



**LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB  
PO BOX 983, LOVELAND, CO 80539**

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### President's Message

Many thanks go to Jane Davis, Round Mountain Trail Maintenance Coordinator and her amazing crew (Douglas Baxter, Roger Buehler, Gail Frasier, Ted Heil, Silvia & Vital Heinzer and Dick Lottes) who did Fall Trail Maintenance on Round Mountain. Check out the great pictures on the LMC Facebook page. I was told they all had a great time.

A few weeks ago, the LMC Board and Committee Chairs had a meeting to discuss the future of the Loveland Mountain Club. We all agreed that we have to preserve the goals the Club was originally established for and that is to offer various hikes throughout the year and have social meetings so we can meet other members who have like interests. To that end, several suggestions were proposed that we're excited about:

- Since we've been having difficulty finding hike leaders, Cine Webb has offered to hold a hike leaders session to cover what leading a hike actually involves. This would be a good session for anyone who hasn't led a hike but would like volunteer to lead one. More information will be coming out soon.
- John Pape, our Website Manager suggested that hike leaders could send him "hike reports" (e.g., parking was difficult, watch out for snakes, flowers were just starting) and he would post them on our website.
- Since we have all formed our hike "bubbles", perhaps someone from each "bubble" could lead their favorite hike for the Mountain Club.
- We will be recognizing those who have led hikes this year with a special gift at the December Holiday Brunch.

We all know the importance of our social gatherings and how disappointing it's been that we've had to postpone our monthly Monday night meetings. I am checking into several venues where we might be able to resume our meetings starting in January 2022. We have some excellent programs we've had to put on hold and some excellent suggestions for future programs.

It's not too early to be thinking about our annual Holiday Brunch/Hike on Saturday, December 4, 10:30-2:30 at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch. Face masks will be required.

- Tom Bruch has offered to lead a hike before the brunch and we also hope to offer a horseback ride. **If anyone would like to lead a horseback ride, please get in touch with me.**
- Danielle Draker-Brown will be doing a slide show of pictures from your hikes this year. You can send your pictures to her at [draker55@yahoo.com](mailto:draker55@yahoo.com) along with the date and location of each picture. Please send them to her by November 27.
- We will be recognizing 2 of our members who have done an outstanding job for the Club as well as all those who have led hikes this year.
- We'll also have our usual drawing for door prizes. **If you would like to donate a door prize, please let me know.**
- Please mark your calendar. A notice with more information will be coming out in a few weeks.

In March, 2022 we will be holding elections for new officers. Many of us have served in these positions for several terms. We're ready to get some new faces with new ideas to fill these jobs. Following are the open positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 1 Board Member
- Hospitality Coordinator

Descriptions of these positions are as follows:

- President (Betsy Mosehauer) – presides at all meetings and performs duties incident to the office of the President.
- Vice President (Greg Coonfare) – performs the duties of the President in his or her absence; chairs the Program Committee.
- Treasurer (Gabi Miles) – has charge, custody and is responsible for all funds and securities of the Club; maintains the LMC Roster
- Secretary (Carol Watt) – keeps the minutes of the membership and Board meetings; is custodian of the organization records; makes and keeps the Club name tags
- Board of Directors (MJ Bergstrand, Pam Berthold, Tom Bruch, Rich Kurz, Cine Webb) – 5 members elected in March for a 2-year term; helps the Officers make

decisions for the Club; forms a committee to work on the July Picnic and December Holiday Brunch

- Hospitality Coordinators (Kathy Langan, Cine Webb [will be leaving]) – sets up the coffee/tea/refreshments at our Monthly meetings

If you would like to help LMC continue, we would love to have you volunteer for one of these. Please contact one of the Board members, if you have any questions. They're all wonderful jobs allowing you to get to know our other members and help the Club out at the same time. The Loveland Mountain Club has been offering opportunities to explore and enjoy our beautiful mountains since 1978. Let's keep our Club going!

Betsy Mosehauer, President

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### **Club Meetings:**

Our meeting place is not currently available due to Covid 19 pandemic. We are currently looking for a place where we could meet in the meantime. If you have any suggestions for a meeting place, please let Betsy or a board member know. Also, if you have any ideas you would like to submit for programs, or would like to present a program related to hiking, health, nature, weather, etc., please let us know!

