each other as we all made our way to the lake. The sky was darkening as we approached White Pine lake, then a cold wind, then a bit of June snow. Nothing more than Graupel, little white snow pellets that look and feel like tiny Styrofoam balls or "Dippin' Dots" ice cream. We shared jackets and gloves and used extra socks for gloves to help everyone stay warm, while we admired the beauty of the lake. But the weather warmed up quickly as we hustled back down. It was a great day and a great group to share it with.



Wilderness First Aid Training - July 25-26, 2026

Organized and report by Gail Coates

This past weekend, a great group of Wasatch Mountain Club members completed the two-day Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course. Whether you hike, backpack, mountain bike, climb, paddle, ski, or simply spend time outdoors, this class provides practical skills that can make a real difference when something goes wrong far from help.

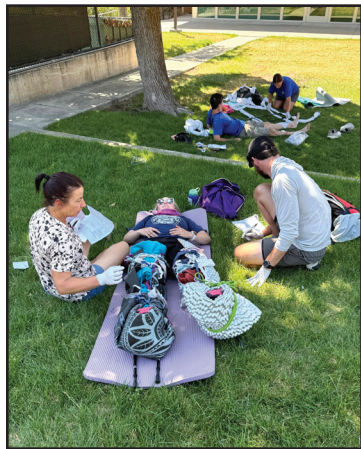
Over two full days, we learned how to assess a scene, perform patient assessments, take vital signs, determine when spinal precautions are necessary and how to safely clear a spine, treat wounds, apply bandages and splints, and recognize and manage common backcountry emergencies such as hypothermia, heat exhaustion, and dehydration. We also learned how to determine when an injury or illness can be managed in the field with simple care and when it requires evacuation or emergency transport.



One of the most valuable parts of the course was the emphasis on realistic, hands-on scenarios. In the backcountry, you rarely have access to the equipment found in an emergency room. Instead, you learn to use whatever you have in your pack or can find around you. Improvising splints, creating insulation for hypothermia, and solving problems with limited resources were central themes throughout the weekend.



The class attracted people with a wide range of outdoor experience and even included physicians. While doctors are accustomed to working



with fully equipped medical facilities, they appreciated learning how wilderness medicine requires a different mindset, where creativity, decision making, and resourcefulness become just as important as medical knowledge. There was plenty of laughter mixed with serious learning as we worked through realistic scenarios and practiced our new skills. By the end of the weekend, everyone left with greater confidence in their ability to respond to an emergency in the outdoors and help stabilize an injured or ill person until additional help arrives.

A huge thank you to SOLO and our instructor Eddie for providing outstanding instruction and to everyone who participated. We hope these are skills we never have to use, but if the need arises, we're all much better prepared to help someone when it matters most.

We're delighted to share that our Disaster+Travel+Wilderness (dtWFA) course, held on July 25-26, 2026 successfully certified 17 students.

Participants left with valuable lifesaving skills and greater confidence in their ability to respond to an emergency—helping make wilderness areas and their local communities safer. Thank you for choosing

MEDIC SOLO to certify your group. We're so grateful for your partnership and your commitment to wilderness medicine. We look forward to hopefully working with you again!



Backpacking & Peakbagging Unitahs - July 31 - Aug 2, 2026

Organized and report by Reid Gardner

Over July 31-August 2, Mack T., Kristian M., Savannah S., and I backpacked into the West Fork Blacks Fork drainage for a Uinta weekend of camping and peakbagging. The main goals were Meadow Peak, Red Knob Pass Peak, and Red Knob Peak, all over 12,000 feet. By the end, we climbed Meadow Peak and Red Knob Pass Peak and left Red Knob Peak for another trip.

The drainage made an immediate impression. It is bounded by large, rugged peaks in almost every direction: Tokewanna, Wapiti, and Wasatch Mountain on one side; Beulah, Allsop, and their subpeaks on another; and Dead Horse, Red Knob, Meadow, and neighboring ridges near the head of the drainage. Add in lush forest, streams, meadows, wildflowers, and more mushrooms than I have seen anywhere else in the Uintas, and there was something interesting to look at nearly the entire way.

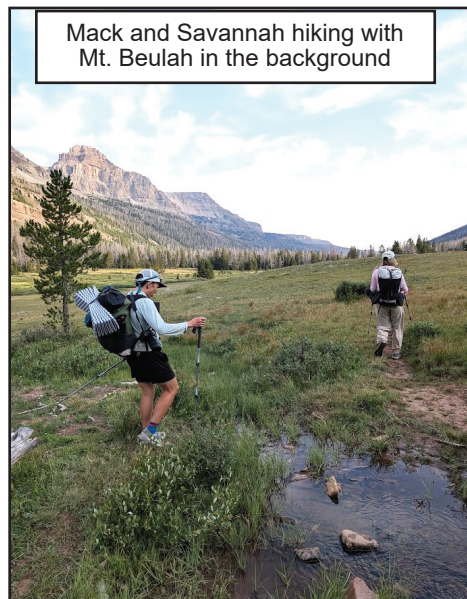
Looking over the West Fork Blacks Fork Basin from Meadow Peak



The mushrooms also led to one of the funnier trail conversations of the trip. We passed another hiker studying them closely, and he said, "I think some of these might be psychedelic, but I don't think I'd eat one to find out." I told him that seemed wise, since the possible outcomes ranged from "spiritual awakening" to "medical evacuation." We both agreed observation was the better strategy.

The trailhead has an access challenge: the road crosses the river before the proper trailhead, and that crossing requires more "machismo" than we wanted to ask of our vehicles. We parked before the crossing, forded the river, and walked the road from there. Wet feet remained a theme, with several crossings, boggy sections, muddy stretches, and makeshift log bridges, but overall the trail was in better shape than many of the lesser-traveled Uinta trails I have been on recently.

Mack and Savannah hiking with Mt. Beulah in the background



Evening view from our camp. Peaks in the background from left to right are Red Knob, Red Knob Pass, and Meadow.



Kristian and I hiked in Friday and set up camp along the West Fork Blacks Fork River. Mack and Savannah drove in after work and hiked about 10 miles to camp,

mostly in the dark. I had given Mack a walkie-talkie to help coordinate once they got closer, and it worked surprisingly well. At one point they had been telling each other scary stories when I radioed in, and my voice over the static startled them pretty badly. I consider that a successful field test. Before they arrived, I fished the river near camp and was able to catch 3 trout.

Saturday was peak day. We continued up the West Fork Blacks Fork Trail, then took the Highline Trail toward Red Knob Pass. The route to the pass was beautiful, with a creek crossing near a waterfall, open meadows, wildflowers, and real switchbacks, which felt luxurious compared with the usual Uinta method of clawing directly up loose rock and dirt.

