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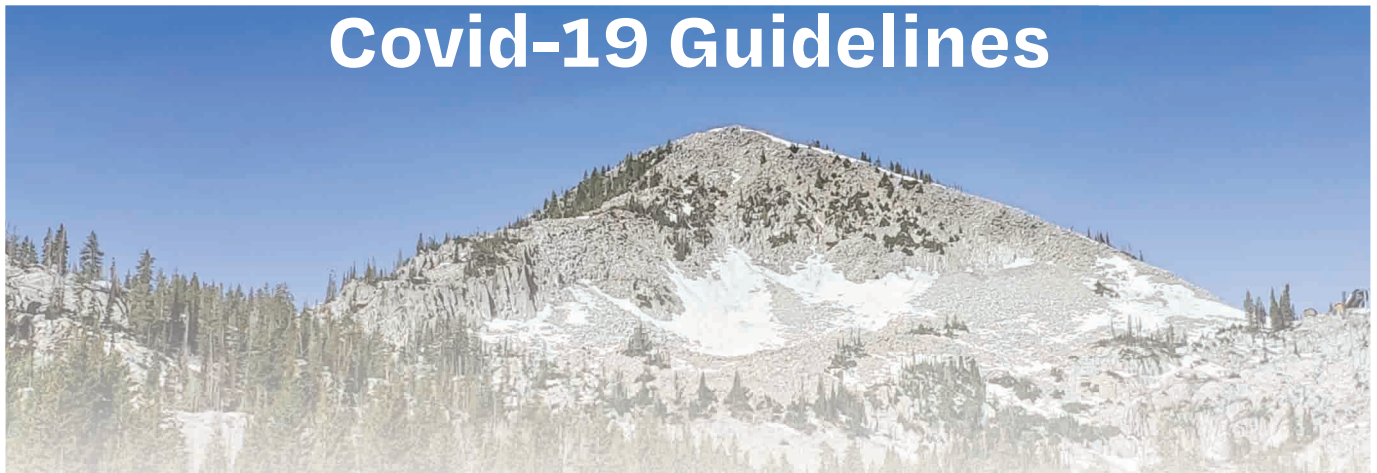
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Covid-19 Guidelines



We are in a state of transition as more people get vaccinated and mask restrictions are lifted. WMC members should stay informed on current guidelines. As of March 8, 2021, the CDC stated that “fully vaccinated people can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing,” but “should take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing.” For WMC activities, organizers should ask all participants if they have been vaccinated so the group can gauge the level of protection and distancing necessary for the WMC group, and the face protection/distancing appropriate for the area of the activity.

Signing a form in an outdoor environment appears to be very low risk. WMC organizers and members can choose to use the traditional WMC sign-up sheets. Confirmation about COVID symptoms and exposure should continue.

WMC members should make individual decisions about carpooling. We strongly encourage that carpooling be limited to those who are fully vaccinated.

The CDC continues to recommend avoiding medium to large size groups, but the recommendation does not define the numbers. Keeping groups to no more than 10 is necessary for WMC activities that are in wilderness areas. For activities in areas where group size is not otherwise dictated, organizers can opt for a group size they are comfortable with. Group size can be managed by continuing with registration, or one large group can break into smaller groups.



Nancy and Jeff below the not-really-final pour-off in the side canyon (Vermillion Castle trip report - pg. 34)

ON OUR COVER:

Irene Yeun and Bret Mathews explore Spooky Canyon (trip report - pg. 25). Photo courtesy of Diana Yang.

The **Wasatch Mountain Club** is an outdoor recreation club for adults dedicated to fostering awareness of the scenic beauties of the Wasatch and encouraging preservation of our natural areas. Club activities include hiking, backcountry skiing, backpacking, camping, conservation, trail maintenance, canoeing, climbing, canyoneering, kayaking, mountaineering, mountain biking, road biking, river rafting, socializing, snowshoeing and multi-day adventures.

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Lewis Kogan	Kathleen Bodenlos	Anna Cranmer	Fen Evans
Andrew Wereley	Brandon Jenkins	Stewart Vassau	Greg Nelsen
Elizabeth Noble	Eugene Dennis		

If you're a new member . . . depending on your age and background . . . you might have a few questions:

1. How do I get involved in activities?
2. What kinds of activities can be organized?
3. What is the average age of WMC members?
4. How many people participate in the activities?
5. How aggressive are the various activity groups?

The answers . . . ask away! Ask someone in the club! Send an email to rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org or call someone from the governing board (inside front cover). The average age is . . . honestly, we don't know. Why don't we know? 1. We haven't yet started tracking that information. 2. It doesn't matter. There are older folks who can out-hike/-bike/-paddle any younger person. There are also younger people who like to do lighter activities. Sometimes many people show up for activities; sometimes only a couple. This is a nice thing.

The WMC activities allow for flexibility; if you can show up, do - - if you can't, don't. As for how vigorous and aggressive the various activities and groups are (hikers, bikers, etc.), contact the director or coordinator. Please don't feel like you can't organize an activity if you don't know your way around. There are so many people who can help you, and you can even decide on a destination at the time of meeting! You might have one or two awkward activities, but just get together with people who share the same interests with you, and you'll be on your way to tons of fun and excitement - - things you never thought were possible!

50 Years ago in the Rambler

Transcribed by

Donn Seeley

club activities for July 1971 [...]

July 3-5 Sat-Mon ZION NARROWS EXPLORATION — The beginning of July is not yet the time of heavy thunderstorms and the time is highly recommended by the Park Service for the Narrows hike. Rocks may be a little slick — but when are they not? We intend to spend a full day in Goose Creek Canyon which is unexplored and with its high cliffs very scenic. Let's try it in a different way. Transportation is by private vehicles. Leader: Fred Bruenger [...]

July 3 Sat. AMERICAN FORK TWINS TO WHITE PINE — Rating 11+ — We will start from Albion Basin, go up Baldy and then continue along the ridge. Be prepared not only for some exposure but also to feel the painful destruction going on in that part of the Wasatch, the beginning of the great exploitation of our mountains for the "benefit of profit making." Instead of returning from the Twins, we shall continue via Red Baldy and White Pine Canyon. Registration is a must. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 6:30 a.m. Leader Dick Bell [...]

MT SUPERIOR FROM ALTA [June 6, 1971] by Suzanne Budd

We didn't take Cardiff Pass as planned, but started up a thick blanket of snow at the base of Superior. Plenty of rock-scrambling provided a good variety much of the way and loose rolling rocks did their best to wipe us out. The massive Snowbird stretched itself out before us as we climbed.

We stopped near the summit, cursing thick, grey clouds, wind, and fog for blocking out the sun and decided, because of an unusually heavy amount of snow remaining on the steep ridges, to bypass the peak and head down toward Lake Blanche. The snow was mushy, but we found several steep and lengthy slopes where we could test our withering ski form.

It was a wet and shivery lunch for us, with covetous glances at mountains enjoying little patches of sun. Lake Blanche was beautiful in her calm, silent awakening. As we scrambled down our last half mile, the sun finally burst down upon us.

Hikers were: Greg Doxey; Chuck Mays (who both returned down Superior to Alta); Mike Hauck; Jackie Thomas; Oscar Robison; John & Margaret Mosley; Ruta Dreijmanis; Suzanne Budd; Pat King; Mary Jo Sweeney; Don Colman; Harold Goodro; Karen Carlston; Lyman Lewis; Steve Swanson.

[A portion of Goose Creek was left out of Zion National Park; an act of Congress in 2009 added a small BLM wilderness area to protect it. The route described here over American Fork Twins and down White Pine is now referred to as "Bullion Divide Backwards", a riff on Tom Walsh's well-known "Bullion Divide" hike that went in the opposite direction along the crest. — Donn]

Editor's Note: Sundial peak photo by Pat King (reprinted from July 1971 Rambler)

WMC 'Owns' Mt. Olympus Top to Bottom

By Will McCarvill / Julie Kilgore / Ronna Cohen

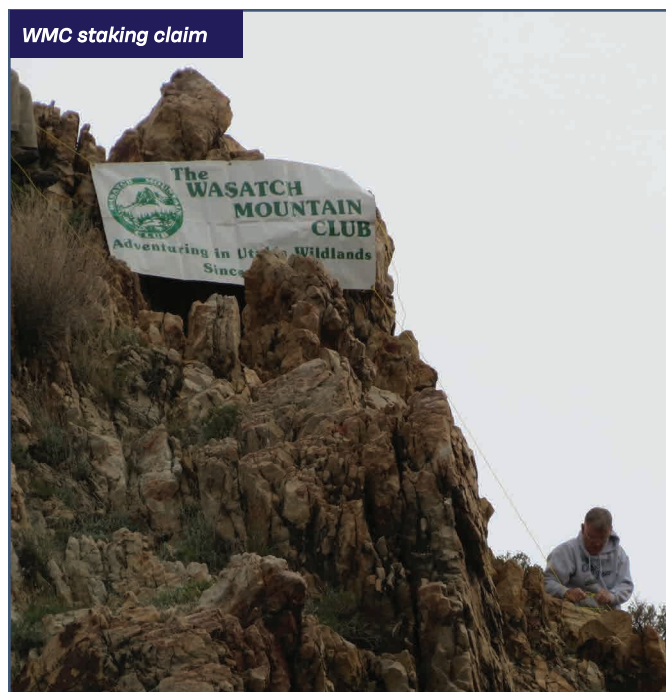
A bit of history that started in 2012 when a particularly graphic neon-colored graffiti tag appeared on Pete's Rock. The WMC has a deep historical connection with Pete's Rock, named after long-time club leader and mountaineering pioneer O'Dell Peterson who established climber training routes on the "rock" several decades ago. The tagging remained for at least two months.



Julie Kilgore representing the WMC reached out to Salt Lake County to offer our assistance to remedy the situation. The County and WMC met on-site to evaluate the various options and agreed that the best solution was to cover the graffiti with paint. The County took rock samples from Pete's Rock,

creating custom paint colors that matched the rock face. The WMC rallied a group of painting volunteers and went to work. The full article can be found on Page 7 of the June 2012 Rambler (Note: *all Ramblers can be found on the club website under the About Us tab*).

The graffiti event was the beginning of our formal agreement with the County. The County asked the WMC if we would like to "adopt" the Mt. O trailhead, primarily keeping the graffiti covered and cleaning up the trash.



The WMC agreed but Dave Andrenyak, the lead trails maintenance coordinator at the time, asked that a trash can be placed at the trailhead. The County could not service a trash can because their trash trucks could not get into the parking lot. At first the County was skeptical, having experienced

well-intentioned volunteers eagerly initiating such an effort only to have them ignore their duties. WMC asked for a 6-month trial,



offering that if the County were not satisfied, they could remove the can.

Julie and Ron Kilgore, Dave Andrenyak, Brett Smith, and Ronna Cohen and Stan Rosenzweig attended that one and only meeting with the County. Dave and Brett organized a schedule of volunteers affectionately named the Trash Angels.

Almost 10 years later, the WMC trashcan is

still there being serviced by Trash Angels and those doing Random Acts of Kindness.

