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Upcoming General Meetings:

Wilderness Lovers Bookshelf

Penrose Public Library 20 N Cascade Avenue Colorado Springs

Thursday, April 3rd 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

When we can't be hiking, camping, and exploring in wild places, the next best thing for many of us who love wilderness is to be reading about it. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, Pikes Peak Group of Sierra Club will host a discussion of classic books about North American wilderness and those who have worked throughout the last century to preserve it. All are welcome to join us and, if they like, bring their own favorite wilderness book to share. We'll be in the Adult Reading room.

Upcoming Conservation Committee and ExCom Meetings:

All members are welcome. ConsCom begins at 6:30 p.m. and ExCom at approx. 7:30 p.m.

Conservation and ExCom meetings are now being held on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of the month in the Academy Room at City Hall, 107 N. Nevada on the corner of Nevada and Kiowa. Use the entrance on Kiowa at the SE corner of the building on the ground floor. If doors appear to be locked, push the after-hours entry button to the right of the doors. Sign in at the guard desk just past the elevator.

Thurs, April 17 6:30 pm Thurs, May 15 6:30 pm Thurs, June 19 6:30 pm

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Upcoming Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition Meetings:

Location--Colorado Springs City Hall, Academy Room, Kiowa and Nevada, enter SE door off Kiowa.

Meetings 2nd Thursdays of the month 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 10th May 8th June 12th

CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDERNESS ACT IN 2014 BY VISITING WILD LANDS AND WORKING TO PROTECT THEM

For more information, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849; e-mail jorcstan@juno.com and see our website at ccwcwilderness.org

Pikes Peak Group is continuing its series of "**Local Favorite Hikes**," easy hikes to popular areas in the Colorado Springs vicinity. We are also continuing a series of "Wilderness 50th" hikes to commemorate the 50th anniversary of enactment of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Have any hikes or other kinds of outings that you would like to see, or places you would like to visit? Please contact Outings Chair Jim Lockhart, e-mail jlock@datawest.net with your ideas.



PPG OUTINGS & EVENTS



All outings participants are required to sign a standard liability waiver. To view this before choosing to participate in an outing, go to <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call (415) 977-5528 for a printed copy

Saturday, April 12 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM (CS Carpool meeting to return times)

Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area Day Hike

Wilderness 50th Outing

Beaver Creek's Powerline Trail offers one of the premier lower elevation hikes in the Pikes Peak region. With scenic canyon/ridgetop views, the trail climbs 1,900 feet in 8 sometimes strenuous miles. Learn about the area's natural and human history and why it is a prime candidate for future wilderness designation. Weather backup date 4/19/14. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 5:00 pm, Friday, April 11.

Saturday, May 3 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Annual Creek Care Project 2014

See Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday, April 26 8:30 a.m. to noon

Monument Creek Cleanup

As part of "Spruce Up the Springs," the Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group will be sponsoring a cleanup of the "Roswell Reach" of Monument Creek on April 26. Participants should plan on meeting at 8:30 at Roswell Park, 515 Polk Street. For details, contact Jane Ard-Smith at 520-5381 or janeardsmith@comcast.net. Map at <https://www.springsgov.com/units/parksrec/maps/mppgrnwy6.htm>

Sunday, May 4

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Homestead Ranch Hike

Local Favorites Hike

Homestead Ranch in eastern El Paso County at the edge of Black Forest is one of our newer and less visited county Regional Parks. This will be an easy-paced hike of approximately 3-1/2 miles with an elevation gain of 200 feet to the top of a tree-covered bluff. Learn about the unique ecology of the Black Forest's prairie-forest interface. For details or to sign up, contact Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or jlock@datawest.net.

Saturday, May 10 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (Trailhead to trailhead hiking times)

Browns Canyon Proposed National Monument and Wilderness Day Hike

Wilderness 50th Outing

We will walk the historic Turret Trail into the heart of scenic Browns Canyon on this 7-mile moderate hike with 800 feet elevation gain. Learn for yourself why this rugged land adjoining the Arkansas River is proposed in Congress as Colorado's newest national monument and wilderness area and about development threats to the land and river. **Optional overnight camping at Ruby Mountain campground on Friday, May 9.** Maximum 15 participants. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 5:00 pm, Thursday, May 8.

Saturday, June 7

8 AM to 2 PM

St. Mary's Falls

Local Favorites Hike

This pretty hike in north Cheyenne Canyon is almost six miles long, rated moderate to difficult and is a along a stream with the turnaround at the falls. Please contact Bob Wagstaff at waggies@sprintmail.com or at (719) 473-4651 to sign up.

Saturday, June 14 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (Trailhead to trailhead hiking times)

Greenhorn Wilderness Day Hike

Wilderness 50th Outing

Greenhorn Peak, in the Wet Mountains near Pueblo, towers over Colorado's southeastern plains. We will climb Greenhorn Peak and North Peak on this moderately strenuous, 6-mile on-and-off trail tundra hike, with 800 ft. elevation gain. Learn about this wilderness and help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. **Optional overnight camping near Greenhorn trailhead on Friday, June 13.** Maximum 15 participants. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 5:00 pm, Thursday, May 8.