From Red Knob Pass, we followed the ridge toward Meadow Peak. Meadow turned out to be more involved than expected, requiring a long traverse across steep, loose terrain before reaching a break in the cliff bands that allowed access toward the summit. It was not technically extreme, but it demanded patience, careful movement, and attention to rockfall. The mountain took more time and energy than expected, but the summit was worth it, with excellent views into the surrounding basins, lakes, ridges, and peaks.

By the time we returned from Meadow Peak, the prospects of bagging Red Knob Peak seemed remote. However, while the group finished a break near the pass, I realized there was still enough time for a quick push up Red Knob Pass Peak. That peak was much more straightforward, and we were able to tag it before beginning the long descent back to camp. In all, it was a 10 hour day.

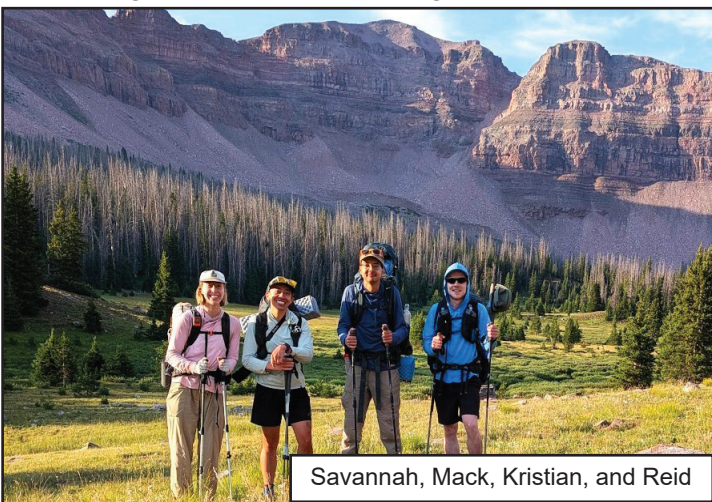
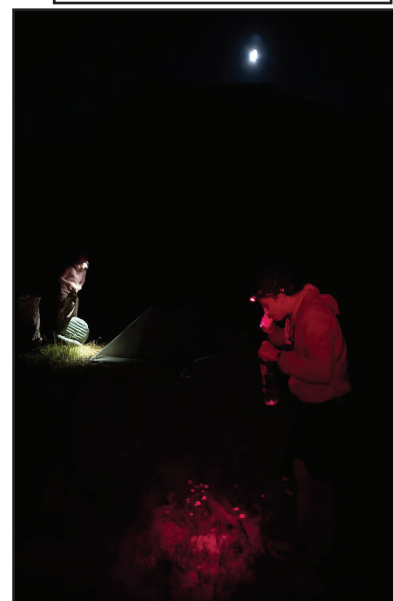
Sunday morning we packed up and hiked out. The exit was fast and uneventful, and we were back to the cars by late morning. In total, the trip came out to about 31.75 miles and 6,505 feet of elevation gain. It was a great trip! The trip also gave me some useful lessons as an organizer.

Meadow Peak was more serious than expected. We should have never left our packs behind for what we thought would be a quick and straightforward route. It was a good reminder that remote peaks can quickly become consequential, and it is best not to multiply risk by separating yourself from your gear. Overall, this was exactly the kind of trip that keeps drawing me back to the Uintas: difficult, scenic, and very memorable.



Kristian on top of Meadow Peak

Savannah and Mack setting up camp around midnight



Savannah, Mack, Kristian, and Reid

View from Red Knob Pass Peak looking into Lake Fork Basin. Quandary and Lovenia peaks are in the center. Meadow Peak (our main destination) is on the far right.



Descent to the bottom of Neffs Cave - Aug 1, 2026

Organized and report by Frank Bouchard

"Do The Book; Live the Legacy" Reflection by Deb Frank

One of the more harrowing tales in Faint Heart Never Climbed a Mountain details how WMC members became the first to reach the bottom of Neffs Cave back in 1953. This seemed like a trip that certainly needed repeating. Deb suggested we hike to the gated entrance and snap a photo rather than a full-blown caving expedition. But where is the fun in that?



Having done a fair amount of caving in the past, I reached out to my contacts, and I soon had a couple of cavers from the National Speleological Society on board to help train and lead our WMC crew. Preparation began weeks in advance at a local park, where prospective cavers could be found dangling from trees, mastering



specialized rope techniques unique to caving. Additionally, everyone had to get comfortable with a whole new suite of technical gear.

On cave day we had five members of the WMC along with five other cavers ready to enter the dark crack in the Earth. We started at 6 AM. After hiking to the entrance, we suited up into harnesses and dropped in.

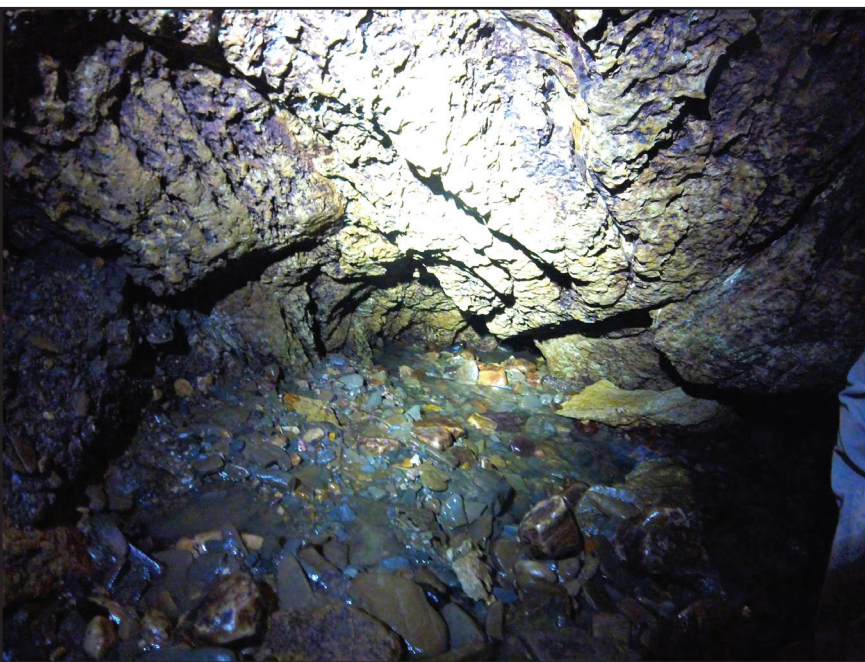




Neffs cave descends a total of 1,163 feet with over a dozen rappels, some quick and easy, others more technical and difficult. Among the incredible places we visited was Goodros Pitt, named after WMC legend Harold Goodro.

