

# 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.

**January 13, Sat 7:30am to 5:30pm**  
**(Weather Backup Day January 14)**  
**Browns Canyon Proposed Wilderness Dayhike**

You have heard a lot about Browns Canyon lately-how it almost became Colorado's newest wilderness area in December. Now learn what all the discussion is about and see for yourself the inviting valleys of this four-season hiking area. The hike, offered by Sierra Club and co-sponsored by Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition is a moderate six miles maximum with 750 feet of elevation gain. Leashed dogs are permitted. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 4 pm, Jan. 12

**January 20, Sat 6 pm**  
**Annual "Inning" at Katherine Brandt Williams house 41 Polo Drive, Colorado Springs** (Take Seventh Street north from Lake Avenue to Polo or Alsace south from Cheyenne Road to Polo; turn west; about 3/4 mile, on south side.) The "Inning" (the opposite of an "outing") is our annual post-Holidays party. This is a perfect opportunity to meet Pikes Peak Group members and to share your outdoor experiences. It is a "snacks and drinks" potluck: bring your favorite items to share. We're also planning a slide show, so bring your latest slides and pictures of your trips and outdoor activities in 2006. For further directions, call Katie at 632-7044.

**January 23, Tues 6 pm**  
**(indoor session)**

**January 27, Sat all day**  
**(outdoor session)**

**Beginner Cross-Country Ski Clinic**  
Come and 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! The indoor session will be held at *Beidleman Environmental Center, 740 W. Caramillo* from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. 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 Outing will be held locally where 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 total cost for both sessions is \$20 (\$10 for other 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.

**February 10, Sat. 8:30 am - 4 pm**  
**Easy Cross Country Ski trip.**

This will be a short, 2-3 mile 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 to 4 miles, elevation gain/loss less than 250 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.

**February 17, Saturday 7:30am to 5:30pm**  
**Thirtynine Mile Mountain Proposed Wilderness Ski/ Snowshoe**

This trip will explore the riparian Cross Creek valley on Thirtynine Miles's gentler northern slope and provide some sweeping views of South Park. Participants need skis or snowshoes and intermediate skills in using them on this moderately strenuous seven mile trip with 750 foot elevation gain. They will learn about the wilderness potential of Thirtynine Mile Mountain and other nearby Wild Ten areas. The trip is offered by Sierra Club and co-sponsored by Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 4 pm, Jan 16.

**February 24, Sat 8am - Late Afternoon**  
**Beginner Snowshoe**

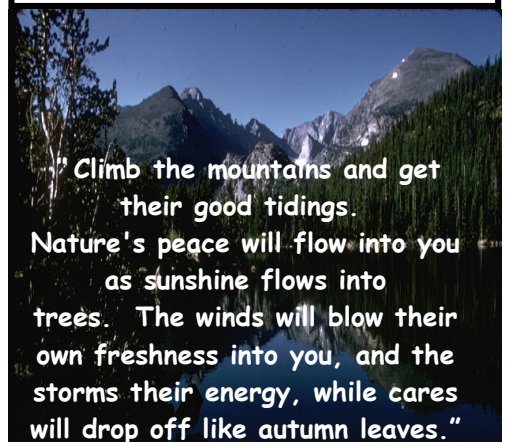
This will be an easy, 2-3 mile snowshoe trip to the best available snow on the west side of Pikes Peak. It will be an all-day trip with emphasis on learning and practicing basic snowshoe techniques while enjoying the great out-of-doors in one of our protected National Forests. Bring lunch, water, and clothing suitable for the weather conditions. Par-

ticipants 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.

**March 18, Sunday 8:00am to 5:30pm**  
**Table Mountain Proposed Wilderness Dayhike**

The rough, seldom-visited Table Mountain, forming the north slope of the Arkansas River canyon west of Royal Gorge, offers year-round hiking. Co-sponsored by Sierra Club and the Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition, this moderately strenuous hike of up to seven miles and 1,000 feet in elevation gain explores scenic East Gulch. Come learn about Table Mountain, the Wild Ten, and their potential for future wilderness designation. Smaller (or larger) 4-wheel drives will help expedite the trip. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 4 PM March 17.

Congratulations to two of our own: Congratulations to Dave Gardner and Heather Preston of PPG, who were recently elected to At-Large positions on the Rocky Mountain Chapter Executive Committee. In January, they'll join Dave Bryan, our Chapter Delegate, at their first meeting. Good luck to all three!



"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves."

- John Muir

No Sierra Singles Outings were received by press time. Please check our group's website at [www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg](http://www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg) for outings as the actual outing date (month) approaches.