



Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group March 2022

Skiing at Ironton with a CMC Snow Ranger.
Photo by Brenda Leach

See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!

Leader and Member Trip Planning Meeting Recap

It's been about 2 years since our first gathering in which we re-booted the Western Slope Group. Leaders, potential leaders, members and potential members met at the Montrose Library meeting room on Saturday, February 26, and discussed member interests and future trips. Leaders and interested members decided it would be beneficial to meet quarterly to assist with future trip planning so we can meet the needs of those wanting A trips, more difficult trips, weekend and weekday trips and social events since CMC COVID restrictions are easing. We'll send an email out early March when that date/time is confirmed, most likely around 3/20, 2-4pm, at the Montrose Library meeting room. Leaders are encouraged, but not required, to attend and any interested members are welcome, especially if you have trip suggestions.

Interested in Helping with the CMC's New Website?

The CMC is developing a new website and they need help from each of the groups. If you have an interest in helping with developing the WSG's page within the CMC website and input and testing of the overall CMC website, please let us know at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. The new website is based off of the platform used by [The Mountaineers Club in the Pacific Northwest](#). Each CMC group will have their own page to create and maintain in addition to all of the other features provided by the CMC website.

Photos from Past WSG Trips

Here's a collection of photos taken during WSG trips over the last couple of years. From top row, left to right: Ascending Dome Mountain; Docent at tour of Shavano Valley; Wild burros at San Rafael Swell. Bottom row, left to right: Backpacking at Mt Sopris; Canyon hike at San Rafael Swell; Gunnison River at Curecanti Creek Trail.



ALL OUTINGS LINK: [The CMC Calendar](#)

Nonmember guests can attend up to 2 trips and must sign the guest liability waiver. If a trip is full, please sign up on the waitlist as there are participants that may cancel.

TRIPS (click on titles for more info and to sign up):**

- [Friday 3/4. Skyway XC Ski/Snowshoe](#). Easy. Lynda Law *RESCHED FROM 2/25*
- [Sunday 3/6 Gunnison Bluffs Hike](#). Mod B. Brenda Leach
- [Thursday 3/10 No Thoroughfare/Serpent's Trail](#). Difficult A. Mary Pitz.
- [Friday 3/11-13. Lake City Ice Climbing](#). Pikes Peak Group.
- [Monday 3/14. Shamrock/Y11 West End](#). Mod B. Anne Keil
- Sunday 3/20. Sidewinder trail. Paul Sheya (details forthcoming).
- [Friday, 3/25. Pollock Bench Loop Trail & Pollock Arch](#). Mod B. Lynda Law
- [Saturday 3/26 Red Mtn Pass Snowshoe](#). Mod. John Broadbooks.
- [Sunday 4/10. Black Ridge/Monument Canyon Car Shuttle Hike](#). Mod B. Anne Keil
- [Thursday, 4/21. Flume Canyon from Pollock Bench TH](#). Easy B. Lynda Law *NEW DATE*
- [Friday 4/15. Needles Backpack](#). Gore Range Group.
- [Saturday 4/16. Ski/Shoe Old Monarch Pass](#). Pueblo Group
- [July 16-22, 2022 Alta Via I](#). Adventure Travel, fee.
- [12/20/22-1/10/23 Patagonia 0 Circuit Trek](#). Adventure Travel, fee.

**All members and guests must sign a new [liability waiver \(effective March 2020\)](#).

COVID policy for trips: [COVID-19 and CMC Programming, updated February 23, 2022](#)

PRESENTATIONS

[Anytime: Day Hiker School](#). Online, 5 modules, field days to be scheduled if interest (fee).

[Saturday, Sunday, 3/12-13. Wilderness First Aid in Grand Junction](#). By Backcountry Emergency Survival Training, \$150. If you are a current or aspiring CMC trip leader, please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com before registering.

[Quarterly trip planning meeting, Montrose library, Mid-March date TBD, 2-4pm](#). Leaders encouraged to attend to help plan April-June (and beyond) trips. All members are welcome.

[CMC Classes & Schools Webpage](#): **For some classes and schools that are offered on the full CMC calendar (typically on the front range or via ZOOM), we can arrange field days on this side of the state but need a minimum number of participants between the various CMC groups. Please let us know if something interests you.

Trip Leader Training: We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. Also see [Trip Leader & Instructor Resources \(cmc.org\)](#). If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

Seeking Monthly Newsletter Volunteers

We'd like your help! If you have requests for newsletter content or would like to contribute, let us know! Deadline to submit information, articles or photos is the **25th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. Email us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

We are also looking for a volunteer [Newsletter Editor](#). For more info, click here: [Newsletter Editor volunteer job description](#). We use myEmma, a tool which has many features that facilitate creating our monthly newsletter. Brenda Leach and Anne Keil are currently filling in as the Newsletter Editors.

Click on these links to see past issues of our monthly *Canyon to Crest Call* newsletter.

- 2022: [January](#), [February](#).
- 2021: [January](#), [February](#), [March](#), [April](#), [May](#), [June](#), [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).
- 2020: [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

2021 Western Slope Group Council

- Chair**: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)
- Vice Chair & Outings Chair**: Anne Keil (Montrose)
- Treasurer**: John Broadbooks (Montrose)
- Secretary**: Karen Mann (Montrose)
- Conservation Chair**: Ross Mittelman (Palisade)

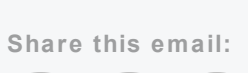
We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#).

Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The upcoming meetings are March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13 and November 8. Zoom availability and location will be determined closer to the meeting date. WSG members are welcome to attend.

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