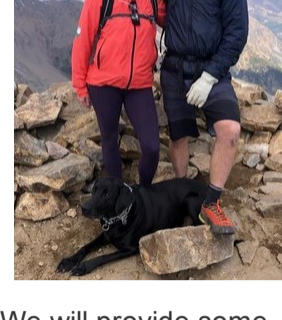


Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group February 2023



CMC hike to the BLM's new Electric Hills trail system close to Montrose. Photo by Anne Keil. [See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!](#)

Social Gathering at San Juan Brews in Montrose, Thursday, February 2, 5-7pm



with CMC CEO Keegan Young

Keegan Young, the CMC CEO, will be in the Western Slope during the 1st week in February. He would be delighted to meet those of us who live in the area. We've reserved the back room at San Juan Brews in Montrose, located at 512 E Main St, on **Thursday, February 2, 5-7pm**. We will provide some appetizers. There's a limited menu at SJB until they fully open their kitchen. Feel free to bring your own dinner or something to share with others. So that we know what appetizers to bring, [please RSVP here](#). Hope to see you there!



Backcountry Film Festival in Montrose

Join us at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose on **Friday, February 10, 7-9pm**, for a screening of the Backcountry Film Festival. **The doors open at 6:30pm**. This is open to both CMC members and the public. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

CMC Social Gathering at Ramblebine Brewing Co in Grand Junction, Sunday, Feb 26, 4-6pm



Join us at [Ramblebine Brewing Co](#) in Grand Junction to meet and socialize with fellow CMCers. Ramblebine is located at 457 Colorado Ave. Thanks to Victor Ketellapper for hosting this event!



Avalanche Terrain Avoidance (ATA) Course on the Western Slope

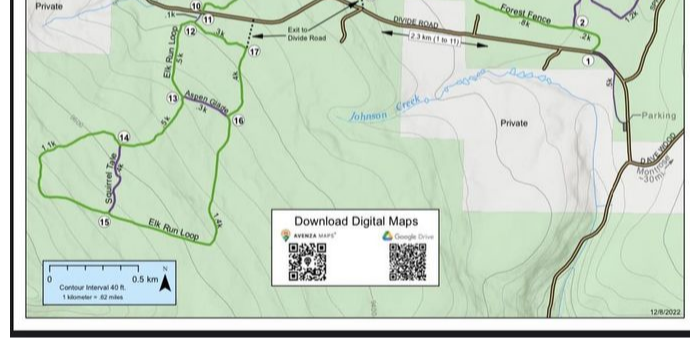
The ATA course consists of 3-4 hours online study plus a half day field day. It will be held at a TBD location in Western Slope at the end of March. Registration is limited after our on-snow leaders enroll. Details will be made available in the March newsletter. This is a great course if you like to travel on snow, but want to avoid avalanche-prone areas.

Upcoming WSG Slide Shows

The WSG is looking to sponsor a series of slide shows in 2023 featuring our members. We have many members who like to travel and have been to interesting countries and adventurous places in the US. We also have some members who have a special expertise and knowledge due to their work experience. If you're interested in sharing with others, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com and we'll get a presentation set up for you! Mark your calendars for the following slide shows to be held in the Montrose library. Stay tuned for more info.



- Friday, March 10, 4:30-6pm, "[Mt. Tolima in Colombia](#)", Jill Mattoon.
- Friday, April 28, 4:30-6pm, "[Trekking in Nepal](#)", John Broadbooks.
- TBD date, "Rock Climbing and Traveling in Southern Spain", Brenda Leach.



A New Nordic Area Close to Montrose!

The GMUG Forest Service and the Uncompahgre Nordic Association have collaborated to open the Divide Road Nordic Trails. This includes ~8 miles of groomed trails and is located just 36 miles southwest of Montrose near the intersection of Dave Wood Road and Divide Road. The Nordic Association will be grooming the trails. You may receive grooming reports by sending an email to UNAxski@gmail.com. Snow shoes and fat tire bikes are allowed, but please respect the groomed trails. A GoFundMe account has been set up to cover grooming expenses. See below for a CMC trip that we scheduled for the area!

