



LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB
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President's Message:

October is a very comfortable month for hiking in beautiful northern Colorado! As I write this message in mid-September the colors in the mountains are incredible.

One misunderstanding of some members is that the club has some type of central planning committee that determines where the hikes will go. Nope! LMC is an all-volunteer organization and when you volunteer to coordinate a hike – YOU choose the hike type and location.

If you need ideas, the Hike Archive on the LovelandMountainClub.org website lists several hundred hikes by Location; Destination; Trailhead; Difficulty; Distance; Elevation Gain and Destination Elevation. Where there are "No Hike Scheduled" dates in the Newsletter – call or email the Tuesday, Thursday or Weekend Hike Coordinators listed below to discuss your choice. They will be glad to help.

Looking ahead:

Our next **Meeting is October 1st at 7:00 PM.**

Our **Fall Trail Maintenance Day on Round Mountain**, 10 miles west of Loveland on Hwy 34, is on **Saturday, October 6th**. See Jane Davis' contact information to sign up. Many hands make lighter work and a shorter day so please sign up to do light or heavy work.

December is a busy month so "Save the Date" for our **Annual Holiday Brunch at Sylvan Dale Ranch, on Saturday December 1st**.

John Muir said "***Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.***"

We will listen to these words and we will experience this joy. We will not say good-bye John Ellison, for the outdoorsman in you will live with us forever. Rest in Peace.

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 (unless otherwise scheduled due to holidays).

Monday, October 1, Kelly Smith:

Kelly Smith, Parks and Trails Planner with the City of Loveland, will be presenting updates on Loveland's soft and hard surface trail planning and development. Highlighted projects will include Long View Trail, Colorado Front Range Trail, filling gaps in the Loveland Recreation Trail Loop, Prairie Ridge Trail, Centerra Trail extension, and the Big Thompson River Trail.

Monday, November 5; Rebound Sports and Physical Therapy:

Feeling that muscle ache, back pain or hand cramp after a hike? Coming in November - get advice from the team at Rebound Sports & Physical Therapy! Participants will learn techniques for preventing injury and relieving pain associated with physical activities such as hiking and climbing from 5 of Rebound's clinical staff, including 3 physical therapists, 1 occupational therapist/certified hand therapist, and 1 massage therapist/certified lymphedema therapist.

Monday, October 29: Tues-Thurs Hike Planning Meeting:

Tuesday-Thursday Hike Planning Meeting for January through April 2019 hikes. 10:00 am at Jane & Dan Maddigan's place. The address is 4845 Hahns Peak Drive, #201, Loveland, 80538. The development is called Lakeshore at Centerra. Food and refreshments will be available. Hike leaders may also e-mail hikes to maddigan2@gmail.com if a Tuesday hike or tabruch@msn.com if a Thursday hike. RSVP by 10/25 to maddigan2@gmail.com.

Saturday, December 1, Holiday Brunch:

The Loveland Mountain Club Holiday Brunch will be here before you know it! The date is set for Saturday, December 1, 11:30-2:30 at the Sylvan Dale Ranch, Heritage Building. The cost will be the same as last year - \$22 per person paid in advance or \$27 if you choose to pay at the door. We will be offering several hikes beginning at 8:15 and perhaps a horseback ride before the brunch. The official announcement will be coming out in early November. We need your help with 2 things:

- We need a volunteer to lead a longer hike before the brunch. Jim Disney has volunteered to lead the shorter hike.

- We also need someone to coordinate the slideshow that will be shown during the brunch. We'll be asking our members to submit 10 of their favorite pictures from their hikes this year.

Contact Betsy Mosehauer at betsy_mosehauer@msn.com if you can help with either of these.

Editor's Notes:

Can you believe that we are already on the other side of the Fall Equinox? The October hike calendar reflects the decreasing amount of daylight, with several EZ hikes and class A hikes scheduled.

There are lots of dates to remember in this newsletter! October 6 is Round Mountain trail maintenance day. October 29 is Tues/Thurs Hike Planning meeting, and December 1 is our holiday brunch. If you participate in all three events, you will have the satisfaction of giving something back to the club and the joy of camaraderie as we celebrate the holidays.

Melanie Pennington, Editor

Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Special Thanks to our September Hike Leaders:

Douglas B., Kathy L., Jim and Pam B., Ron T., Ted H., Carol W., Steve B., Penny K., Jane M., Jane D., Tom B., and Danielle B. 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 Kraigie - pakragie@gmail.com or 571-643-6803

Weekend Hike Coordinator for October: Betsy Mosehauer - Betsy_Mosehauer@msn.com

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.

