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Brad Yates

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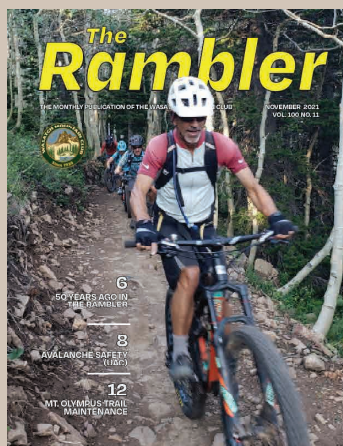
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## ON OUR COVER:

Nick Calas out front on Tuesday evening mountain bike ride. Nick is referred to the "The Zen Master" for his knowledge of the trail systems up in Park City & the great way his rides link the trails together!

Photo courtesy of Greg Libecchi







# WELCOME

## *New & Returning Members*

*Peggy Odom*

*Marty Bryant*

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*Natalie Loots*

*Jamie Augustine*

*Andre Cavalier*

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*Joseph Haber & Rebecca Mayer*

*Jeremy & Christina Westover*

Brad Yates

**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](mailto: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!



# President's Message

It's "shoulder season" in the Wasatch. I saw the greatest description of "shoulder season" the other day. It goes something like this:

We generally have about 3 weeks of First Fall (really nice, cool weather), followed by First Winter (early snowfall, usually before Halloween, destroys the garden). But don't panic. Second Fall returns in a few days after First Winter. Second Fall can last until close to the end of November, which is when we will get Second Winter. Second Winter is usually a keeper, staying with us until late February or early March when we can expect to see First Spring. Ah, but don't be fooled. First Spring is always followed by Third Winter, followed by Second Spring.



All this makes advanced planning for outdoor recreation in November a bit challenging! But we're used to that. The Wasatch Mountain Club and your volunteer organizers have posted an array of great activities throughout November. The key is to be flexible and to watch the on-line WMC calendar for updates if/when the weather requires activity modifications. Also, be sure to sign up for the activity email lists you are interested. Signing up for those email lists is a great way to get updates.

One really great thing for November is that we have a number of weekend NTD (Not Too Difficult) activities that we haven't seen in a while. If you're new to the club, new to the area, haven't been out in a while, or just in the mood for something a bit less rigorous, come on out and enjoy some of the more laid back activities. But remember, not all NTDs are equal. Be sure to read the descriptions in full, and reach out to the organizer if you're not sure if a particular activity is right for you.

Other important happenings this month:

- December 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the Lodge Foundation matching grant that will fund Phase I of the critical upgrades needed for this historic building. You can make your donations online at <https://www.wasatchmountainlodge.org/donate-link>
- The Salt Lake Climbers Alliance received a grant to re-route the steepest section of the Jacob's Ladder approach to Lone Peak. This is tough terrain, which is probably why it has never been maintained since the earliest possible first ascent on record by WMC pioneer O'Dell Peterson in the 1930s. SLCA has received a grant for this project, but there is still a sizeable funding gap. The WMC board has authorized matching dollar for dollar every donation made by a WMC member towards this project. Check out <https://www.saltlakeclimbers.org/jacobs-ladder-re-route> for information about the project and to contribute to the funding gap. Forward your SLCA donation receipt to [treasurer@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto:treasurer@wasatchmountainclub.org) and we'll send SLCA the match!

Enjoy Shoulder Season!

Julie Kilgore



# 50 Years Ago in *The Rambler*

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

club activities for nov 1971 [...]

- Nov. 4        ICE SKATING. Strengthen those ankles for skiing by taking a few turns on the ice at  
Thurs.        Hygeia, 1224 E. 21st South. Skating is from 8 to 10 (if you can last that long) and then  
                 it's only a short jump to the Hacienda for beer. If 12 people show, we get a discount  
                 admission rate bringing it to 75¢. So meet just inside the door before 8:00 p.m. and  
                 count noses. If there are 12 or more, simply identify yourselves as W.M.C. members as  
                 you go through the line and get the discount. If there are fewer than 12, the admission  
                 is \$1.00. In either case, skate rental is 50¢. Dress warmly as the rink is open on two  
                 sides. (No leader necessary.)
- Nov. 28        GAD VALLEY - A REQUIEM - Advanced Snowbird should not be in operation at this  
Sun.            time but the slopes should be well-groomed for the downhill run. We will tour up  
                 the Peruvian - Gad Valley ridge, getting a complete [view] of the tram, restaurant,  
                 charlifts, and of course, the multi-story "village". Descent will be via Gad Valley, snow  
                 and Snowbird permitting. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m.  
                 Leader: David George [...]

## leaves from the old wasatch

### THE MILL FORKS

[...] The first mill built by the [Big Cottonwood Lumber Company] was begun in 1854. Establishing a procedure followed for all of the Company's mills, it was given an alphabetic designation, and named Mill A. It was located at the fork known today as Mill A Gulch. The going rate for labor on Mill A was \$2 per day. The mill was operating the following spring when it provided lumber for Mill B, then under construction farther down the canyon. Mill B was at or very near the confluence of Mill B South Fork, or Borek Fork, and Big Cottonwood Creek. Mill C was purchased by the company from John W. Cooley for \$4,000 in July 1856. It was located near the present Storm Mountain reservoir.

Mill D was built in late 1855 on the stream now known as Mill D North Fork, while Mill E, farther up the canyon, was built during the summer of 1856. By this time laborers were receiving as much as \$3.50 a day.

Two additional mills were built and named according to this lettering scheme. Mill F was built on the large flat below Silver Lake, while Mill G was built at the mouth of the South Fork of Big Cottonwood Canyon, later known as Mill G South Fork, or Cardiff Fork.

The mills were operated by the company as late as the early 1860's before they were sold, dismantled or replaced. It is interesting to note that Frederick Kesler superintended the construction and repair of the first 5 mills and probably all 7 of them, receiving 10% of the cost of the mills as his pay.

