



LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB
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President's Message

I am happy to report that we had an extraordinarily successful hike planning meeting on May 2. A total of thirty-two new hikes are on the schedule from May through September. Praise the Lord that the drought in hikes is over! There will be a variety of treks ranging from easy to hard and in various locations. Each month's newsletter will feature that month's upcoming trips. A big thank you to all who took part or sent in hikes to lead including Carol Watt, Gail Frasier, Steve Bergstrand, Donna Pierce, Ruth Hartman, Jim Shanahan, Jane Davis, Ted Hartman, Betsy Mosehauer, Cindy Brusko, Renda Restrepo, and Tom Bruch. Also, thanks to Greg Coonfare and Kris Millard for their May contributions.

As noted, the program part of the June 7 meeting will be a discussion of hiking as sponsored by the Club. Long-time members can share their knowledge and experience and new members can ask questions and get information on taking that first step to leading a hike. Topics can include what kinds of hikes do members want, writing a description for the newsletter, co-leading an outing to gain confidence, conducting the hike, considering Covid, finding alternatives to the timed entry system in RMNP, voicing your concerns, and much more.

The May 2 program meeting featured Bill Ciesla, Larimer County Master Gardener, who spoke on pollinating insects, their importance and how to protect them. Many insects engage in pollinating besides the often thought of honeybees. Bill also touched on the state of the forests. The pine beetle infestation is trending down but now there is concern for insects attacking Engelmann Spruce.

Please note the Club maintenance projects coming up on Round Mountain in early June. This is our chance to give back to the hiking community and to the parks that we enjoy. We also receive in exchange the use of the fairground's facility for our annual picnics. So please sign up for any of the maintenance dates that you can. The Board has updated the Covid policies for the Club in line with current practices. Please see the new policies in the newsletter.

Next month the Annual LMC Picnic will be at Fairgrounds Park starting at 5:30 pm. The Club supplies the main dish and beverages. You will find more details later in the newsletter. This is always a fun summer outing and a great chance to meet and visit with other Club members. There is no meeting on Monday, July 4 due to the holiday and the picnic on July 11.

Tom Bruch

President

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Monthly Meetings

Meetings take place at Grace Community Church, 240 Barberry Place, Loveland. The Church is located off 14th Street SW, east of Taft and west of 287. Turn south onto Valency Drive and take the first right onto Barberry Place. It takes a slight left-hand curve and dead ends into the Church parking lot. The entrance is on the East side next to the main entrance (ignore the sign that directs you to the south entrance). Masks are optional at this time, but may become mandatory based on the status of the pandemic in Larimer County.

Monday, June 6, 7 - 8:30 PM

If you are curious about how to go about becoming a hike leader, join us for an informative meeting on how to pick a hike, how to pick a date for your hike, how to write a hike description, etc., so you can start planning hikes with confidence! If you are new to the club, this is a meeting that will answer all your questions. If you have been in the club for a long time but were hesitant to lead a hike, this meeting will spark your interest in being a more active member of the club. So please join us on this special night and make a commitment to contribute to making this the best hiking club in Colorado!

June 7, 9, and 11: Round Mountain Trail Maintenance

It's that time of year again when the Loveland Mountain Club does trail work on the Summit and Nature Trails at Round Mountain. This spring, we will devote 3 days to getting the trails in ship-shape condition. The work mostly includes cleaning out water bars and trimming vegetation. You bring work gloves, eye protection, water and snacks. I will bring tools and provide training, if needed.

The easiest day for trail work will be on Tuesday, June 7, when we work on the Nature Trail. If you have never helped with trail maintenance before, this will be the best day for you. It is a shorter, less steep trail that culminates at an observation shelter.

The second day of work will be on Thursday, June 9. This is the day that we work the upper part of the Summit trail. It is a steep, 4.75-mile hike to the top of the mountain and we typically work the upper mile and a half.

The third day of work will be on Saturday, June 11. We will work on the Summit Trail up to the 3-mile mark.

If it has been a while since you have helped out with trail maintenance, please consider one of these days to give back to the community. You may sign up by calling 260-413-2686 or by emailing me at jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Monday, July 4th: No meeting due to holiday

Monday, July 11: Annual LMC Summer Pot Luck Picnic 5:30 – 7:30 PM

It's time for some outdoor fun, food, and friendship! Join us at Loveland's Fairgrounds Park, Pavilion 1A, for an enjoyable evening with fellow hikers. The picnic is free, and LMC will provide delicious fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also, bring your own drinks, table settings, and napkins. In an effort to decrease our contribution to the landfill, we request you bring re-usable items.

Directions: Highway 34, south on Cleveland, right (west) on 1st Street, left (south) on Railroad, (there is a sign Old Fairgrounds Park), the park is on the left after the curve. If you Google Map it, you must put in "700 South Railroad Avenue" or you will end up on the east side of the park, which is the wrong side.

