



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

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Trail Maintenance on Round Mountain. Thanks to the crew who checked out the trail for obstructions before US 34 opened. Thanks to Jane for organizing the crew and hiking up with tools on Thursday. And thanks to the 19 folks who worked on Saturday. The trail is in good shape!

Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 is our annual picnic at the Fairgrounds Park shelter. Melanie has more details below. Hope to see you there for good food and fellowship!

Monday August 6<sup>th</sup> our meeting will be back at Trinity Lutheran Church. We'll hear from Mike Reynolds of the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers.

Check out the LMC Facebook page. We post photos from most of the hikes and there are many beautiful shots of our amazing lakes, trails and mountains.

Farewell to Pat and Vern Peterson as they move to Topeka to be close to their family. We have enjoyed knowing you!

I want to thank the great lady who puts this newsletter together every month and sends out updates on email as needed. Thank You Melanie Pennington!

If you would like to check out information provided by Joe Grimm, last month's speaker on unpredictable weather in the Rockies, check out his web site: [Joeandfrede.com/wx/mountain\\_weather.ppt](http://Joeandfrede.com/wx/mountain_weather.ppt). This website can be used to download his PowerPoint presentation from the June meeting and includes all the links to weather radar, snow, avalanche conditions, etc. For a lot of useful links to hiking information check out [Joeandfrede.com/wx/wx\\_bookmarks.html](http://Joeandfrede.com/wx/wx_bookmarks.html).

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic or on a hike!

Steve Bergstrand

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## 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, 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!

### **Monday, August 6, Mike Reynolds:**

Mike Reynolds will be the August speaker. Mike is on the Board of PWV (Poudre Wilderness Volunteers.) and will talk about this volunteer organization and their mission to assist the Forest Service in managing and protecting wilderness and backcountry areas.

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

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! July 4<sup>th</sup> is not only a celebration of our national heritage, but also the beginning of summer in the mountains, when both tourists and locals travel to higher altitudes to escape the summer heat and enjoy the beauty of fields of wildflowers, the cooling sight of snow surviving in small nooks on the mountainside, and the magnificence of a monsoon thunderstorm. Our club has some enticing hikes to offer in July that will take you away from the summer crowds and into the mysterious wonders of our magnificent Rocky Mountains. The longer daylight hours allow our hike leaders to put together some truly amazing treks. You will be amazed at what you can accomplish on a rugged hike with the support of other avid hikers! Adventure awaits you!

Melanie Pennington, Editor

“Her mighty lakes, like oceans of liquid silver; her mountains with their right aerial tints; her valleys, teeming with wild fertility; her tremendous cataracts, thundering in their solitudes; her boundless plains, waving with spontaneous verdure; her brought deep rivers, rolling in solemn silence to the ocean; her trackless forests, where vegetation puts forth all its magnificence; her skies, kindling waves in the magic of the summer clouds and glorious sunshine;--no, never need an American look beyond his own country for the sublime and beautiful of natural scenery.”

-Washington Irving

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

Jane D., Pete T., Carol R., Ron T., Betsy M., Danielle B., Josie B., Pam B., Lynne N., Kathy L., 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](mailto:pakragie@gmail.com) or (571) 643-6803

Weekend Hike Coordinator for July – Ron Tuttle [rktuttle7@gmail.com](mailto:rktuttle7@gmail.com)

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

Thursday Hike Coordinators –Tom Bruch - [tabruch@msn.com](mailto: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](http://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.**

- A. Up to 8 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain up to 1200 feet
- B. 8-12 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain of 1200 to 2500 feet
- C. 12-15 miles maximum round trip, and/or elevation gain of over 3500 feet. Steep or rough terrain may be encountered

- D. More than 15 miles round trip, and/or elevation gain over 3500 feet. Trips in this classification may require additional climbing skills
- E. 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

### **Thursday June 21; Wild Basin Waterfalls:**

Hike will be Wild Basin Waterfalls. 6.7 miles 1074 elevation gain. Contact Lynne Niemeyer 309-824-5790 if interested.

