

# PPG 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.

## November 5, Saturday Full-day hike Browns Canyon Proposed Wilderness

Come experience the scenic valleys and rock formations of what may be Colorado's newest wilderness area. Learn about the area's natural history and the process of wilderness designation. Experience wild solitude on this moderately strenuous, 6-mile hike with 1,000 ft elev gain. Co-sponsored with the Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition. Contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or email jorcstan@bewellnet.com by 6 pm, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.

## November 12, Saturday 9am-1pm Stratton Open Space Hike

This easy-to-moderate 4-mile hike in town is in a diverse region of five ecosystems. Elev gain 700 ft. Come and learn something about this beautiful community open space! Bring clothing for winter conditions, snacks and water. Singles are invited to attend! For details, call Spencer Johnston at 649-3837.

## December 2-4, Friday-Sunday 4 hrs on Fri evening; 8 hours each on Sat & Sun, 20 hours total

### Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Training in Boulder

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Sierra Club is sponsoring this top-notch WFA training by the Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS. It is also possible for Wilderness First Responders to re-certify during this course. Location - Foothills Nature Center in north Boulder. \$150 fee required in advance - not transferable, and not refundable after Nov 1. Participant limit is 30. This is a fast-paced, hands-on course that covers a wide range of medicine topics for people who travel in the outdoors. Includes advanced topics such as dislocation reduction, focused spinal assessment, and epinephrine administration. Gain the ability to make sound decisions in emergency situations. Course is ideal for trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts, and individuals who travel to remote locations. To register, contact Dave Hawley 303-443-2332 / dave.hawley@rmc.sierraclub.org.

## December 10, Saturday 9am-3pm Leader Training Hike

This is a training opportunity for Sierra Club members who would like to become Sierra Club or Sierra Singles Leaders. To become a local Outing Leader, you must

attend one of these training hikes, and fulfill other Sierra Club leader requirements. We will discuss matters such as how to plan and organize a hike, how to register and screen participants, how to lead the hike, together with other topics such as how to deal with emergencies and liability insurance issues. This hike is rated easy, with a RT of about 3 miles and 250 feet of elev. gain. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots, raingear, and something to take notes with. Participants must pre-register for this hike with Jim Lockhart at 385-0045 or Kirby Hughes at 685-3019.

## December 17, Saturday 9 am-2 pm Red Rock Canyon Open Space Hike

This easy to moderate 4-mile hike is in Colorado Springs; elev. gain 350 ft. Come and learn about our town's newest open space and its history! Bring clothing for winter conditions, snacks and water. Singles are cordially invited to attend! For details, call Spencer Johnston at 649-3837.

## January: Date TBA Time TBA Beginner Cross-Country Ski Class

Join us in mid-January for our annual Beginner Cross Country Ski Class, the ideal way to learn to use those skis you got for Christmas! We'll send out full details in the next *Timberlines*.



Bruce Mohr and Carol Stansfield examine bear claw marks on a PPG/CCWC hike at 39 Mile, 2005. Photo by John Stansfield.

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT: OPEN TO ALL  
**November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20  
Garden of the Gods Workdays**  
Call 471-7736 or email rmfibox@qwest.net for info/times. These Outings are not sponsored by the Sierra Club, but are necessary for the preservation of our beautiful resource in the Garden of the Gods.

## 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.

## November 20, Sunday 9:30am - 2:30pm Hike Thomas Trail!

This is a moderate hike with a 737-ft elev gain and is about 6-mi RT, where we can learn about another of the many trails in our area needing preservation. Pack a snack and water for the trail and we may stop for food and drinks afterwards. RSVP by Saturday evening, to Dave Harmer, 597-3996.

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### Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Training in Boulder

See General Outings.

## December 10, Saturday 9am - 3pm Leader Training Hike

See General Outings.

## December 18, Sunday 9:30am - 1:30pm Palmer Park Hike

This is a 4-mile moderate hike with about a 200-foot elev. Gain. We'll have good views of the city and learn why preservation of this park is so important to the city. Bring hiking shoes, water and snacks for the trail. RSVP to Dave Harmer, 597-3996, by Saturday evening.

**The ax and the plow will not serve us in this struggle [to preserve wilderness].**

**Today's instruments are more subtle. They are progressive law and informed public opinion — demanding that we retain our wilderness birthright.**

— President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1966

*Below: Sketching the extent of South Park as seen from 39 Mile, 2005. Photo by John Stansfield.*

