

# RPG Outings

Events are in or from Colorado Springs. A donation of \$1 per member per outing is requested to help our Sierra Club chapter defray costs. Added charge where noted.

**July 10, Sunday 9 am - 2 pm**  
**Bear Creek Canyon Hike**

This is a moderate trail hike off of Gold Camp Road near Colorado Springs. We will hike 6 miles R/T in the canyon for beautiful views and geological observations; elev gain/loss 1000 ft. Bring water, a snack or lunch, good boots, sunblock and raingear. Singles are also invited to attend! For details, call Spencer Johnston at 719-649-3837.

**July 10, Sunday Time TBD**  
**Wild Ten Educational and Informational Hike: Wildflowers (Weston Peak)**

The Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition presents a series of leisurely hikes (in coordination with the Sierra Club), one each month through September, to creatively explore several Wild Ten proposed wilderness areas. Each outing highlights a different educational and fun recreational activity. This month's outing is guided by an experienced mentor on wild flower discovery. From the common to the rare - we'll enjoy nature's show of flowers on this part of the Mosquito Range. *Donations are requested of participants to support CCWC's wilderness protection work; this is not an official Sierra Club Outing.* For time, location, and registration information, call Lorraine Streckfus at 719-471-7787 or email her at [streckfusl@pcisys.net](mailto:streckfusl@pcisys.net), or John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 ([jorcstan@bewellnet.com](mailto:jorcstan@bewellnet.com)).

**CCWC Mapping Weekend: Square Bear July 22-24**  
**West of Mt. Evans Wilderness**

Square Top and Burning Bear are along the Continental Divide in the Pike National Forest. They are separated from the Mt. Evans Wilderness by the Guanella Pass road and from each other only by the rough 4WD Geneva Creek road. Together they total more than 29,000 acres of rugged wildlands, with habitat ranging from alpine tundra to ponderosa pine. There are many riparian areas and wetlands that enrich the land. Mappers will check the Geneva Creek main route and spurs to see if we can recommend the road be closed at some suitable midpoint. If the route can be closed, then the whole area will morph into Square Bear! Note: This is a CCWC activity in which we have been invited to participate, it is not an official Sierra Club Outing.

See insert (this issue of Timberlines) for the August Mapping Weekend sponsored by CCWC. Participants in the Friday evening to Sunday noon events will investigate key boundaries and make recommendations for future protection. Come prepared to camp with your own gear and food. A 4WD vehicle is useful but not mandatory. Some of the area is very

rough and walking or mountain biking may be a better option. A fee of \$20 per person covers materials, guidebooks and the camping fees. Registration deadline is Tuesday evening before the weekend. For more information contact Jean Smith at [jeancsmith@peakinet.net](mailto:jeancsmith@peakinet.net) 719-686-5905

**August 14, Sunday 9 am - 2 pm**  
**Easy bike ride on the Santa Fe Trail**

We'll casually ride north from an in-town location for about 2 hours and stop to eat our lunches and discuss the Trail's history and geology when the group wants to rest. We may travel 5 miles, or more, with our distance determined by the desires of folks within group. This will be an easy to moderate ride; elev gain could be 500 feet, or more. Bring water, a snack/lunch, sunblock and raingear. Singles are also invited to attend! Contact Spencer Johnston at 719-649-3837 by Saturday evening, Aug. 13, for information and sign up.

**August 20, Saturday Time TBD**  
**Wild Ten Educational and Informational Hike: Nature Journaling (Thirtynine Mile)**

This hike is the next in the series offered by the Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition (in coordination with the Sierra Club), one each month through September, to creatively explore several Wild Ten proposed wilderness areas. Each outing highlights a different educational and fun recreational activity, and this month's outing is guided by an experienced mentor for writing and sketching for nature journals. *Donations are requested of participants to support CCWC's wilderness protection work; this is not an official Sierra Club Outing.* For time, location, and registration information, call Lorraine Streckfus at 719-471-7787 ([streckfusl@pcisys.net](mailto:streckfusl@pcisys.net)), or John Stansfield at 303-660-5849 ([jorcstan@bewellnet.com](mailto:jorcstan@bewellnet.com)).

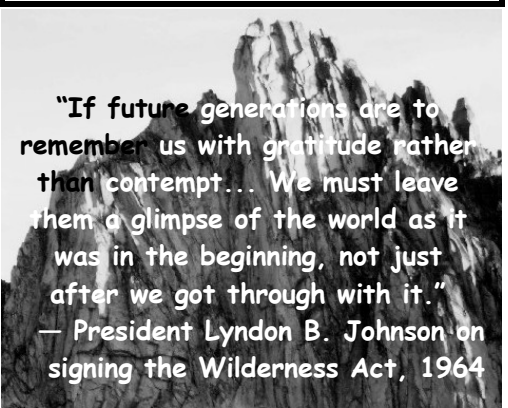
## SIERRA SINGLES GROUP SPONSORED HAPPENINGS

ALL Pikes Peak Group members, regardless of marital status, are welcome at the following events. Events are in, or leave from, Colorado Springs and all area codes are 719 unless otherwise noted.

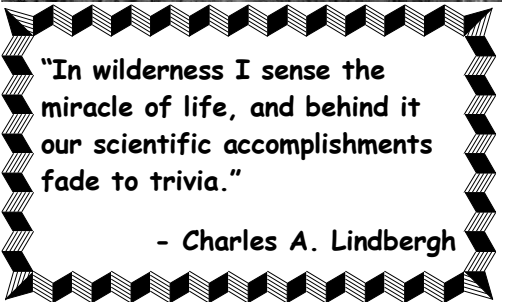
A donation of \$1 per member per outing is requested to help our Sierra Club chapter defray costs of offering you these activities.

**July 9, Saturday 6 am - 6 pm**  
**West Spanish Peaks Dayhike**

This outing is planned as a strenuous hike. It's a 6-mile RT hike, with an elev gain/loss of 2500 feet. Bring water, several snacks and a lunch, good boots, sunblock and raingear. Call by July 5th (if at all possible) for reservations. For details of the planned activity or to sign up, call Christie Lee 719-635-2336.



"If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt... We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it."  
 — President Lyndon B. Johnson on signing the Wilderness Act, 1964



"In wilderness I sense the miracle of life, and behind it our scientific accomplishments fade to trivia."

- Charles A. Lindbergh

Though sluggards deem it but a foolish chase,  
 And marvel men should quit their easy chair,  
 The toilsome way, and long, long league to trace,  
 Oh! there is sweetness in the mountain air,  
 And Life, that bloated Ease can never hope to share.

— Lord Byron, Childe Harold's Pilgrimage