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

What an amazing autumn we have had! I hope you all have been getting out to enjoy the cooler temperatures and beautiful fall colors. How much longer will it last? Every warm day now is a bonus, so get out and enjoy it while it lasts! We only have 3 hikes scheduled for November. If you want to add one, let me know!

I have made the personal decision to only hike with others who are fully vaccinated. I feel very strongly that I must take care of myself and others when leading a hike, and this includes doing everything I can to stop the transmission of COVID 19 on my hikes. I have grandchildren that I see regularly and who are too young to be vaccinated. I would feel terrible if I was responsible for transmitting COVID to them. Of course, this is a personal decision and not LMC policy; every hike leader can decide what level of virus protection they require on their hikes per the club policy.

I have included the club waiver at the end of this newsletter if you have not signed the updated version yet. Signed waivers can be submitted at the next club meeting, to your hike leader, or mailed to the club address LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB, PO BOX 983, LOVELAND, CO 80539.

If you need to contact me about special announcements or questions regarding the newsletter, please feel free to use my personal email [melpenning1010@gmail.com](mailto:melpenning1010@gmail.com). I am happy to send out group emails to the membership regarding any hike additions or changes, meeting announcements, etc. Hike leaders should also contact the appropriate hike coordinator about any additions or changes.

Melanie Pennington, Newsletter Editor

Doug Moore has requested a special note be placed in this newsletter:

I have numerous Kodak Carousel slide trays to give away, both for 80 slides and for 140 slides. Please call 970-461-9298 or email [dmoore@williams.edu](mailto:dmoore@williams.edu). Whatever is not claimed by Club members I will give to Habitat for Humanity ReStore around Nov. 1.

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

Linda Hollingshead, Jane D., and Ellen Edwards volunteered to lead hikes last month. Thanks to them and to all the hikers who joined them!

### **Hike Coordinators:**

Weekend Hike Coordinator for 2019: Penny Kragie - [pakragie@gmail.com](mailto:pakragie@gmail.com) or 571-643-6803

Tuesday Hike Coordinators: Jane and Dan Maddigan: [maddigan2@gmail.com](mailto:maddigan2@gmail.com) or 412-680-8919

Thursday Hike Coordinators: Tom Bruch: [tombruch1964@gmail.com](mailto:tombruch1964@gmail.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
- 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

### **Covid Related Protocols for Loveland Mountain Club Hikes**

- Group size will be at the discretion of the hike leader taking into consideration management of the group, parking availability and difficulty of the hike. As always, participation will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- Hikes are open to whoever wants to lead a hike and those hikers who are comfortable in attending.
- Masks are not mandatory while hiking but may be needed when in a car.
- Full disclosure of vaccination status would be desired so that hiking and driving in groups can be done safely. Participants should disclose their vaccination status to the hike leader and other participants. Participants may then choose either to drive their own vehicle to the trailhead or carpool with others. Carpool drivers may request riders to wear face coverings inside their vehicle.
- If you must step off the trail for a moment to social distance, stop rather than continuing to walk alongside the trail thus preventing trail erosion.
- Include with the *essential items* in your backpack a facemask and hand sanitizer.
- Sign the Loveland Mountain Club Waiver of Liability-2020 if you have not already. Hike leaders should carry a small supply of the waivers with them.
- Please cancel from the hike if you are feeling any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or have had contact with anyone known to have symptoms in the last 14 days.
- Hike leaders must honor all local and county closures and have the necessary reservations for the Rocky Mountain trails. Leaders should plan to avoid popular, over-crowded trailheads and have a Plan B ready in case the trailhead/parking area is already crowded.

### 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 2500 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

### **Tuesday, October 26; Red Mountain Open Space**

Class B hike. We will be doing the Cheyenne Rim Trail, 11.5 miles, 1200 ft of gain. Vaccinated hikers only. Leave new Loveland Jax's at 8 AM. Sign up with Mark Sickles: [msickles@comcast.net](mailto:msickles@comcast.net).

### **Thursday, November 4: Brainard Lake Loop**

This hike located near Ward, Colorado will be a loop of about 7 miles over trails with elevation gain of 554' earning an A designation. We will start at the Gateway Trailhead just outside the recreation area and head east on the Sourdough Trail. Then go up on South St. Vrain Trail and end up at the lake. The lake is in a scenic setting nestled in front of a band of evergreen trees and rugged snow capped mountains. Elevation at the lake is 10,397'. We will return via the Waldrop Trail which features some rocky spots and fairly easy creek crossings. Trails are mostly in the trees which will be helpful if the day is windy. The hike limit is 8 participants due to parking. Vaccination status be asked for carpooling. If interested contact Tom Bruch at [tombruch1964@gmail.com](mailto:tombruch1964@gmail.com) or 970-405-7794.