In addition to our very own trash can, the WMC also worked with the County to place a commemorative Pete's Rock Historical Marker sign at the base of Pete's Rock, telling the story of O'Dell Petersen. The full story of the Pete's Rock Commemorative Sign dedication can be found on page 15 of the March 2013 Rambler including a touching tribute to O'Dell Petersen in the December 2001 Rambler. Even after the recent trailhead reconstruction, our historical marker is still in place.

Dennis Goreham, the current WMC conservation director, worked with County Commissioner Sam Granato to secure funding for the parking area expansion and an eventual relocation of the trail to make it sustainable. With the newly renovated trailhead parking and bathroom, the County asked the WMC to continue to service the trash can now situated on the trail. A team of noble volunteers haul the garbage from the can and clean up the parking lot. With usage at record levels, pickups and cleanups are now scheduled five times a week.

In 2014, following several accidents between the saddle and the summit of Mt. O, the WMC joined the Forest Service to assist with erecting cairns at the topmost section to make the trail easier to follow and reduce the injuries and deaths of hikers who got lost. The full article for this effort can be found on pages 12 through 15 of the September 2014 Rambler.

Graffiti cleanup continues with a crew led by Peter Lenz with battery operated power washers. Customized cans of paint are still used with the smaller tags. Stan Rosenzweig wields a mean can of green paint to keep the metal cage that surrounds the garbage clean of graffiti.

Recently, Trash Angel Bret Maverick saw a

man walking away from the can with a trash picker in his hand. After parking and checking the can (almost empty), he noticed him cleaning near the bathrooms. He thought he might be one of the Trash Angels and wanted to thank him. He replied that he was not. He and his wife moved to Utah several years ago and absolutely love the outdoors here. His thrill of being here and seeing it clean led him to clean the Mt O trailhead and bathrooms. Eventually spotted by a County official, Kevin and his wife Alesa were hired to clean and stock the toilet at Mt O, as well as clean the area. If seen, please thank them.

And now it is official. The Mount Olympus Trail was available for formal adoption through the Forest Service Adopt a Trail Program managed by the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. This spring, the WMC formally adopted the trail. This requires an ongoing donation of \$2500 per year which will be directed to trail maintenance efforts by the Foundation. And now, with our County contract and agreement with the CCF, we "own" Mount Olympus, top to bottom.



Special thanks to Trash Angels past and present, short timers, and long haulers:

Susan Allen
Dave Andrenyak
Cassie Badowsky
Sue Baker
Kathy Burnham
Bruce Christenson
Phyllis Coley
Daisy DeMarco
Michele Stancer

Heidi DeMartis
Steve Duncan
Ronna Cohen
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Backpack Training - A Huge Success!

June 5-6th

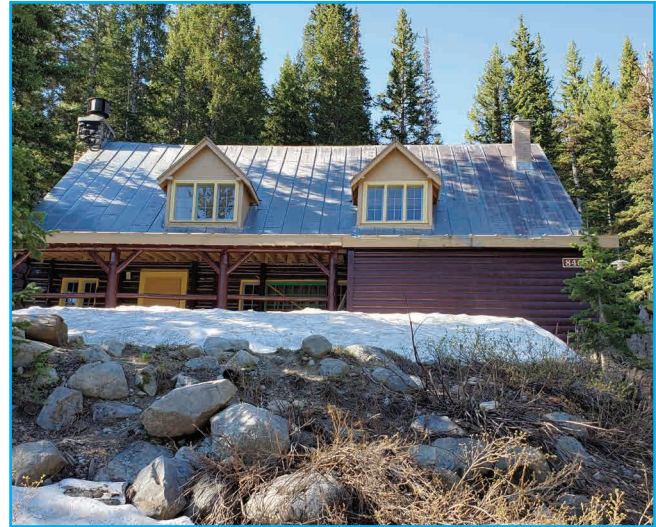
The inaugural WMC Backpack Training course was held at the WMC Lodge (Brighton) on June 5-6th. The course was designed/organized by Casey Landru with help from several WMC members who volunteered to be instructors. The course was attended by 25 outdoor enthusiasts who wanted to learn the skills and equipment needed for a successful backpacking trip. The anticipation / interest in this course was overwhelming as it filled fast with a long waiting list!

The WMC lodge provided a great venue to conduct this course. Located in Brighton, it's surrounded by the natural beauty of the Wasatch Mountains. The large open area in the Lodge was an ideal setting for the classroom trainings with easy access to the outdoors/patio for the hands-on / demo trainings. It was clear that the mosquitoes also knew we were coming; nothing a little bug repellent didn't take care of.

Overall, the course was a huge success!! The instructors did a wonderful job of teaching their respective subjects and ensuring there was plenty of time for Q&A / informal discussion (course agenda below). Several of the participants had backpacking experience which they freely shared with the group over the 2 days. It was very helpful to be able to see / try some of various backpacking essentials (i.e. backpacks, tents, sleeping bags/mats, stove / cooking utensils, and food samples).

A huge thanks to Casey, Leslie, and all the volunteer instructors for sharing their backpacking experience and expertise with the class! At the conclusion of the course, we left the Lodge feeling confident that we were well-prepared for our upcoming trip.

-Brenda & Steve Leitch



Day 1		Day 2	
Subject	Instructor(s)	Subject	Instructor(s)
Introduction & Overview	Casey Landru	Leave No Trace	Dave Andrenyak
Trip Planning & Safety	Casey Landru	Hygiene	Leslie Canfield
First Aid	Shawn Bagci	Basic Map Reading	Casey Landru
10 Essentials	Jen Baker	Nutrition / Food	Rich Gerian
Backpacks	Jen Baker / Casey Landru	Conditioning	Robert Myers
Tents	Tanner Morrill	Compass Skills	Casey Landru
Sleeping Systems	Tanner Morrill	Pace Count / Azimuth Practice	Casey Landru
Water Purification	Steven Glaser	GPS Familiarization	Casey Landru
Stoves / Pots / Cookware / Food Storage	Rich Cherian	Backpacking with pets / children	Casey Landru / Leslie Canfield
Clothing Systems & Footwear	Rich Cherian / Jen Baker	Course Outro / Trip Sign-ups	Casey Landru & Trip Leaders

Backpack Training Photos

(courtesy of Casey Landru/Steve Leitch)

Class works on topo map reading



Dave discusses LNT



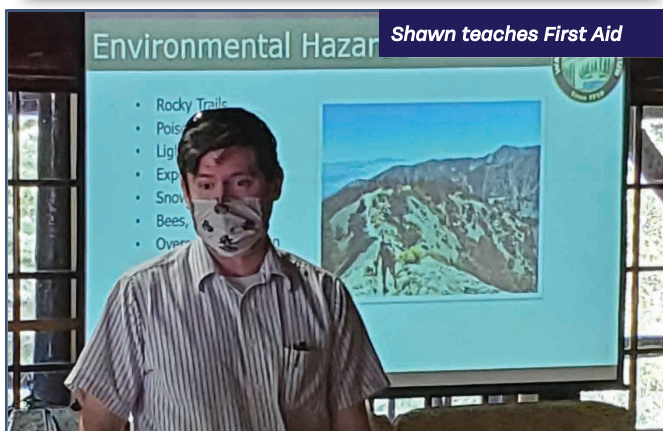
Steven demonstrates water filtration



Tanner talks tents



Casey explains backpacks



Shawn teaches First Aid

Backpack Training Photos

(courtesy of Casey Landru/Steve Leitch)

Rich highlights different meal/food options



Leslie (above) discusses Hygiene



Jen shows different clothing



Robert reviews conditioning

savoury kitchen
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Mitigating Climate & Protecting Biodiversity: The Role of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (ARRWA)

Please join us for an empowering virtual presentation at 6:30pm on July 15th, hosted by the WMC Conservation Committee and presented by Dave Pacheco, Utah Grassroots Organizer for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA).

To attend, send an email to Dennis Goreham, dgoreham@gmail.com, who will send you the registration link, or visit the WMC activities calendar.

Since the 1980s, WMC has supported the people's effort to protect wild Utah as a member organization of the Utah Wilderness Coalition. Today, the citizen inventories of qualifying Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in Utah that occurred in the 1980s-1990s is continuously updated and ground-truthed by SUWA field staff. That ongoing work is embodied in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (ARRWA, S.1535, H.R.3780) a bill recently re-introduced in the U.S. Congress. ARRWA will designate over 8 million acres as wilderness in Utah, the highest standard of federal protections.



Take a deep dive into ARRWA's science, and learn how designating wilderness fits in the global effort to protect 30% of the planet's lands and waters by the year 2030. See how these lands play an outsize role in maintaining connectivity corridors between wild places in the western United States, and how they help keep carbon in the ground, sequestered and stored naturally.

Dave will bring you the latest on the status of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, and explain how they are not only important puzzle pieces in resolving global issues, but how wilderness has its own intrinsic value.

Join us July 15th at 6:30pm for Mitigating climate and Protecting biodiversity: the role of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act to learn effective actions you can take, and how to get involved.

- Dave Pacheco (SUWA) & Dennis Goreham (WMC)



Tips for Enjoying & Preserving Archaeological Sites



Friends of Cedar Mesa



Visit with Respect

Cultural sites are sacred to Indigenous peoples and integral to American history. By treading softly and leaving things as we find them, we show respect for those who came before us and those who will visit after us.



**Leave All
Artifacts**



**View Sites
from a
Distance**

Many Indigenous peoples consider this landscape sacred, and numerous Tribal Elders ask visitors to view sites from a distance.



**Don't Touch
Rock Imagery**



**Dogs and
Archaeology
Don't Mix**



**GPS Reveals
Too Much**

Your small fee helps support monitoring, enforcement, and amenities like toilets.



Pay Your Fees



**Pack Out
Your
Poop**

Human & pet waste threaten fragile desert ecosystems and water sources.



**Stay on
Designated Roads**



**Don't
Build Cairns**



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Tips for Enjoying & Preserving Archaeological Sites



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Visit with Respect



Guide Children Through Sites

Teach children to respect these places. Keep a close eye on them so they don't get hurt or damage cultural resources.



Use Rubber Tips



Leave Grinding in the Past



Historic Artifacts Aren't Trash



Use a Fire Pan

Camp and Eat Away from Archaeology



Camping, fires, and food can damage archaeology and spoil the view for other visitors.



Steer Clear of Walls



Don't Bust the Crust

Stay on existing trails and routes to protect the living cryptobiotic soil. Once stepped on, this fragile crust takes years to regrow.



Enjoy Archaeology without Ropes

Editor's Note: Article provided by 'Friends of Cedar Mesa'.
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Activity Calendar



The WMC offers COVID conscious opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Participants of all in-person events should bring and wear face coverings, expect social distancing, and changes to our usual practices.

