



**LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB**  
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## President's Message

Our September meeting will be on August 28th because of Labor Day. It will begin at 7:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield. Be sure to read about our speaker, Mike MacFerrin, a glaciologist at the University of Colorado. Thanks Ron Tuttle for arranging for this speaker! We are very short on Weekend Hikes in September. You'll notice quite a few open dates that are waiting for someone to volunteer to lead one of their favorites.

Carol Watt will be holding the Weekend hikes planning meeting at her home on August 30th. This meeting is for weekend hikes during the October through March months. If you're not comfortable leading a hike in the mountains during the snow months, why not lead one at Devils Backbone, Coyote Ridge, Bobcat Ridge, Lory State Park or along the rec trail at Boyd Lake?!

Thanks to all who are willing to give a bit of their time and lead a few hikes.

Hope to see you on the trails or at the August 28th meeting.

Steve Bergstrand (970-292-8804 or [stevebergstrand73@gmail.com](mailto:stevebergstrand73@gmail.com))

## Club Meetings:

### **September Meeting: Monday, August 28, 2017: "Wanderings on Baranof Island"**

7:00 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Avenue, Loveland, 80538. Our speaker will be Mike MacFerrin, who will share his amazing experiences during a two-year solo crossing of Baranof Island in SE Alaska's ABC Archipelago.

Mike MacFerrin is a field glaciologist at the University of Colorado's Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences. A former rain forest bushwhacker, Mike now spends his time on annual expeditions across the Greenland ice sheet while researching melt water surface feedbacks.

**October Meeting Sneak preview:** Boris Konratieff. He is an entomologist with CSU and will talk about bugs, what else?

Many thanks to Ron Tuttle for his work on putting these interesting programs together!

### **Editor's Notes:**

Summer time ends early in the Rockies, and with the coming of September we will witness the aspens groves turning into blazes of gold across the mountain sides as the days get shorter and cooler. This is my favorite time of year, and I am looking forward to joining up with our hike leaders to do some of the great hikes we have planned. I hope to see you out there!

Melanie Pennington, editor ([mlpenning@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlpenning@sbcglobal.net))

*Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.*

*Rachel Carson*

### **Special Thanks to our August Hike Leaders:**

Carol Watt, Doug Moore, Ted Hartman, Betsy Mosehauer, Lynne N., Steve Bergstrand, Pete Tomassi, Kathy Langan, Jim and Pam Berthold, Pat and Vern Peterson, and Jim Shanahan were our helpful hike leaders in July. Thanks to all for your time and effort!

### **New Weekend Hike Coordinators:**

We welcome our new weekend hike coordinator, Penny Kragie! Starting in October, she will be joining our Tuesday and Thursday hike coordinators in the hard work they do to present a full schedule of hikes for the club. Thanks Penny!

Weekend Hike Coordinator for September – Ted Hartman, but please contact Steve Bergstrand if you can fill any of the open hike dates in September - 970-292-8804

Tuesday Coordinator - Karen G. - 970-231-5883

Thursday Coordinators – Ted and Ruth Hartman - 970-292-8431

### **Important Hike Information**

Loveland Mountain Club welcomes non-members to join us for any of the hikes we offer. Membership is encouraged after two hikes. Visit [www.lovelandmountainclub.org](http://www.lovelandmountainclub.org) for more information about club activities and membership.

- All participants must contact the hike leader to participate in a hike. Contact to the hike leader should be at least three days prior to the activity
- Hike leader should notify participants in case of change of weather, etc. Participants should inform the hike leader if they end up unable to make the trip
- If you want to go on a hike, pay attention to the hike classification (see below) to ensure that you are up to the challenge. Hike leader should discuss individual skills with each participant to ensure they are ready for the hike

- Participants should refer to the suggested hiking equipment list
- When hiking, lead and rear hikers should be readily seen. Person in front should wait for the slower hikers
- The last two cars of each trip should leave together so no one gets stranded
- Hike leader needs to be assertive as necessary; if in doubt, the hike leader is in charge and should not be questioned
- There should be a minimum of four participants. If there are not four, it is no longer a club activity
- Participants should pay gas money to the driver and bring a change of footwear and a bag for dirty boots