As a service project, our group hauled in several ropes to replace some of the worn-out fixed lines. This occurs routinely to keep the cave safe for future explorers. Despite the temperatures outside reaching over 100

degrees that day, it was chilly inside. During some of the long waits at ropes we huddled in our puffy jackets while one of our leaders made hot tea for everyone.



Ultimately, we made it to the bottom of the cave, the Bitter End, where a clear stream of water runs across the floor. We searched for the carved names of the original WMC members, but they seemed to have been removed at some point. After a break, we turned around and began the grueling ascent back to the surface. The final group got out of the cave at 9PM after 12 hours underground, at which point one member accidentally dropped the gate chain back

into the cave, necessitating someone to go back in to retrieve it. Although not as exciting as the near-death experience from the 1950's, this was an unforgettable day.

A “Do the Book; Live the Legacy” Note by Deb Frank

I was thrilled when Frank offered to organize a descent to the bottom of Neffs Cave. Are you sure? I sked. Sure, he said, as if he was signing on for a romp in the woods. Having immersed myself in Neffs’ dangerous history, I was worried. But Frank assured me that the equipment is much better now. And there are fixed lines, a huge improvement over the challenges faced by our 1953 crew. (Thank you to Frank and crew for replacing worn out ropes inside Neffs!)

I’ve written quite a bit about Neffs Cave, so I won’t re-hash it here. I’ll just reiterate Frank’s point: Faint Heart has a good many death-defying tales, but the Neffs descent gets my vote as the most death-defying. Okay, the lightning strike, the rattlesnake bite, the runaway boulder, Leslie’s wild ride, Cal Giddings’ wild ride—they’re all harrowing! But Neffs is the one that our members had no business surviving, and yet somehow did. (Please see the July Rambler for an account of the 1965 Neffs rescue, heroically undertaken by our club members. This is a difficult cave to move in if you’re fit and slender—imagine having to carry out a young man in a sleeping bag.



Climbing Strawberry Peak - Aug 1, 2026

Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

It was a nice cool temperature when we started from Snowbasin. We saw quite a bit of wildlife such as moose, deer and other animals/birds. But the temperature was going up. The original plan was hiking to Strawberry Peak and one more peak. But when we got to the top of Strawberry Peak, we thought it was enough. We hiked to the gondola station via the "short-cut" and took a gondola. There were lots of people at the base because of an event for classic cars. Mitch and Ed "disappeared" into the crowd to have beer.

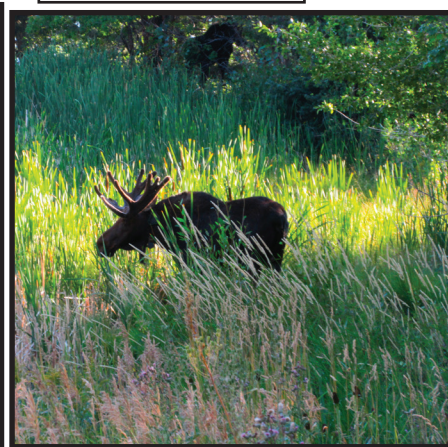
Mitch and Ed at the nice picnic spot



Summit. L-R – Ed, Mitch and Akiko



One of several moose in this meadow



Climbing Sessions Mtn - Aug 8, 2026

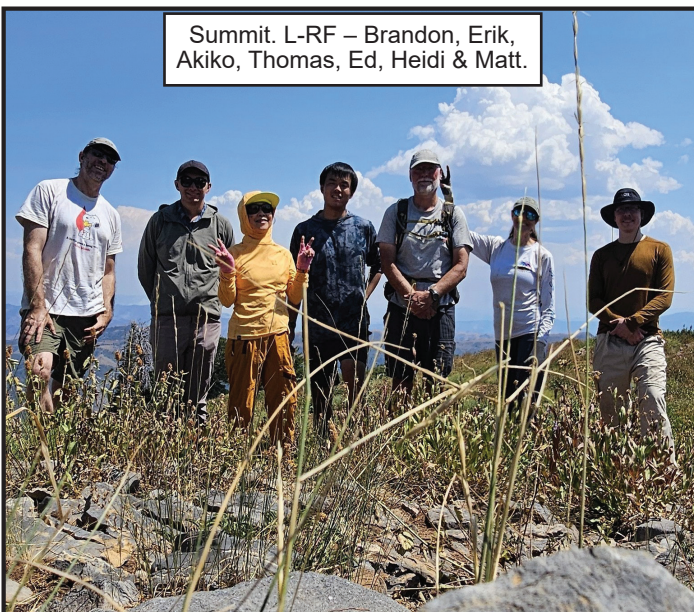
Organized and report by Akiko Kamimura

Sessions Mt (9,260 ft) has an option of routes. We took the one from Mueller Park. We parked at the middle parking lot in the park and walked to Mill Creek TH and continued on the Mill Creek Trail. The Mill Creek Trail has trail markers but the second part of the Mill Creek Trail was like jungle. It was very difficult to figure out where the trail was. There were a number of creek crossings which were not very challenging. After "jungle hiking," we went up to the ridgeline and made the summit. We took the Kenny Creek Trail to go back to the parking lot and made a loop. The first 2.4 miles of the Kenny Creek Trail was not really a "trail" and involved class 2 to easy class 3. It was very hot. At least one of us ran out of water. We felt the last mile was very long. It was quite an adventure.

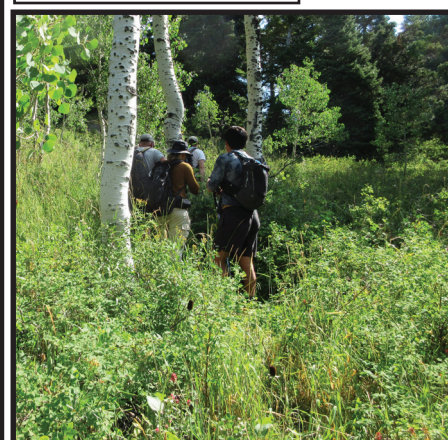
First part of the Mill Creek Trail



Summit. L-RF – Brandon, Erik, Akiko, Thomas, Ed, Heidi & Matt.