- 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 2500 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

Tuesday September 25; South Dadd Gulch:

This Class B hike is about 7.6 miles with 1500 ft. elevation gain. Lots of aspen. Limit to 8 people. Contact Lynne Niemeyer at 309-824-5790 for more information or to sign up for the hike.

Thursday September 27: No hike on schedule. Contact Tom Bruch at tabruch@msn.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Saturday September 29; Caribou Ranch:

This is an EZ hike located two miles north of Nederland, CO. This moderately paced trek will be 4.2 miles round trip with elevation gain of 155 feet including a loop and there will be frequent stops to read historic information signs. Along the way we will visit the Blue Bird Mine complex and the Delonde Homestead. This hike takes place in a scenic setting and with luck the abundant aspen will still be in bloom. For more information or to sign up for the hike email Tom Bruch at tabruch@msn.com or call at 970-405-7794.

Sunday September 30; Boulder Brook Trail to Glacier Creek Trail Loop:

Class A hike. We will leave early for this beautiful aspen-lined trail that follows the creek uphill where it meets the North Longs Peak Trail after 2.5 miles. The trail loops back to the Glacier Creek Trail and back down to Storm Pass Trail Head to complete the loop. Elevation gain is approximately 1,400 ft. with total distance between 5 and 6 miles. We'll stop for photo opportunities as they arise. Contact Danielle Brown at draker55@yahoo.com or (970) 980-4642 to join the hike.

Tuesday October 2; Green Mountain via Gregory Canyon, Boulder:

This Class "B" hike is 6 miles round trip with 2344 ft. elevation gain. It is a rocky terrain with portions of loose scree. On the descent will be striking views of Boulder and the surrounding area. Lunch at Chautauqua may also be an option if the group agrees. A maximum of 8 hikers. For more details or to sign up for the hike, contact Jane Maddigan at maddigan2@gmail.com.

Thursday October 4; Lumpy Ridge Hot Rocks Tour:

Class B, 7 miles RT with 1,900' of elevation gain. From the Gem Lake Trailhead, our loop route will visit two of the three summits of the "Gemstones" as well as the airy summit of "Rock One". We will pass a number of Lumpy Ridge rock oddities along the way including "The Cave", "Paul Bunyan's Boot", Balanced Rock, and the "Bowels of the Owls". While the climbs of the two Gemstones may look intimidating, there is a safe route that has been negotiated by groups large and small for a long time. I last led this trip for the LMC in 2015 and lead it annually for the CMC. The rock scrambling is on solid granite (not talus) and is mostly Class 2 with an occasional Class 3 section. The views from these summits is outstanding and the descent from the Middle Gemstone is memorable (in a good way). Though this hike is short in distance, the terrain will slow things down. I expect it to take about 6 hours TH to TH. I recommend wearing long pants as there are some overgrown, off-trail segments along this route. If you have any questions and/or would like to sign up for this hike, contact Pete Langer at langer_pete@hotmail.com or 970-227-3614. I do have a longer hike description that I can send to you.

Saturday October 6; Trail Maintenance:

Twice a year, the Loveland Mountain Club performs regular maintenance on the Round Mountain Trail. This work includes trimming vegetation and cleaning water bars. Think of it as our way of giving back to the community. If you would like to help, contact Jane D. We provide the tools: you bring work gloves, eye protection, plenty of water and snacks for on the trail. To sign up, contact Jane D. at 260-413-2686 or jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Sunday October 7; Piper Meadows:

Class A Hike. This historic trail follows an old wagon road east from Glen Haven to the remains of an 1800s dairy ranch near the base of Crosier Mountain. Trail distance is 5 to 6 miles round trip and will include a trek to a nearby summit of 8,430 feet for a combined elevation gain of 1,200 ft. Contact Danielle for more information or to join the hike <mailto:draker55@yahoo.com> or (970) 980-4642.

Tuesday October 9: Hollowell Park Trailhead to Bear Lake-A Shuttle Hike:

Class A/B Hike. This trail will take us along a beautiful stream and through the woods in Mill Creek Basin for about 4.5 miles and 1400' of climbing to Bear Lake. We will take a short side trip to Bierstadt Lake with outstanding views of Longs Peak along the way. Then we will return via cars to Hollowell Park. Call Steve at 970-292-8804 or stevebergstrand73@gmail.com for more information or meeting time and place.

