



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Section 16 Palmer Loop



L-R rear: Michael, Deirdre, Nathaniel; front: Anna (leader), and Claudine.

Mt Muscoco



L-R: Patrick, Anna (leader), Gisele, and Dean.

Greenwood Park



Jeff, Annmarie, Megan, Nathan, Juan, Richard, Annette, and Christie (leader).

Columbine



Juan, Christie (leader), Edi, Willie, and Sonny.

More photos on page 3.

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

Welcome New Members!

Annelise Barcan

Lexton Barcan

Kjersten Blair

Dave Erickson

Joshua Funk

Brooke Gainey

Scott Gainey

Taylor Goeman

Bill Graves

Ashley Hopper

Isaac Kim

Brian Koch

Elizabeth Koch

Janelle Koch

Katelyn Koch

Bryce Monahan

Kenneth Monahan

Jeremy Rickard

Noah Romero

Ross Schmidt

Keith Teagarden

Grace Tucker

Lynne VanArsdale

Teri Yeadon



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 Equipment Recyclers

Mountainsmith

ProMotive.com

R&W Rope

ROCK'n & JAM'n

Rocky Bob's Fly Fishing Rods

Summit Terragraphics

The Custom Foot

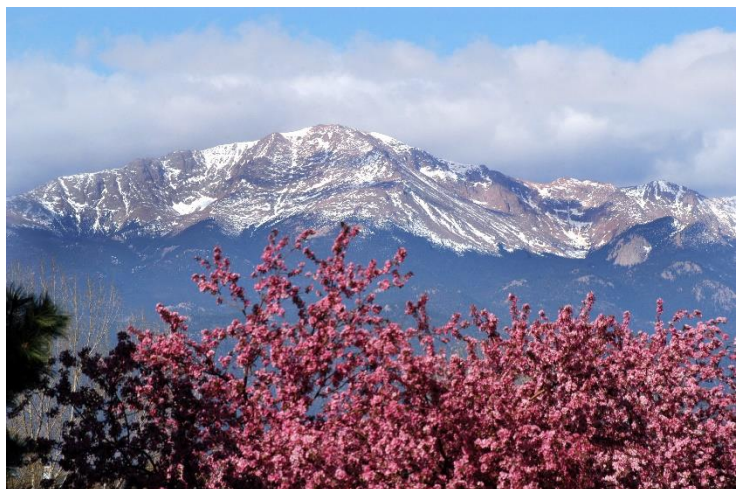
The Mountaineers Books

The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited



More Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Cheyenne Mountain State Park



L-R: Anna (leader), Andy, Danielle, and Candice.



Bear print!

Pikes Peak Group Picnic and Celebration of 106 Years



Saturday, May 24, 2025, 02:30pm-06:00pm

The PPG became part of the CMC in May of 1919. This will be an opportunity to gather with members, make new friends, share your adventures and trip planning experiences and more.

Side Dishes Please sign up to bring a side dish.

Burgers PPG will provide burgers, vegi-burgers, paper goods, and water. Please bring a reusable water container.

Drinks You are welcome to bring your own drinks to enjoy and share if you wish (soda, water, beer, ice tea, etc.; no hard liquor).

Games We will have horseshoe pits available, but please bring any additional lawn games that you want to share!

Cheyenne Mountain State Park has a \$10.00 per vehicle admission fee if you do not have a state park pass. Consider carpooling.

[RSVP now!](#)

Upcoming PPG Classes

PPG BMS Basic Rock Climbing Equivalency Waiver

Thu, May 29, 2025

This is a skills test for experienced climbers to waiver out of PPG BMS Basic/Intermediate Rock Climbing to gain access to trips and advanced classes. This is *not* a skills refresher. We expect you to show up and demonstrate proficiency in all of the skills we teach in our PPG BMS Basic/Intermediate Rock Climbing Class. Cost: Free.

Crack Climbing Clinic – North Table Mountain

Fri, May 30, 2025

We will discuss and demonstrate basic crack-climbing techniques for the various crack sizes and spend the day practicing on top-rope. Members: \$35; Guests: \$50.

ARC Pro Traditional Lead Climbing

Sat, May 31, 2025 - Sun, Jun 1, 2025

This class will equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to start leading single-pitch traditional rock routes on their own. Over the course of two full days at an outdoor crag we will review traditional gear and anchors then will focus in detail on the protection system and leading strategies. Students will mock-lead single-pitch trad climbs (on a separate belay) with instructor evaluation of the entire process. We will cover lead belaying and follower belaying skills. Students will do some improvised aid climbing on gear they have placed in order to gain confidence in their own gear placements. Members: \$105; Guests: \$125.

Land Navigation

Mon, Jun 2, 2025 - Sat, Jun 7, 2025

This course is the second course in the Pikes Peak Group's Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) curriculum. Beginning in 2025, we are adding the use of computer and phone based navigation apps to augment the traditional map and compass skills, giving the student a more modern and comprehensive approach to route planning and real-world navigation in the backcountry. Members: \$35; Guests: \$45.

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Sat, Jun 7, 2025

We will discuss and demonstrate basic crack-climbing techniques for the various crack sizes and spend the day practicing on top-rope. Members: \$35; Guests: \$50.

PPG WTS - Intro to Backpacking

Mon, Jun 9, 2025 - Sun, Jun 15, 2025

The PPG WTS - Introduction to Backpacking Course is the third and final course in the PPG Wilderness Trekking School curriculum. Learn all about it with 2 classes and an overnight backpacking trip. Backpacking is another way to experience the outdoors by carrying all the gear you need to travel, eat, and sleep in pursuit of your adventure. It can take you to a distant location from the trailhead, help you enjoy an activity (summit attempt, alpine lake fishing, etc.) or serve as the main goal itself, such as hiking a long trail like the Colorado Trail. Members: \$45; Guests: \$90.

ARC Pro Basic Anchors

Sat, Jun 21, 2025

Students will learn climbing anchor fundamentals that can be applied to rock, snow and ice anchors, but focusing on setting up anchors for top rope rock climbing. We will spend a full field day outside reviewing anchor gear, general anchoring principles, and methods of rigging climbing anchors. At the end of the class students should be able to safely rig a top rope climbing anchor using various materials. Members: \$50; Guests: \$60.

Pikes Pique

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Pikes Pique is the monthly newsletter of the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. It is a forum for enhancing skills for backcountry travel in the Colorado mountains and communicating information, news, and upcoming events to members and interested parties.

The purpose of the CMC is to unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature, art, recreation; to stimulate public interest in our mountain areas; to encourage the preservation of flora, fauna, and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Members:

- Text: \$2 per line, \$10 minimum
- Ads: ¼-page - \$25, ½-page - \$50

Non-members:

- Text: \$3 per line, \$15 minimum
- Ads: ¼-page - \$30, ½-page - \$60

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have a fun story or trip you want to share? Please submit your articles, along with pictures, to be considered for publication in the next *Pikes Pique* newsletter.

Please send to:

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The deadline for submissions is the 14th of each month.

Use the above contact information for corrections and comments as well.