These mills were by no means the only ones in the canyons; many others were built before, during and after the period of the Big Cottonwood Lumber Company's operation. There are no material remains to be seen of any of them, but these 7 contributed heavily to our Wasatch heritage by leaving us their names behind to remind us. Mill A, Mill B, Mill D, Mill F... each one a Leaf from the Old Wasatch.

[The *Leaves from the Old Wasatch* history column ran from May 1971 to March 1973. It had no byline, and I don't know who actually wrote it. It had some very interesting stories about the history of the (Anglo) settlement of the area, especially the Cottonwood Canyons. -- Donn]





# We need your help

The *AHE/CI Trust* has offered the WMCF a **Challenge Match**.  
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## Wasatch Mountain Lodge

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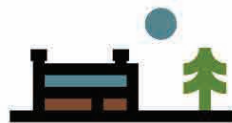
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## DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2021

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so they too can donate.





# Avalanche Safety

Francine Mullen, UAC Education and Awareness Coordinator  
Paige Pagnucco, UAC Awareness Program Manager



*Winter enthusiast's - snowshoers as well as skiers. Be sure to take advantage of the free online education offered by the UAC, see the end of the following safety article for details. Also, watch the club calendar for beacon practices offered.*

*- Steve Duncan, WMC Winter Sports Director*

## Introduction:

So, you've got the itch to be a backcountry skier and the Wasatch Mountains are right out your front door. Skis and skins...check. So now what? Head straight up Mt. Superior? Or any one of the hundreds of other avalanche paths in the range? Probably not the best idea. Before you head out into the backcountry, the Utah Avalanche Center suggests expanding your understanding of avalanches and how to avoid them. Through our products and classes we try to arm everyone with the tools to stay safe when they head out for a day of fun. We teach on-snow classes, produce daily avalanche forecasts, and offer free awareness talks to users ranging from absolute beginners to seasoned veterans. It can seem pretty overwhelming to learn about how to stay safe but really there are a few basic steps that can keep you out of danger. You must get the proper rescue gear, you must read the local avalanche forecast, and you must take an avalanche class. By investing your resources into expanding your knowledge of avalanches, you are stacking the odds in your favor to never get caught in an avalanche.

## Necessary equipment for backcountry recreation:

When we enter the backcountry and head into avalanche terrain it is essential to have avalanche rescue equipment and know how to use it. Avalanche rescue gear includes an avalanche transceiver, a probe, and a shovel. These are essential because each piece is crucial in performing a successful avalanche rescue. Avalanche transceivers lead to the probe, which leads to shoveling, which leads to our buried partner. Not one piece of equipment is good without the other which is why it is important to have **all three at all times** when traveling in the backcountry.

### Transceivers:

Transceivers transmit and receive signals. If you are buried in an avalanche your transceiver is used by your partner to find you. If your partner is buried in an avalanche your transceiver is used by you to find them. Transceivers operate on a 457mhz frequency (radio frequency) and essentially communicate signals like a two-way radio. Things that can affect the performance of avalanche transceivers include electrical interference (cell phones, heated gloves, goPro's, etc.) battery life, and the age of the transceiver. If you own a transceiver already, follow manufacturer recommendations on when to replace it. Oh, and ALWAYS check the battery life before heading out. Carrying spare batteries is recommended.



### Probes:

Probes are used to pinpoint our buried partner. Once we get close to our buried partner on the surface of the snow with our avalanche transceiver, we use our avalanche probe to systematically probe and pinpoint our partner under the snow. Probes come in all different lengths but we recommend a minimum 270 cm length probe for the Wasatch snowpack depth. Probes can be made out of either aluminum or carbon and are put together similar to tent poles, making them compact and easy to store in a pack. Pro tip: ditch the sleeve they come with. Store your avalanche probe in the rescue compartment of an avalanche specific backpack.





## Shovels:

Shovels are used to dig up the buried person or for digging snow pits. Avalanche specific shovels are durable and won't break while digging through avalanche debris. Additionally avalanche shovel heads are larger and are designed to move more snow efficiently. They come apart in two pieces, making them easy to store in a pack. Be sure your shovel blade is metal.



## Practice:

The most important thing you can do with your avalanche rescue equipment is to practice with it - often! And be sure to have your partners' practice as well. Place a transmitting transceiver in a backpack and bury it for each other to find. Once you get used to how everything works, make the problems harder by burying the backpack really deep or perhaps burying two backpacks. Using your equipment efficiently is the key to a successful rescue. Practice makes better!

## Reading the forecast:

The Utah Avalanche Center puts out a daily avalanche forecast in seven regions throughout the state of Utah. The avalanche danger rating comes from the North American Danger Scale, which is used throughout the entirety of the United States. The tiers are LOW, MODERATE, CONSIDERABLE, HIGH, and EXTREME, represented by green, yellow, orange, red, and black respectively. Additionally, the Utah Avalanche Center utilizes the avalanche danger rose. This is a tool used to predict avalanche danger rating for given aspects and elevations. You'll also find a summary paragraph or "the bottom line" in our forecasts that provides a few sentences summarizing what you can expect for that day.

One of the most important things you, as a backcountry traveler, should focus on is the travel advice, which tells you how to behave when you're out. This is a forecaster's opinion about what to look for and what terrain to avoid. Deeper into the forecast you'll find an in-depth look at the nuances of snowpack and avalanche conditions that you're likely to encounter that day. This information is best understood by users who have had at least some avalanche education.

Once you've accessed the forecast and read it, the next step is to figure out how to use it. The forecast will tell you what terrain and slopes you should avoid. A great way to learn is to read the forecast frequently throughout the season, not just when you need it. Track the season's conditions; it will help you pick up on the terms used by forecasters and figure them out before you go out into the mountains.

Armed with this information, keep your eyes open as you travel. Pay attention to the snow and make sure conditions align with what you expect. If what you see as you travel doesn't align with what you expected, it's time to dial back and find safer terrain. By getting formal avalanche training, you can learn how to take the forecast into account as you plan for your day's travel.

## Additional Information:

There is a plethora of different resources, information, and courses available online and in-person to expand your avalanche knowledge. The National Avalanche Center is the host of all avalanche centers in the country. From their website, [www.avalanche.org](http://www.avalanche.org), you can access historical avalanche accident reports, other avalanche centers, the avalanche encyclopedia, and education basics and tutorials.

