



# PPG OUTINGS



Events are **in or from Colorado Springs**. \$1 per member per outing requested to help our Sierra Club chapter defray costs. To register, or for more info. contact: John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail [jorcstan@juno.com](mailto:jorcstan@juno.com)

All outings participants are required to sign a standard liability waiver. To view this before choosing to participate in an outing, go to <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call (415) 977-5528 for a printed copy

## Beginner Cross-Country Ski Clinic

**Tuesday, January 13 (indoor session)**

**6-9 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 17 (outdoor session)**

**All Day**

Join the Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group's annual beginner cross-country ski clinic to learn the basics of cross-country skiing equipment and techniques. In the indoor session, to be held at Poor Richards upstairs meeting room, 324 N. Tejon St., Steve Balsiger of Mountain Chalet will talk about equipment and clothing, including latest sport innovations. We'll also discuss where to rent or buy equipment, where to go, and how to ski safely. The outdoor session will be an all-day learning and "easy" practice session, taught by PPG members, covering basic skiing techniques. The session will be held locally wherever the best snow can be found; we'll travel about 2 miles with an elev. gain/loss of 250 ft. Bring a lunch, water, clothing for weather conditions, cross-country ski equipment to enjoy skiing on America's public lands. The combined cost for both sessions is \$20 (\$10 for additional family members). Participants without equipment will have to arrange rentals. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member to join in the fun, and learn something about the value of forests in preserving our unique local wildlife and flora. For reservations and further details, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045 or e-mail [jlock@datawest.net](mailto:jlock@datawest.net).

**Grape Creek Proposed Wilderness Winter Walk**

**Saturday, January 24**

**8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Experience the quiet solitude of a wildland winter with Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group, Wild Connections, and Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition. In the (usually) sunny, dry banana belt southwest of Royal Gorge lies the pinon-and-juniper-studded Sunset City Gulch. Our five-mile, easy to moderate hike, gaining a maximum of 400 feet, will be mostly on trail, occasionally through shallow snow. Along the way find out about other nearby Wild Ten proposed wildernesses, too. Well-behaved, leashed dogs allowed. For more information and to register, contact trip leader John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail [jorcstan@juno.com](mailto:jorcstan@juno.com) by 8 PM, January 23.

**Easy Cross Country Ski**

**Sunday, February 1**

**8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

This will be a short cross country ski over easy terrain -- a perfect follow-up to the beginner cross-country class, but open to everyone. The trip will emphasize practicing cross-country ski techniques, and we will go to the best available snow in the Pikes Peak vicinity. Total distance covered will be 3 miles, elevation gain/loss less than 350 feet. Bring a lunch, water, clothing for weather conditions, and cross-country ski equipment. For details or to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045 or e-mail [jlock@datawest.net](mailto:jlock@datawest.net).

**Beginner Snowshoe**

**Sunday, February 22**

**8:30 a.m. to Late Afternoon**

This will be an easy, 2-3 mile snowshoe trip to the best available snow on the west side of Pikes Peak. This hike, hosted by Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group, Wild Connections, and the Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition, will be an all-day trip with emphasis on learning and practicing basic snowshoe techniques while enjoying the great out-of-doors in one of our protected National Forests, and will give participants a chance to see the Pikes Peak West are, one of the Wild Ten proposed wildernesses. Bring lunch, water, and clothing suitable for the weather conditions. Participants will have to own or rent snowshoes and ski poles, plus suitable footwear. For more information or to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045.

**Wildcat Canyon Wilderness Quality Survey Hike**

**Saturday, March 14**

**8:00 am to 5:30 p.m.**

The first in a series of exploratory hikes to wilderness candidates beyond the Wild Ten areas. Wildcat Canyon encompasses rugged portions of Tarryall Creek and the South Platte River. Come help determine if the areas wild values are worth preserving on this moderately strenuous 6-mile hike with 750-foot elevation gain, sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group, Wild Connections, and Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition. Also learn about nearby Wild Ten proposed wildernesses. Well-behaved, leashed dogs allowed. For more information and to register, contact trip leader John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail [jorcstan@juno.com](mailto:jorcstan@juno.com) by 8 PM, March 13.