### Classification ratings

- Up to 8 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain up to 1200 feet
- 8-12 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain of 1200 to 2500 feet
- 12-15 miles maximum round trip, and/or elevation gain of over 3500 feet. Steep or rough terrain may be encountered
- More than 15 miles round trip, and/or elevation gain over 3500 feet. Trips in this classification may require additional climbing skills
- Designates peaks of any classification as dangerous. Basic mountaineering skills and/or the approval of the leader will be required

Some hikes will not exactly fit these ratings and may be designated A/B or B/C, etc. to convey the real nature of the hike. In those instances, pay close attention to the stated distance and/or elevation gain and discuss with the hike leaders when you call them to arrange to join the hike.

### Hike Offerings

#### **Saturday, August 19; Corral Creek to Peterson Lake:**

Corral Creek & Upper Big South hike is an A+ hike of 10.4 miles with an elevation gain of 1600 ft. We will hike at a moderate pace and hopefully see some beautiful flowers, moose and great views of the Poudre River and Peterson Lake. The drive from Loveland is around 75 miles one way so be prepared for an all-day adventure. Contact Betsy Mosehauer at [betsymosehauer@msn.com](mailto:betsymosehauer@msn.com) if you are interested.

#### **Sunday, August 20; (1) Powell Lake via Andrews Glacier:**

**“NOTE: for this trip you must have an ice axe, climbing helmet, headlamp and traction devices. You must also have experience ascending and descending a glacier.”** We will start bright and very early at the Glacier Gorge Trailhead. We will travel on the trail past The Loch towards Sky Pond. Just after crossing Andrews Creek the group will turn up the canyon towards Andrews Glacier and on to Andrew Pass. Once again note that to climb up the glacier you will likely need ice axes, foot traction devices (e.g., Ice Trekkers, Microspikes) and climbing helmets. At the top of Andrews Pass we will travel southeast up talus and around the summit of Taylor Peak. Once past Taylor we will continue to contour to the southeast towards the summit of Powell Peak (note due to the length of the hike we do not plan on summiting Taylor Peak). We will return the way we came (so remember if you want to stay dry while glissading down the glacier you will need to bring water proof pants). The hike length is 15 miles with 4,000’ of

elevation gain. Contact Pete Tomassi at 970-232-885 or [pete@tomassifinancialplanning.com](mailto:pete@tomassifinancialplanning.com) for details or to sign up for the hike.

## Sunday, August 20; (2) Chasm Lake:

This is a Class B hike of 8.4 miles and 2,380 elevation gain, topping off at 11,780 ft. From the Long's Peak Campground, the trail winds up through the forest to switchbacks above tree line and then breaks left to pretty Chasm Meadows and the Roaring River crossing. After passing below Lady Washington and humping over a final rocky wall, you are rewarded by this jewel lake and fabulous view of The Diamond on Long's Peak. Call Carol Watt at 970-685-4943 or email [Ruggmor@aol.com](mailto:Ruggmor@aol.com) for more info and to sign up.



## Tuesday, August 22nd; Lion Lake 1:

Lion Lake 1 is the lowest of a set of three alpine tarns south of Chiefs Head Peak and east of Mount Alice. This is one of the most scenic and beautiful places in all of RMNP. This will be a B rated hike out of Wild Basin. At 13.5 miles and 2,565' of elevation gain this hike is rated moderate-strenuous. Please contact Lynne N. at 303-824-5790 for details or to sign up for this hike.

## Thursday August 24; Emmaline Lake:

This hike will offer a variety of scenery, culminating in beautiful views of Cirque Meadow, Cirque Lake, and Emmaline Lake at 11,020 feet. The hike will be class B with an elevation gain of 2060 feet and round-trip distance of 11.8 miles. Call Steve Bergstrand at 970-292-8804 for details or to sign up for the hike.

## Saturday, August 26; Lake Helene:

This will be a Class A, 6.5 mile round trip hike with 1030 feet of elevation gain. Call Jim Shanahan (818) -808-2719 for further details or to sign up for the hike.

**Sunday, August 27; OPEN:** If you can lead a hike on this date, please call Pam Berthold - (970) 232-9767

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>; OPEN:** Please contact Karen G. at 970-231-5883 if you would like to plan a hike on this date.