The Utah Avalanche Center website provides a daily avalanche forecast for all eight forecasting zones throughout the state of Utah but the most important step in the process is to take an avalanche class. It's well worth your time and money to learn from the experts about how to stay safe in the backcountry. The Utah Avalanche Center hosts on-snow awareness courses across Utah. We offer a Backcountry 101, Introduction to Avalanche Rescue, and a Backcountry 201 course. The Backcountry 101 course is designed for folks just getting started in their avalanche education journey. The course contains about 2 hours of online pre-course work, followed by a 2-hour classroom session, ending with a full field day. The Backcountry 201 is for folks who may already have some avalanche education or taken a Recreational Level 1 but are interested in a more in-depth field experience. The Backcountry 201 contains about 2 hours of online pre-course work, followed by two, 2-hour classroom sessions and two field days. This course focuses on terrain and risk management. The Introduction to Avalanche Rescue Course is a



4-hour avalanche rescue course. We recommend taking the Introduction to Avalanche Rescue course in conjunction with a Backcountry 101 or Backcountry 201. Our site also contains information for other providers in the state of Utah offering Recreational Level 1, 2, and refresher courses as well as Professional level courses. A full list of course offerings can be found at [www.utahavalanchecenter.org](http://www.utahavalanchecenter.org).

It doesn't stop there! Another great resource is the Know Before You Go (KBYG) eLearning program. KBYG is a totally free, 8-hour online course. KBYG eLearning contains 5 different modules covering:

- Equipment needed for backcountry recreation
- Mechanics of avalanches and how to avoid them
- Learning how to read your local forecast
- Recognizing clues in avalanche terrain
- Identifying avalanche terrain and how to minimize exposure

KBYG eLearning is the recommended starting point before taking an on-snow course. From there you can feel confident jumping into an on-snow course. More about KBYG and to sign-up for the eLearning course can be found at [www.kbyg.org](http://www.kbyg.org).

Learning about avalanches before heading into the backcountry is important not only for your safety but for the overall enjoyment of your time in the mountains.



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Serving on the WMC Board of Directors is a worthwhile and rewarding undertaking. The WMC is most grateful to its current and former Board of Directors and encourages its members to consider filling a position. If interested in serving on the Board, please contact the Nominating Committee by email at [nominations@wasatchmountainclub.org](mailto:nominations@wasatchmountainclub.org) or by leaving a phone message at 801-463-9842. Your information will be promptly forwarded to the Committee.

Additionally, members may submit their names for any of the Board of Directors roles. For a list of the Governing Board, please follow this link:

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# Mt. Olympus Trail Maintenance - September 11<sup>th</sup>

by Kyle Williams



Earlier this year the WMC officially “adopted” the Mt Olympus Trail. The club’s relationship with the trail and the parking lot goes back many years. For the last several years, the club had already “adopted” the garbage cans in the parking lot. A team of dedicated clubbers known affectionately as the “Trash Angels” visit the parking a few times a week and empty the always-overflowing trash cans. (I admit I don’t really know the history of that project, why the trash was not being picked up by the county or the Forest Service, but for whatever reason, the task has been handled by the Club! Maybe someone more familiar with that effort can chime in and tell us! )

Anyway, on September 11, we teamed up with the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation trail team and did repair work on the trail. If you have hiked the Oly trail in the last several years, you know that the lower portion just out of the

parking lot is a real mess. It is very steep, there are several very eroded log and rock steps that are collapsed (or collapsing) and it is very difficult and treacherous walking. I think there is a plan in the works to reroute that section to the area north of Pete’s Rock, but the work we did this day did not address any of those problems. That is a much bigger effort for another day, another season.

We hiked up the trail past the Bonneville Shoreline trail junction, and worked mostly at closing off renegade trails made by hikers cutting the switchbacks. The hillside is very steep, and cutting through between the switchbacks results in serious erosion and damage. The renegade trails are closed off with a process known as “junking in” the trail. We scoured the forest for dead trees that we would drag over and place in the trails to discourage traffic. It takes a lot of dead trees to close of



these trails, and it was a big effort. There are also a few sections where erosion had made the trail tread slide down and be very steep sloping down-slope. We used trail digging tools like the Pulaski hoe, and the McCleod hoe to dig the trail into the hillside to level it out, and reinforce it with rocks to prevent further collapse.

There is always a lot of hiking traffic on this trail, and this day there was more than usual because Big Cottonwood canyon was closed because of a marathon race. Whenever hikers approached the work area we would holler "HIKERS!!" and we all paused swinging our tools while they walked past to avoid bloodshed and mayhem. This slowed us down quite a bit. The hikers that went by all seemed quite appreciative of the work we were doing, and we tried to mention to them who we were, and how they could get involved themselves.

After such a long hot summer, we were very glad that this day was a bit cooler. In fact, a few good rain squalls blew through during the

day and soaked us and the trail good, so it was not so hot, and easier to dig.

A special shout-out to the good folks at the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation who sponsored this work day. <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! Several of them were working with us on this day. 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. Visit their website to learn more, and to register for the events.

Huge thanks to the clubbers who helped on this project: Craig Payne, John Kozloski, Steve Parks, Dennis Goreham, Beth Allen, Tony Zimmer, Kyle Williams





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**We are grateful** for your generosity in 2020 towards achieving our \$25,000 goal!

