



LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB
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President's Message:

US Route 34 to Estes Park will open Memorial Day Weekend! The City of Loveland Parks and Recreation Department plans to open the Round Mountain Trail the same day. In preparation, some of us will be checking the trail on Wednesday May 23rd and removing any trees that have fallen across the trail since our fall trail maintenance day last September. Our spring trail maintenance day on the Round Mountain Trail will be held on Saturday, June 2nd. There are jobs for everyone in the club, including light pruning, covering unauthorized short cuts with light branches, deepening water bars, and removing excess dirt. Wouldn't it be great if we had not only the 15 to 20 great workers who show up every year, but an additional 60 other workers show up that morning? This is our club's ONLY SERVICE PROJECT – one day in the fall and one in the spring. With a club membership of 175 people, I am hoping for a great turnout! If we get a good turnout of club members (many hands means lighter work for all) we usually finish by early afternoon and have a party in the parking lot, compliments of the club. Please bring sun glasses or other form of eye protection, work gloves, plenty of water and trail snacks. Call Jane Davis at 970-667-6149 or <mailto:jcdflyfisher@gmail.com> for more information.

Mark your calendars:

- Monday June 4th at 7:00 pm is our June Meeting. Meteorologist Dr. Joe Grim, an avid hiker, will speak on "Weather Preparedness While Hiking in the Mountains".
- Monday July 9th at 6:30 is our annual picnic at the Fairgrounds Park Shelter.

Ted Hartman has agreed to serve as Club Vice President and will work with the Meeting Program Committee. The Board and the Members voted unanimously for Ted.

Please see me or a Board Member if you are interested in serving on the Board. We have three or four meetings per year, usually before the club meetings.

I hope to see you on the trail, at the Round Mountain Trail Maintenance Day, or at the June 4th Meeting.

Steve Bergstrand

970-292-8804 or 916-600-2209 cell/text, or stevebergstrand73@gmail.com.

Club Meetings:

Monthly meetings are from 7 – 8:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Avenue, Loveland, 80538, on the first Monday of the month.

Monday, June 4: Weather Preparedness While Hiking in the Mountains, by Dr. Joe Grim.

Joe Grim is a research meteorologist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. In this presentation he will discuss how to prepare for and identify potential weather hazards while hiking in the mountains. Topics covered will include: 1) preparing for all possible types of weather, 2) locating the best sources for mountain weather forecasts before your hike, 3) identifying potential weather hazards during your hike, and 4) what to do if you do get caught in adverse weather. Please bring your questions, and your own personal stories of encounters with mountain weather; this will be an interactive event.

Dr. Grim is an avid hiker and maintains a website of his hiking adventures at joeandfrede.com.

Monday, July 9, Club Picnic:

The annual Loveland Mountain Club Picnic will start at 6:30 PM on July 9th in the picnic pavilion at the fairgrounds. The club provides both baked and fried chicken as well as beverages. Please bring an appetizer, salad or side dish (unless you are signed up to bring a dessert). Please bring your own cup, plate, and utensils. Come enjoy food, fresh air and camaraderie!

Editor's Notes:

We have some new volunteer hike leaders! Thanks to Tom Bruch and Danielle Brown for helping keep the club a vital organization and leading some interesting hikes.

Summer is almost here and it's time to check your day pack and make sure it contains items that will help make your hikes fun and safe, including sunscreen, insect repellent, a wide brimmed hat, and sunglasses. Check the date on your sunscreen and replace it if expired. Give your sunglasses a quick inspection and replace them if there are any scratches. Increase your water carrying capacity. Lighten your load by leaving the micro-spikes and the snow baskets on your hiking poles behind, and switching to lighter weight rain gear. Consider adding a field guide for something you are interested in learning more about on your hikes (trees, birds, wild flowers, insects, rocks, reptiles, etc.). As always, keep extra food and clothing in your pack. Last but not least, be sure to attend our next club meeting to learn how to be prepared for the unpredictable weather we encounter in the mountains!

Happy hiking!

Melanie Pennington, Editor



**Go out, go out I beg of you
And taste the beauty of the wild.
Behold the miracle of the earth
With all the wonder of a child. *Edna Jaques***

Special Thanks to our May Hike Leaders:

Linda Z., Doug B., Jane D., Ron T., Ted H., Ruth H., Tom B., Karen G., Carol R., Glenda S., Josie B., Lupi, Irene B., and Gabi M. gave of their time and expertise to lead hikes last month. Thanks to all for your time and effort!