Jul 1	White Pine Evening Hike – NTD+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Little Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We'll pick up the pace a bit, and see how far up the trail we can go in one hour.
Jul 3	Day Hike - Peak 10541 & Peak 10404 Via Murdock Basin In The Uintas – mod+ – 10.0 mi – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Peak 10541 and Peak 10404 via Murdock Basin in the Uintas, conditions and situation permitting. The forest road to the TH is very bumpy. So, we will start from Mirror Lake Hwy. Approximately two-third of the route will be on off-trail. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Expect an early start. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on July 2 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Jul 5	Salt River Range (Wyoming) Car Camp – MSD- – 15.0 mi Out & Back – 3600' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com The Salt River Range runs parallel to the Idaho border in southwest Wyoming. The plan is to do an exploratory hike to Mt Fitzpatrick (10,907 ft), the high point, from Crow Creek, and check out some of the other features in the area (including lakes and peaks in the Wyoming Range).
Jul 4	Day Hike - Sessions Peak Via Big Mt Pass – msd- – 19.0 mi – 2800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Sessions Peak (9240 ft) via Big Mt Pass, conditions and situation permitting. Due to the popularity of the neighboring peak, Grandview, Sessions Peak is rarely climbed. There is a trail all the way to the peak. The distance is very long. But it's not steep. We may make a couple of bumps on the way - County Line Peak (9158 ft) and City Creek Meadows Peak (9061 ft). Estimated hike hours are 8-11 hours. Exploratory. Please bring microspikes and 10 Es. Expect an early start. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on July 2 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Jul 6	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 12.0 mi Loop – 1500' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 craig@midgley-huber.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We regularly have several levels of rides so come on out and we will have riders to ride with you that are familiar with the trails and the scheduled route. If you are ill or have any kind of 'Rona Symptoms', do not attend. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member: Go Member Menu, then click on 'email list subscribe/unsubscribe' then click on 'bike'. See you Tuesday. Let's Ride !!
Jul 7	Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.
Jul 8	Upper Millcreek Evening Hike – NTD+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Olympus Cove Park & Ride (3880 Wasatch Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The selected trail will depend in large part on where parking is available.

Jul 10 Sat	Day Hike - Buckley Mountain In Provo – msd- – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Buckley Mountain (9502 ft) via Horse Mt (8654 ft) from Squaw Peak Rd in Provo, weather, conditions and situation permitting. There is a trail to Horse Mt and a steep game trail between Horse Mt and Buckley Mt. Please bring microspikes and 10 Es. The peak is rarely climbed but offers great views of surrounding mountains. Exploratory. We may also bag Corral Mt if we have time. Expect an early start and long day. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on July 9 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Jul 11 Sun	Day Hike - Mt Nebo South Peak Via Andrews Canyon – msd- – 13.0 mi – 5400' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Nebo South Peak (11,877 ft) via Andrew Canyon, conditions and situation permitting. Mt Nebo South Peak is one of the Wasatch 11k peaks. But not many people hike to the south peak. There is a trail all the way to the peak. However, because the trail is not popular, it may not be clear at places. We may also bag the middle peak (11,824 ft). Please bring 10 Es. Expect an early start and a long day. Please email before Friday, 6 pm on July 9 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Jul 12 Mon	Draper Relaxed Pace Evening Hike – NTD – 4.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 tonya.karren@gmail.com Come join us for a hike on one of Draper Corner Canyon's beautiful trails.
Jul 13 Tue	Day Hike Around Mt Raymond – mod+ – 10.0 mi Loop – 3200' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> L Beth Blattenberger 385-414-9658 bethinslc@gmail.com Meet at bottom of Porter Fork. Hike up Bowman Fork and down Porter Fork, going around but not to the summit of Mt Raymond. This time last year the wildflowers were fabulous.
Jul 13 Tue	Mountain Bike Park City – mod+ – 12.0 mi Loop – 1500' ascent – Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 craig@midgley-huber.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We regularly have several levels of rides so come on out and we will have bikers to ride with you that are familiar with the trails and the scheduled route. If you are ill or have any kind of 'Rona Symptoms', do not attend. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member: Go to Member Menu, click on 'email list subscribe/unsubscribe', then click on bike to subscribe. See you Tuesday....Let's Ride !!
Jul 14 Wed	Day Hike - Timp South Peak, Everest Ridge Summit & Timp Main Peak Via Timpooneke – msd – 17.0 mi – 4800' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Mt Timpanogos (11749 ft), Everest Ridge Summit (11659 ft) and Mt Timpanogos South Peak (11722 ft) via Timpooneke Trail, conditions and situation permitting. While many people hike to Mt Timpanogos, not many people continue to the south peak. There is a trail all the way. Exploratory. Please bring microspikes and 10 Es. Expect an early start and a long day. Please email before Monday, 6 pm on July 12 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Jul 15 Thu – Jul 18 Sun	Kayak/canoe/sup/paddling/hiking To Shoshone Falls, Twin Falls Idaho – class I <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Christine Pilgram, Irene Yuen 801-634-5481, 801-831-5930 pilgramhome@gmail.com, irenem.yuen@gmail.com FULL. Email to join the waitlist. This will be a 3 nights 4 days spectacular kayak, hiking, ziplining, hot-springs trip to Shoshone Falls. Camping at 1000 Springs Resort on the Snake River. Thursday: campground check in. Individuals can group up and explore local adventures. Friday: Paddle to Shoshone Falls all day, bring your own craft/lunch. Saturday: explore local adventures. Sunday: checkout and more local fun. Inflatable, non-motorized vessels less than 10 feet long are exempt from the Idaho Invasive Species Fee. Boat Rental available at AWOL at Centennial Waterfront Park. Rated MOD due to river miles, possible canyon winds, and 300 yard portage around Pillar Falls. Other Days possible activities: Hike Snake River Canyon Rim Trail; Hike to Perrine Coulee Falls; cliff jumping/kayak/swim/hike; Shoshone Falls Park (\$5 per vehicle entry fee) to view the falls, hike the rim, and hike Dierkes Lake Loop; Blue-Heart-Hot Springs/Ritter Island; Banbury Hot Springs/Mystic Hot Springs; Shoshone Ice Caves; Zipline; Boat Tour Snake River; Tandem Base Jumping Perreine Bridge. No dogs. \$30/person nonrefundable camping fee paid ASAP no later than May 31. Limited to 30. Covid 19 vaccinations preferred. Masks and social distancing expected. TO START THE PROCESS OF REGISTERING FOR THIS TRIP click the email link below and include your paddling skill level, vaccination status by the trip date, willingness to write a trip report, what size of tent, how many vehicles, and if you have a trailer.

Jul 15 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Organizer's Choice - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at I will update this activity with the hike location closer to the hiking day, so please check the calendar about a week before the hike for updated details. <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com This activity will be updated with a location closer to the date of the hike. A prompt departure from the meeting location. This is an out and back hike from the trailhead up about 1 hour up and then turn around. Be prepared for the hot temperature and a steep hike. Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you otherwise we may depart without you. Reach out to me for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.</p>
Jul 15 Thu	<p>Discussion Of ARROW And 30 By 30 Conservation Efforts <i>Meet:</i> 6:30 pm at Registration required for zoom link <i>Organizer:</i> Dennis Goreham 801-550-5169 dgoreham@gmail.com Mitigating climate & Protecting biodiversity: the role of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (ARRWA). Please join us for a virtual presentation at 6:30pm on July 15th, hosted by the WMC Conservation Committee and presented by Dave Pacheco, Utah Grassroots Organizer for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA). Dave will discuss America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (ARRWA, S.1535, H.R.3780) a bill recently re-introduced in the U.S. Congress. ARROW will designate over 8 million acres as wilderness in Utah and assist in the global effort to protect 30% of the planet's lands and waters by the year 2030 To attend, send an email to Dennis Goreham, dgoreham@gmail.com, who will send you the registration link, or register through link provided in later email to conservation email list.</p>
Jul 17 Sat	<p>Mountain Bike, Snowbasin Area, Sardine From Wheelers - mod+ - 16.0 mi Loop - 2780' ascent - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Wheeler Canyon Trailhead. Parking can be tight at the trail head, but down the road (west) there's a wide shoulder. <i>Organizer:</i> Brian* Barkey 801-516-1253 brianbarkey@gmail.com This is a fun ride. At one spot, you can see a limestone arch. The uphill is long, but the downhill is one of the best in our area. It can be busy so I recommend bells for the downhill. I'd like an early start because its very hot these days. The trail is mostly single track and can be technical. I'm not too proud to walk some sections.</p>
Jul 18 Sun	<p>Day Hike - Flagstaff & Emma Ridge Via Alta - mod+ - 6.0 mi Loop - 2000' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Flagstaff Mt (10,530 ft) via Alta and hike Emma Ridge to go back to Alta, weather, conditions and situation permitting. If the group is interested, we can go to North Flagstaff Mt (10,561 ft), Toledo Peak (10,530 ft), and/or the Prince of Wales Mine. The route consists of a maintained trail and class 2 scrambles. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, July 16, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Jul 19 Mon	<p>Very Relaxed Pace Draper Evening Hike - NTD- - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at TBD <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The route will be selected based on expected temperatures. Watch the online calendar for details or check with the organizer.</p>
Jul 20 Tue	<p>Mountain Bike Park City - mod+ - 12.0 mi Loop - 1200' ascent - Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Park City Mountain Resort <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 craig@midgley-huber.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We regularly have several levels of rides so come on out and we will have bikers to ride with you that are familiar with the trails and the scheduled route. If you are ill or have any kind of 'Rona Symptoms', do not attend. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member: Go to Member Menu, then click on 'email list subscribe/unsubscribe', then click on 'bike' to subscribe. See you Tuesday-Let's Ride !!</p>
Jul 21 Wed	<p>Day Hikes - Co 14ers In The Sawatch Range - msd - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make class 2 CO 14ers in the Sawatch Range. The planned schedule is: July 20 Tue Road Trip. July 21 Wed Belford (14,197 ft) - Missouri (14,067 ft) - Oxford (14,153 ft) combined (15 miles RT, 7,414 ft gain). July 22 Thu Columbia (14,075 ft) - Harvard (14,420 ft) combined (14 miles RT, 5,813 ft gain). July 23 Fri Road trip. The schedule may change depending on weather and conditions. There will be two groups - one for doing all the peaks and another for making one peak each day. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorm in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. WMC members only. For more details, please contact Akiko.</p>
Jul 22 Thu	<p>Lamb Canyon Evening Hike - NTD+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Lamb's Canyon Exit off I-80 <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com This is a wonderful hike that is almost entirely in the shade. With a good pass, we'll reach the Millcreek Canyon saddle</p>

