

Pikes Pique



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Hike to Loud's Cabin



L-R: Meg Barcan, Don Daily, Brian Caldwell, Dean Waits (Leader), David Jordan, and Calida Barboza.



Raspberry Mountain Hike



L-R: : Jim, Missy, Christie (Leader).

More photos on page 4!

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Interested in serving on the Pikes Peak Group Council? Please contact the Chair.

Welcome New Members!

Gabrielle Brandner
Nancy Ericson
Gina Gerardi
Larisa Grimes
Renee Hvizdak
Jill Isbell
Katie Lakstins

Kyle Okular
Ron Pausa
Olivia Prentzel
Alexander Schaaf
Ginger Schaaf
Kurtis Schaaf
Andy Soltisz



Member Discounts

Adventure Medical Kits

Ajax Bike and Sport

American Mountaineering Museum

Atrevida Beer Co (was Great Storm)

Battle Mountain Brewing Company

Bentgate

Breckenridge Nordic Center

City Rock

Friction Labs

Frisco Nordic Center

Gearonimo

Golden Bike Shop

Ken's Anglers

Lumiere Telluride

Moosejaw

Mountain Chalet

Mountain Equipment Recyclers

Mountainsmith

ProMotive.com

R&W Rope

ROCK'n & JAM'n

Rocky Bob's Fly Fishing Rods

Summit Terragraphics

The Custom Foot

The Mountaineers Books

The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited



The PPG Council is looking for motivated and engaged volunteers to serve as:

Outings Chair – help to generate more trip opportunities by supporting the Trip Leader community (prefer a Trip Leader for this position)

Programs Chair – coordinate monthly programs with guest speakers and the annual picnic and dinner

At Large – come and join our meetings to see what the Council is up to

Want to learn more? Ready to join in? Contact PPG Council Chair [Glenn Barr](#).

Switzerland Whisky Trek

By Dave Anderson



August 13-20, 2023.

8 days, 50 miles, 20,000 feet of elevation gain and loss, 7 huts we stayed in, and 26 whisky stops!

A group of eight of us enjoyed fine food, excellent whisky, comfortable accommodations, great weather, fantastic views, and cheerful camaraderie as we hiked up and down the mountains around Appenzell, Switzerland.

Huts ranged from rustic, with pit toilets and no showers or drinking water, to really quite luxurious, with hot showers and modern accommodations. (While we had many opportunities to purchase 100-mL bottles of whiskey, we typically only bought one in the evening at each hut we stayed in.)

For more photos and a description of each day's hike, [view my slideshow](#).

This trip was organized by [Alpenventures UNGUIDED](#).

Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

PPG WTS – Wilderness Fundamentals

Mon, Sep 25, 2023 - Sat, Sep 30, 2023

The Wilderness Fundamentals class is an introduction of important skills and back country knowledge to enable participants to independently plan and safely implement a day's outing in the great outdoors—away from civilization and all it provides. This class is a pre-requisite for many of our other PPG courses and will provide participants with a copy of *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* that will be referenced in other courses! Make sure you have a good foundation of the basics before expanding your outdoor skillset. Cost: \$35 for PPG members, \$45 for all others.

ARC Pro Introduction to Self-Rescue

Sat, Oct 14, 2023 - Sun, Oct 15, 2023

Students will be introduced to basic self-rescue skills applicable to single-pitch technical climbing to include a climber pick-off, escaping a belay, and passing a knot on rappel. Cost: \$95 for PPG members, \$115 for all others.

Rock Scrambling

Sat, Nov 4, 2023 - Sun, Nov 5, 2023

The class consists three blocks. Block one is a self-study portion performed by reading through the Student Handbook and reviewing the additional materials referenced by the links in the handbook. Blocks two and three consist of two field days on alpine scrambling terrain with outdoor discussion, demonstrations, and practice with instructor feedback/supervision. Registrants are required to complete PPG WTS - Wilderness Fundamentals. Cost: \$45 for PPG members, \$145 for all others.

HAMS Starts in November

The Pikes Peak Group High Altitude Mountaineering School will start in November. This is a course designed for those climbers who want to go beyond the 14ers to take on high altitude (15,000' plus) and glaciated mountains. Classroom sessions will take place on Wednesdays 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, and 12/13, and include such topics as equipment, medical concerns, nutrition and menu planning, fitness and training, organizing an expedition, and group dynamics. Field sessions are tentatively scheduled for 1/7, 1/21, 2/10-11, and 2/24-25; they will cover such topics as roped travel, crevasse rescue, climbing alpine ice, and winter camping. A graduation climb of Mt. Rainier will take place at the end of the course. Completion of Basic Mountaineering School (all modules) or equivalent, plus experience putting those skills into practice in the field are prerequisites for the course. Cost for the class is \$225. For information and to permission to register, contact Greg Long at (719) 659-0345 or e-mail to at_90@yahoo.com. Register online at cmc.org.

More PPG in Photos

PPG's Sport Lead Rock Climbing Class



L–R: Thomas Beuerman (Instructor), Brian Dillon, Dania Spohn (Instructor), Hugh Perry, Kristoffer Garcia, Adrienne Ross, Anna Gallogly. Leader: Scott Kime. Photo credit: Sara Gordon.

Rock Climbing Badger Mountain's Valley of the Chickens



Brian Dillon leading Egg Rock. Photo credit Sara Gordon.

Potpourri

Hiker Safe Room on Pikes Peak Summit

You arrive on Pikes Peak after the Visitor Center is closed and there's a storm. You are in trouble and need assistance. There is a Safe Room providing shelter. Here's a [diagram](#) of its location.

Closed Colorado 14ers Announce Reopening

Two Colorado 14ers, Mt Lincoln and Mt Democrat, have been closed since March due to liability concerns for the private landowner. In a [press release](#) on July 27th the [Fix CRUS Coalition](#) announced the reopening of these two peaks, allowing access across the iconic DeCalibron Loop. Interested hikers are now encouraged to sign the Landowner's Liability Waiver at the trailhead, which allows for legal access across the loop.

Solar Eclipse

A Solar Eclipse is happening soon. If you've never witnessed an eclipse, you are in for a unique experience. On October 14th there will be an 80% partial eclipse here in Colorado Springs, beginning at 9:14am, maximum at 10:36am and ending at 12:07pm. You can travel to the southwest to view it in totality. Be sure to plan for what's needed to view it safely. [More info.](#)

Stewardship Roundup



Thank you to all the Pikes Peak Group members and others from the community who did such great work on the Gray Back Peak Trail on August 19 and September 9! [Check out](#) the completed work.

If you'd like to engage in other local trail stewardship this year, there are still projects listed by [RMFI](#) and [Friends of the Peak](#). A list of projects in town can be found at [Trails and Open Spaces](#) (the events calendar shows by default, scroll down to open the volunteer calendar).