Hike Coordinators:

Weekend Hike Coordinator for 2018: Penny Kragie pakragie@gmail.com or (571) 643-6803

Weekend Hike Coordinator for June – Steve Bergstrand – (916)-600-2209

Tuesday Hike Coordinators – Jane and Dan Maddigan - (412) 680-8919

Thursday Hike Coordinators –Tom Bruch - tabruch@msn.com or 970-405-7794

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 for more information about club activities and membership.

- **Disclaimer: A hiker assumes the risk of any injury to person or property resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks of hiking, snowshoeing or participating in any of the club's activities, including driving or riding to and from the trailhead, and may not recover from the Loveland Mountain Club for any injury resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks aforementioned.**
- All participants must contact the hike leader to participate in a hike. Contact the hike leader 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 are 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

EZ Hikes: Hikes of less than 4 miles and less than 600' of climbing; these hikes will be highlighted in yellow.

- 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

Sunday May 27; Greyrock:

Avoid the crowds at RMNP next weekend and come join us for a hike up to Greyrock, which is about 9 miles up the Poudre Canyon from Ted's Place. Karen G. and Irene Borchers will be leading this hike at a casual to moderate pace. We will go up the Greyrock trail and return via the Greyrock Meadows Trail. A total of 7.4 miles RT with a 1900 net elevation gain (and about 2400 total roundtrip elevation gain). Please contact Irene Borchers at 970-222-6972 or email iborchers@comcast.net to sign up for the hike.

Tuesday May 29; The Pool to Cub Lake:

A casual paced hike of about 6.4 miles round trip and 630 feet elevation gain. Cub Lake is ringed by a thick pine forest and a marshy shoreline in some places. Looking due west from the lake is 12,922 foot tall Stones Peak, which provides a nice backdrop to this tranquil scene and a nice lunch spot. Call Gabi Mills at 970-227-1497 for further details or to sign up for the hike.

Thursday May 31; Nymph, Dream, and Emerald Lakes:

This popular Rocky Mountain National Park hike leads past three magnificent lakes: Nymph, Dream, and Emerald. This will be a Class A hike, 3.6 miles round trip, with an elevation gain of 650 feet. The pace will be casual. Contact Ruth Hartman at 970-292-8431 for meeting time and place.

Saturday June 2; Spring Trail Maintenance on Round Mountain:

This is our club's ONLY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT. The LMC maintains this 4.5 mile trail for the City of Loveland with light pruning and deepening water bars. We are usually finished by early afternoon – followed by a party in the parking lot. Many hands make lighter work so please help. Please bring sun glasses or other form of eye protection, work gloves, plenty of water and snacks. Call Jane Davis at 970-667-6149 or jcdflyfisher@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday June 3; Dark Mountain:

Class B/C - 9 miles round trip, 2,993 elevation gain. We'll start at the Lumpy Ridge Trailhead and proceed west to the t-intersection with the Black Canyon Trail. We'll then head off-trail for the 1.7 mile bushwhacking ascent through steep, wooded terrain to the summit. Contact Pete Tomassi at pete@tomassifinancialplanning.com to register for the hike.

Tuesday June 5; Old Ute Trail:

This is an A hike. The Ute Trail connects the Beaver Mountain Trail with Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park. It leads to summer hunting grounds in the tundra used by prehistoric tribes, Utes, and Arapahos for thousands of years. However, we will only go 2-3 miles up at an easy pace, gradually climbing about 800 feet. There are great views, and hopefully some wild life may appear. Contact Carol at 970-685-4943 or email Ruggmor@aol.com.

Thursday June 7; Buckhorn Creek Orchid hike:

This will be a class EZ, casually paced hike in Buckhorn Canyon to view the Calypso orchids. The hike will be approx. 4 miles round trip with a few hundred feet of elevation gain. Photographers need to bring their cameras. We will start from the Buckhorn Ranger station and take the Donner Pass trail to the south. Contact Ron T. at 970-667-4479 or rktuttle7@gmail.com for more information or to sign up for the hike. Limit 11 people.

Saturday June 9; Lion Gulch:

An 8 mile hike from the US-36 trailhead with an elevation gain of 1184.' We will visit some of buildings in Homestead Meadows and hike at a moderate pace. Call Betsy at 970-310-0200 or email her at Betsy_Mosehauer@msn.com if you are interested.

Sunday June 10; North Boundary Trail to Dunraven:

This 11.5 mile point-to-point hike begins at Cow Creek Trail Head and ends at Dunraven Trail Head with approximately 1,400 feet elevation gain. We'll get an early start so we can leave vehicles at Dunraven and drive to

the Cow Creek Trail Head. Hike will be limited to 12 people. Contact Danielle Brown at draker55@yahoo.com or (970) 980-4642 to join the hike.