Second part of the Mill Creek Trail



Activity Calendar

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

Sep 1 Tue	Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at TBD by Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Organizer 801-111-1111 Organizer@gmail.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike email list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'MEMBER', click on 'Email List Subscribe', and then add yourself to the 'Bike' email list. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!
Sep 1 Tue	Rock Climb - Trad Tuesday @ Granite Flume <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Ledgemere Picnic Area, Big Cottonwood Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Paul Gettings 801-599-7311 p.gettings@gmail.com BCC quartzite climbing low in the canyon. Short approach from the parking lot, and routes from 5.4 to 5.10. Some of the routes have a long scramble to the base. We plan to put up top-ropes for people to climb. Helmets required. Headlamps suggested in case it gets dark before we get down. All skills levels welcome.
Sep 2 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.
Sep 2 Wed	Trail Running - Mill D To Dog Lake – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1600' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Mill D Parking Lot <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Trail running season is here! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. 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.
Sep 3 Thu – Sep 7 Mon	Rock Climb - Cirque Of The Towers - Wind River Range, WY <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Nathan C 307-371-6356 nac787.home@gmail.com Formerly the Titcomb Basin trip - dry conditions are having us pivot to a rock climbing trip instead of mountaineering. The Cirque of the Towers is host to dozens of world-class granite multipitch climbs, including several of the 50 classic climbs of North America. These are long and committing routes which demand efficient multipitch climbing, and it's a long backpack into the cirque. Participants need to be both physically and mentally prepared for consecutive big days in the backcountry. In other words, bring your A-game for this one. Weather this time of year is unpredictable - afternoon storms are a possibility, as-is an early season snow-storm. If we're really lucky, we'll get both... Registration to this activity will be as a rope team - organizer will keep a list of "singles" that are interested, but is not responsible for partner arrangements or choosing specific objectives.
Sep 4 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.
Sep 4 Fri – Sep 7 Mon	Canyoneering- Ashley Gorge Via Ferrata In Vernal, Utah – 3b ii <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com I am getting a small group together to do the Ashley Gorge Via Ferrata. You must rent or have the gear. This is Utah's first public and free via ferrata. It takes about 5 to 12 hrs to finish (depending on the route). The exits are in full sun. Start early no later than 7 AM. Everyone should carry 3 Liters. Various different routes with different ratings. Must have done the Telluride or Ouray via Ferratas to be on the list. Register with me if interested.
Sep 4 Fri	Caroline's Birthday Trail Running At Rattlesnake Gulch – mod- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 850' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Rattlesnake Gulch Trailhead, Millcreek Canyon <i>Organizer:</i> Jorge Torres, Caroline Pickett 614-822-7264 toej93@gmail.com, Caroline.09041@gmail.com We'll be running the Pipeline Overlook via Rattlesnake Gulch and heading to a pub/restaurant/someone's backyard (TBD) afterward for an Apres run, and to celebrate Caroline's birthday. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow runners, socialize with existing runners, or even make it your first trail run if you've been curious about it. This is a no-drop run; all fitness levels are welcome. No registration needed, but please shoot me a text if you're coming to help decide where we'll go after the run.
Sep 4 Fri – Sep 7 Mon	Boulder Ut Car Camp/Open House <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> John & Martha Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com John and Martha are inviting WMC members to have a base camp at our home in Boulder with John organizing MOD day hikes to Circle Cliffs and Red Breaks areas and Martha organizing birdwatching (NTD-). Pot luck dinners Saturday and Sunday. Plenty of space for camper vehicles and tents, use of the studio, and limited indoor accommodations. Bike riders, trail runners, and cayoneers are welcome to come and do their own thing. Register to get detailed logistics.
Sep 5 Sat	Day Hike - Gentle Band Ridge & More – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Gentle Band Ridge (8,675 ft) and some other small bumps from Nebo Loop Scenic Byways. I have hiked in the area but not to this particular peak. On maintained and unmaintained trail. The distance and elevation gain will depend on how many peaks we will make. But it won't be a very long hike. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Sep 4, 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.



Sep 5 Sat – Sep 7 Mon	Backpacking - Garfield Basin - Uintas – mod+ – 22.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Reid Gardner 801-718-1746 reid.gard.97@gmail.com This is a remote Uinta backpacking trip into the Garfield Basin / Five Point Lake area. The backpacking portion is the core trip and is rated MOD+. The hike in is approximately 11 miles with about 2,000 feet of gain, and we will hike out the same way on Monday. Sunday activities are additional. Garfield Basin is a beautiful and less-traveled part of the Uintas, with alpine lakes, open basins, big views, and plenty of room to explore. There are options for fishing, wandering, relaxing at camp, or going after peaks depending on interest and conditions. Participants should be comfortable hiking roughly 11 miles with a full overnight pack, backcountry camping, treating water, storing food properly away from sleeping areas, and managing themselves in changing mountain weather. The idea is to make this a basecamp-style backpacking weekend: hike in, set up camp, enjoy the basin, and let Sunday vary by person. Participants are welcome to explore nearby lakes, fish, relax at camp, hike, or join the optional peak objectives if that is a good fit. On Sunday, I plan to attempt three nearby 12,000-foot peaks: Stone Benchmark, South Porcupine Mountain, and Porcupine Mountain, depending on weather, timing, and conditions. The peak portion is optional and is a separate step up in difficulty, likely MSD to EXT. It will involve off-trail travel, loose talus/scree, boulder hopping, routefinding, short breaks, and moving efficiently within a weather window. Limited or inaccurate route beta can make these peaks harder than expected, so participants need to know their limits and be willing to turn around. This is not a guided activity. Everyone should be self-sufficient with gear, navigation, food, water treatment, layers, rain gear, headlamp, and emergency supplies. At the same time, because this is an organized group trip in remote terrain, communication is expected. Self-sufficient does not mean disappearing: if anyone chooses to split from the group, stay at camp, change objectives, or return by a different route, we will make sure the route, plan, expected return time, and communication options are clear. Email me for more information if interested. Please include whether you are mainly interested in the backpacking/camping portion or the optional peakbagging on Sunday. If we have not hiked together before, please include a quick summary of recent backpacking/peakbagging experience.
Sep 5 Sat	Rock Climb / Trail Work In American Fork W/ SLCA & The Access Fund Meet: 8:00 am at See link for registration details Organizer: Register with the SLCA This is a calendar cross-post for the Access Fund and SLCA, check the link for details and to sign up
Sep 5 Sat	*do The Book* - Stairs Gulch Day Hike – msd – 6.6 mi Loop – 5000' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com  Stairs Gulch is sustained steep - half the time steep hiking and half gentle scrambling. Scrambling is that gray area between steep hiking and rock climbing. So just think of it as climbing without a rope. The canyon walls all around are steep and intimidating. There are no trails and no people. It's stark and wild. It's steep enough to stay shaded until reaching the cooler air layers near the top. The club has little history of regular hikes here. Some of us will drop down the Robison route into Broad's Fork while others may continue on to Twin Peaks. Elevation-wise equivalent to Olympus + 500 feet (+ another 1200 vert if you continue to the Twins).
Sep 6 Sun	Day Hike - Deseret Peak & More – msd- – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Deseret Peak (11,032 ft), the highest point of the Tooele County, near the cities of Tooele and Grantsville. I have hiked to this peak many times and would like to bag some sub-peaks as well, such as East Deseret Peak, Deseret Peak North Peak, Deseret Peak West Peak and Big Creek Canyon Peak. Short off-trail sections to bag the sub-peaks. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Sep 4, 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.
Sep 6 Sun – Sep 8 Tue	Car Camp- Hiking The Highest Peaks In Carbon, And Emery County – mod – 12.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com Come join the GOAT challenges. It is to hike to the highest point in every county starting in 2026 and finishing up by December 2027. Look for previous posts for other peaks. Camp in Emery County. hike East Benchmark (6 miles round trip). Hopefully, the wildflowers will be out. Then drive to Carbon County and hike Monument Peak (1 mile round trip) and head home. Dates TBF. Watching wildflower season, fires, and weather before firming up the dates and logistics. Please email if interested. Utah County High Points 1.DuchesneKings Peak 2.SummitGilbert Peak 3.San JuanMount Peale 4.GrandMount Waas 5.DaggettEccentric Benchmark 5.UintahEccentric Benchmark 7.BeaverDelano Peak 7.PiuteDelano Peak 9.Juabibapah Peak 10.UtahMount Nebo 11.SevierFish Lake Hightop 12.GarfieldMount Ellen 13.Salt LakeAmerican Fork Twin Peaks 14.WayneBluebell Knoll 15.IronBrian Head 16.SanpeteSouth Tent Mountain 17.TooeleDeseret Peak 18.WasatchMurdock Mountain - West Slope 19.EmeryEast Benchmark 20.CarbonMonument Peak 21.WashingtonSignal Peak 22.MillardMine Camp Peak 23.KaneKane County High Point 24.CacheNaomi Peak 25.Box ElderBull Mountain 26.WeberWillard Peak 27.DavisThurston Peak 27.MorganThurston Peak 29.RichBridger Peak (completed)
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Sep 9 Wed	WMC Monthly Board Meeting Meet: 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) Carpool: 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Dave Ashley 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.
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Sep 9 Wed	Trail Running - Mill D To Dog Lake – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1600' ascent – Fast pace Meet: 6:30 pm at Mill D Parking Lot Organizer: Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Trail running season is here! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. 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.