Wilderness First Aid on the Western Slope, Saturday, July 29



The CMC will hold a WFA class on the Western Slope! WFA is a 16-hour course that covers environmental, medical, and traumatic injuries with a focus on inclusive care and rescue, patient and bystander mental health. This will be a hybrid class with 8 hours of online work and an 8-hour field day Saturday, July 29. A Montrose location will be announced soon. Trip leaders are required to renew WFA every 2 years and scholarships/fee waiver are available. A minimum of 10 students is required to run the course. [Register here.](#)

New Website Tutorials

- [10.4.22 CMC website tutorial- 11 minutes.](#) The first 6 minutes is for all members and shows how to navigate to our group's happenings. The remainder of the video is a navigation tutorial for our trip leaders.

WSG Facebook Group

We have a private Facebook group called "CMC Western Slope Group". This group is available to post photos, announce last minute trips, trip reminders or activities. If you're interested, send a request in Facebook to join the group.

ALL CMC OUTINGS : [The CMC Trips List & Map](#)

Guests must now create an account and sign a waiver before signing up for trips and may attend up to 2 trips. If a trip is full, please sign up on the waitlist as there are participants that may cancel.

TRIPS: NEW WEBSITE! Now all of our activities are in one place at [Western Slope Group Calendar](#)

Saturday 2/11. [Grand Mesa, Ward Trails XC Skiing & Snowshoeing](#). Moderate. Brenda Leach, Anne Keil.

Sunday 2/19. [Divide Road \(Forest Fence\) XC Skiing & Snowshoeing](#). Moderate. Brenda Leach, Anne Keil.

2/24 - 3/1. [Hiking - Moab, Utah](#). Bobcats Section.

Saturday 3/25. [Electric Hills Hike, Part 2](#). Easy. Anne Keil.

[5/19-30, Croatia](#). Adventure travel, fee.

Tuesday 6/6. [Hiking - Thomas Lakes](#). Moderate. Roaring Fork Group.

[In-State-Outing \(ISO\) Week 1, Vallecito Lake](#). Aug 13-18, 2023. State CMC.

[ISO Week 2, Vallecito Lake](#). Aug 20-26, 2023. State CMC with WSG leaders.

9/5-10 2023. [Mountaineering - Weminuche Wilderness](#). Pikes Peak Group.

9/18-22. [Backpacking - Virgin Springs from Fuller Bottom, UT](#). Gore Range Group.

**All members and guests must sign a new liability waiver with the new website

COVID policy for trips: [updated Dec 9, 2022](#)

PRESENTATIONS/COURSES

Friday, 2/10. [Backcountry Film Festival sponsored by CMC](#). Ute Museum, Montrose. Fee.

Saturday, 7/29. [Wilderness First Aid](#). Montrose location TBD. Fee or free/scholarship for leaders.

CMC Schools & Classes 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.

[ATA-Avalanche Terrain Avoidance](#), a hybrid 3-4 hour online then half day field day course.

[AIARE \(Avalanche research and education\)](#) 2023 sessions are offered through the Denver Group, registration is open to any member statewide. If non-members are interested in enrollment the individual must first join CMC.

Trip Leader Training: We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of self paced online modules and an 8-hour field plus Wilderness First Aid. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com or check the new website.

Seeking Monthly Newsletter Content

We'd like your help! If you have requests for newsletter content or would like to contribute, let us know! The deadline to submit information, articles or photos is the **25th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. Email the WSG newsletter editor, Brenda Leach, at WSGNewsEditor@gmail.com. Here are our [past newsletters](#).

Western Slope Group Council

Chair & Outings Chair: Anne Keil (Montrose)

Vice Chair & Newsletter Editor: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

Treasurer: John Broadbooks (Montrose)

Secretary: Jill Mattoon (Ouray)

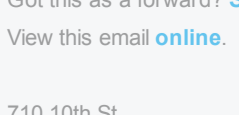
Conservation Chair: Open. See the [Conservation Chair volunteer description](#) for more info. If you're interested, please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#). The 2023 WSG Council meetings will be held 3/20, 5/8, 7/10, 9/11 and 11/13 from 3-4:30pm. Zoom availability will be determined closer to the meeting dates. WSG members are welcome to attend.

CMC connects Coloradans with more than 3,000 trips, hikes and activities annually. Members also receive huge deals on outdoor gear, lodging, events and more.

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