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Cent. Reusable Silicone Cup	\$10	x	=	
Ladies' Centennial T-shirt, Bright Blue				
__S __M __L __XL __2XL	\$20	x	=	
Men's Centennial T-shirt, Charcoal Gray				
__S __M __L __XL __2XL	\$20	x	=	
Cent. Journal Notebook	\$20	x	=	
Cent. Baseball Cap, White	\$20	x	=	
Cent. Baseball Cap, Green	\$20	x	=	
<del>Centennial Buff® Neck Gaiter</del>	<del>\$20</del>	<del>x</del>	<del>=</del>	
Centennial Visor	\$20	x	=	
Cent. Fleece Winter Cap	\$30	x	=	
Cent. Wide-brim Hat	\$30	x	=	
Hiking the Wasatch AUTOGRAPHED	\$30	x	=	
Ski History of Utah AUTOGRAPHED	\$30	x	=	
Donation (NO GIFT NEEDED)	PLEASE SPECIFY		=	
<b>SPONSORED PRODUCTS</b>				
Sandal-toe Socks PAIR	\$5	x	=	
Mini Cotton Towel	\$5	x	=	
<del>Club Classic Logo Mug</del>	<del>\$5</del>	<del>x</del>	<del>=</del>	
Neoprene Toe Warmers PAIR	\$10	x	=	
Glacier Glove Head Cover	\$15	x	=	
Buff® Neck Gaiter (VARIOUS)	\$15	x	=	
Glacier Gloves PAIR	\$20	x	=	
Heater Headband	\$20	x	=	
"Turtle" Flip Mittens PAIR	\$25	x	=	
Donation (NO GIFT NEEDED)	PLEASE SPECIFY		=	
SHIPPING/HANDLING (if delivery is needed)				= \$5.00
DONATION GRAND TOTAL:				
MAIL FORM/CHECKS TO: WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB				\$ _____

# Activity Calendar

Tour de Suds (Greg Libecqz)

**WMC members should stay informed on current COVID guidelines. Those who are not feeling well, whether COVID symptoms or other illness, should not participate in WMC activities. During a club activity the use of facemasks or carpooling is up to each individual, unless otherwise specified by the organizer. Organizers can opt for a group size they are comfortable with, except for the group size limit of 10 in wilderness areas.**

Nov 1 Mon Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - ntd+ - Out & Back - Moderate pace  
**Meet:** 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate  
**Organizer:** Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 [jk@wasatch-environmental.com](mailto:jk@wasatch-environmental.com)  
 Jack's is Back! We will be hiking under the glitter of the stars and above the glitter of city lights. Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. The trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.

Nov 1 Mon Ntd Hike Bells Canyon - ntd - 3.0 mi Out & Back - Slow pace  
**Meet:** 5:45 pm at We'll meet by the bathrooms at Granite Trailhead.  
**Organizer:** Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 [tonya.karren@gmail.com](mailto:tonya.karren@gmail.com)  
 We'll hike from Granite Trailhead to the bridge east of the reservoir and circle around the lake and back down trail. Come prepared for the current conditions. If there's snow or ice, be sure to bring traction devices and you may need poles as well. You will also need a headlamp.

Nov 2 Tue Evening Hike - White Fir Pass/millcreek - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace  
**Meet:** 5:45 pm at Meet at the gate to the Terraces picnic area up Millcreek Canyon.  
**Organizer:** Sue Baker 801-201-2658 [laughinglarkspur@gmail.com](mailto:laughinglarkspur@gmail.com)  
 Prompt 5:45pm departure from the terraces entrance gate in Millcreek Canyon. We will start at Terraces and head turning around at the first saddle of white fir. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.

Nov 3 Wed Day Hike Grove Creek To Battle Creek Loop - mod+ - 8.0 mi Shuttle - 2650' ascent - Slow pace  
**Meet:** 10:00 am at Grove Creek Trail head From SLC, drive south on I-15 and take exit 275. Drive on Pleasant Grove Blvd, straight across Main St. Turn left on S 100 E, then right onto E 500 N. Drive to the very end of this road where you'll see the sign for Grove Creek Can  
**Organizer:** Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 [dayang007@gmail.com](mailto:dayang007@gmail.com)  
 Bruce Moore will lead us to beautiful Grove Creek and Battle Creek Loop Trail near Pleasant Grove, great views of Mount Timpanogos, pass few cascade, hope the waterfalls are still running. Weather permitting. Bring the 10 Es, we will have Lunch with the grant view of Timpanogos. Covid protocol apply, Limited 8. RSVP, No pets please. Check the online Calendar for any changes or updates.

Nov 4 Thu Evening Hike - Broad's Fork - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace  
**Meet:** 5:45 pm at Meet at the trailhead located at the "S" curve in Big Cottonwood Canyon  
**Organizer:** Sue Baker 801-201-2658 [laughinglarkspur@gmail.com](mailto:laughinglarkspur@gmail.com)  
 Meet at the BCC "S" curve parking area for a prompt 5:45pm departure. We will head for Broad's Fork. Plan on about one hour up. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.