Sep 9 Wed	Day Hike - Neffs Canyon Epic Loop Hike – msd – 12.0 mi Loop – 4000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Neffs Canyon Trailhead (4326 White Way, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland, John Knoblock 801-657-2818, (801)884-8987 pmcfarland82@msn.com, johnhknoblock@yahoo.com Hike Neffs Canyon up to BCC overlook past Neff's Spring. Bushwhack user trail to Porter Pass and loop back around via Desolation Trail and Upper Neffs Trail. Moderate pace and expect a long day (est 9 hours).
Sep 10 Thu	Fall Membership Meeting At Millcreek Library <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at Millcreek Library meeting room (2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Giulia Roselli 801-604-6635 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org We have changed the place to meet for the Fall Membership event, it is now at the Millcreek Library from 5:30 pm to 8:45 pm. We won't be able to cook brats and hamburgers but we will provide some food. Bring your own meal or a dish to share would be greatly appreciated. Bring your own drink but water, coffee, tea will be provided. We'll cover basic club business, and then, returning by popular demand, we'll have a special presentation TBA. The 100-year photo panels will be on display. FYI: The Board has decided to schedule the Lodge for Sun October 25 for a Halloween Party, check the calendar!
Sep 10 Thu – Sep 15 Tue	Backpack: The Bechler Region ('cascade Corner'), Yellowstone National Park Id/Wy – mod+ – 40.0 mi Shuttle – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Michael Berry 801-750-1915 mcber.ut@gmail.com "Do the Book, Live the Legacy"! A Premier 5-day/4-night point-to-point Yellowstone backpack with a car shuttle: Waterfalls, Soaking pools, Bechler Meadows, Bears, and a historic Ranger Station, Oh My! One night with a car camp at a Falls River Campground in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Swimming available. This trip includes: 1) 'Off-trail travel' as entry point on an abandoned U.S.F.S. logging road (5 miles) to reach the Park boundary (This has been NPS Backcountry Ranger approved!) and the Buffalo Lake Trailhead; 2) Dunanda Falls; 3) A warm pools soak; 4) The famous Union Falls ('lay-over day'); 5) A finish at the historic Bechler Ranger Station Complex. We will average 10 miles a day between campsites. A 2nd car camp night (optional) at the Falls River Campground is available before driving back to SLC. Previous experience with lightweight (not 'ultra-light') backpacking required. All participants will be required to carry bear spray on their body while hiking. WMC members will be given priority to register up to September 1 (Trip minimum: 3 participants by September 5, or trip subject to cancellation; Maximum: 6). A \$20 fee covers the four backcountry nights (per person) and to hold your spot. Participants: Mike B., Liz G. (Jackson, WY), Piotr P. (New Jersey), Kristian M., Lance F. We have 1 spot open as of 8.10.26.
Sep 11 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.
Sep 12 Sat	Day Hike - Saddleback Knob, Park City – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Saddleback Knob (9,120 ft). This knob can be made via a number of different routes, from Park City, Millcreek Canyon, or Big Cottonwood Canyon. When it gets closer to the date, I would pick the route based on conditions. I have hiked in the area a number of times but not to this particular peak. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Sep 11, 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.
Sep 12 Sat – Sep 13 Sun	Canyoneering Training 2-Day Event <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com https://luma.com/zrxtanp1
Sep 13 Sun – Sep 20 Sun	White Water Rafting Lower Salmon – class IV- – 108.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Parker Winkel 330-941-0502 paw123321@gmail.com Plan on 6 night class III (IV) river with great camping. Plan to leave Salt lake Saturday 12th and return Sunday the 20th. I want to put in near Riggins and take out at Heller Bar for 108 mile trip. This is a little longer than the traditional lower Salmon trip but contains a good whitewater section. I'll have a little motor to push through the flat water. I'm currently full on passengers but could take a couple competent oarsman or oarswoman. American Whitewater https://share.google/nZKwOdA5EEpJizlpO
Sep 13 Sun	Day Hike - Peak 9365, Keysville – msd – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We attempted this peak via Bair Canyon as a snowshoe activity in winter. But we did not make it because lots of snow slowed down our pace. We will try to make this peak without snow this time. On maintained trail all the way except the last short section to the summit. Approximately 10+ miles RT with 4700+ ft gain. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Sep 11, 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.
Sep 13 Sun	Hike -Mount Timpanogos - Clean-Up Hike – msd – 14.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Charity Wardle 801-556-2152 charitymay6@gmail.com We will be hiking up Mount Timpanogos at a slow but steady pace and then will pick up any trash at the top and on the way down. Plan to spend all day in the mountains-this will be a long day! We will carpool and and try to get parking reservation(s) for the Timpooneke Trailhead
Sep 14 Mon – Sep 19 Sat	Do The Book, Live The Legacy: Yellowstone Backpack – mod – 25.0 mi Shuttle – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig, Dianne Budig 801-403-7677, 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com, Mbudig@mail.com Chapter 13 of the Faint Heart Book is all about backpacks in Yellowstone! This will be a trek from Mammoth to Fan Creek - only about 25 miles - with an optional 7 mile 4,000 ft elevation gain hike up Electric Peak. Please address questions by email or text- Cost of permit is \$26/per person. Limited to 10 participants.
Sep 14 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.