Monday, August 1: TBA

Editor's Notes:

We have 11 fantastic hikes to offer in June! I am so excited about the variety of hikes (something for everyone) and about all the great hike leaders who are volunteering their time and expertise to provide you opportunities to hike safely and to have a great time!

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. 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

Did you know?

The LMC web site (LovelandMountainClub.org) has both a public and a member only interface. The member-only section has access to the club roster and other important information. If you are a paid member, and you have any problems logging into our web site, please contact webmaster John Pape at John.Pape@gmail.com for help signing in.

Thanks to our May Hike Leaders:

Tom Bruch, Ted Hartman, Greg Coonfare, Carol Watt, Gail Frasier, and Kris Millard volunteered to lead hikes last month. Many thanks to our hike leaders for stepping up to put nice hikes together for us!

Hike Coordinators:

Weekend Hike Coordinator for 2022: Penny Kragie - pakragie@gmail.com

Tuesday Hike Coordinator: Steve Bergstrand: stevebergstrand73@gmail.com

Thursday Hike Coordinators: Gail Fraser: billgailfrasier@gmail.com

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
- 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

Covid-19 Related Protocols for Loveland Mountain Club Hikes and Events
(Update May 15, 2022)

The Loveland Mountain Club (LMC) makes the safety of our members a priority. The following guidelines are made with the health and well-being of our members in mind.

- In general, the LMC does not require masks or reduced capacity at hikes and events. However, leaders may require more restrictive guidance for their hikes and events. This may include:
 - Limit on the size of groups participating
 - Separate carpooling for unvaccinated participants
 - Limit participation to only the fully vaccinated
 - Require masks when carpooling inside vehicles.Any requirements for participation need to be published in the hike descriptions so folks will know what to expect.
- As a reminder, Covid-19 still exists. The CDC has detailed guidelines on what to do if you have been exposed, tested positive or are feeling unwell. For LMC purposes, please cancel from a hike or event if you have tested positive for Covid 19, are feeling any symptoms associated with Covid-19 or have had contact with anyone known to have symptoms in the last 10 days.
- Hike and event leaders must honor all local, county, state and federal Covid-19 requirements that may be put into place depending on circumstances.
- Sign the Loveland Mountain Club Waiver of Liability-2020 if you have not already. Hike leaders should carry a small supply of waivers with them.

Classification ratings

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

- A. 4 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, May 31: Gould Loop Trail (A)

This trail is in State Forest State Park and we will share a \$9 charge per vehicle plus ride share. The trail is a 6.1 mile loop and is relatively flat with only 354' of elevation gain. The surrounding meadows, creek, forest and mountains are beautiful with a view of the Nohku Crag. The drive is 2 hours each way. To sign up email Steve Bergstrand at stevebergstrand73@gmail.com.

Tuesday, June 7: Round Mountain Trail Maintenance (A)

Join the LMC for Spring work on the Nature Trail. This 3-4 mile round trip trail features an observation shelter at the top. We will spend the day cleaning water bars and trimming back vegetation. Bring work gloves, water and snacks and I will provide tools and training. To sign up, call 260-413-2686 or email: jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Thursday, June 9: Round Mountain Trail Maintenance (B)

This hike will be to the top of Round Mountain, 9.5 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 2,500 feet. Once we get to the 3-mile point, we will work on cleaning out water bars and trimming vegetation. Bring work gloves, water and snacks; I will provide tools and training. This is a long day with rewarding work! Please sign up by calling 260-413-2686 or emailing me at jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 11: Round Mountain Trail Maintenance (A)

Join the LMC for work on the Summit Trail at Round Mountain. We will be cleaning water bars and trimming vegetation on the lower 3 miles of the trail. Bring work gloves, water and snacks. You will be provided with tools and training. Sign up by calling 260-413-2686 or emailing at jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Tuesday, June 14: Mills Lake (A)

This 5-mile out and back hike from Glacier Gorge Trailhead with 750' elevation gain is to what many consider one of the prettiest lakes in the Park. Mills Lake is named for Enos Mills, Father of the Park. Along their first mile to Alberta Falls, we'll pass weather etched patterns in the trees burned in the 1900 fire. We'll also see views of Longs Peak and Keyboard of the Winds. This hike will be co led by Cine Webb and Ruth Hartman; we both got timed entry 5-7 am passes to Bear Lake Corridor so 6 vaccinated hikers can attend. Spikes are recommended. Please call Cine at 970-669-3813 to sign up and get more details.

Thursday, June 16: Deer Mountain (A)

This is a 6.2-mile hike, out and back. Trail elevation gain is 1210 ft. Beautiful wildflowers and sweet-smelling ponderosa pines. This is an "A" hike. Vaccinated hikers only. Limited parking, so limited to 8 hikers. To sign up contact Jim Shanahan via email:

ShanahanJim9@gmail.com.