Saturday July 19, 7:30 a.m. to Sunday July 20 6:00 p.m.

Goodwin Lakes Backpack, Sangre de Cristo Wilderness

Wilderness 50th Outing

Less visited than the Comanche-Venable Loop to the south, the Goodwin Lakes occupy a glacial valley headed by a Thirteen-and-a-Halfer. Learn how the Wilderness Act protects Colorado's most beautiful habitats ranging from thick forest to open tundra. This 10-mile round trip overnight backpack is rated moderate to strenuous, moderate trail, but approximately 2400 feet in elevation gain. Participants can choose to be on their own for meal arrangements or to share a communal dinner Saturday night. For details or to sign up, contact Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or jlock@datawest.net.

Volunteer Opportunities in the Pikes Peak Region

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<https://www.springsgov.com/units/parksrec/maps/mppgrnwy6.htm> For details, contact Jane Ard-Smith at 520-5381 or janeardsmith@comcast.net.

Annual Creek Care Project 2014 Manitou Springs

The Fountain Creek Annual Creek Care Project is tentatively scheduled for May 3 at 10 a.m. Volunteers will spend a few hours cleaning trash from Fountain Creek in Manitou Springs, from Rainbow Falls as far towards Colorado Springs as possible. Because of the impacts of recent flooding in Fountain Creek, the date or location of this event may have to be changed. For details and the latest word on this event, please contact Elizabeth Bryant at 719-352-8363 or bryant.elizabeth7@gmail.com.

Colorado Mountain Club Ice Cave Creek Trail Construction Project. The Rampart Range Wildlands Project of the Colorado Mountain Club is looking for volunteers again this summer to help complete their Ice Cave Creek trail rerouting project. The project involves the reroute of a trail above Palmer Lake. and requires a short, but steep hike up to the work site. This project will be completed through a partnership with Town of Palmer Lake, CMC Denver Group, CMC Pikes Peak Group, Friends of the Peak and Friends of Monument Preserve. Monthly workdays are scheduled on Saturdays throughout the summer, June through October. The first workday is June 7. To participate, please register online at <https://www.cmc.org/Calendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=23970> .

Rocky Mountain Field Institute Events. RMFI, our partner in restoration on Pikes Peak, continues to have a number of ongoing volunteer projects, including work days every weekend through mid-June in the Garden of the Gods and restoration of the Black Forest burn area during the summer. It is also involved in restoration projects in the Waldo Canyon burn area and Fountain Creek in Manitou Springs. To find out more about these opportunities, visit the Rocky Mountain Field Institute website at <http://www.rmfi.org/project-sites> For their calendar of work days, visit <http://www.rmfi.org/events/calendar>.

Friends of the Peak Events. Friends of the Peak is hosting more than twenty trail restoration work days in 2014, on Saturdays, Sundays, and Thursdays. Work locations include the Barr Trail (May 31, August 9, September 6), Pikes Peak South Slope (weekends of June 28, 29 and July 19, 20), and the Seven Bridges Trail (ten Thursdays from May to September), They are also offering crew leader training Friday evening April 25, through Sunday April 27, in conjunction with Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation. For details, visit their website at <http://www.fotp.com/7-events/projects-2014-20140218132034>.

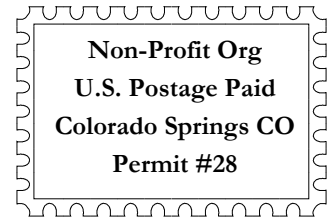
Committee for the Upper South Platte Events. CUSP is involved in fire mitigation work in the Waldo Canyon Burn area. The nature of all CUSP projects can be challenging. Fire rehab projects are dirty and require participants to dress and prepare accordingly. Participant are urged to review project descriptions carefully. In hazardous areas, to minimum age restrictions apply, which vary according to site. For information regarding their volunteer activities, visit their website at <http://www.uppertsouthplatte.org/Volunteer/>

Mile High Youth Corps. The Mile High Youth Corps improves communities and the lives of youth by engaging 18-24 year old young adults on a variety of land, water, and energy conservation projects, while earning an AmeriCorps scholarship. It is presently recruiting for the summer season. As a part of a crew, individuals have the chance to gain job skills in the green industry, learn more about conservation, and gain leadership experience. For information about current openings and how to apply, visit their website at <http://www.milehighyouthcorps.org/youth-jobs/apply-now>. Mile High is also looking for experienced crew leaders for their upcoming season, cover letters and resumes can be sent directly to ryans@mhyc.net.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Join your newly elected officers!
 Help our local chapter out!**

After our election, we have several positions in our Chapter that we invite other members to volunteer for. If you think you have talent and a little time to share with us, we have openings and would love to have you join us in serving our membership!

Please contact Jane Ard-Smith with your skills and time availability and she can help you find the best match to our needs!

Thank you for your consideration!!

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