Jul 24 Sat	Hike - Redcloud Peak (14,034 Ft) & Sunshine Peak (14,001 Ft) In Co - msd - 7.8 mi - 5096' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to summit Redcloud Peak (14,034 ft) and Sunshine Peak (14,001 ft) in Colorado. Those peaks are in the very beautiful area. Class 2. We plan to take the East Ridge route which we can avoid driving on the super bumpy county road. The East Ridge route is mostly off-trail. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorm in CO, we will start a hike very early. The planned schedule is: July 23 Fri Road trip. July 24 Sat Hike. July 25 Sun Road trip. The schedule may change depending on weather and conditions. This hike will be exploratory. WMC members only. For more details, please contact Akiko.
Jul 25 Sun - Jul 31 Sat	Lassen Volcanic National Park Car Camp - mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Aaron* Jones 801-467-3532 ajonesmvp@msn.com Plan to explore a land of volcanic wonders, conifer forests, and alpine lakes. We will do a variety of hikes in different parts of the park and sojourn to channel a 1300 ft. lava tube. Limit 8. Covid safety precautions will be observed.
Jul 26 Mon	Very Relaxed Pace Draper Evening Hike - NTD- - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at TBD <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com The route will be selected based on expected temperatures. Watch the online calendar for details or check with the organizer.
Jul 27 Tue	Mountain Bike Park City - mod+ - 12.0 mi Loop - 1500' ascent - Fast pace <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Park City Mountain Resort <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Williams 801-598-9291 craig@midgley-huber.com The weekly Tuesday night Mountain Bike ride will meet at varying trailheads riding trails per the organizers' discretion. We regularly have several levels of rides so come on out and we will have bikers to ride with you that are familiar with the trails and the scheduled route. If you are ill or have any kind of 'Rona Symptoms', do not attend. An email with the specific meeting time, location and ride description will be sent to the wmc-bike list. To get on the wmc-bike list you must be a WMC member: Go to Member menu, click on 'email list subscribe/unsubscribe', then click on 'Bike' to subscribe. See you Tuesday. Let's Ride !!
Jul 28 Wed	Day Hike - Miller Hill Via Alta - mod+ - 12.0 mi - 4100' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to hike to Miller Hill (10,264 ft) via Alta, conditions and situation permitting. Miller Hill is one of the Wasatch 10k peaks. It is easy to make the peak from the American Fork side but there are issues of road conditions and private property. It is a long way from the Alta side but there is a trail all the way. Exploratory. Please bring microspikes and 10 Es. Expect an early start and a long day. Please email before Monday, 6 pm on July 26 for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Jul 29 Thu - Jul 31 Sat	Backpack To Red Castle Lake And Wilson Pk In Uintas - mod+ - 30.0 mi Loop - 4000' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> L Beth Blattenberger 385-414-9658 bethinslc@gmail.com Day 1: backpack from China Meadows Campground to Red Castle Lake (elev. 11,300'), about 10 miles and 1900' gain. Optional to drive the day before and camp at China Meadows. Day 2: Loop day hike. Hike south to ridge off trail but reportedly easy, class 2. Follow ridge to summit of Wilson Peak, 13,060', for gain of roughly 1800'. Follow ridge east with optional 0.6 mile side trip to point 12,825 with good views. Continue east to Smith's Fork Pass and descend back north on trail to Smith's Fork Pass Lake and East Red Castle Lake, then return to camp off trail. Total about 10 miles and 2100' gain. Option: Stay down at lakes and fish, swim, relax. Day 3: Backpack to China Meadows and return home.
Jul 31 Sat	Day Hike - Mt Superior & Monte Cristo Via Alta - MSD- - 6.0 mi - 3255' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Mt Superior and Monte Cristo via Alta, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Class 2-3 scrambles. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, July 30, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Aug 3 Tue - Aug 9 Mon	Bike Touring -- Salt Lake City To West Yellowstone - ext - 350.0 mi - 9000' ascent - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Angela Vincent 801-792-5515 avince182@yahoo.com Self-supported bike tour (no SAG) from Salt Lake City to West Yellowstone. Approximately 350 miles of riding with overnights at campgrounds along the way. Registration required NLT May 24, 2021. Contact organizer for full details.
Aug 3 Tue	Day Hike To B25 Bomber On Mt. Timpanogos - MOD- - 10.0 mi Out & Back - 3500' ascent - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Russell* Patterson 801-973-6427 patterson.russell@comcast.net Timpooneke trail. This WWII-era bomber crashed into the peak on a snowy night in 1955. Timp. is the most scenic and popular hike in the Wasatch. We will likely meet at REI in Sandy at about 7 AM.

Aug 4	Wmc Board Meeting <i>Meet:</i> 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info or WMC Office - 1390 S 1100 E Suite 103 <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org
Wed	Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.
Aug 9	Mountaineering - Mt Adams In WA - MSD - 12.0 mi - 6700' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Mon	Mount Adams (12,276 ft) is the second highest mountain in Washington State. The knowledge of and experience in using crampons and ice axe is required. This is not technical mountaineering - no mountaineering gear beyond crampons and ice axe required. We plan to do the hike/mountaineering as a day hike. The estimated hike/mountaineering time would be 10-13 hours, depending on conditions and pace. We may organize a crampons and ice axe practice (not a class) in spring if there is a need. Please email to register and please give a brief description of relevant mountaineering skills and experience. WMC members only. Note: The organizer and some others will be there earlier to make Mt Rainier (the highest mountain in Washington State) located near Mt Adams (with a guide). Others may come only for Mt Adams.
Aug 12	Cedar Breaks National Monument Car Camp - mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Aaron* Jones 801-467-3532 ajonesmvp@msn.com
Thu	Get ready for a double barreled adventure. During the days we will do hikes in the National Monument and the surrounding Dixie National Forest. At night we will be treated to the Perseids meteor shower. This should be especially good since this year there will be no moon to steal the show. Limit 10
Aug 15	
Sun	
Aug 13	White Water Rafting, Snake River Through Alpine - class III+ - 20.0 mi <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Kelly Beumer 801-230-7967 kellybeumer@gmail.com
Fri	This trip is currently full, but you are welcome to join the wait list. This is a fun late season trip! We will stay at the East Table Campground Friday Night, Aug 13, through Sunday Aug 15. This run is about 2 hours, so can be done a couple times a day. It's great for paddle boats or oar rigs and for intermediate IKs. We will plan on arriving early Friday to secure campsites, and running the river Friday afternoon and Saturday. Participation is limited to 15 due to snake river rules, and will be self-support. This trip is open to children.
Aug 15	
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Aug 19	Grand Teton National Park Car Camp - NTD+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> John* Veranth 801-278-5826 veranth@xmission.com
Thu	Group site at the Colter Bay Campground on Jackson Lake. Maximum is 20 people but only 5 vehicles so tent camping and carpooling will be needed. We will organize two or more NTD to MOD+ hikes each day depending on participant interests. Group pot luck dinners Friday and Saturday nights. Required \$50 per person deposit to register.
Aug 22	
Sun	
Aug 28	Newcomer/oldtimer Party And Fall Membership Meeting At The Lodge <i>Meet:</i> 3:00 pm at WMCF Lodge - 8465 S Mary Lake Lane, Brighton, UT <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
Sat	Enjoy a morning activity, then join fellow club members at the lodge for our annual Newcomer/Older party and fall membership meeting. Watch next month's Rambler for more details!
Sep 14	Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
Tue	Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The September book is Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World by Simon Winchester. The meeting will be on September 14 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.
Sep 18	Storm Mountain Potluck <i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at We will meet at Storm Mountain group site G1. Paid parking is available inside the gates, but you can park for free along the main road and nearby parking areas. <i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 tonya.karren@gmail.com
Sat	Reserve the date for our Storm Mountain Potluck social. There will be multiple activities happening in Big Cottonwood Canyon before the social in the day camp group area. More details to follow.
Sep 19	Flat Water-green River Through The Uinta Basin (grub) - flat water - 103.0 mi - 100' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Bob Cady 801-274-0250 rcady@xmission.com
Sun	I did this last year and liked it so much I decided to do it again. Put in at Split Mountain, take out at Sand Wash.
Sep 28	Self-supported, but I have reserved a campsite for the first night and know of a good shuttle company. Pretty scenery, abundant wildlife, and plenty of sandbars to camp on at low water. Not a wilderness trip; cell phone coverage for most of the time and machinery often audible in the distance.
Tue	

Sep 24	Yellowstone Backpack – mod- – 40.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace
Fri –	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sep 30	<i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com
Thu	This will be a 5-6 day backpack, probably around 40 miles- with destination and itinerary to be defined later and subject to change depending on weather. Please email or text for more information or to sign up. No phone calls, please.
Oct 7	2021 Moab Canyoneering Rendezvous
Thu –	<i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true
Oct 10	<i>Organizer:</i> Shane Wallace 801-400-6372 shaneswallace@gmail.com
Sun	Follow this link: https://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Mountain-Club/events/277515669/?isFirstPublish=true
Oct 8	Ruby Horsethief Kayaking/canoe Trip – class II – 25.0 mi
Fri –	<i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Oct 11	<i>Organizer:</i> Gretchen Siegler 801-661-5635 gsiegler@westminstercollege.edu
Mon	Class II, 25 mile self-supported trip on mellow moving water (one rapid) in pretty canyons. Camp Friday night with shuttle/put-in early Saturday morning. Float and camp with short hikes for two more nights, taking out mid-Monday morning with time to return to Salt Lake. Contact will be made to those who register near end of July. Numbers limited based on camping spots. Trip canceled due to rain or wind.
Oct 12	Social - Virtual Book Club
Tue	<i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM
	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu
	Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, MI while others will be on ZOOM. The October book is The secret wisdom of nature: Trees, animals and the extraordinary balance of all living things by Peter Wohlleben. The meeting will be on October 12 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.

Coming in August: WMC Blood Drive - Look for registration details in Activity Calendar soon

Blood Drive
Monday, August 23, 2021
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

Activity: _____ Organizer: _____ Date: _____

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that my participation in all WMC activities is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate. I agree to abide by the rules of the WMC.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and may result in injury, illness, death, and damage to or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered exploratory, with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guide service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk, and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage to or loss of my property.

PREPARATION: I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulties of any WMC activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge, equipment, and the physical and emotional stamina to participate safely.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the WMC, its activity organizers, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

LEGAL FEES: Should it become necessary for the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

INSURANCE: I understand that the WMC strongly recommends that I maintain insurance sufficient to cover any injury, illness or property damage that I may incur while participating in WMC activities. In the event of injury, illness or death related to any WMC activity, I recognize that I, or my estate, will bear the full cost of my evacuation or recovery, and any related medical care that I may need. I acknowledge that the WMC carries no insurance whatsoever for any participants in WMC activities.

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****ATTENTION** IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE WMC, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TRIP ORGANIZER!**

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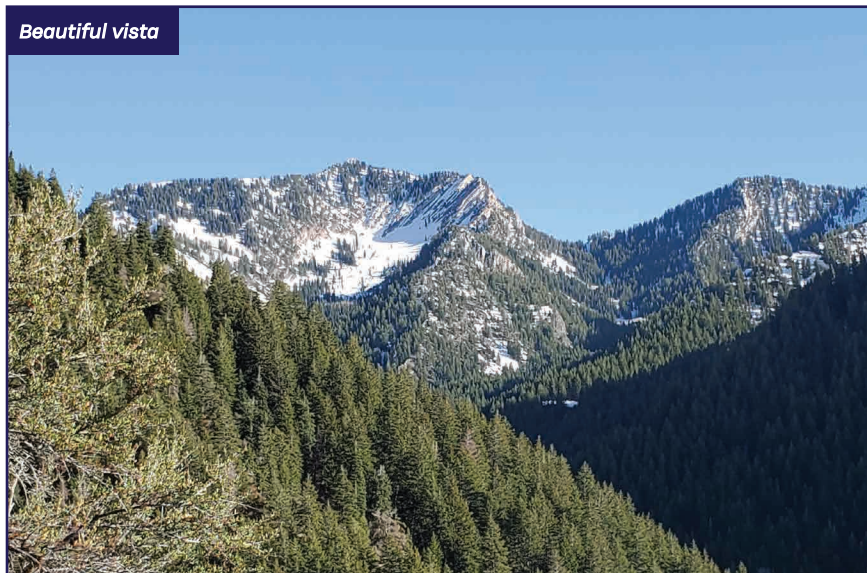
Craig Payne

Elbow Fork Hike, May 13th

Organized by: Julie Kilgore
Report & Photos by: Steve Leitch

It was a beautiful evening for a hike in Millcreek Canyon. Five hikers (Julie, Lu Lu, Terri, Nathan, Steve) met to hike. We decided to hike Elbow Fork starting at Terraces trail head and headed up the canyon. Several nice vistas and wonderful flowers were enjoyed. We returned via the road which was still closed. It was a nice hike with great company!

