

PPG OUTINGS

Events are in or from Colorado Springs. \$1 per member per outing requested to help our Sierra Club chapter. To register for any of these, or for more info, see the contact information for each event.

Badger Creek

Proposed Wilderness

Sat., Jan. 12 7:30 am--5:30 pm
(Weather backup Jan. 13)

First in a series of outings to the Wild Ten areas in the Colorado Wilderness Act of 2007. A good reason to visit the arid ridges and valleys in the southwest corner of Badger Creek is that hardly anyone else does. In addition to solitude and immense quiet, the scenery near and far is plentiful. Join Pikes Peak Sierra Club and fellow sponsors CCWC and Wild

Connections on a strenuous eight mile hike off-trail with elev. gain of 1,400 feet. Learn about Badger Creek's wilderness future and that of other nearby natural areas.

Register by 4 p.m. January 11 to: John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or jorcstan@juno.com

Beginner Cross-Country Ski Clinic

Monday, Jan. 14 (inside) 6-9p.m.

Sat., Jan. 19(outside) All Day

Join the PP Sierra Club Group's annual beginner - learn the basics of cross-country skiing! Indoor session held at Beidleman Environmental Center. Steve Balsiger of Mtn. Chalet will talk about equipment, clothing, where to go, how to ski safely, and the latest innovations. Outdoor session will be a learning and "easy" practice session, taught by PPG members. Outing will be about 2 miles with an elev. gain/loss of 250 ft. BYO lunch, water, clothing for weather conditions, and equipment. Total cost for both sessions is \$20 (\$10 for other family members). If you do not have equipment, you need to arrange rentals. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. For reservations and further details, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045 or e-mail jlock@datawest.net.

Stratton Open Space Hike

Sat. Jan. 26, 8:30 a.m.-1:30p.m.

Hike trails seldomly used in a diverse region of five ecosystems and learn about this open space. For more info/to register, contact Spencer Johnston, 719-649-3837 or email

spencerjj@hotmail.com.

Easy Cross Country Ski

Saturday, Feb. 2, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

A short cross-country ski over easy terrain. Trip emphasizes practicing techniques. Total distance covered: 3-4 miles, elev. gain/loss less than 250 feet. BYO lunch, water, clothing for weather conditions, and equipment. For details/ to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045 or e-mail jlock@datawest.net.

Thirty-nine Mile Mountain

Proposed Wilderness

Sat., Feb. 9, 7:30 am-5:00 pm
(Ski and Snowshoe)

This trip, sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club, CCWC, and Wild Connections, will explore a riparian valley on the north side of the mountain. BYO snowshoes or skis and your intermediate skills on this moderately strenuous six mile trip with 700 foot elev. gain. Learn about the wilderness potential of Thirty-nine Mile Mountain and other nearby Wild Ten areas.

Register by 4 p.m. February 8 to: John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or jorcstan@juno.com

Hike in the new Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Sat., Feb. 23, 8:30a.m.-2 p.m.

Come tour Colorado's newest state park! We'll tour the visitor center's exhibits, book/gift shop, etc. Then hike the park's great trails observing wildlife with views of the mountain

and city that most of us haven't seen before. For more info and to register, contact Spencer Johnston, 719-649-3837 or email spencerjj@hotmail.com.

Table Mountain

Proposed Wilderness

Sat., Mar. 15, 7:30 am-5:30 pm
Dayhike (Weather backup Mar. 16)

Second in a series of outings to the Wild Ten areas of the Colo. Wilderness Act. Year-round hiking is just one wild benefit found in rough and rocky Table Mountain, on the north slope of the Arkansas River canyon W. of Royal Gorge. Sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club, CCWC, and Wild Connections, this moderately strenuous off-trail hike of up to seven miles and less than 1,000 feet in elev. gain explores scenic Hindman Gulch. We'll look for big-horn sheep along the way, and learn about the Wild Ten and their potential for future wilderness designation. **Register by 4 p.m. January 11 to:** John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or jorcstan@juno.com

Elk Park Trail-Ghost Town Hollow Snowshoe Hike

Sat. Mar. 22, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We'll drive 14 miles up Pikes Peak Toll Road past historic Glen Cove taking in views of the north side of snow covered Pikes Peak. At Elk Park Knoll, we will snowshoe down Elk Park trail to historic Ghost Town Hollow. Below the trail are the wetlands of protected Severy Creek where severe erosion is taking place. We will observe damage from erosion discussing the cause and the proposed restoration. Rented snowshoes are available at a nominal cost. For more information and to register, contact Spencer Johnston, 719-649-3837 or email spencerjj@hotmail.com.