Tuesday June 21; Twin Sisters Peaks: (B)

This challenging and rewarding hike near Estes Park begins in a canopy of trees, skirts across a massive landslide from the 2013 flood, emerges above timberline with great vistas and ends up on top with commanding views from either peak of Longs Peak, Mt. Meeker, Estes Cone and the Continental divide. This B rated hike consists of 7.5 miles round trip with elevation gain of 2,516' and top height of 11,428'. The trails are moderate to difficult so the pace will be adjusted but hikers should be reasonably fit. We will start early to secure parking and avoid the 9-3 RMNP timed entry requirement. Cost to passengers is \$5 payable to the driver. Covid vaccinated participants only please. Limit is 8 hikers. Contact Tom Bruch tombruch1964@gmail.com or 970-405-7794.

Thursday, June 23: Chasm Lake (B)

This beautiful lake at the base of Longs Peak is sure to please the budding geologist in you! This is a 9-mile, round trip hike with 2700 feet of elevation gain. This class B hike will be led at a slow to moderate pace. Anticipate an early start as much of the hike is in an alpine setting. Call Jane D. with questions or to sign up. 260-413-2686 or jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 25: Sullivan Gulch (B)

This will be an out and back, steep hike up to a pass with beautiful views of Sullivan Gulch, True Gulch and Sullivan Park. The hike is rated class B because of the strenuous hike up to and down from the pass. Round trip distance will be around 4 miles with about 1,000 feet elevation gain. The maximum elevation will be about 7,700 feet. We will

explore two spur trails once we get to the top. The hike will be done at an intermediate pace. The cost will be \$5 per person to the driver. Fully Covid vaccinated hikers only. There will be a maximum of 8 hikers on this trip due to very limited parking. Call Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 before June 23 for details or to sign up for the hike.

Tuesday, June 28: Tea House (A)

This hike will be out of the Lily Lake Trailhead and is approximately 6 miles RT with an elevation gain of 1000'. Ride cost per passenger will be \$4 to the driver. The Tea House is an example of an early roadside tourist business located along Aspen Brook. Ann Wolfram constructed the teahouse about 1913 and sold Indian handicrafts and refreshments. Her cabin, the teahouse and a bunkhouse are still standing and in fine shape. The first part of the trail is through a dense forest and then opens out into a meadow where you can see ruins of the Jimmy Field cabin. The teahouse is located below in a second meadow near the park boundary. To sign up and get specifics as to when and where to meet, email Betsy Mosehauer at betsy_mosehauer@msn.com.

Thursday, June 30: B-17 Crash Site near CSU Pingree Park Mountain Campus (A+)

The destination of this hike is the site where a B-17 bomber crashed into the mountain while on a night time training mission on October 18, 1943. All eight crew members were killed. The hike is 5.6 miles with 1217' of climbing so I'll call it an A+. Fully vaccinated hikers please email Steve Bergstrand at stevebergstrand73@gmail.com.

Rocky Mountain National Park Reservation System:

Rocky Mountain National Park has a timed-entry permit reservation system. The system will run May 27 to Oct. 10. Here is what you need to know, as planning will be key to entering the park when you want to.

When you can start booking: Reservations will go on sale through www.recreation.gov starting at 10 a.m. MDT May 2 for May 27 through June 30.

The next releases will occur at:

10 a.m. MDT June 1 for July and any remaining days that have not been booked for June

10 a.m. MDT July 1 for August and any remaining days that have not been booked for July

10 a.m. MDT Aug. 1 for September and any remaining days in August that have not been booked

10 a.m. MDT Sept. 1. for October and any remaining days in September.

2 types of reservations to be offered:

One permit will be for the Bear Lake Road Corridor, which includes that area as well as access to the rest of the park. This reservation period will be from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The second permit will be for Rocky Mountain National Park excluding the Bear Lake Road corridor. This reservation period will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Permits issued using the reservation system will allow park visitors to enter the park within two-hour windows of availability. The reservation system will apply to all areas of the park.

Reservations are not required if entering the park before 5 a.m. or after 6 p.m. for the Bear Lake Corridor or before 9 a.m. or after 3 p.m. for the rest of the park. There are areas of the park that do not require a permit (Lily Lake, Wild Basin for example).

Day-before reservations still an option

Initially, 30% of the timed-entry permits will be held and made available for purchase at 5 p.m. the day before a visit through www.recreation.gov. The day-before permits are expected to sell out fast, so it's better to plan ahead if you can.

For answers to frequently asked questions and other information, visit

<https://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/timed-entry-permit-system.htm>

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 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

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| 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 _____