Beautiful vista



On the trail (L to R): Lu Lu, Terri, Brenda, Julie, Nathan



Flat Top Mountain Hike, May 15th

Cigi and Richard descending from Lewiston Peak



Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Flat Top Mt (10,620 ft) is the highest mountain in the Oquirrh and is one of the eight 5k prominence peaks in Utah. Yet, it's rarely climbed due to the issue of private property. We were able to get permission to cross the private property to make the peak. We started from the parking lot in Ophir Canyon. We walked on the very rough 4WD road 2.5 miles to the beginning of the Lewiston Peak route. We followed the trail and the steep ridgeline to make Lewiston Peak (10,411 ft). This part was mostly snow free. We saw a golden eagle on the way. There is a geological survey marker at the summit of Lewiston Peak. To get to the next peak, Flat Top South Peak (10,420 ft), we went down on the steep snow-covered slope and up to the peak. The final ascent to Flat Top Mt was a beautiful ridgeline hike. There was a mailbox at Flat Top Mt. But the notebook in the mail box was full. There was no room for us to sign. The old communication structure, which is probably no longer used, is on Flat Top Mt. We had a long lunch break at the summit and enjoyed the views. The weather was wonderful though it was a little bit windy at the summit. We saw one more group of hikers (5 people) but did not see any other hikers. This hike took 8 hours in total including breaks (distance - 11.5 miles, elevation gain - 3,400 ft).

Peak photo at Flat Top Mt. From left – Cigi, Sandra, Scott, Al, Oakley (dog), Deb, Richard, Mark & Akiko.



Escalante Car Camp, April 9-12th



Lunch at native petroglyph cave (L to R): Bret, Michelle, Christine, Corey, Chad, John, and Brian

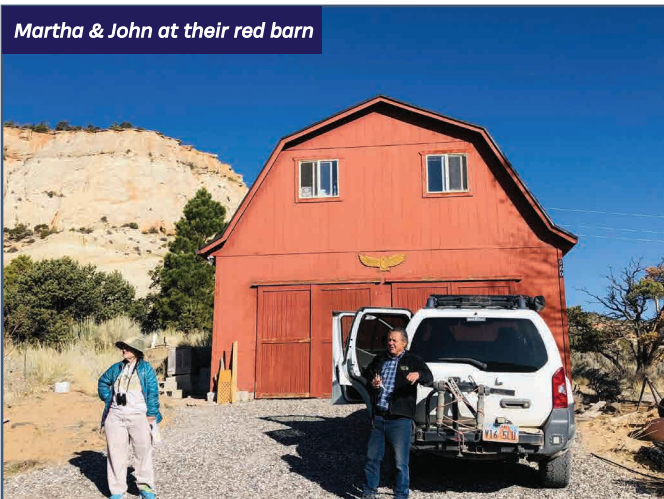
Organized by John Veranth
Report by Tonya Karren
Photos by Da Yang Wipfel / Diana Yang

Few people know the countryside around Escalante as well as John Veranth, so it was a real treat to get to explore the area with him as part of the group he invited along on the Escalante Car Camp April 9-12th. Along with John & Martha, their guests included Michelle Couderc, Diana Yang, Coni, Bret Mathews, Irene Yuen, Da Yang Wipfel, Aaron Jones, Hong Duong, Gretchen Siegler, Christine Pilgram and her sons, Corey and Bryce, Tonya Karren, Brian Taylor and his son Chad as well.

We crash pad camped the first night of April 9th at John & Martha's home in Boulder, Utah, so we could hit the Upper Calf Creek Falls Trail early the next morning on April 10th.

There was a nip in the air from the near freezing night before, that warmed quickly to perfect hiking weather, as we followed John through the rolling red rock landscape that extended as far as we could see. He led us to a well-hidden cave by a marshy creek bottom, that was once used by Native Americans. It was refreshingly cool in there and we got to see ancient pictographs of animals and warriors painted at eye level on every wall, that told of lives once lived before us. After a brief respite in the cave, we continued our journey towards the upper Calf Creek Falls. The approach from above required some careful footing, as we worked our way down the sandstone hillside to the flowing water below, that we could hear before we could see it. Once we found the stream, we followed it to where it widened into a pool above a high cliff and as it neared the edge, the water picked up speed before plummeting over the edge in a beautiful arcing waterfall and disappearing below. The mountains and trees blocked our view from there, but I thought I could hear the water crashing on the rocks below, as it flowed towards the Lower Calf Creek Falls and another plunge into the inviting pool far below us. I've been to the Lower Calf Creek Falls before and it's a veritable oasis in the desert, surrounded by lush trees.

Martha & John at their red barn





Diana enjoys cool pool above Upper Calf Creek Falls

We left the falls behind and began our ascent out of the canyon, by following the cairn marked trail as it wound upwards on the red rock trail and became quite steep as we huffed our way back up



John in Red Breaks Canyon

and out of the canyon to the parking area above, where we'd dropped vehicles earlier in the day. The drivers shuttled to retrieve the rest of the vehicles and then we caravanned to set up camp in the Petrified Forrest State Park Campground in Escalante before nightfall. The campground borders Wide Hollow Reservoir, so we got to see a spectacular sunset from our lakeside view at dusk. We

built a fire and gathered around it to enjoy the heat and trade stories of previous adventures.

The following day, April 11th, we broke off into smaller groups. Some hiked the nearby loop trail in the Petrified Forrest, in search of spectacularly colored specimens of Petrified logs that are rare, but concentrated in the area.

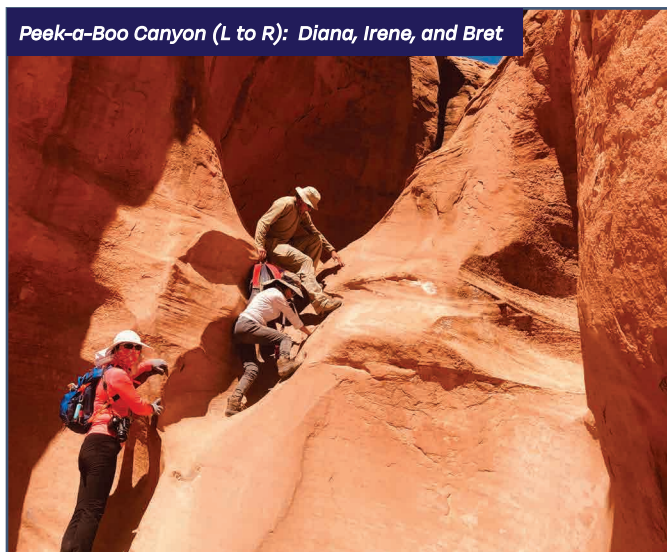
A few stayed by the lake and chose to kayak on the mirror smooth water, while the majority of us drove for miles on the washboard rough Hole in the Rock dirt road to different locations. The first group stopped at Harris Wash, where John Led his group towards Red Breaks.

Five of the rest of us opted to continue on down the road towards the trailhead that leads to two



At the Petrified Forest (L to R): Coni, Da Yang, Gretchen

very popular destinations, Peek-A-Boo and Spooky slot canyons. We hiked the trail from the upper cliffs that wound down and around the mountainsides until there was an accessible route down to the river bottoms below, which were bone dry. We followed the bottoms a short distance until rounding the bend and finding the fissure in the canyon walls that allowed entrance into the Peek-



Peek-a-Boo Canyon (L to R): Diana, Irene, and Bret

A-Boo slot. There was no doormat at the entrance though, instead we had to breach the 20-foot high sandstone wall, by way of scaling a sand slick sandstone chute that was as slippery as a slippery slide and had no good handholds to grasp on to. That didn't stop Bret Mathews from ascending the steep slope quickly though, by using momentum, and pressing his back against the wall on one side to get up and over the precipice. It proved much harder for the rest of us, than he made it look, with his considerable experience and we ladies were grateful for a hand to pull us up and over that last, steepest part. It was nerve wracking to know that

if I lost my perch and began sliding, I wouldn't be able to stop from slipping off the drop below and certain injury. I was surprised to realize that I was shaking like a leaf from adrenaline and was both scared and thrilled to have made it.

Anyway, Bret was our hero right then. We managed the rest of the scrambling just fine on our own and loved the adventure! It was definitely worth the challenge getting there.

After making our way up all the fascinating twists and turns in Peek-A-Boo and exiting the slot, we wound through the desert scape following cairns that led us to our next destination.

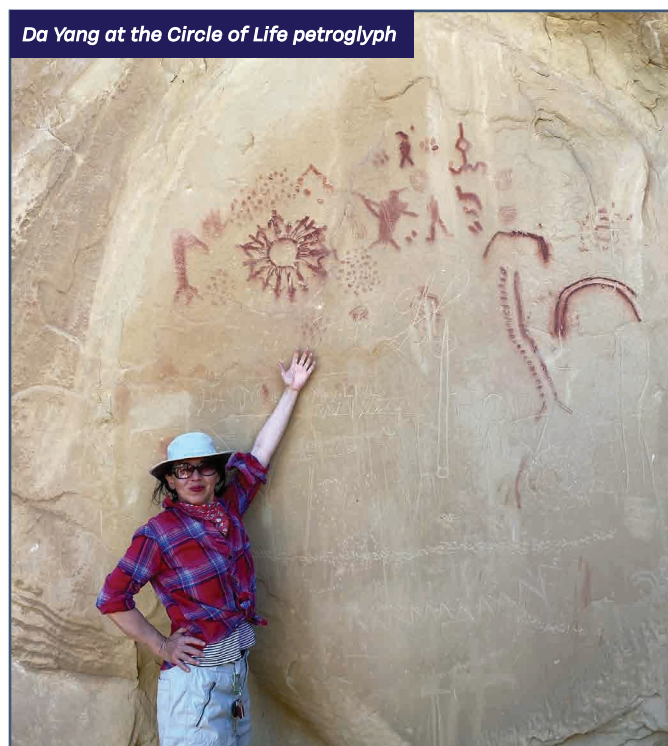
We entered Spooky slot canyon and encountered even more obstacles there. We tackled each as it came, including a large rockfall that filled a gap between the canyon walls that ran 30 feet deep. We down climbed the giant boulders until we got to a drop, where there was a courtesy rope with foothold loops tied in it, to aid getting to the sandy bottom more easily and we could jump from the bottom of the rope.



As we pushed deeper into the slot, the canyon walls got narrower and narrower and appeared as if the walls would fuse together and seal us inside, like flies entombed in amber. At this point, we took our packs off our backs and began to slide sideways through the sliver of space that must have been no more than 12-18" wide at the skinniest point. Not a bad idea to diet before biting off this narrow canyon. I absolutely loved it! Those wavy, water worn canyon walls throughout were colorful

and an amazing sight to behold! This experience will be hard to top. We came out of the slot into the dry riverbed and followed it back to where we had descended the canyon in the first place and retraced our route back up the trail to our vehicle and drove back to camp for the night.

