



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

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

Sunday, July 13 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Basic Wildflower Identification Skills Dayhike to Big Union Proposed Wilderness. Third in a summer-long series of outings offering basic wilderness skills instruction in the Wild Ten areas.

Mid-July is prime high country wildflower time. Learn the basics of wildflower identification in the splendid surroundings of Big Union, a proposed addition to the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness. The moderate hike, sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club, Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition, and Wild Connections, will gain a maximum of 500 feet in elevation over three miles spent moving slowly from one flower patch to another. Participants will also learn about the wilderness potential of Big Union and other nearby Wild Ten areas. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 4 PM, July 12.

Saturday, July 26

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Glen Cove Wetland Restoration

Come help the Sierra Club and Rocky Mountain Field Institute restore a small alpine wetland just past the Glen Cove Inn off the Pikes Peak Highway. We will be working at approximately 11,500 feet, planting native water sedge and willow in an area that had been disturbed by sediment deposition off the Highway. This workday will complete the final step to return the wetland back to its former natural state. It will involve a short walk of about 100 yards to the work site. RMFI will provide tools and instruction; participants should bring lunch, water, sturdy work or hiking boots, raingear, and clothing suitable to weather conditions. The difficulty level is rated strenuous because of the high elevation. For details or to sign up, contact Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or jlock@datawest.net.

Saturday, July 26

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Catamount Falls Hike

Starting at Green Mountain Falls, hike up the switchbacks, go past the water falls, and continue up to South Catamount Reservoir. Enjoy walking through wildflower meadows and learn about conservation on a trail which has drawn visitors to the Pikes Peak region since the late 1880's. This is a strenuous hike of about 5 miles round trip and an elevation gain of about 1500 feet. Bring water, hat, trail lunch, hiking shoes, rain gear, and your other preferred hiking gear. Limited to 15. Contact John Palan at 719-559-2335 or at platojp@msn.com.

Saturday, August 2nd

8 am to 3:30 pm

Greenhorn Mountain Wilderness Area Dayhike

Sponsored by Sangre de Cristo Sierra Club Group in conjunction with Wild Connections and Mountain Park Environmental Center. Details to be determined. For information or to register, contact Jenny Kedward (719) 582-0249.

Saturday, August 16

7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Basic Map and Compass Skills Dayhike to Weston Peak Proposed Wilderness.

Fourth in a summer-long series of outings offering basic wilderness skills instruction in the Wild Ten areas.

Even in the era of GPS navigation, learning to find your way with topographic map and compass is fun-- and can even save your life. This trip sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club, CCWC, and Wild Connections will explore riparian valleys in Weston's wildflower-strewn eastern realm below timberline. Participants will experience a maximum of 500 foot elevation gain on this moderate five- mile hike with several stream crossings. They will also learn about the wilderness potential of Weston Peak and other nearby Wild Ten areas. For more information and to register, contact Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or e-mail jlock@datawest.net by 4 PM, August 15.