### **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](mailto:langandesign@yahoo.com).

### **Sunday June 24; Lookout Mountain:**

We start this 7 mile roundtrip hike in Meeker Park and gain approximately 1943 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](mailto: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](mailto:Betsy.Mosehauer@msn.com) or 970-310-0200 to sign up.

## **Saturday June 30; Lower Dadd Gulch:**

Located in Poudre Canyon. 7 miles RT with 1430 elevation gain. Limit to 8 hikers. Will start early. Contact Lynne at 309-824-5790 if interested.

## **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](mailto:jcdflyfisher@gmail.com).

**Tuesday July 3; No hike scheduled.** Contact Jane Maddigan at [maddigan2@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stevebergstrand73@gmail.com) for meeting time and place.

## **Sunday July 8; Shelf and Solitude:**

This is a B to C hike of 9.4 to 10 miles with a destination of Shelf and maybe Solitude Lakes in the Glacier Gorge area. It may also be an exploratory hike if I don't get the chance to pre-hike it, since the trail is seldom used, involves some bushwhacking, and cairns may have disappeared. It is also quite steep with rock slabs and an elevation gain of 2,200 feet. We will leave early, as it is a demanding adventure hike. Call Carol Watt at 970-685-4943 or at [ruggmor@aol.com](mailto:ruggmor@aol.com) for more information.

**Tuesday July 10: No hike scheduled.** Contact Jane Maddigan at [maddigan2@gmail.com](mailto:maddigan2@gmail.com) if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

## **Thursday July 12; Heart Lake:**

This B hike begins at the East Portal Trailhead outside Rollinsville. We will visit two beautiful alpine lakes, Rogers Peak Lake and Heart Lake with a total of 8.46 miles and 2,266' elevation gain. Plan on an all-day adventure due to the longer drive to the trailhead. Email Betsy at [betsy\\_mosehauer@msn.com](mailto:betsy_mosehauer@msn.com) or call at 970-310-0200.

## **Saturday July 14th; Hallett Peak:**

Class B Hike, 10 mile round trip with 3,200 feet elevation gain. From Bear Lake hike up to Flattop and skirting the Tyndal Glacier hike 400 feet higher to the top of Hallett where the views are stupendous. Contact Douglas at [mailto:douglasbxt@gmail.com](mailto:mailto:douglasbxt@gmail.com) or 970 672 7629 for details or to sign up for the hike.

## Sunday July 15; Thunder Lake:

The Class B hike to Thunder Lake begins from the fairly remote Wild Basin Trailhead in the southeastern corner of Rocky Mountain National Park. Lower Copeland Falls, our first destination along this route, arrives at roughly one-third of a mile from the trailhead. Upper Copeland Falls is located another one-tenth of a mile further upstream on the North St. Vrain Creek. Beyond the two waterfalls the trail crosses over Sandbeach Creek. The trail travels through a very beautiful and pristine subalpine forest. We'll cross Calypso Cascades and Ouzel Falls. For the most part the trail travels under the canopy of the forest for almost the entire route. Occasionally, as we climb higher, we'll have sporadic views of the surrounding mountains, including Copeland Mountain, Long's Peak, Mt. Meeker, and Pagoda Mountain. After roughly 6 miles from the trailhead, we'll reach Thunder Lake and The Thunder Lake Patrol Cabin. This small one-room log cabin was built in 1930, and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. Thunder Lake sits in an incredibly beautiful setting. From left to right it's framed by 12,420-foot Tanima Peak, 12,222-foot Pilot Mountain, and 13,310-foot Mount Alice towards the northwest. The round trip hike distance is 12 miles, with an elevation gain of 2,300'.

**Tuesday July 17: No hike scheduled.** Contact Jane Maddigan at [maddigan2@gmail.com](mailto:maddigan2@gmail.com) if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

## Thursday July 19; Thunder Pass:

Class B hike of 11.5 miles RT, 2,830 ft. elevation gain. Thunder Pass is magnificent low point along the Continental Divide right on the border between Colorado State Forest and RMNP. The pass is flat and covered with tundra and (hopefully) wildflowers. We will leave EARLY, due to the long drive to the TH. For meeting time and place, call Jim or Pam Berthold at 970 232-9767.