On Monday morning, April 12th, we packed up our tents and drove to an area near Boulder to hike the historic Creamery Road, what was left of it, anyway, after wind and water and time has worn it away. If you saw the terrain, you'd think it impossible that these early settlers could carve out a passable road through these mountains from Boulder to Escalante, but they did. Raising cattle and milk cows was one of the few sustainable livings to be made on this arid and often inhospitable land, so finding a way to transport the milk to customers was vital to their economy. It must have been intense to drive a team of mules or horses along those cliffs to deliver milk to the cache dug into the ground beneath a shady spot at the top and then others transported the goods from there. We hiked all the way from the top of the Creamery Road that wrapped around the cliff sides to the bottom and it was so interesting to learn about the history of the area from John as we hiked.



It was a wonderful experience and our thanks go out to John & Martha Veranth for organizing it!

Iron Mine Mountain Hike, June 6th



Wonderful views from the peak (L to R): Bob, Shasta (dog), and Beth

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Iron Mine Mountain (10463 ft) is the second highest peak in the South Western Uintas but is rarely climbed. For all of us, it was the first time to go to the peak. While there are multiple routes to get to the peak, we took the easiest route on FR 557 in the Soapstone Area. We parked near the intersection of Soapstone Basin Rd and FR 557. It is drivable on FR 557 most of the part (with a high clearance vehicle). But hiking on the road, which was very scenic, was great. The peak did not look like a peak but was like a flat basin. We saw deer near the summit. There was patchy snow around the summit which Shasta (Barb's dog) enjoyed playing with. We found a primary and No. 1 geological markers installed in 1946. We took relaxed pace but spent only 4 hours and 30 minutes (including breaks) for 9 miles RT to complete this hike (elevation gain – 2054 ft). We had nice breeze and a “natural A/C” while it was very hot in the valley.

Peak photo. From left – Mel, Barb, Beth, Shasta (dog), Mohamed, Craig, Richard & Akiko



Road Bike Traverse Loop, May 14th

Organized, report & photos by Angie and Don Vincent

Wonderful 25 mile road bike ride today around and up and over Traverse Ridge. I keep looking for that perfect ride...you know that one with guaranteed 3 ft. shoulder, no rumple strips, tail wind, all down-hill, no biting dogs, and no traffic. Well, I can't say we had that today. Of course, it was the hottest day we've had this year and the route was almost entirely in the sun. We had a couple of detours where we had to hike our bikes--it's summer and construction has begun! And we had a five mile climb. But as we made it back to our starting point, smiling faces all around. Thanks everyone for joining me on our small adventure!



Bell Canyon / 1st Waterfall Hike, May 27th



At the Falls (L to R): Liz, Michelle, Chris, Terri

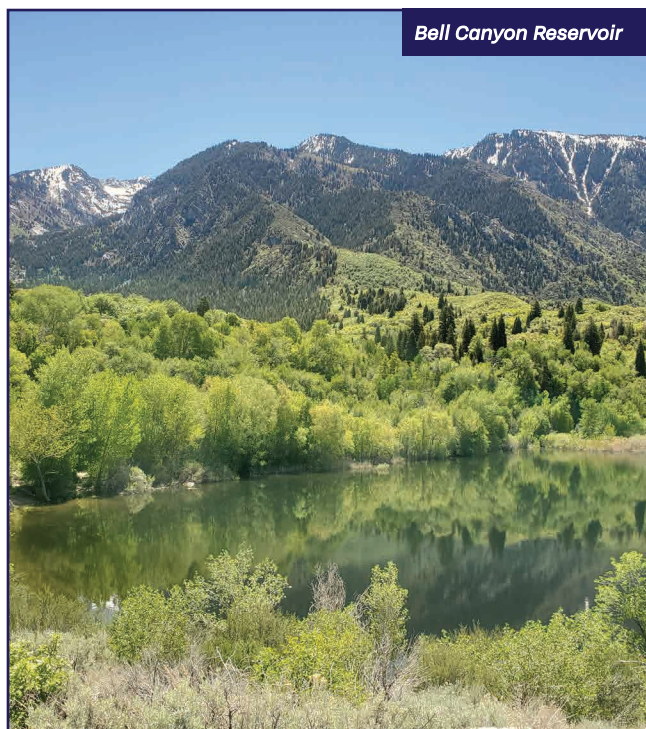
Organized by Terri Ruesch

Report by Liz Cordova

Photos by Terri Ruesch

A spectacular trail up Bell Canyon starts in the Sandy City foothills and climbs along the creek toward the rocky splendor of Bell Towers, and stunning waterfalls. New organizer Terri Ruesch led a small, energetic group--half of them for their first visit--on a wonderful weekday morning hike. It was a fabulous trail and the timing was perfect. The day was sunny, but not too warm yet for a brisk morning jaunt. The creek was rushing and the waterfall was roaring. Flowers were emerging all along the damp trail and we struggled to identify them correctly. Thank heavens for smart phone apps!

P.S. I've always called this Bells Canyon, but the signs say Bell Canyon, so maybe there were more bells back in the day...



Bell Canyon Reservoir

House Range Camp & Hike, May 28-30th

Organized by Dennis Goreham

Report by Dennis Goreham / Photos by Craig Payne

Who knew Memorial Day weekend (May 28 – 30) would be such a great time to go to the west desert of Utah. We expected lots of people around, but saw few others. It was hot but since we camped at about 8000 feet it was quite pleasant.



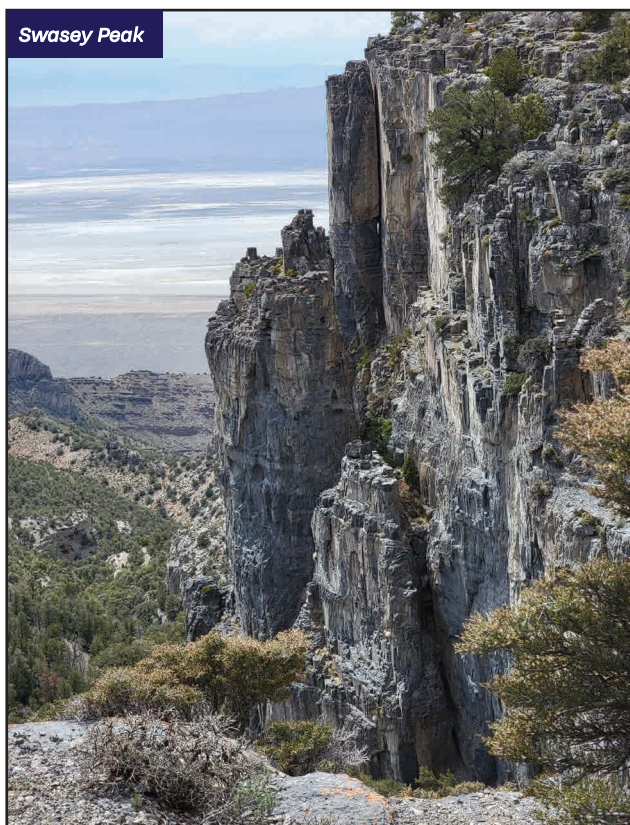
We camped right on the edge of a west facing cliff (great sunset) with well used undeveloped camp sites interspersed with pinyon trees. This is a particularly nice patch of dirt and rocks.

Swasey Peak and Notch Peak are both classic hikes in western Utah and easily done in a short weekend trip. The drive is about 180 miles each way. Swasey is the high point in the House Range and Notch Peak is on the southern end of the range and famous for its huge face on the west side.

We hiked Swasey on Saturday. It is approximately 4 miles round trip and 1600 elevation gain with a little bushwhacking plus we added on a couple miles by walking out to the edge of the bench running west from the peak.

We returned to camp early so people had time to play some bocci ball or hike to Sinbad Spring. Most people also had time to hike Peak 8492 which is a

short hike south from camp that offers incredible views of Notch Peak and Howell Peak.



The House Range is covered by three Wilderness Study Areas and is a wild, rugged and beautiful area. Except for a couple roads, it is all included in the America's Red Rock Wilderness Act and deservedly so.

Sunday morning, we drove the 20 miles south to Notch Peak. That hike was approximately 8 miles round trip with about 2800 feet elevation gain. Great hike with stunning views. Most folks returned home that afternoon.

Everyone on the trip was fully vaccinated so that made COVID logistics much easier. Thanks!

Participants include Jim Kucera, Craig Payne, Stanley Chang, Kris Hintze, Richard Drake, Matt Goreham, Laura Thomas, McKinley Silvers, and Dennis Goreham.

Notch Peak Final Push



Swasey Summit
Back Row (L to R): Dennis, McKinley, Jim, Richard, Stanley, Chris
Front Row (L to R): Laura, Matt, Craig



An amazing sunset

Vermillion Castle Area Car Camp, May 28-30th

Organized by Donn Seley
Trip Report & Photos by Donn Seeley

I took a large group down to southern Utah near Cedar City for Memorial Day. Lots of other folks had the same idea -- some of our group went down on Thursday to grab campsites, and Susan and Bob managed to score the last two sites. One of them was a huge site in an aspen forest near a flowing creek, and we had no trouble accommodating everyone across the two sites.

The camping area is called Yankee Meadow, and the scenic area just down canyon is called the Vermillion Castle. It consists of cliffy red rock with bizarre hoodoos, similar to Cedar Breaks just to the south, but at a lower elevation and not as steep.

On Friday morning, we made a short visit to Brian Head and Cedar Breaks. Amazingly, the Cedar Breaks visitor center was open, as were some of the trails; this year's warm and dry weather has opened up the high country early. We did a short hike from the picnic area.

When we got back to camp, several more people had arrived. I contrived an afternoon hike to the Noah's Ark overlook, which went very well -- the Forest Service has replaced the washed-out bridge at the trailhead and has done trail maintenance. The hike is about 3 miles round trip in oak and conifer forest, winding its way through cliff bands to an impressive cliff-top viewpoint.

By the time we returned to camp, yet more people had arrived. Michele and Simon's canopy area became the de facto happy hour rendezvous. I

scarfed the excellent Beehive cheese, plus olives and hummus. Simon opened a bottle of champagne; real hospitality!



Michele descending through cliff bands at Noah's Ark

My elaborate, exploratory cross-country hike to the Grand Castle on Saturday didn't work out as I wanted, although it was still a pretty area. I had hoped to take in the summit of the Grand Castle, the high point of the Vermillion Castle, following a route through Dry Canyon, the next canyon north of the main road (in First Left Hand Fork Canyon). After getting stymied by an unexpected 40-foot pour-off, I had us climb a ridge to the south. On the way up, someone dislodged a rock, which bounced down the slope and struck Cheryl on her right knee, doing some real damage.



Amazingly, Susan had a knee brace in her day pack, and with Cheryl's expert supervision, we managed to squeeze her swollen leg into it.