Sep 15 Tue	Mountain Bike Park City – mod – 15.0 mi Loop – 1500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at TBD by Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Organizer 801-111-1111 Organizer@gmail.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads, riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We offer rides for all skill levels so come on out and ride with us. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list on Monday the day before the ride. To get on the wmc-bike email list you must be a WMC member, then: Go to 'MEMBER', click on 'Email List Subscribe', and then add yourself to the 'Bike' email list. See you Tuesday !! Let's Roll !!
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Sep 16 Wed	Trail Running - Mill D To Dog Lake – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1600' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Mill D Parking Lot <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Trail running season is here! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. 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.
Sep 17 Thu – Sep 20 Sun	Rock Climb - City Of Rocks <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Steph Stamm 973-945-3755 steph.m.stamm@gmail.com Join us for a long weekend in the city! CoR is home to a variety of climbing in this unique and wondrous geological area - trad, sport, single pitch or multi - ranging from 5.easy to 5.hard. Here's the MP link for the area. The club will provide ropes and anchors, but bring your quick draws, helmet (required), harness, belay device and locking carabiners. I reserved sites 2 and 3 - one is a walk in and one is for car / RV camping. The sites can accommodate up to 16 people, and well socialized fur friends are welcome too. Feel free to book your own site nearby and join us for campfire time and climbing. It's dry camping, so there is no access to electric hookups or water - be sure to bring plenty of water and anything else you'll need in that regard. The cost of the campsite will be approx \$10/person total. Once we are a few weeks out from the trip, I'll help coordinate carpooling.
Sep 18 Fri – Sep 20 Sun	Hike & Car Camp: Mt. Mellenthin & Mt. Laurel, La Sals – msd- <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make Mt Mellenthin (12,645 ft) and Mt Laurel (12,279 ft) in La Sals. The TH elevation is approximately 10,020 ft. Although the elevation gain is not a lot, the last part to the summits are steep. I have been to the bottom of Mt Laurel. Although I haven't hiked those peaks yet, I am familiar with the route. We will do dispersed car camping near the TH. Trip schedule: Sep 18 Fri: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) & set up a campsite. Sep 19 Sat: hike (approximately 6 miles RT). Sep 20 Sun: Road trip. The schedule may be adjusted depending on the conditions. Some participants may go home on Saturday. Participants must: 1) have excellent stamina; 2) be comfortable to hike on tula. and 4) no history of altitude problems above 12,000 ft. Camping experience strongly desired. For more details, please contact the organizer. Limit 10. WMC members only.
Sep 18 Fri	Day Hike - Z Trail To Below Mt. O West Slabs Loop – mod+ – 4.0 mi Loop – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Z Trail (BST) TH at the end of Thousand Oaks Drive in Olympus Cove <i>Organizer:</i> Paula McFarland, John Knoblock 801-657-2818, 801-884-8987 pmcfarland82@msn.com, johnhknoblock@yahoo.com Hike from Z trail TH up gully below Mt O West Slabs. Scramble up steep gully to west ridge of Mt O North Peak. Descend user trail to the BST to loop back to the TH. Expect some steep scrambling but little exposure. Descent is down a primitive user-created trail.
Sep 19 Sat	Trail Run Race: 5k, Half Marathon, OR 60k - Pahvant Range / Richfield <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Kathleen Waller 801-859-6689 kathwaller79@gmail.com Experience primal trails and canyons on the Pahvant Range! Distances: 10km (\$65.05), 21km (1/2 Marathon - \$128.90), and the Spinal Tap Trail 60km (\$174.51). Some registration fees increase after Aug 31st. This Crimson Canyon Ultra and Trail Runs links together canyons, dry washes, remote sections of the Paiute ATV Trail systems, and the Pahvant Mountain Bike Trail System into a very unique experience. Run up red rock stream beds, along the rim of spectacular cliffs, power up and speed down groomed dirt trails, and catch great vistas on ridge lines. The 60km takes a breathtaking route up to the summit of White Pine Peak (10,200 feet), and then gradually descends 18 miles on the Spinal Tap MTB Trail. The 1/2 Marathon, catches the Big Red, Kiln-It, and Faulty Trails up, then panoramic views along the Cottonwood Canyon Rim, across Little Valley and the One-in-a-Pinion trail, until descending on Lower Spinal Tap Trail. The 10km runs up the Big Red and Kiln-It Trails, then comes back down Cairn-Age & the Tank Run Trails. I have registered for the half marathon. Please email me if you register so we can meet up at the start and maybe run some or all of the course together.
Sep 19 Sat	Day Hike - Lewis Peak (Ogden) – mod – 10.5 mi Out & Back – 2400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Katie Morrow 407-435-7123 katieagiebler@gmail.com After almost 2 years at staring at Lewis Peak from my couch, I've decided it's time to finally hike it! Please let me know by Friday, September 18th at 6pm if you plan to join. We will meet at the North Ogden Divide trailhead at 7:15 am and start hiking at 7:30 am. Plan for a long day!
Sep 19 Sat	*do The Book* - Wildcat Ridge Day Hike – ext – 12.6 mi Shuttle – 7000' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Ray Daurelle 801-652-2554 rmdaurelle@gmail.com Long stretches of continuous scrambling and lots of endurance hiking in a long day on the club's toughest rated day hike. You must be personally OK'd to participate on this one. Last time took 13 hours while the Beatout Hike took us 9.
Sep 19 Sat	Trail Running In Millcreek Canyon – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Fall is upon us! Let's do a nice (slow) scenic run through Millcreek Canyon. We'll run on the pipeline trail and enjoy all that fall in the Wasatch has to offer. We'll meet at 9 am and do an out and back for 6 total miles. Let me know if you are interested or if you have any questions. This is a great run for all levels and paces. No runner left behind.
Sep 20 Sun	White Red Silver Hike – ext – 13.0 mi Loop – 6000' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@gmail.com White Baldy, Red Baldy and the Silver Lakes via American Fork Canyon. Starting at the Deer Creek trailhead we will climb to the Dry Fork Divide, hike the ridge north to White Baldy, do the ridge to Red Baldy and descend past Silver Gance and Silver Lake.