### **Tuesday, November 16; Hall Ranch Antelope Trail**

Antelope and Bitterbrush Trail is a 4.4 mile moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Lyons, Colorado that is rated as Class A. Fully vaccinated hikers only please. Contact Melanie at [melpenning1010@gmail.com](mailto:melpenning1010@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up for the hike.

### **Saturday, November 20; Red Mountain Open Space**

North of Ft. Collins, it lies between the mountains and plains and features gorgeous scenery with red and tan rocks, rolling grasslands and sandy washes. This A rated hike consists of two loops starting with the Bent Rock loop, trekking over to K-Lynn Cameron, and then completing Bent Rock. Both loops feature notable rock formations, canyons and scenic vistas. The trails are relatively easy with a total distance of 7 miles, elevation gain of 587 ft. and maximum elevation of around 6,800 ft. Participation is limited to 12. Vaccination status be asked for carpooling. To sign up or for more information, email Tom Bruch at [tombruch1964@gmail.com](mailto:tombruch1964@gmail.com) or phone 970-405-7794.

**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 [LMCphotos98@gmail.com](mailto:LMCphotos98@gmail.com) with Hike Destination and Hike Leader in the subject line of email, by 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.

### **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 [http://joeandfrede.com/wx/Mountain\\_Weather.ppt](http://joeandfrede.com/wx/Mountain_Weather.ppt)

**Loveland Mountain Club Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification – 2020**

Signed waivers can be submitted at the next club meeting, to your hike leader, or mailed to the club address: LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB, PO BOX 983, LOVELAND, CO 80539.

**Parties and Definitions.** The individual whose name appears at the bottom of this waiver shall be referred to as "Participant." Loveland Mountain Club, Inc., is a Colorado non-profit corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Colorado and registered with the Colorado Secretary of State. Loveland Mountain Club, Inc., including its employees, agents, volunteers, instructors, guides, officers, directors, and members shall be referred to as "Released Parties." Loveland Mountain Club and its employees, agents, volunteers, instructors, guides, officers, directors, and members either partially or wholly sponsor, organize, direct, conduct, or pay for various recreational activities, events, and trips that include, but are not limited to: hiking; snowshoeing; mountain biking; skiing and geocaching (collectively referred to as "LMC Activities").

**Specific Activity if Not a Member of LMC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver:** Participant desires to participate in LMC Activities. In consideration and exchange for allowing Participant to participate in LMC Activities, Participant, for him/herself, heirs, personal representatives and assigns, agrees **not to sue the Released Parties, and to hold harmless and release any Released Parties from any and all liability and/or claims for any injury, death, accident, illness, property damage, or property loss** arising from Participant's engagement in the LMC Activities, including, but not limited to, those claims based on any **Released Party's alleged or actual negligence or breach of any express or implied warranty.**

**Assumption of Risk.** Participation in any recreational activity or LMC Activities carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another. Some risks include but are not limited to: 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains. 2) major injuries such as broken bones, eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions. 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death. 4) exposure to unstable, steep, slippery terrain, wild or poisonous animals, insects or plants, altitude sickness, lightening, cold weather, avalanches, various other forces of nature, extreme remoteness from medical facilities, and/or equipment malfunctions and/or 5) contraction of or exposure to airborne illness and infectious diseases. I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for my own safety and well being while participating in LMC Activities.

**I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in participating in LMC Activities. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and I knowingly assume all such risks.**

**Indemnification and Hold Harmless.** I also agree to **indemnify and hold** Released Parties **harmless** from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities including attorneys' fees brought as a result of my involvement in any LMC Activities and to reimburse the Released Parties for any such expenses incurred.

**Severability:** Participant expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Colorado and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

**Acknowledgement of Understanding:** I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and **understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.** I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and **intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability** to the greatest extent allowed by law.

**PARTICIPANT**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If Participant is a minor under the age of 18 please **also** fill out the legal guardian's information below.

**PARTICIPANT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_