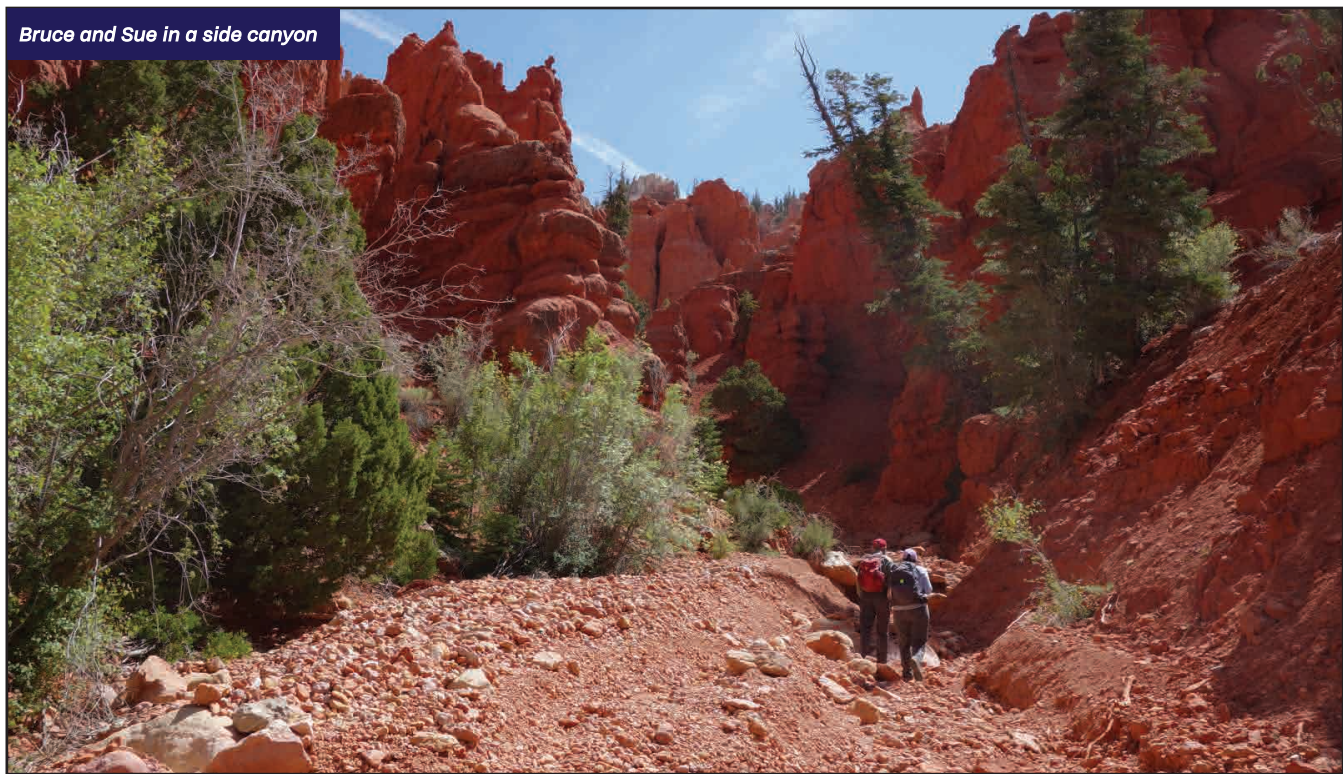
The brace enabled Cheryl to make it back to the cars with the group. (Cheryl left the next morning to get her knee looked at.) I admired Barb for making mushroom lasagna in her dutch oven that evening -- it looked amazing.



Bob at the three towers in the Upper Dry Canyon

I had an elaborate, exploratory cross-country hike planned for Sunday as well. That hike went a lot better, although it had an unpromising start. We needed to drop into Second Left Hand Fork Canyon down a steep slope through a dead forest, burned by the Brian Head fire in 2017; the slope had been destabilized by the burn and was glacially (but massively) sliding into the valley. Bob's routefinding got us to the bottom unscathed, except for me slipping on gravel in a draw and wrenching my back (argh).

We had lunch in a spectacular side canyon. If it were in Bryce,



Bruce and Sue in a side canyon

it would have had established trails and big crowds, but instead it was just us. Hundreds of hoodoos, narrow red canyons, unburned conifer forest -- I thought it was the highlight of the trip.

We weren't done, of course. We still had to find a way up and over the ridge to the shuttle car

in First Left Hand Fork Canyon. This was a cross-country adventure through a deep red gorge, and in spite of another pour-off obstacle, we worked our way out of the gorge and over a saddle, down an established Forest Service trail and out. Happy hour that evening was a bit more subdued, and the next morning we left in haste to beat

the holiday traffic home.

Participants: Leslie Woods, Susan Allen, Bob Myers, Michele Stancer, Simon Azar-Farr, Sue Baker, Bruce Jensen, Nancy Munger, Jeff Munger, Pat Christian, Barb Gardner, Steve Duncan, Paula McFarland, Cheryl Soshnik.



In the deep red gorge



The view from the saddle toward Brian Head

Green River Labyrinth Canyon Canoe, May 16-21st



Calm water reflection (L to R): Alicia, Gloria, Gene, Irene, Bret

Report by Irene Yuen, Bret Mathews, Zig Sondelski
Photos by Zig Sondelski

Participants: Zig Sondelski (organizer), Bret Mathews, Irene Yuen, Gloria Watson, Gene Dennis, Lanie Benson, Alicia Lavigne

This trip came about as the Little Snake River didn't flow and this was a stretch that several people had not run before. The Green River flow ranged from 3800 to 3000 cfs. Our plan was to start from Green River State Park and finish at Mineral Bottom for 68 miles. We planned short days (avg. 11 miles) to take advantage of the numerous hikes. Hiking after the first 2 days was much better as the washes became canyons, though canyons on the east side tended to have ATV trails.

We arrived early enough on Saturday to run the shuttle to Mineral Bottom (less than 3 hours) and have dinner at Rays, followed by a conversation with some locals who had enjoyed a short float in a round stock tank.

Our first day started with passing under the only 2 bridges for the trip. Some remnants of a canoe were spotted in a debris pile – a good reminder of the power of water.

First stop was at Crystal Geyser, easy to spot because of the colorful flow stone coming down to the river. Crystal Geyser was an exploratory oil well that found carbon dioxide and water (soda water) instead. It flows constantly, but eruptions are infrequent and unpredictable. We were fortunate to see an eruption, which would have been spectacular if the leaks were plugged and the pipe was reduced down from 10 to 2 inches.



Watching for Crystal Geyser Eruption (L to R): Gene, Irene, Bret, Alicia, Gloria

Our second day included stopping at the San Rafael River, passing a heron rookery along the way. A 1.5 mile hike along the San Rafael got us to Chaffin Ranch Geyser, another soda water geyser, which was spurting several feet high every minute.

Day 3 started off with a hike from camp up Dead Cow Canyon to the rim above the river and the official start of Labyrinth Canyon. Farther down river, Three Canyon had lots of good hiking once we got past the muddy mouth. While paddling, beaver were around, some-



Gene at Chaffin Ranch Geyser

times seen or only heard as they slapped the water and dove down. Bret's birthday was celebrated under the sunshade in our sandbar camp.



Shady Grove camp at dusk (L to R): Gene, Bret

Our fourth day was the busiest. It began with a visit to the River Register, now terribly defaced with hundreds of square feet of graffiti from boaters and ATV'ers. A pothole and a jug arch were spotted by the group in the Navajo sandstone. Hey Joe Canyon had an abandoned Uranium mine

and equipment worth a short hike. Searching by the entire group didn't locate the first "D. Julien" inscription, however, the "Launch Marguerite" inscription from 1909 was high enough and big enough and bold enough (in black grease) to be visible from the river. Camp was at Bowknot Bend to have a leisurely hike to the Bowknot ridge. The ridge between the bowknot is narrow: 400 feet high and 700 yards wide and separating 7 miles of the bend in the river.

Our fifth day was the windiest, with 2-foot high waves in one section when the wind and current were directly opposite. The hike in Two Mile Canyon gave a good view of Colonnade Arch, also called Five Hole Arch, as it has 2 top and 3 front openings. We were running out of campsites and settled on a sandbar for our last night, expecting the wind to die down. All it did was switch direction and blow sand at us. Lanie constructed a groover shelter worthy to be considered a Burning Man sculpture and it withstood the wind.

The last day was short with one stop. The D. Julien inscription with sail boat and flying bird was located with GPS help (quite far from the river) and is suffering from graffiti. We paddled in light drizzle and lots of wind to Mineral Bottom, made the big climb up the cliff wall and enjoyed nice rain on the drive home.



Bowknot Bend Ridge

Hiking Trail Maintenance - Bonneville Shoreline Trail

May 22nd & June 5th

Organized by Kyle Williams

Report by Kyle Williams / Photos by Alex Arakelian

After pausing trail projects last year due to Covid, the Wasatch Mountain Club has ramped up our trail work again this year, with 2 work days already. Both days we worked on building a new section of the Bonneville Shoreline trail that will run from near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon to Ferguson Canyon. It is a lot of work, and is still not ready for use. The work involves manual digging out of the trail on the steep hillside, creating a 3-foot wide path. Tons of dirt, trees, roots, and rocks were dug out by hand, and other bigger rocks were hauled in to shore up the trail in some places. Tools included Pulaski (part axe, part hoe), pick, shovels, McLeod (like a huge hoe) and pruners. Sadly, it doesn't look like we will get to use dynamite.... As we got more and more tired from the work, we discussed why a "trail cat" machine could not be used on this, as it is on some other "non-wilderness" trails, and we were told that because the trail is (partly) in the BCC watershed, the regulatory approvals would have pushed the work start to very far out in the future (if ever at all!), so it was decided to do it "by hand" and just gitterdun. If you ever hike or bike on trails, I hope you will consider joining us on this very worthwhile effort. There will be many opportunities to help until winter forces us to stop. Watch the WMC activities calendar for event listings, and sign up for the hiking, biking, or conservation emails for last minute listings and updates. Not every project is hard work in hot conditions! And every project can certainly accommodate every level of effort and ability. Some days involve building new trails, other projects will involve trimming overgrown bushes or repairing the path of existing trails. Please join us. You will be glad you did, and you can then stop feeling guilty for using trails when you have not helped build or maintain them! Trail work offers you many ways to have a better night's sleep!

Alex Arakelian has taken the lead for years to develop a good working relationship with the USFS and Cottonwood Foundation to get these events scheduled for the WMC. He also took the lead to create the awesome "I've Got Trailwork in my Bones" T-shirt that is available to those who show up to help (see photo right). Come help and get yours!

We shout out a huge thanks to everyone who showed up and worked in very hard, hot dusty conditions!

May 22, sponsored by the good crew of the US Forest Service. Those who worked: Ken Engstrom, Teri Jenkins, Alex Arakelian, David Andrenyak, Chris Koch, Evette Raen, Sue Baker, Ray Daurelle, Kyle Williams



June 5, Sponsored by the crew of the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. Workers: Linda Buck, Evette Raen, Alex Arakelian, Teri Jenkins, Tony Zimmer, Hardy Sherwood, Randy Long, Kyle Williams.