Nov 5	<p>Trip Organizer And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 2019  <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Location will be on your invitation  <i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren or Petra Brittner 801-493-9199 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>Annual Trip Organizers Appreciation Dinner. This is an invitation only event, our way of saying thank you to all those who organized 2 activities or 1 multi-day activity, or volunteered in another capacity within the last 12 months. Most of the invitations will be going out via email, so if you think you qualify and you don't see that invite, check your spam, then follow up with your respective activity director. We'll be presenting the 2021 Pa Parry award and Alexis Kelner Conservation Award, we'll have some product samples from some Outdoor Retailer vendors, and we'll also have more cool merchandise available for donations to the Education Endowment, much like we had at the August membership meeting/party at the lodge. Social hour 6:00, dinner/awards at 7:00 pm.</p>
Nov 6	<p>Day Hike: East Canyon Trail – ntd – 4.1 mi Out &amp; Back – 450' ascent – Slow pace  <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Meet near where Parley's Creek enters Mountain Dell Reservoir. Park anywhere along the road where the shoulder is wide enough.  <i>Organizer:</i> Robert* Turner 801-560-3378 r46turner@gmail.com</p> <p>Here is an easy out and back hike that follows Parley's and Alexander's Creeks east from Mountain Dell reservoir for a couple of miles and returns the same way. This one will be at an easy pace (for the organizer at least; the rest can go at any pace they want since it's an out-and-back). To join the group you need to be vaccinated. Otherwise, please don't come. Go get vaccinated instead so you can join us on another outing. Bring appropriate footwear for whatever the conditions are that day.</p>
Nov 6	<p>Hike - Wellsville Cone &amp; 5 Peaks (bumps) Near Logan – mod+ – 13.0 mi – 2,900' ascent – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to bag Wellsville Cone (9,356 ft), Bob Stewart Peak (8,626 ft), Peak 8964, Pleasant View Point (8,535 ft), Scout Peak (8,687 ft), and Mendon Peak (8,766 ft) near Logan, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Wellsville Cone is the 2nd highest peak in the Wellsville Mountains. Other peaks are on the ridge on the way to Wellsville Cone from the TH. There is a trail all the way except the last 0.6 mile. The trail has steep sections. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 5, 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>
Nov 7	<p>Hike - Silver Fork/ Days Fork Divide In Bcc – mod+ – 8.0 mi – 2,500' ascent – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to bag two bumps on the ridge between Silver Fork and Days Fork in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. We will start from Spruces Campground and go up to the ridge near Eclipse Mine. Exploratory. Please bring 10 Es as well as micro-spikes (if there is snow). Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 5, 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>
Nov 7	<p>Hike West Grandeur Via Dragon's Tail – msd – 4.5 mi Loop – 3,350' ascent  <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at West Grandeur Trailhead  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>This is a very steep route to Grandeur (Average Gain per Mile is 1,518 ft.) that passes beneath the prominent bands of limestone cliffs that snake their way up the middle portion of the ridge, giving the appearance of a dragon's tail when viewed from the valley. There are a few options for the return route that we can choose from. We'll take a slow to moderate pace, adjusting as necessary to keep the group together to the summit.</p>
Nov 7	<p>Hike- Mount Van Cott – ntd+ – 3.5 mi – 1,300' ascent  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> David Andrenyak 801-907-1325 andrenyakda@aim.com</p> <p>Mount Van Cott is a high point in the foothill east of the University of Utah. There are several different routes to the top of Van Cott. All routes have steep sections. Conditions will determine what route we travel on. The round trip distance is about 3.5 miles. The hike offers great views of Red Butte Canyon, the surrounding foothills, and the Central Wasatch, Deer and other animals are often seen on a Mount Van Cott hike. To register, please send an email.</p>
Nov 8	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out &amp; Back – Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>It's now officially very dark! Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.</p>

Nov 9	Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM
Tue	<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 November book is <i>Rain: A Natural and Cultural History</i> , by Cynthia Barnett. The meeting will be on November 9 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.
Nov 9	Evening Hike - Terraces To The High Point And Back - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet at the gate up to the terraces picnic area
Tue	<i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure from the terraces entrance gate in Millcreek Canyon. We will start at Terraces and head toward Elbow Fork, turning around at one hour or the high point, whichever comes first. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.
Nov 10	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
Wed	<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.
Nov 11	Evening Hike - Church Fork - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet at Church Fork Trailhead in Millcreek Canyon.
Thu	<i>Organizer:</i> Keith Markley 801-560-3844 geccu123@hotmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure. We will hike up one hour and then turn around. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.
Nov 13	Hike - Black Crook Peak In The Sheeprock Mts - msd- - 8.0 mi - 3,000' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sat	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag a rarely climbed Black Crook Peak (9,274 ft), weather, conditions and situation permitting. Black Crook Peak is the highest mountain in the Sheeprock Mountains and is located in the south of Tooele and west of Provo (near Vernon). Black Crook Peak is also one of the Utah prominent peaks and offers excellent desert views. Easy class 3 scrambles. The distance and elevation gain will depend on which route we will take. Due to a long drive (1.5-2 hours one way), expect a long day (the hike itself won't be very long). This route is cross-country and exploratory. Please bring 10 Es. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 14, 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.
Nov 13	Day Hike (5 Hrs) To Spanish Fork Hot Springs - ntd - 5.0 mi Out & Back - 400' ascent - Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Take I-15 south to the US-6 (Price/Manti) Exit (exit 258) Take the exit east towards the mountains all the way up Spanish Fork canyon for about 11 miles (from the exit). Take exit to Diamond Fork road and follow for additional 10 miles to trailhead.
Sat	<i>Carpool:</i> 9:15 am at Chick-Fil-A parking lot in Spanish Fork (along highway 6 East). Departure from there at 9:30 am heading to Diamond Fork road that takes us to the trailhead. OR Meet directly at trailhead to Spanish Fork Hot Springs at 9:50 for a 10:00 am departure. <i>Organizer:</i> Petra Brittner 512-525-9285 brittnerpetra@yahoo.com This hike to the Spanish Fork Hot Springs (5th Water Hot Springs) is a favorite no matter what time of year. There will be time to soak in one of the hot spring's pools; please bring attire (or wear attire under hiking clothes) to jump into the inviting, steaming waters. Please also be prepared with appropriate footwear as there will most likely be snow on the ground. The hike will be slower paced and beginners are certainly welcome to join. Please contact organizer for questions.
Nov 14	Hike - Reynolds Peak & Butler Peak In Bcc - mod+ - 7.0 mi - 2,500' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sun	<i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to bag Reynolds Peak and Butler Peak in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es as well as micro-spikes (if there is snow). If there is lots of snow, we may also need to use snowshoes. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 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 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Nov 14	Silver Island Range Day Hike - mod+ - 8.0 mi Loop - 3,000' ascent - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required
Sun	<i>Organizer:</i> Brad* Yates 801-592-5814 bnyslc@earthlink.net The silver Island Range are the mountains too the north of the Bonneville Speedway as one approaches Wendover. They feature rugged peaks with outstanding views. What peak we climb will depend on current conditions and my mood swings. Expect minor bushwhacking and up to Class three scrambling.