Tuesday June 12; Mt. McConnell:

The Mt. McConnell Trail is located 23.5 miles from Ted's Place up the Poudre River, at Mountain Park Campground. It starts on the Kreutzer Nature Trail offering several interpretative signs with information about local geology, ecology, plants, and animals. This is a moderate trail, 4.6 miles, with a 1300 ft. elevation gain. From the summit there is a great view to the southwest of the canyon carved by the South Fork of the Cache La Poudre River and the Mummy Range. The pace will be slow since there are several switch backs with stone benches carved by the CCC in 1936 during the depression. If you are interested, please contact Josie at 970-632-3229.

Thursday June 14; Bridal Veil Falls:

This will be a 6.2 mile hike, moderate pace, with 1,060 ft. elevation gain. This hike begins at the historic McGraw Ranch and follows a trail through a lightly forested valley with a trickling stream. The trail gently slopes up into a side canyon where there are two trail junctions at the 1.2 and 2 mile marks. After reaching the falls, and depending on the wishes of the participants, we may cross the stream and scramble up the hillside to the granite slabs above the falls. For meeting time and place, call Jim or Pam Berthold at 970 232-9767.

Saturday June 16; Open date

Sunday June 17; Lawn Lake:

Nestled at the base of Mummy and Fairchild Mountains and Hagues Peak is Lawn Lake. We will follow the Roaring River, scarred by the 1982 flood, up a peaceful valley to the site of the ruined dam. The hike is a long one - 12.6 miles and has about 2500 feet of elevation gain so earns its Class B rating. Call Jane D. to sign up: 260-413-2686 or jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Tuesday June 19: No hike scheduled. Contact Jane Maddigan at maddigan2@gmail.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Thursday June 21; Lion Lake #1:

This will be a 13 mile B hike. Contact Lynne N. for more information at lynne.niemeyer@gmail.com or 970-344-5054.

Saturday June 23; Camp Dick:

This is an 8 mile RT class A hike just west of Lyons with elevation gain of 941 feet. Beautiful wildflowers along the way to our lunch spot on top of huge boulders along the river. For more information or to sign up for the hike, contact Kathy Langan at langandesign@yahoo.com.

Sunday June 24; Lookout Mountain:

We start this 7 mile roundtrip hike in Meeker Park and gain approximately 1000 feet in 3.5 miles. This minimally maintained trail provides opportunity to test our log surmounting skills with seven downed trees over the trail as

of June 2016. Our destination gives us striking views into Wild Basin and its eastern peaks and a close-up view of Mount Meeker. Contact Danielle Brown at draker55@yahoo.com or (970) 980-4642 to join the hike.

Tuesday June 26; Lake Haiyaha Loop:

We will hike the loop from Mills Lake trail to beautiful Lake Haiyaha back to the Bear Lake trailhead. This will be an easy paced hike of about 7 to 8 miles with about a 1000 foot elevation gain overall. If time and weather permits, we will make a side trip to Emerald Lake. To join the hike, contact Gabi Miles at 970-227-1497 or Penny Kragie 571-643-6803.

Thursday June 28; Ouzel Lake:

The hike to Ouzel Lake, from Wild Basin is 10.25 miles with an elevation gain of 2500 ft. Hopefully, all the snow will be gone by then and we'll see plenty of wildflowers. This will be a moderately paced hike. Contact Betsy at Betsy.Mosehauer@msn.com or 970-310-0200 to sign up.

Saturday June 30; Poudre Canyon:

Call Lynne Niemeyer at 970-344-5054 for meeting time and place.

Sunday July 1; Jackstraw Mountain:

This hike will start from the Timber Lake Trailhead on the west side of Rocky Mountain National Park. We will be on trail for the first 4.2 miles and then venture off trail to explore the 3 summits of Jackstraw Mountain. This Class B hike will likely be about 11 miles long and you can expect to gain in excess of 2600 feet. Call Jane D. to sign up: 206-413-2686 or jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Tuesday July 3; No hike scheduled. Contact Jane Maddigan at maddigan2@gmail.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Thursday July 5; No hike scheduled. Contact Tom Bruch at tabruch@msn.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Saturday July 7; Pingree Park B-17 Crash Site:

On October 18, 1943 a B-17 Bomber on a training flight crashed near what is now the CSU Pingree Park Campus. We will explore the crash site on a hike that is about 6 miles round trip and 1200' of elevation gain. Call Steve at 970292-8804 or stevebergstrand73@gmail.com for meeting time and place.

Sunday July 8; Shelf and Solitude:

Call Carol Watt at 970-685-4943 or at ruggmor@aol.com for more information.

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 or Steve Bergstrand at 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:

www.lovelandmountainclub.org

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)