A special shout-out to the good folks at the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation! <https://cottonwoodcanyons.org/> They are a non profit organization that focuses on *"Supporting the Environment of the Cottonwood Canyons Through Stewardship and Education"*. They raise funds to support several full-time employees to work on building and maintaining trails in the Wasatch! If you are not able to come help physically to work on the trails, you may consider donating to this group so they can hire more people to do the work! They also sponsor a huge Wildflower Festival in the canyons each year, July 10-11 and 17-18. Visit their website to learn more, and to register for the events.

Killyon Canyon to Affleck Park Hike, May 15th

Organized and Report / Photo by Chris Venzelos

On a beautiful spring day, Saturday, May 15, Eric Hughes, Melinda Fagan, Michi Bracken and I headed up Emigration Canyon to the Killyon Canyon trailhead which is adjacent to the Pinecrest Subdivision. This is an area that the WMC helped preserve with several others. We hiked about a mile up and down the first side canyon. Then we headed over to Affleck Park which is above Little Dell Reservoir on the road to East Canyon. The hillside was green with many wildflowers in bloom. We passed several streams. Just below the saddle is a watershed area and dogs are not allowed. Affleck Park has many campsites and some restrooms. This general area has access to many trails, including Lookout Peak, East Canyon, Mountain Dell Canyon, Big Mountain, and Little Mountain. Overall, we hiked about 7 miles with 1000 feet of elevation gain.



Onaqui Benchmark Hike, May 22nd



On the peak (L to R): Al, Akiko, Sandra, and Lissy

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Onaqui Benchmark is the highest peak of the northern area of the Stansbury Range but is rarely climbed. Interestingly, Onaqui Benchmark is not in the Onaqui Mountains, which is located in the south of the Stansbury Range. We started from the West Canyon Trailhead (TH) near Grantsville. The first 2 miles of this hike was on the West Canyon ATV Trail (trail 759). Fortunately, we did not see any ATVs. Right before the end of the ATV trail, there is a hike trail, which leads to the end of the left hand fork of West Canyon. We followed the trail. But

the trail was not clear at places. There were lots of fallen trees. We hiked up to the saddle on the trail. The views from the saddle were remarkable. Deseret Peak still had lots of snow. From the saddle, we took the ridge and bagged Peak 8790. Onaqui Benchmark is approximately 1.5 miles from Peak 8790 but there are several bumps between the peaks. We mostly hiked on the ridge. But there were sections where going below the ridge was easier than hiking on the ridge. We felt great when we made Onaqui Benchmark and took a long lunch break at the summit. We found a USGS marker No. 1 on the benchmark but did not find No.2 or a primary marker. Probably, the other marker is under the huge cairn. We took a short cut to go down to the ATV trail. The weather was perfect – not too hot/cold. It was windy on the ridge, though. The off-trail parts involved class 2 scrambles without exposures. Wildflowers were blooming. This hike took 7 hours and 45 minutes in total including breaks (distance- 8.42 miles, elevation gain – 3,976 ft).

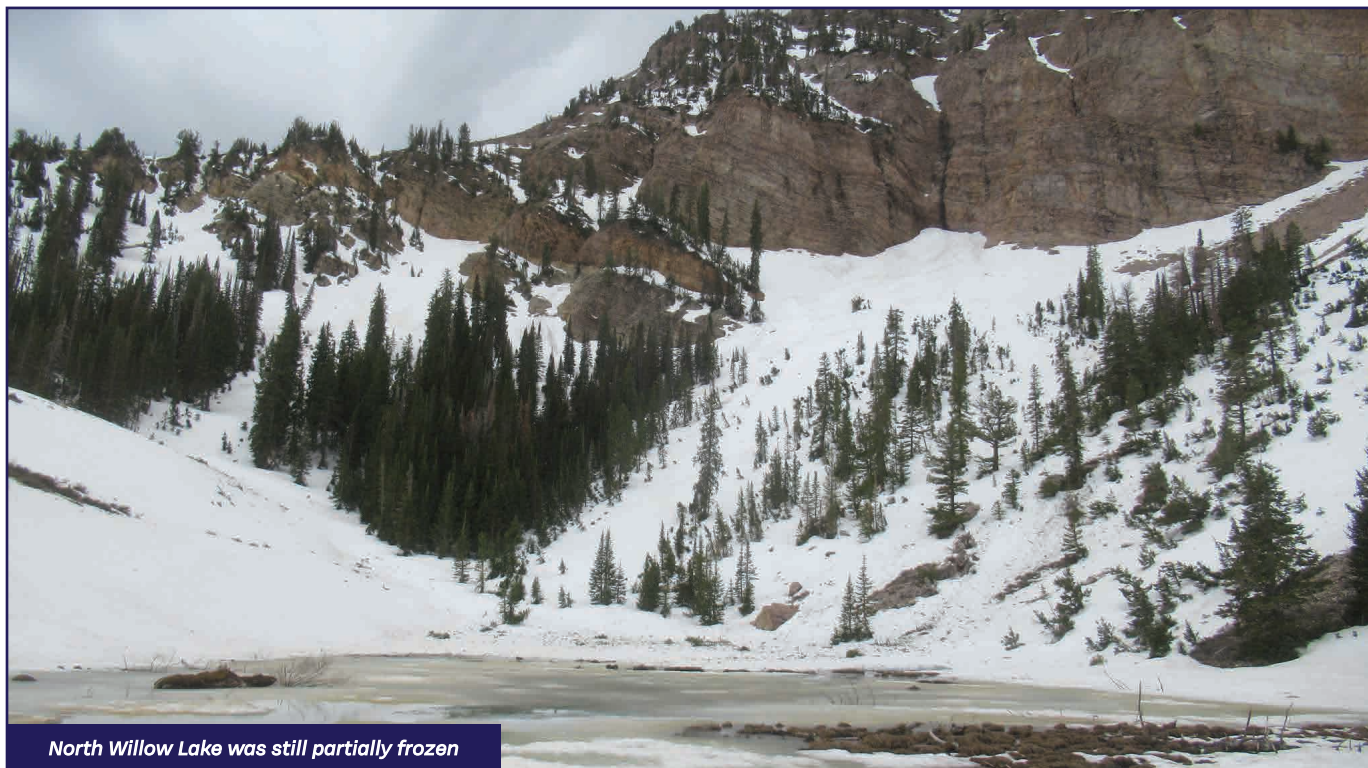
North Willow Lake Hike, May 16th

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Our original plan was hiking from the North Willow Trailhead on FR 539 and making two peaks (bums) in the north of FR 539. However, there was no sign of FR 539 at the junction. We turned to FR 001 instead. We went up to the ridge that goes along with FR 001 to get to FR 539. But we decided to continue on the ridge because it was very scenic. There were also lots of wildflowers. From the highest point of the ridge, we saw a trail (Trail 036). We followed the trail toward North Willow Lake. We went off-trail to get to the lake. There were some snowfields near the lake. The lake was still two-thirds frozen. The massive cliff on the west side of the lake made the tiny lake very interesting. When we were bushwhacking to get back to the trail, we heard thunder twice. Fortunately, we finished the hike before the rain started. While the hike was different from what we planned, it was a wonderful hike. The only downside was many mosquitoes on the ridge. We would go back there in the fall to bag the peaks, which we were supposed to. We really enjoyed this short (less than 5 hours, 7 miles RT) hike.



Snowfields near North Willow Lake



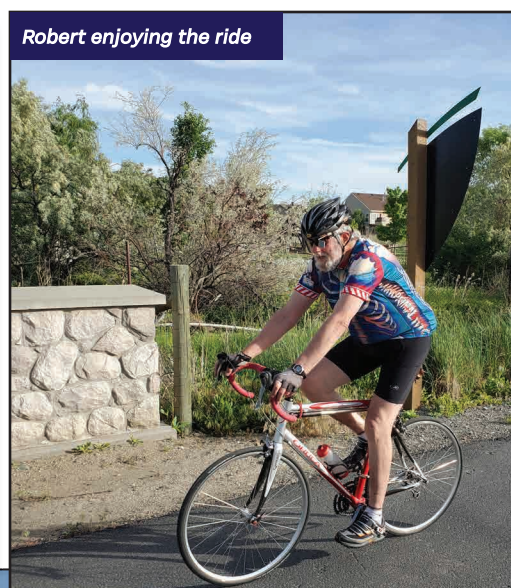
North Willow Lake was still partially frozen

Tuesday Evening Bike Ride - June 1st

Organized by Robert Turner

Report by Steve Leitch & Robert Turner / Photos by Steve Leitch

It was a nice, sunny warm Tuesday evening for a pleasant bike ride on the Jordan River / Legacy Parkway Trail. Ten Riders (Robert, Janice, Steve D., Paula, David, Bee, Christian, Donna, Brenda, and Steve L) met at the JRPT Parking Lot at 1835 N Redwood Rd., and headed north on the trail. There was a slight headwind but not too bad. We rode 9.25 miles to the Birnam Woods rest stop/parking lot on the Legacy Parkway trail. After a short break and relaxed conversation, we retraced the route (this time with a tail wind...) back to the JRPT parking lot. It was a fun 18.5-mile ride on a very nice evening.



At Birnam Woods Rest Stop (L to R): Brenda, Donna, Robert, Janice, Steve D., Dave, and Paula

Butler Fork to Baker Pass Loop Hike - June 6th

Organized by Julie Kilgore, photos by Yi Qu, report by Dan Caviglia

Participants: Kathy Burnham, Dan Caviglia, Stephan Higgins, Paul Kikuchi, Julie Kilgore, Coni Modrow, and Yi Qu.

We enjoyed a beautiful, relaxed hike from the Butler Fork Trailhead to Baker Pass, via the Butler Fork, Mill A Basin, and Desolation trails. The weather was warm and beautiful. On the way, we took a break to enjoy the view from Circle All Peak, a nice spot with a view of the lingering snow fields in the north-facing bowls of the Cottonwood Ridge. It was a day for other clubbers on the mountain. As we approached Baker Pass, the group saw Brad Yates coming down, who told us that Carol Masheter was up on Gobblers, and that we might run into her at the pass. We waited at the pass for just a few minutes, and before long, here came Carol!

On the way down, Carol hiked with us as far as the Mill A Basin fork. At that point Carol took the Mill A Basin trail back to the trailhead, but our group was up for a bit more, so we continued on Desolation until we connected with Butler Fork. It wouldn't have taken much to swing by Dog Lake, but at that point, everyone in the group agreed that we'd been at it long enough and still had a ways to go, so we opted to make our way back to the trailhead.

The trail was a bit steep at first, but otherwise moderate. However, we had to negotiate numerous recently downed trees across the trail. Over, under, around, and sometimes a bit of scooting was necessary. I'm sure we'll all be cleaning the sap out of our hiking pants!

All in all, it was a wonderful hike. (Distance 10.0 miles, elevation gain 2900 ft., 5 hours hiking, 6:45 total mountain time!)



Another tree crossing!



At Baker Pass (L to R): Paul, Yi, Julie, Dan and Coni

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Parting Shots....



Zig Sondelski

Spires at Bowknot Bend (see Trip report on pg 36). Photo courtesy of Zig Sondelski



Jenny Christenson

West Rim Trail - Zion National Park (photo by Jenny Christenson - see Bruce Christenson's trip report on WMC website)

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