Nov 15 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - ntd+ - Out &amp; Back - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.</p>
Nov 15 Mon	<p>Draper Slow Paced Evening Hike - ntd - 3.0 mi Out &amp; Back - Slow pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Andy Ballard Arena (1600 Highland Drive, Draper, UT)  <i>Organizer:</i> Tonya Karren 801-493-9199 tonya.karren@gmail.com  Come join us for a hike in the beautiful Draper Corner Canyon area. Be sure to bring a headlamp and traction devices, if conditions warrant it. We will meet by the bathrooms at the equestrian arena parking lot.</p>
Nov 16 Tue	<p>Evening Hike - Salt Lake Overlook - mod- - Out &amp; Back - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Millcreek Canyon Thaynes Canyon Trailhead  <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com  Prompt 5:45pm departure from the Thaynes Canyon Trailhead parking lot in Millcreek Canyon. We will turn around at the saddle looking into Salt Lake City. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.</p>
Nov 18 Thu	<p>Evening Hike - Emigration Mountain Southwest - mod- - Out &amp; Back - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet at the little mountain summit at the top of Emigration Canyon.  <i>Organizer:</i> Deb Frank 801-860-9251 debwfrank@gmail.com  Prompt 5:45pm departure from the gas plant at the little mountain summit parking lot. We will hike along the ridge to the southwest. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.</p>
Nov 19 Fri	<p>Evening Hike - Church Fork To Grandeur - mod - Out &amp; Back - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet at Church Fork Trailhead in Millcreek Canyon.  <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com  Prompt 5:45pm departure for a longer hike than a normal evening hike. Weather permitting for the full moon viewing, we will hike up to the top of Grandeur or as far up as we feel like going. Except for the moonlight it will be dark, so bring your headlamp along with the rest of your 10 Es. You should have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.</p>
Nov 20 Sat	<p>Hike - Mahogany Mt North Bench, American Fork - mod+ - 10.0 mi - 2,200' ascent - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We plan to bag Mahogany Mt North Bench (8040 ft) in American Fork, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es as well as micro-spikes (if there is snow). If there is lots of snow, we may also need to use snowshoes. There is a trail except the last one mile. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 19, 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>
Nov 20 Sat	<p>Southern Nevada Thanksgiving Car Camp - msd- - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com  Spend Thanksgiving in a warmer climate exploring places like Gold Butte National Monument, Valley of Fire, the Muddy Mountains, the Arrow Canyon Range, the Mormon Mountains and other places. The itinerary is not settled and open to suggestions. The area has narrow canyons, steep rocky peaks and lots of petroglyphs and pictographs. You can expect medium to long cross-country exploratory day hikes in very arid desert, with a potential for some scrambling. Come for part or all of the trip.</p>
Nov 20 Sat	<p>Snowshoe, Days Fork - ntd - 5.0 mi Out &amp; Back - 1,500' ascent - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Butler Elementary - 7080 S 2700 E, Cottonwood Heights, UT  <i>Organizer:</i> Steven Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net  Snowshoe or winter spike hike if insufficient cover. End destination dependant on the group and conditions. Avalanche gear always recommend but not required for this activity.</p>
Nov 20 Sat	<p>Day Hike, West Grandeur - mod+ - 7.0 mi Out &amp; Back - 3,000' ascent - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Grandeur Peak Trailhead (2910 S Wasatch Blvd, SLC, UT)  <i>Organizer:</i> Carol Masheter 801-493-9114 carol_masheter@hotmail.com  West Grandeur, hike the usual route. Wear sturdy, warm footwear with good traction and water/snow resistance. Bring traction devices in case the route is icy, clothing layers, water, snacks/lunch. Trekking poles &amp; gaiters recommended. Organizer lives in a senior community that includes immuno-compromised members. Please join this hike only if you are fully vaccinated against flu and COVID-19 to help the organizer protect members of her community. Preferred contact: email. If moderate or heavy rain or snow, hike will be canceled.</p>

Nov 20 Sat	Hike The North Ridge Of Millcreek Canyon. – ntd+ – 3.0 mi Loop – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Skyline High School frontage road (3713 Virginia Way Salt Lake City UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Bruce Christenson 801-824-0131 b.c.com@hotmail.com This will be a short loop hike of about 2-3 miles starting just above Wasatch Boulevard at 3300 South then up to the north ridge of Millcreek Canyon then down the ridge. The trail is a local one and is not on maps and I don't believe on the trail apps. It is somewhat steep so we will go slow so the octogenarian organizer can keep up and with no one left behind. Bring spikes if it has snowed. A walking pole can be helpful. Meet at Skyline High School frontage road at 9 am be a little early to sign in. Organizer Bruce Christenson < b.c.com@hotmail.com >
Nov 21 Sun	Snowshoe - Scotts Pass & Guardsman's Pass In Bcc – mod – 7.0 mi – 2,000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe to Scotts Pass and Guardsman's Pass in BCC, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. If there is not enough snow, we will hike somewhere in BCC. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 19, 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.
Nov 21 Sun	Day Hike To Movie Rock In Draper – ntd+ – 5.5 mi Out & Back – 1,800' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at If road is open to Jacob's Ladder trail head, we will meet there, If not open, we will meet at Peak View Trail head, <i>Organizer:</i> Da Yang Wipfel 801-635-6189 dayang007@gmail.com Bruce Moore will lead us Hike to Movie Rock leisurely, one of The Devil's Brigade filming locations in 1968. We may have a chance to see wild animals but not guaranteed. The trail is steep, good to have hiking poles, we will have lunch on the Rock, take photos or just relax and enjoy the view. Depends on the weather, may need spikes. Please Bring the 10Es. Everyone is welcome but Participants must have Covid Vaccines and No Covid symptoms. No Pets please! Please check WMC online calendar for changes or updates. Everyone is Welcome!
Nov 22 Mon	Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.
Nov 23 Tue	Evening Hike - Mt Olympus To The Stream – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5789 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com Prompt 5:45pm departure up Mt O about one hour to the stream crossing and then turning back. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.
Nov 27 Sat	Snowshoe Or Hike - Location Tba – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 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 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.
Nov 28 Sun	Snowshoe Or Hike - Location Tba – mod – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe (or hike if there is not enough snow) in BCC, Provo, Tooele, Park City or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer. Please bring 10 Es, microspikes, and snowshoes. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing anywhere, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, November 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 8. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

## WMC Blood Drive - Nov. 23, 2021

1:00 - 8:00 pm

Registration details will be available shortly on the WMC Activity Calendar (website).