Thursday October 11; Joder Ranch:

EZ Hike- This is a Boulder County Open Space property located in Longmont. Less than 5 miles and less than 900 feet in elevation for an EZ hike. We will take the spur trail to the hog back ridge which is only available during the fall & winter months because it is a raptor nesting site. The first part of the hike follows a two track before heading into the pines. The old Joder Arabian Ranch home is still there, but the horse show arena and barns are gone. We will have lunch enjoying the views in all directions. Contact Reedy for time/place: 970-532-0413.

Saturday October 13; Antelope TH, Hall Ranch:

Class A hike. This is a 7 mile loop from Antelope TH up around the historic ranch house, completing the circle around the house, then back to TH. Contact Laurette at lterrell@skybeam.com or (970) 443-2361.

Sunday October 14; Cheley Discovery Hike:

Class A Hike. The distinctive red roofs of Cheley Colorado Camps are nestled off Hwy. 7 at the base of Craggs Mountain in Estes Park. Originally named The Bear Lake Trail School, the camp was located on the shores of Bear Lake back in 1923 and its philosophy of character-building and leadership remains intact. Cheley has long been rated the No. 1 Western Camp for boys and girls and has been my greatest passion since I first attended in 1957. We will hike up from Fish Creek Road to explore the extensive main camp area, and then continue on up to the top of Craggs. We will return to the camp and wander down through their ranch pastures and aspen groves to lower Fish Creek Road, then back up to the cars. I will amuse you with anecdotes of my 10 years of adventures as camper and counselor. Approx. 7 miles. Call Carol at 970-685-4943 or email Ruggmor@aol.com.

Tuesday October 16; Horsetooth Mountain Park:

This Class "B" hike will be the Spring Creek, Wathen, Westridge, Spring Creek loop of 8 miles round trip with 1500 ft. elevation gain. For more details or to sign up for the hike, contact Ron Tuttle at 970-667-4479 or <mailto:rktuttle7@gmail.com>

Thursday October 18; No hike on schedule. Contact Tom Bruch at tabruch@msn.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Saturday October 20; Bridal Veil Falls:

This will be a class A hike: 6.2 miles, 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 miles 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 at 970-232-9767.

Sunday October 21; Lake Haiyaha Loop:

Class A Hike. We'll include four lakes in this hike and gain a total of 1,000 feet while passing Nymph, Dream and Emerald Lakes and Lake Haiyaha. Total distance is 5 to 6 miles. After the first three lakes, we'll take time to enjoy the scenery from the shore at Haiyaha. The trip includes a bushwhack section to loop around to our initial trail, so bring hiking poles. Contact Danielle for more information or to join the hike: <mailto:draker55@yahoo.com> or (970) 980-4642.

Tuesday October 23; Lee Martinez-Poudre River Trail:

This is an EZ hike. We will head to Lee Martinez in North Fort Collins and walk along the Poudre trail. Direction and time will be determined. There is no elevation gain. For more details or to sign up for the hike, contact Glenda Seely at 970-669-2347.

Thursday October 25; No hike on schedule. Contact Tom Bruch at tabruch@msn.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Saturday October 27; Arthur's Rock:

This is a Class A hike located in Lory State Park. This will be a loop hike consisting of a trek from the trailhead up Arthur's Rock Trail to the top of Arthur's Rock, then a return by the Howard Trail and the Mill's Creek Link to the trailhead. Total length is about 4.6 miles with sections rated as moderate to difficult and elevation gain of 1,072 feet. This hike features great views of upland meadows, forests, shaded valleys, the City of Fort Collins and the 6-mile long Horsetooth Reservoir. For more information or to sign up for the hike, email Tom <mailto:tabruch@msn.com> or call 970-405-7794.

Sunday October 28; Deer Mountain:

Class A hike. 6 miles roundtrip, elevation gain of 1,070 ft. Following a good trail from Deer Ridge Junction up to the summit with nice view. Contact Laurette at lterrell@skybeam.com or (970) 443-2361.

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Tuesday October 30; No Hike Scheduled:

Contact Jane Maddigan at <mailto:maddigan2@gmail.com> if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Thursday November 1; Bobcat Ridge-Mahoney Park:

It is a class A hike of between 7 to 8 miles RT. Elevation is less than 1000' gain. It is an easy, slow hike to enjoy the views including the wildlife. Call Lupi at 970-667-7913 for the time and meeting place.

Tuesday November 6; Chilson to Seven Lakes:

This is an EZ hike, mileage under four miles. We will start at the Chilson Center in Loveland and hike the trail to Seven Lakes Park. Coffee stop to be determined. For more details or to sign up for the hike, contact Glenda Seely at 970-669-2347.

***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:

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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)

Links to useful information can be found at Joeandfrede.com/wx/mountain_weather.ppt.