**Thursday August 31; OPEN:** If you can lead a hike on this date, please call Ted or Ruth Hartman, the Thursday coordinators, at 970-292-8431.

**Saturday, Sept. 2: OPEN:** If you can lead a hike on this date, please contact Steve Bergstrand, 970-292-8804.

**Sunday, Sept. 3: OPEN:** If you can lead a hike on this date, please call Pam Berthold - (970) 232-9767

**Tuesday, Sept. 5th; OPEN:** Please contact Karen G. at 970-231-5883 if you would like to plan a hike on this date.

### **Thursday September 7; Summit County Adventure:**

This will be an overnight trip (leaving September 7 and returning September 8) to a beautiful ski and resort area about 2 hours southwest of Loveland off of I-70. The prime objective will be to climb Buffalo Mountain near Silverthorne (class B, 6 miles round trip, elevation gain of 3,017 feet). This beautiful mountain (12,274 feet) dominates the town of Silverthorne. The trail is steep and challenging, with a large boulder field. Other possible hikes include Mt. Sniktau (13,234 feet, 3 miles round trip), South Willow Falls, and Cataract Lake (both of these last two in the Gore Range). At least one class A hike will also be offered. Participants must make their own lodging or camping reservations. Call Ted or Ruth Hartman at 970-292-8431 or Kathy Langan at 303-960-8168 for details or to sign up for the hike.

**Saturday September 9; OPEN:** If you can lead a hike on this date, please contact Steve Bergstrand, 970-292-8804.

### **Sunday September 10; Sullivan Point:**

This hike ascends a "use trail" up a moderately steep drainage near Waltonia, in Big Thompson Canyon, then follows the ridgeline to a high point at the east end of Crosier Mountain. The hike is 3 miles round trip and starts at about 7,750 feet elevation with 1200 feet of elevation gain/loss. The hike is rated class A-moderate to slow pace. Contact Jim Disney at [jameshdisney@comcast.net](mailto:jameshdisney@comcast.net) for details or to sign up for the hike.

### **Tuesday September 12; Storm Peak:**

Always wanted to do a 13er? This hike will give you an opportunity to climb 13,326 ft. Storm Peak, one of the satellite peaks around Longs Peak. The hike will take us to the western edge of the Longs Peak boulder field and will give us impressive views of the Longs Peak North Face. The final scramble to the summit will all be off trail. The round trip distance will be 12.6 miles and the elevation gain will be 3,926 feet. Call Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 or Carol Watt at 970-685-4943 for details or to sign up for the hike.

### **Thursday September 14; Carter Lake:**

As I have not hiked but twice all year, I am doing a LAZY DAY hike on the west side of Carter Lake. It will be 6 miles round trip starting at the north end of the lake hiking south. We will picnic at the south end of the lake, so bring something to share. Be creative! Expect an early morning hike. Meeting place and time to be announced. Contact Bob Crawford at 970-744-0526 or [Lrrp1@comcast.net](mailto:Lrrp1@comcast.net) for details or to sign up for the hike. A pretty rock in everyone's pack??

**Saturday September 16; OPEN:** If you can lead a hike on this date, please contact Steve Bergstrand, 970-292-8804.

**Sunday September 17; OPEN:** If you can lead a hike on this date, please contact Steve Bergstrand, 970-292-8804.

### **Tuesday, September 19th; Hall Ranch (near Lyons);**

The Nighthawk trail is a Class A+ hike of 10 miles with 1280 feet of elevation gain. The trail, which travels through wide meadows, features views of Mt. Meeker and Long's Peak. We will return via the Nelson Loop Trail and Bitterbrush Trail. We will travel at a casual pace. Trail difficulty rating is moderate. Contact Ron Tuttle at 970-667-4479 or [rktuttle7@gmail.com](mailto:rktuttle7@gmail.com) for details and to sign up for the hike.

### **Thursday September 21; West White Pine Mountain:**

This is a great fall hike to see changing colors. It is an 8-9 mile round trip hike with 2,000 feet of elevation gain. Class B hike at a moderate pace. Contact Jane Davis at 260-413-2686 or [jcdflyfishe@gmail.com](mailto:jcdflyfishe@gmail.com) for details or to sign up for the hike.