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Nov 29 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Hike - Jack's Mountain - ntd+ - Out &amp; Back - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate  <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com  Come out for a brisk 2-hour outing up and down the steep route along the ridge behind the "H" rock. If there is snow on the foothills micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. Bring a headlamp and dress in layers. Dogs are ok. It's dark, it's cold, and the trail is not always obvious, so the group will stay together. Prompt 6pm departure.</p>
Nov 30 Tue	<p>Evening Hike - Emigration Little Dell Divide - mod- - Out &amp; Back - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Meet at the little mountain summit at the top of Emigration Canyon.  <i>Organizer:</i> Sue Baker 801-201-2658 laughinglarkspur@gmail.com  Prompt 5:45pm departure from the gas plant at the little mountain summit parking lot. We will hike along the ridge between Emigration canyon and Little Dell reservoir. We will be hiking in the dark. Please come prepared with a working flashlight, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. You should also have microspikes or other traction devices along just in case! Please reach out to me ahead of the hike meeting time so I know to watch for you and for more details if you are new to evening hikes or have not hiked with me previously. Thank you.</p>
Dec 8 Wed	<p>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.</p>
Dec 12 Sun	<p>Snowshoe &amp; Avalanche Safety Workshop - mod - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We will snowshoe to a place where there is sufficient snow and then practice with avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel), probably in BCC (but it depends on snow conditions). Please bring snowshoes, micro-spikes, and 10Es. Please bring avalanche safety gear (avalanche beacon, probe and shovel) if you have. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. If you have extra avalanche safety gear or lack avalanche safety gear, please indicate it when you register. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, December 10, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. WMC members only. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 10. COVID-19 protocols will apply.</p>
Dec 22 Wed	<p>Snowshoe - Lucy Peak In Herriman - mod+ - 9.0 mi - 2,500' ascent - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We plan to bag Lucy Peak (8138 ft) via Yellow Fork Canyon in Herriman, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10 Es. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) is not required. Please email before Tuesday, 6 pm on December 21 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>
Dec 29 Wed	<p>Snowshoe - Little Water Peak In Bcc - mod+ - 8.0 mi - 3,400' ascent - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu  We usually snowshoe to Little Water Peak (9,605 ft) in BCC, which is located northeast of Dog Lake, on New Year's Day but it will be on New Year's Eve this time. Celebrate the coming New Year! We will start from Mill D North or Spruce. Please bring snowshoes, microspikes, and 10Es. We'll do a loop if conditions permit. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe and shovel) may be required (will be decided based on the avalanche forecast of the day). I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear. Please email before Tuesday, 6 pm, December 28, 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>
Feb 19 Sat	<p>Snowshoe/ski &amp; Snow Camp In The High Uintas - mod+ - Moderate pace  <i>Meet:</i> Registration required  <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p>
Feb 21 Mon	<p>We plan to snowshoe or ski (choice of each participant) and camp in the High Uintas, weather, conditions and situation permitting. Day 1(Feb 19 Sat): Road trip (approximately 3 hours &amp; 20 minutes to the TH. Any passenger cars can get to the TH), snowshoe/ski to the end of the trail (3 miles one way. 813 ft gain. 1.5-2 hours), and set up a campsite. Day 2 (Feb 20 Sun): Snowshoe/ski to Mt Lena (9,755 ft) as well as 3 bumps on the ridgeline (7 miles RT. 2,000 ft gain). Nordic skiers may ski on the nordic ski trail instead. Day 3 (Feb 21 Mon - President's Day): Take down the campsite, snowshoe/ski to the TH &amp; road trip. Those who prefer a shorter trip may go home on Day 2. Please email before Friday, 3 pm, February 18, 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>

# Trip Reports

## Peak 9105 (Little Dharma) / American Fork Hike - September 12<sup>th</sup>

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Our original plan was bagging a rarely climbed peak in the mouth of American Fork, Dharma Peak (9,237 ft). We knew we would need climbing gear for the last part to the peak. Mark, who was planning to bring a rope, was unable to come. The rest of us started from the Willow Canyon TH as planned anyway. There is a trail for the first part that became disappeared near the ridge. There was a game trail at places on the ridge-line. Once we got to the north saddle of Dharma Peak, we assessed if it would be doable to make Dharma Peak without climbing gear. It looked like class 5 climbing. We decided not to attempt Dharma Peak and hiked to Peak 9105 "Little Dharma" which is located in the north of Dharma Peak. We saw seven mountain sheep near the saddle. There was a cairn at the summit. The summit offered wonderful views of the surrounding mountains including North Timpanogos. It was a beautiful day. We took a very long break at the summit. The distance of this hike was short – 4.82 miles RT. But it was very steep – elevation gain 4,000 ft. This hike took 7 hours and 30 minutes in total including breaks.



Akiko Kamimura



Matt on the saddle between Peak 9105 and Dharma Peak (in background)



On the peak (LtoR):  
Matt, Beth, and Akiko



## Cedar Breaks National Monument Car Camp August 12-16<sup>th</sup>



Lunch break on Cascades Falls trail (LtoR): Yi, Michelle, Paul, Aaron, Gretchen, June