## Saturday July 21; Bierstadt Lake -Bear Lake loop:

We will take the shuttle to the Bierstadt Lake bus stop, then hike to Bierstadt Lake while enjoying the beautiful views. Then we will hike to Bear Lake and finally take the Glacier Creek trail back to the Bierstadt Lake bus stop. This is a Class A, slow pace, 6 mile hike with 1000' of elevation gain. Contact Ron T. at [rktuttle7@gmail.com](mailto:rktuttle7@gmail.com) or 970-667-4479 to sign up for the hike.

## Sunday July 22: No hike scheduled.

**Tuesday July 24: No hike scheduled.** Contact Jane Maddigan at [maddigan2@gmail.com](mailto:maddigan2@gmail.com) if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

## Thursday, July 26; Mt. Ida:

9.8 miles RT. 2,130 ft. elevation gain. Class B hike. A beautiful hike mostly above tree line. Trail head is on the continental divide located at Milner Pass. Dramatic views from the top include the peaks of the Mummy and the Never Summer Ranges, with panorama of several lakes in Gorge drainage below. Hike limited to 8 people, due to limited parking. We will leave EARLY, due to the long drive to the TH. For meeting time and place, call Jim or Pam Berthold at 970 232-9767.

## **Saturday July 28; Sandbeach Lake:**

Details TBA. Hike Leader: Kathy Langan

## **Sunday July 29: No hike scheduled.**

## **Tuesday July 31; Chiquita, Ypsilon, Chapin:**

This strenuous hike to the tundra provides outstanding views in all directions. In approximately 8 miles round trip, we'll gain more than 3,202 ft. elevation in 4 miles. We'll climb Chiquita and find its summit at 13,069 ft. at the 3 mile point, then continue a mile further to Ypsilon and its crowning point at 13,514. On the way back to the trailhead, we'll climb Chapin to a maximum elevation of 12,454 and follow its ridge southwest to descend to the return trail. Bring extra layers to be prepared for cold and wind at high elevations. Contact Danielle Brown at [draker55@yahoo.com](mailto:draker55@yahoo.com) or (970) 980-4642 or Jane Maddigan at [maddigan2@gmail.com](mailto:maddigan2@gmail.com) or 412-680-8919 to join the hike.

## **Thursday, August 2; Mystery Hike:**

Jim Shanahan is listed as hike leader.

## **Saturday August 4; Blue and Hang Lakes:**

The Blue & Hang Lakes hike is a class "B" of 10.5 miles RT with an elevation gain of 2,500 ft. This will be an all-day hike since the drive from Loveland is approximately 75 miles up the Poudre Canyon Road. Even though the first 2 miles of the trail follows an old logging road, the trail climbs continuously until we reach the subalpine lakes. Hike will be at a moderate pace. For meeting time and place, call Jim or Pam Berthold at 970 232-9767

## **Sunday, August 5: OPEN**

## **Tuesday August 7; Thunder/Fan Falls:**

Class C, 13.8 miles RT with 2,980' of elevation gain. 6:30 AM start at the Wild Basin Trailhead. From the trailhead, we will take the normal trails toward Lion Lakes. We will depart from the trail just short of LL#1 and descend to Thunder Falls. From there, we will travel cross-country to Lion Lake #1 and then head across some of Wild Basin's prettiest scenery to the top of Fan Falls. This is one fine perch and, given good weather, we will linger here before descending steeply parallel to the falls and its creek until we stumble upon the trail to Boulder/Grand Pass. This will take us to Thunder Lake where a long rest at the ranger cabin there will be in order. We will return to the trailhead on the standard trails. TH to TH time will be about 9 hours. Bring plenty of food and water and be prepared for the afternoon rains that routinely hit Wild Basin. Contact Pete Langer at [langer\\_pete@hotmail.com](mailto:langer_pete@hotmail.com) or 970-227-3614 to ask questions or to sign up for this hike.

***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:

[www.lovelandmountainclub.org](http://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)

Links to useful information can be found at [Joeandfrede.com/wx/mountain\\_weather.ppt](http://Joeandfrede.com/wx/mountain_weather.ppt).