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Sep 23 Wed	Trail Running - Mill D To Dog Lake – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1600' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Mill D Parking Lot <i>Organizer:</i> Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Trail running season is here! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. 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.
Sep 25 Fri – Sep 27 Sun	Rock Climb - Devil's Playground <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Bryan Mason flymason13@gmail.com Climbing - Granite Goodness Devil's Playground and Devil's Spires are granite crags with over 700 routes (mostly sport). The area sits west of the Great Salt Lake in Utah. There is excellent dispersed camping scattered throughout the crags and the two main climbing zones are about 3 miles apart. Schedule We'll head out Friday afternoon to get some climbing in before the weekend kicks off. Head back Sunday to the Wasatch. Camping Details - Friday & Saturday night - Dispersed, primitive camping. No bathrooms or water. Climbing info: Devil's Playground MP
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Sep 26 Sat	National Public Lands Day Hiking Trail Maintenance! – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 500' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Daisy DeMarco 610-517-7867 daisyandemarco@gmail.com Come out and celebrate National Public Lands Day with WMC and CCF by taking care of the lands we love! Reach out and let me know that you will be attending so I can send updates on meeting time, place, and details about the activity. This is weather dependent, so make sure to look for updates the week of the event. Please also register with CCF at the link below. More information to follow as the activity date nears. https://cottonwoodcanyons.org/volunteer/?swcfpc=1
Sep 26 Sat	Day Hike - Small Peaks In Midway – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I want to bag several small peaks - Donkey Ridge (6280 ft), Burgi Hill (6034 ft) and Memorial Hill (5797 ft) - in Midway. Very short off-trail to Burgi Hill. Otherwise, the route is on the maintained trail. I have hiked in the area but not to the particular peaks. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Sep 25, 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.
Sep 27 Sun	Day Hike - The Sheeprock Mountains – msd- <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Buck Hollow Baldy (7763 ft), Cherry Creek Peak (7650 ft), and Scotia Peak (7261 ft) in the Sheeprock Mountains near Vernon. I have hiked in the area but not to those peaks. We will do a 10.4 mile loop. The elevation difference between the TH and the highest point is approximately 1000 ft. But there will be lots of ups and downs. The route is entirely in the class 2 backcountry. Expect a long drive (1.5 hours from SLC one way). The number of participants will depend on how many high clearance vehicles the group will have. Please bring 10 essentials. Please email before Sep 25 Friday, 6 pm, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info.
Sep 27 Sun	Bike And Hike Millcreek And Mount Aire – mod – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 2800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Skyline High School frontage road (3713 Virginia Way, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@gmail.com Millcreek Canyon will be a mess for parking, so we will bike up the road to the Birch Hollow Trailhead, ride the Pipeline trail to Elbow Fork, Hike Mount Aire then ride the Pipeline / Bonneville shoreline trails to the West Grandeur trailhead.
Sep 27 Sun	Mountain Bike And Hike Millcreek Canyon And Mount Aire – mod – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 2800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Skyline High School frontage road (3713 Virginia Way, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@gmail.com Millcreek Canyon will be a mess for parking, so we will bike up the road to the Birch Hollow Trailhead, ride the Pipeline trail to Elbow Fork, Hike Mount Aire then ride the Pipeline / Bonneville shoreline trails to the West Grandeur trailhead.
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Sep 30 Wed – Oct 4 Sun	Paria River And A Taste Of Buckskin Gulch Backpack – mod – 38.0 mi Shuttle – 300' ascent – Slow pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Katherine Thom 801-804-9201 kpthom9990@icloud.com 2 spots left. As monsoon season dies down, up to six lucky souls will start from the White House trailhead and spend the next five days and four nights hiking into Paria Canyon towards Lees Ferry. Our goal is to also detour, without heavy packs, into Buckskin Gulch (out and back) to check out the sights. We will meet at Lees Ferry and will hire a local company to drive us up to the trailhead. This will be desert camping and while there will be water (oh there will be water), filtering from springs vs. the silty river will require one to carry a decent amount of water on the day-to-day, and especially on the last day. It is also possible to settle and treat the water from the Paria but it does take some time. Shade will be absent for the last 10 miles unless you bring your own. All human waste will need to be carried out in wag bags. Approximate costs are \$80 to \$100 per person for permits, the shuttle and gratuity. A \$40 deposit is required to secure your spot as the permit and shuttle have already been booked. While this hike is a gradual non-technical loss of 1600 feet over 38 miles (not counting Buckskin), this is considered a challenging backpack due to the hiking surface. That said, the pace and approach will be casual. Nobody should plan to hike faster and let the group catch up. Bring your camera! Your feet will be wet every day and the temperatures could fluctuate greatly throughout the day. The risk of flash flood will be lower but not zero for this time of year and the weather will be continuously monitored. No children or dogs. Carpooling is encouraged and roads are paved. Exploratory. Members only.
Sep 30 Wed	Trail Running - Mill D To Dog Lake – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1600' ascent – Fast pace Meet: 6:30 pm at Mill D Parking Lot Organizer: Kerry Regan 954-895-8627 kerryregan@gmail.com Trail running season is here! This will be a no drop run, no runner is left behind. All levels of fitness are welcome. 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 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 7 Wed – Oct 10 Sat	Trek-Napali Coast 22 Mile Backpacking Trip – msd – 22.0 mi Out & Back – 800' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: 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 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 Meet: 5:00 pm at https://luma.com/20nwt78 Organizer: Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com REGISTRATION OPENS 8/6 AT 7PM MDT https://luma.com/20nwt78
Oct 14 Wed	WMC Monthly Board Meeting Meet: 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) Carpool: 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Dave Ashley 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 – 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.
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. Register for details.
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, Shelley Johannesen 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 and Shelley Johannesen 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 17,669 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 and Shelley Johannesen are your trip leaders for this Annapurna Circuit trek. Both have climbed numerous high elevation peaks around the world, including Mount Everest, Island Peak, and Lobuche East in Nepal. Dave and Shelley will continue to their goal of climbing an 8,000 meter peak, Makalu, after this trek. It's the 4th highest mountain in the world and you'll be a part of their journey as they begin preparations for the big climb while on the Annapurna Circuit trek with you. 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/TBbm0B5ePOE?is=UTOWaZJYnxovEAuo If inclement weather, we will postpone.
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 25 Sun	 Social - Halloween Party At The Lodge <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Wasatch Mountain Lodge (8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> 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. We look forward to seeing everyone in their Halloween costumes! We will have a raffle with a prize for the scariest, the funniest, the cutest, and most unusual costumes.
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!



