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## "BACKCOUNTRY CACHE"

A Newsletter for Members of CMC Backpacking Section

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Although BPX members are eager to get back on the trails for both day hikes and about 40 planned backpacks this summer we won't be able to do so until CMC gives us the "green light" but that doesn't stop us from planning and taking advantage of the many webinars and tutorials CMC members and staff have developed to keep alive our "Passion for the Mountains"

### 'JOIN THE PACK'

at these events

How to Choose a GPS Device - Dave Litke Nav Series Mon 4/20

Long Distance Lightweight Hiking - Karl Ford BPX Wed 4/22

Recreating responsibly in the time of COVID-19 - CMC State Thurs 4/23

How to Use CalTopo Mapping - Jeff Benton Nav Series Mon 4/27

Urban Hiking Webinar - Darcy Kitching CMC State Wed 4/29

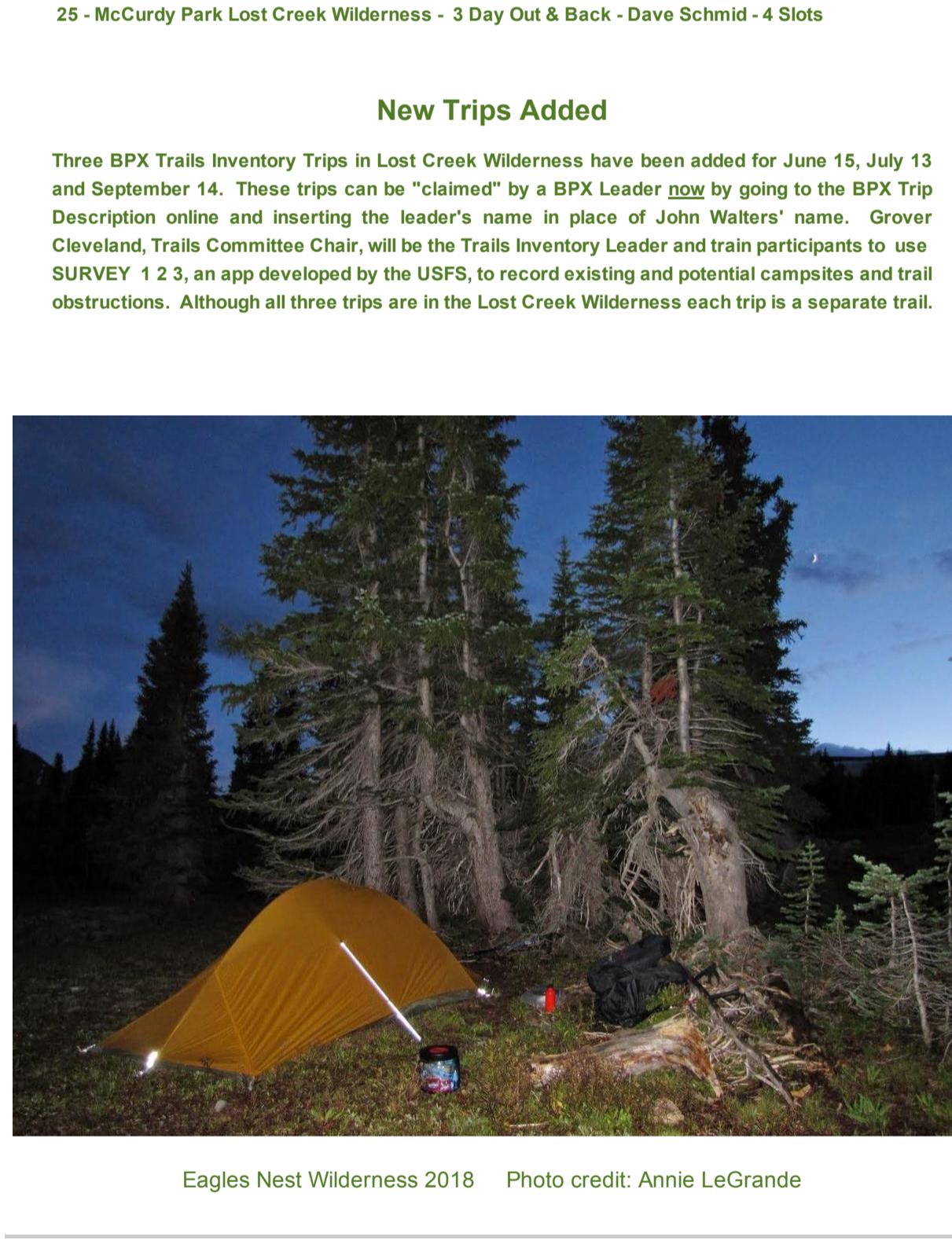
How to Use Gaia GPS - Jim Guerra Nav Series Mon 5/4

