

# 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.

**July 8, 2006, Saturday 9am-2pm**  
**Mount Blodgett Open Space Hike**

Hike the trails and foot paths of Mount Blodgett Open Space, and learn of its past, as well its current designation within Colorado Springs' Open Space. We will follow a loop trail which traverses the side of Mount Blodgett and offers excellent views of the city and the surrounding area. This is one of the more difficult peaks in the Rampart Range, so the trail is moderately strenuous with some steep sections; 4 mi, 1000 ft. elev gain. Bring sunscreen, water, lunch and snacks, good hiking boots/shoes and socks, and raingear, and binoculars. The hike targets the PPG general membership, but Sierra Singles are also invited. For more information and registration, contact John Palan at 719-559-2335 or platojp@msn.com by July 7 to confirm your place on the hike. Participant limit is 15.

**July 15, Saturday 10am-2pm**  
**Red Rock Canyon Hike**

This easy-to-moderate 4-mile hike is in Colorado Springs, so come and learn about our town's newest open space and its history! Hike is 4 mi R/T; elev gain 350 ft. Bring a lunch, snacks, water, good walking shoes, sunscreen - and raingear if you like. The hike is scheduled for our general membership, but Sierra Singles members are invited to attend. For details, call Spencer Johnston at 649-3837.

**August 5, Saturday 9am-1pm**  
**Stratton Open Space Hike**

This easy-to-moderate 4-mile R/T hike, is in town, and is in a diverse region of five ecosystems! Come and learn something about this beautiful community open space. Bring a lunch, snacks, water, good walking shoes, sunscreen - and raingear if you like. Elev gain is only 700 ft. The hike is scheduled for our general membership, but Sierra Singles members are invited to attend. For details, call Spencer Johnston at 649-3837.

**August 12, Saturday 7:30am - 5:30pm**  
**Grape Ck Proposed Wilderness Dayhike**

As an outreach to wilderness supporters in Pueblo, Fremont, and Custer Counties, this trip will visit the scenic, but controversial national forest portion of the Grape Creek area. Participants will examine key elements of the wilderness proposal and study the impacts of motorized recreation on this strenu-

ous seven-mile hike with 2,200 feet of elevation gain, co-sponsored by Pikes Peak Group of Sierra Club. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorstan@juno.com by 5pm August 11.

**August 23-24, Sat.-Sun. 8am-5pm**  
**Table Mountain Backpack**

This will be a moderate backpack to the Table Mountain area along the Arkansas River west of Royal Gorge. We will begin by fording the Arkansas River, and hike into the Devil's Hole (Echo Canyon) area of Table Mountain, a large Bureau of Land Management roadless area proposed by the Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition for wilderness designation. Participants will learn about the proposed wilderness and will also view recent vegetation treatments by the BLM in the area. This hike is being held in conjunction with the Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition. For details and to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or e-mail me at jlock@datawest.net.

**September 16, Saturday 9am-2pm**  
**Mt. Cutler Hike**

This moderate-rated hike is along a beautiful trail with spectacular views overlooking Seven Falls and the Broadmoor! Come along and learn something about the area's ecology, too! Elev gain/loss 1000 ft, RT is 6 mi. Bring a lunch, snacks, water, good walking shoes, sunscreen - and raingear if you like. The general membership and Sierra Singles are all invited to attend! Participant limit is 15. Contact Spencer Johnston at 719-649-3837 for details and registration.

**September 23 7:30am-5:30pm**  
**Buffalo Peaks Dayhike**

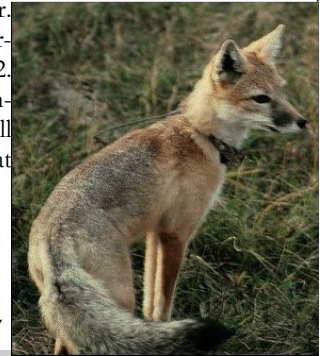
This will be a moderate dayhike, hopefully during the peak of aspen season, to one of the areas proposed by the Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition for addition to the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness. Learn about how wilderness designation can protect this and similar areas from various threats, including motorized intrusion. Bring your camera and hope for a good leaf season. This hike is being held in conjunction with the Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition. For details and to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or e-mail jlock@datawest.net.

**September 30 8am-5pm**  
**Pikes Peak Work Day**

Join members of the Pikes Peak Group and Rocky Mountain Field Institute for a workday on Pikes Peak to celebrate Public Lands Day, September 30th. The project will involve reseeding areas in which rock check dams and bioengineered erosion control structures have been established. The outing will involve a short walk, possibly over steep terrain, to the work site. Tools and instruction will be provided. Participants should wear work clothes, footwear suitable for hiking, and should bring sunscreen, raingear, lunch, and water.

Maximum participant limit 22. For further information, call Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045.

*Swift Fox  
Still found in  
Eastern CO  
photo: USGS.gov*



## 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

**Saturday, July 8, 2006 6am-7pm**  
**14er Leave No Trace Hike**

This is a wonderful, fun hike on the easiest of our 14ers, Mt. Sherman! The hike targets the Sierra Singles, but general Club members are cordially invited. We'll discuss 'leave no trace' parameters and hand out related information, as well as the "Fourteeners Initiative" newsletter. This is a strenuous hike, but the easiest 14er hike of them all; 10 mi R/T with a 2500 ft elev gain. Bring sunscreen, water, lunch, several snacks, good hiking boots/shoes and socks, raingear and a camera! Contact Christie Lee at 719-635-2336 or christie\_lee@juno.com by July 6 to confirm your place on the hike and arrange for carpooling. Participant limit is 15.

**Please check out the Red Rock Canyon, Stratton open Space, and Mount Cutler hikes as well, under PPG Outings!**

**For late-breaking events and hikes, check out  
[www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg/calendar.html](http://www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg/calendar.html)**