



# COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB

## WESTERN SLOPE GROUP

### Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group November 2023



Photo of Engineer Mountain close to Silverton and Coal Bank Pass, taken by Charlie Winger. [See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!](#)

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## Trip Leader Appreciation Party at San Juan Brews in

# Montrose, Friday, November 10, 2-4pm



It's been 3 years since we re-booted the Western Slope Group and we could not have done it without our dedicated trip leaders! Join us at San Juan Brews in Montrose and meet your trip leaders and WSG Group Council members. [Click here to register.](#) San Juan Brews is located at 512 E Main St in Montrose. The WSG will pay for each leader's first drink! And, pick up some schwag courtesy of the Golden office!

We'll also plan a leader appreciation for the Grand Junction area in December!

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## Welcome to the WSG's New Conservation Chair, Claire McCullough!

Claire was voted in as the new WSG Conservation Chair at our Annual Dinner on October 14. We're happy that Claire is joining us on the WSG Council! She shared her background with us:

"I grew up in northern Colorado and began hiking with my dad in Rocky Mountain National Park when I was 5 years old. Thirty years ago, I moved to the Western Slope. I have been involved with various conservation issues. I was an appointed member of the Colorado Northwest Resource Advisory Council – part of a 15-member council providing the BLM with recommendations on public land management issues. I participated in the field study of resource values of several BLM Wilderness Study Areas in the Grand Junction and Craig districts, providing citizen input to the BLM. I worked with a local rancher and an environmental group to reach an agreement that led to the legislative designation of the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Area. I currently live in Grand Junction and enjoy hiking, Nordic skiing and tending to my micro flower farm. For printed inspiration about the value of nature, I read the works of Aldo Leopold, Terry Tempest Williams and Edward Abbey."

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## Trip Report: No Thoroughfare Canyon Hike

Lynda Law and Victor Victor Ketellapper led a successful trip up No Thoroughfare Canyon by Grand Junction. This is a scenic hike that includes some scrambling around two waterfalls. Photos by Lynda Law.





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## Durango Area CMC Members Update

We currently have 2 Durango members getting trained to become leaders!!

We're looking for Durango area volunteers to help plan activities (for which one does not have to be a leader) and we're also looking for trip leaders. Trip leader school is free and online! We will be updating happenings in this newsletter monthly. Contact us at [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com) for more info or to get involved!

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## Even Month Social Gatherings

Starting in 2024, the WSG will be hosting social gatherings on even-numbered months. We'll hold them in brewpubs or other similar venues in Grand Junction, Paonia, Delta, Montrose, Ridgway or Durango. If you have a venue or town that you'd like to recommend, please let us know at [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com). Stay tuned!

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## Website FAQ: "How do I find out about new trips after they're posted?"

The new website has a nice feature where you can get notified of new trips when they're added or in a daily digest or in a weekly digest. Here's the steps for setting that up.

- 1) Login to your CMC account and click on "My Profile" under your name on the upper right.
- 2) Scroll down the page and click on "Edit Profile".
- 3) Scroll down the page to "Alerts and Notifications Preferences" and select your desired "Update Frequency". You'll also need to choose at least one activity.
- 4) Scroll down the page and click on "Save".

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# 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.

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## 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: All of our activities are in one place at [Western Slope Group Calendar](#)**

11/3-16. [Sacred Hidden Himalaya Valley - Nepal](#). Adventure travel, fee.

Sunday, 11/12. [Hiking - Kokopelli Loops Car Shuttle](#). Moderate. Anne Keil.

Sunday, 11/19. [Hiking - Curecanti Creek Trail](#). Moderate. Brenda Leach.

12/3-16. [Patagonia](#). Adventure travel, fee.

2/8-12, 2024. [Yellowstone](#). Adventure travel, fee.

Saturday, 12/9. [Hiking - Electric Hills](#). Moderate. Anne Keil.

Monday, 1/15. [Backcountry Nordic Skiing – Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park](#). Moderate. Gore Range Group.

2/16-25, 2024. [Guatemala](#). Adventure travel, fee.

4/25-28, 2024. [WSG at Capitol Reef Group Campsite and Hiking](#). POSTPONED DUE TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION. We hope to offer this trip in 2025.

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

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

## PRESENTATIONS / COURSES / EVENTS

**[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.

**[Trip Leader Training](#):** **We are seeking trip leaders!** The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. Leader training online is also available to current leaders as a refresher.

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# 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](mailto:WSGNewsEditor@gmail.com). Here are our [past newsletters](#).

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## 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: Claire McCullough (Grand Junction)

We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#). The next WSG Council meeting will be held 11/6. Zoom availability, time and location will be determined closer to the meeting dates. WSG members are welcome to attend.

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