**Saturday September 23; OPEN:** If you can lead a hike on this date, please contact Steve Bergstrand, 970-292-8804.

### **Sunday September 24; Lion Lake #2:**

This hike will take us past Lion Lake #1 and Trio falls to some beautiful views in Wild Basin, including Chiefs Head Peak (13579 feet). Some off trail hiking will be involved. The round trip distance will be about 14 miles with an elevation gain of 2,920 feet. Call Ted Hartman before September 22 at 970-292-8431 for details or to sign up for the hike.

### **Tuesday September 26; LuLu City:**

This will be a 7 mile R/T Class A hike to the site of an historic mining town. It is located on the Grand Lake side of Trail Ridge Road in the pretty Kawuneeche Valley. The elevation gain is 320 ft., topping off at 9,360 ft. If interested, call Carol at 970-685-4943 or email [Ruggmor@aol.com](mailto:Ruggmor@aol.com)

### **Thursday September 28; McGregor Falls:**

After the initial 7/10 of a mile the trail follows along a meadow offering views of Lumpy Ridge. The trail narrows and follows Black Canyon Creek. There are places where it is necessary to do a little bushwhacking but the hike can be done. We will do this as an "A" level, casually pace hike. The round trip distance is approximately 6 1/2 miles. Call Ruth Hartman at 970-292-8431 for details or to sign up for the hike.

**Saturday September 30; OPEN:** If you can lead a hike on this date, please contact Steve Bergstrand, 970-292-8804.

### **Sunday October 1; Lion Gulch:**

Lion Gulch has been closed since the 2013 flood. It has taken 3 years to restore the trail, install a new bridge, and create a mile of new trail. The hike will be 8-10 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. The trail will end up at Homestead Meadows. Please email Betsy at [Betsy Mosehauer@msn.com](mailto:Betsy.Mosehauer@msn.com) for details or to sign up for the hike.

## **Tuesday, October 3; Boulder Brook:**

This unassumingly attractive trail closely follows Boulder Brook. The trail offers good views of the Continental Divide and Mummy Range. This is a nice moderate hike of 4.8 miles RT with elevation gain of 1,430'. Contact Kathy L. at 970-960-8168 for more information or to sign up for the hike.

## **Thursday October 5; Full Moon Hike-Rivers Edge:**

This full moon hike will be at an easy, relaxed pace. Enjoy the views of the mountains, lakes, wildlife and landscape. It is about a 1.5 to 3 mile hike depending on the weather. Call Lupi at 970-667-7913 for details or to sign up for the hike.

## **Saturday October 7; Trail Maintenance:**

If the Big Thompson Canyon is still open, we will perform regular maintenance on the Round Mountain Trail. Work consists mainly of cleaning water bars and trimming vegetation. If you would like to help, contact Jane Davis to help at 206-413-2686 or [jcdflyfisher@gmail.com](mailto:jcdflyfisher@gmail.com). You only need to bring eyewear, work gloves, water and snacks. The Forest Service provides the tools.

***Hike Leaders:** Please call the RMNP Backcountry Office at 970-586-1242 and report any changes in trail conditions after your hike. They have requested our help as they cannot cover the hundreds of miles of trails. Also call this number the day before your hike for the latest road, trail and weather conditions at the Park.*

## **Interested in posting your "Club Hike" pictures to the club Facebook page?**

Please forward your pictures to Dick Lottes at [longs91peak@yahoo.com](mailto:longs91peak@yahoo.com) or Steve Bergstrand at [stevebergstrand73@gmail.com](mailto:stevebergstrand73@gmail.com) prior to the end of the day following the day of the hike. The number of pictures posted to Facebook is limited to 10 so the possibility exists that all your pictures will not be posted. Request you do not annotate your pictures, please? Visit our Facebook page Loveland-Mountain-Club to see photos from recent hikes.

Check out the Loveland Mountain Club website for more information about the club:

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## **Useful Telephone Numbers**

Rocky Mountain National Park – Backcountry Office 970-586-1242

Rocky Mountain National Park – Emergencies 970-586-1204

Colorado Road Conditions 303-639-1111

Larimer County Emergency Number (connects to Sheriff) 970-416-1985 (or just dial 911)