Feb 2 Tue	Kayaking- Ocean Kayaking Along The Na Pali Coast Line. Kauai – class III+ Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com This trip will be expensive and strenuous. Planning Event 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.
Mar 21 Sun – Mar 27 Sat	Hike Across Romania Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: 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. Limit: 6 people.
Apr 9 Fri – Apr 16 Fri	Burnie Glacier Chalet Alpine Ski Touring Trip – mod+ – Moderate pace Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: 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 30 Fri – May 2 Sun	Mountaineering - Mt. Tukuhiwivatz (Tuk), La Sals – msd Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make Mt Tukuhiwivatz (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.
Apr 30 Fri	Kayaking- Ocean Kayaking Along The Na Pali Coast Line. Kauai – class III+ Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: Anja Wadman anjawadman@gmail.com This trip will be expensive and strenuous. Planning Event for Camping Permits 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). 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. See event listing on website for more details.
May 19 Wed – Jun 3 Thu	Mountaineering - Chearoco & Chachacomani, Bolivia – ext Meet: Register with the Organizer Organizer: 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 Lluxi (5,395 m/ 17,700 ft). Chearoco and Chachacomani were recently opened for climbing and have not been climbed by many climbers yet. 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. 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. See event listing on website for more details.



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 (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. Reservations sell out instantly--be ready 90 days out at midnight HST. See event listing on website for more details.
Jul 1 Thu – Jul 10 Sat	Kayaking- Ocean Kayaking Along The Na Pali Coast Line. Kauai – class III+ <i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at Kauai Hawaii <i>Organizer:</i> 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 <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> 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 <i>Meet:</i> Register with the Organizer <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to climb two 6,000m peaks in Bolivia - Acohuma (6,427m/ 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.

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

Do you spend time on Utah's lakes, rivers, or reservoirs? Your experience could help improve water safety across the state! The University of Utah School of Public Affairs and the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation are conducting a Life Jacket Behavior Study to learn more about how Utahns use life jackets and what they know about proper fit, types, and safety.

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 September '76 [...]

SEPTEMBER 18-19 Sat. - Sun.	WHEELER PEAK (NEVADA). Elevation 13,063. Rating 8.0. An excellent fall trip to Nevada's highest peak [sic]. This will be an overnighiter and will also involve a long drive to the Ely, Nevada area. Call the leader for details and meeting place. Leader: Jackie Thomas [...]
SEPTEMBER 25 Saturday	FALL WOODGATHERING PARTY. Everyone is invited to head into the woods at 9:00 am for a day of cutting and gathering logs for winter in the lodge. Members with pick-up trucks, chain saws and axes will be especially welcome. For those who would rather stay around the lodge, there will be some minor painting to do. Jude Whitehead has agreed to repeat her great success of the spring work party and provide lunch. Beverages will also be available for FREE. Please contact Randy Taylor [...]

HORSESHOE CANYON ADULT CAR CAMP May 29-31 by Marlene Austin

The trip began on a good note. Two carloads of people actually got together at the time we had planned. We wanted to arrive early enough to Horseshoe Canyon to set up camp in style. After stopping for gas in Green River, we headed for the turnoff for Horseshoe Canyon. It soon came into view with the sign: NO VEHICLES PAST THIS POINT. We headed back to a large fork in the road to find a campground for the night. At Roost Flats we circled up and had dinner.

By breakfast, all the people we thought were coming had arrived. We found out that the sign really meant only that we could not go into the canyon itself with our cars, but we could go to the rim.

At the rim, we quickly put on our hiking boots and started into the canyon. (Paul and Hal went "unit-ing". Out they went into wilderness with a 4-wheel unit and back they came with a vehicle that had suddenly become a 2-wheel unit.) We looked at Indian paintings on the canyon walls. We also stumbled onto a small snake stalking a little frog. Twelve people watched the slow movement of the snake towards its quarry. The snake and the frog, becoming aware of us, decided to call a truce and hid under the same rock ledge. We hiked further into the canyon and returned to camp late in the afternoon. We found some new additions to the group; Randy and Peggy Taylor. To celebrate, we sat down and began the "happy" hour. After dinner we sat around the campfire well into the night.

During the night, since most of the tents were not up, it rained. It cleared only after some people climbed out of their sleeping bags and put up their tents. Natch!

Sunday morning, a few energetic people got up early and made plans for the day. Paul, John Mason and Hal intended to go down Horseshoe Canyon and hike up to the Green River. Bill Shepard and Randy Taylor were to take the rest of us in their "units" to Two-Mile Canyon. From there, we could get to the Green River and meet the three hikers. At Two-Mile Canyon, we found no immediate way to get down to the canyon floor, but we did find a place to climb up. A few of us decided to wait for the hikers. Mike H., John V., Lori, and Kay opted for hiking the rim back. Later in the day we climbed a high rock formation. From there we could see that the four on the rim had found a way into the canyon. It began to rain, cooling the whole area. After Paul, John, and Hal showed up, we drove back to the campground to wait for the other group. By 11:00, rescue seemed in order. The Coleman lantern was LIT. Luckily, our leader also had a fire extinguisher. (Trip leaders must think of all eventualities.) Guided by the lantern light, the missing group found its way to camp. The happy event was celebrated into the night.

The next morning we slowly got moving. Eventually, some adventurers took off to see more of southern Utah; others to Green River for ICE CREAM. Our trip was at an end.

Horseshoe Canyon proved to be a perfect spot for a busy holiday weekend. While we were there, we saw only four people... other than our party.

Leader: Bill Shepard.

Participants: Lori Webb; John Mason; Marilyn Rea; Marlene Austin; Penny Russell; Paul Horton; Mike Hendrickson; John and Martha Veranth; Randy and Peggy Taylor; Nancy Roberts; Ken Kraus; Courtney Clayton; Bob Bamford; Kay Wilde; and Hal Gribble.

[Wheeler Peak isn't the high point of Nevada, but it's close. Across the state, Boundary Peak is some 80 feet taller. Wheeler is more interesting! -- Donn]



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