

# PPG OUTINGS

"Who hears the rippling of rivers, will not utterly despair of anything." ~Henry David Thoreau

**Events are near Colo Spgs—\$1 per member per outing requested to help Pikes Peak Group defray costs**

**Sunday, April 20 NOTE REVISED DATE Day hike 8:00 am--5:30 pm**

**McIntyre Hills Proposed Wilderness**

Third in a series of outings to the Wild Ten areas in the Colorado Wilderness Act of 2007. Visit all of the local areas in the legislation during winter and spring 2008. Narrow, almost invisible slot canyons twist away from Hwy 50 through rock parapets which form the south slope of the Arkansas River canyon west of Royal Gorge. Join Pikes Peak Sierra Club, CCWC, and Wild Connections in exploring one of these unnamed canyons on a moderate off-trail hike of up to five miles and less than 700 feet in elevation gain. Some rock scrambling involved. Well behaved, leashed dogs allowed. Come learn about the Wild Ten and their potential for future wilderness designation. Contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or [jorcstan@juno.com](mailto:jorcstan@juno.com) by 4 pm 4/ 11.

**Saturday, May 17 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.**

**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 total distance of about 3 miles and 250 feet of elevation 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 [jlock@datawest.net](mailto:jlock@datawest.net).

**Sunday, May 18 Day hike 8:00 am--5:30 pm**

**Grape Creek Proposed Wilderness**

Fourth in a series of outings to the Wild Ten areas in the Colorado Wilderness Act of 2007. Visit all of the local areas in the legislation during winter and spring 2008. Rising through an inviting valley between Grape Creek and Curley Peak is the little-visited West Bear Trail. Join sponsors Pikes Peak Sierra Club, CCWC, and Wild Connections for a strenuous seven mile hike with elevation gain of 1,500 feet. Learn about the conflicts between motorized recreation and Grape Creek's wilderness future. Contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail [jorcstan@juno.com](mailto:jorcstan@juno.com) by 4 PM, May 17.

**Saturday, May 31, 8 a.m. -- 5 p.m.**

**Pikes Peak Ring the Peak Trail hike**

Join sponsors Pikes Peak Sierra Club, CCWC, and Wild Connections for a moderate 6-mile hike with elevation gain of 600 feet on the Ring the Peak Trail at the edge of the proposed Pikes Peak West Wilderness, one of the Wild Ten areas in Colorado. Learn about the Ring the Peak Trail, which will eventually circle Pikes Peak, and some of the conflicts and compromises involved in routing a long-distance trail across public and private land. Contact Jim Lockhart at 385-0045 or [jlock@datawest.net](mailto:jlock@datawest.net).

**Saturday, June 14 8:00 am--5:30 pm**

**Basic Map-Reading Skills Dayhike to Farnum Peak Proposed Wilderness**

First in a summer-long series of outings offering basic wilderness skills instruction in the Wild Ten areas. After learning basics of reading and navigating with topographic maps, we will make our way to the high point of the Farnum Peak proposed wilderness. The area's forested eminence offers sweeping views across the seer grassland of South Park and north into the Tarryall Mountains. Sponsored by the Sierra Club, CCWC, and Wild Connections, this moderately strenuous, mostly off-trail hike covers seven miles and 1,000 feet in elevation gain. Learn about the wilderness potential of Farnum Peak and other Wild Ten areas. For more info/ to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849, [jorcstan@juno.com](mailto:jorcstan@juno.com) by 4 PM, June 13.

**Saturday, June 28, 2008**

**Devil's Playground Hike**

Starting at the Craggs Trailhead, we'll hike up the north side of Pikes Peak to the top of Devil's Playground, with beautiful views down the rocky dropoff to Glenn Cove, up the serpentine road to Pikes Peak, and out over the expanse between Ute and Wilkerson Passes. Enjoy the nature and views as you discuss and learn about conservation and environment. This is a strenuous hike of about 6 miles roundtrip and with 2000 ft. in elevation gain. Bring layered clothing, hat, water, trail lunch, hiking shoes, rain gear, and other preferred gear. Contact John Palan at 719-559-2335, or email [platojp@msn.com](mailto:platojp@msn.com) for sign up and details.

**Saturday, June 28, Sunday June 29, all day.**

**Marmot Peak Beginner Backpack**

This is the second in a series of summer-long outings offering basic wilderness skills instruction in the Wild Ten Areas. Join sponsors Pikes Peak Sierra Club, CCWC, and Wild Connections for a moderate 8-mile, 2-day backpack with elevation gain of 700 feet into the Marmot Peak proposed addition to the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness, one of the Wild Ten areas in Colorado. The hike will include basic backpacking skills such as site selection and minimum impact camping. Participants must have or rent basic backpacking gear. If interest warrants, a pre-trip meeting may be arranged to discuss gear and logistics. For more information or to sign up, contact Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or [jlock@datawest.net](mailto:jlock@datawest.net).