Rattlesnake Safety and Awareness on the Trail - Mary Ann Bonnell Tues 5/19

Delightful Dehydration Backpack Meal Planning & Prep - Carol Munch and Jon Dickes Thurs 6/11

### DENVER TRIP LEADER SCHOOL "LIVE"

RESCHEDULED TENTATIVE DATE - MAY 30TH, SATURDAY



Rocky Mountain National Park - Over the Divide 2015

### "JOIN THE PACK"

#### TRIPS WITH REMAINING OPENINGS

July

28 - Rogers Pass Lake James Peak Wilderness - 3 Day Out & Back - Cheryl Ames - 3 Slots

August

1 - Spring Creek LaGarita Wilderness - 2 Day Shuttle - Sharon Dawson - 1 Slot

3 - Turquoise Lake Holy Cross Wilderness - 3 Day Out & Back - Brad Cotten - 3 Slots

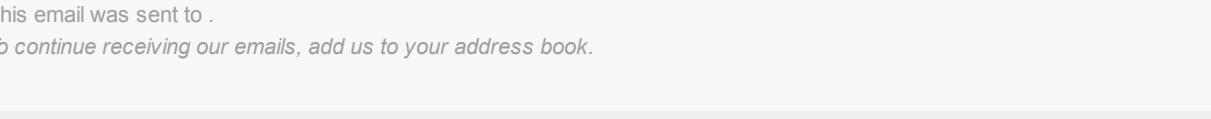
5 - Upper Cataract Lake Eagles Nest Wilderness - 2 Day Out & Back - Pat McKinley - 1 Slot

25 - Powderhorn Lakes Powderhorn Wilderness - 3 Day Out & Back - Chris Nation - 1 Slot

25 - McCurdy Park Lost Creek Wilderness - 3 Day Out & Back - Dave Schmid - 4 Slots

### New Trips Added

Three BPX Trails Inventory Trips in Lost Creek Wilderness have been added for June 15, July 13 and September 14. These trips can be "claimed" by a BPX Leader [now](#) by going to the BPX Trip Description online and inserting the leader's name in place of John Walters' name. Grover Cleveland, Trails Committee Chair, will be the Trails Inventory Leader and train participants to use SURVEY 1 2 3, an app developed by the USFS, to record existing and potential campsites and trail obstructions. Although all three trips are in the Lost Creek Wilderness each trip is a separate trail.



Eagles Nest Wilderness 2018 Photo credit: Annie LeGrande

### BPX GEAR CHECKS

These Gear Checks were scheduled several months in advance of the SIP orders. Although viewable on [cmc.org](#) trip schedule, registration has been closed in compliance with CMC State directives. Registration will be opened as soon as CMC directives allow.

May 29th Gear Checks to be held at Cherry Creek State Park midweek May 26th and on the weekend May 29th. Twelve campsites have been reserved for May 26th with twenty-four sites reserved for May 29th.

Gear Checks at White Ranch, Jeffco Open Space, to be held June 23rd and June 26th. Ten campsites for each overnight. Jeffco Open Space, to be held June 23rd and June 26th. Ten campsites for each overnight.

Each Gear Check is scheduled for late afternoon arrival through the next morning. We'll make it real - or as real as it can be. You'll get a chance to remember why you said you needed a new air mattress or a chance to try out something besides freeze dried, out-of-the-bag food.

MOUNTAINSIDE GEAR RENTALS - GOLDEN - OFFERS RENTAL PACKAGES IF YOU SIMPLY WANT TO TRY OUT ONE PIECE OF GEAR OR IF YOU WANT TO RENT AN ENTIRE KIT FOR THE GEAR CHECK EXPERIENCE

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