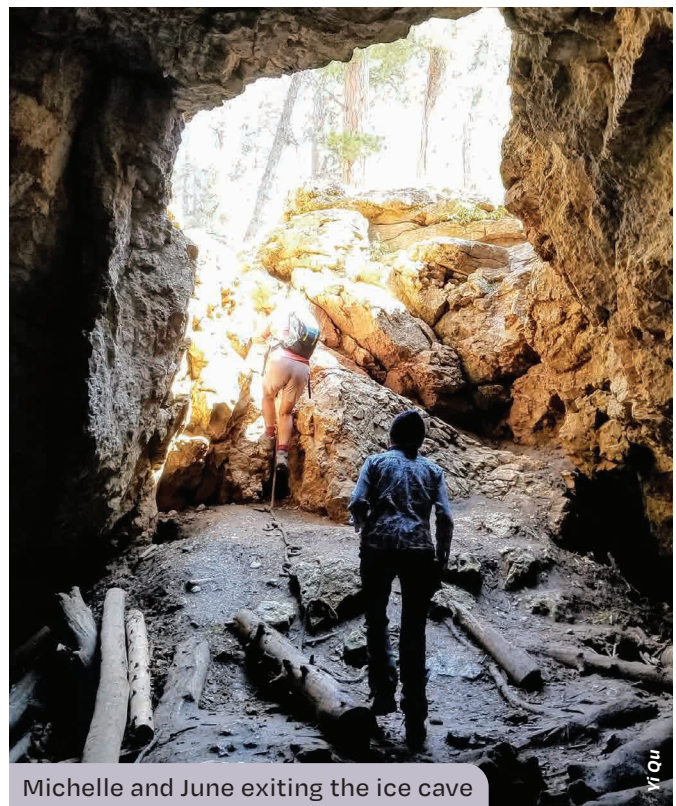
Organized & Trip Report by Aaron Jones  
Photos by Yi Qu and Paul Kikuchi

August 12 and 13 were to be the premier nights. The Astronomical Calendar pointed those out as the prime evenings for the annual Perseids meteor shower which is clearly one of the year's best. It also indicated that this year there would be no moon to steal the show. Wow! Sometimes opportunity knocks and sometimes it beats down the door. Instantly I booked two campsites at Cedar Breaks National Monument. Perseids meteor shower, no moon, and an International Dark Sky Park. It was a perfect trifecta.

Gretchen and Michelle were the first to arrive. I showed up a little later and the three of us hiked on the sublime Alpine Pond Trail. Paul, Yi, and June arrived, and we all had the pleasure of meeting lifetime WMC members Dave and Penney Smith who had been staying there for a while. The time of the day called for Happy Hour and Paul showered us with enormous quantities of Costco snacks and similar amounts of good will and humor. Later, as the night set in we were off to catch the meteor shower but, the all too cloudy sky let us know that tonight was not our night.

The next morning most of the group hiked the Ramparts trail that leads to spectacular viewpoints groves of Bristlecone Pine and with some luck the company of marmots and pikas. That evening Paul provided an excellent dinner of Masala and I read a few pieces of poetry by Gary Snyder, the Thoreau of the beat movement. Once more we searched out an open space for skygazing and once more the clouds owned the night.

On Saturday the plan was to seek out some unusual adventures in the Duck Creek area. The Mammoth Cave lava tube sounded intriguing but, once we lowered ourselves in the opening the low ceiling appeared suitable only for small children and contortionists. Nevertheless, June and Paul tunneled through the darkness to emerge from another entrance. The rest of us explored the



Michelle and June exiting the ice cave



surrounding area until we saw the two of them pop out of nowhere. Next, we sought out an ice cave and once more the two intrepid adventurers went in while the rest of us declined. The entrance to the cave requires hanging on to a weathered rope and my trust in such arrangements is similar to my belief in fairies and leprechauns. A third waypoint finally brought us to a trail that does not require the skills of spiderman. A short but very pleasant hike took us to Cascade Falls which provides wonderful views of Zion National Park. Unfortunately, the falls had become the victim of a serious drought and global warming. After exploring the beauty of the area, we crossed over to the other side and landed in the town of Duck Creek whose entire economy seemed fueled by behemoth ATVs and their supportive services. While in town I encountered one of those all too common "doodle" dogs. At the campground, on the trail, and now in the town there was one more such creature leading me to

believe that poodles are exceptionally promiscuous canines.

We left town without any misgivings of cutting short our visit and leaving the ATVs and doodles behind. A rainstorm came up and everyone retired for a nap and to get out of the weather. Once it cleared up, we headed to Brianhead for dinner and afterwards Paul, always the skillful social director engaged us in a card game of UNO. It was a great pastime until dark when we once more sought out the evasive meteor shower. Again, clouds ruled the night. The only meteors I saw were in dreams after a disappointing round of sky viewing. However, the trip was like a dream come true. We enjoyed nature, good exercise, fun and friendship. It was everything a WMC trip should be.

Participants: Michelle Couderu, Aaron Jones, Paul Kikuchi, Yi Qu, Gretchen Siegler, June Wang.



Michelle, June, and Yi in Mammoth Cave

Paul Kikuchi



Yi Qu

Aaron and June near the entrance of Mammoth Cave



Yi by an ancient Bristlecone pine on the Ramparts Trail

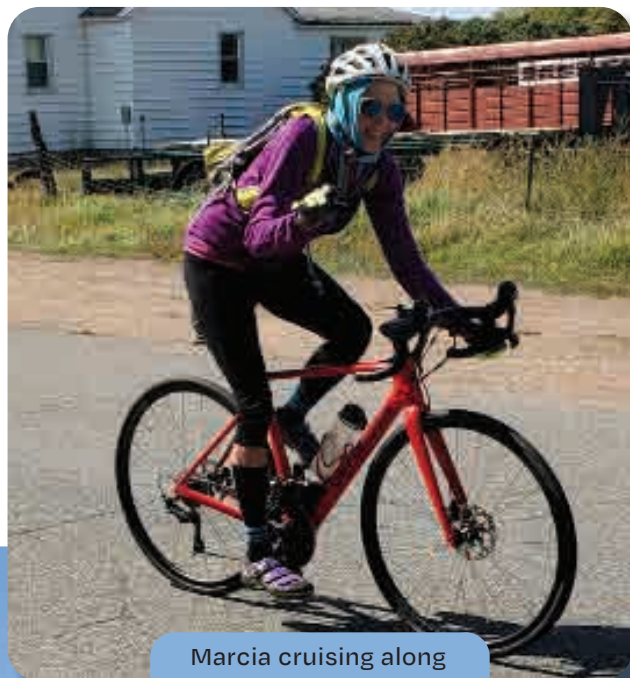
Paul Kikuchi



## Road Bike - Kamas to Nobletts Park, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Organized by Marcia Hansen  
Report/photos by Steve Leitch

It was a sunny, but chilly (40's) start as we (Marcia, Dennis, and Steve) departed from Kamas park towards Nobletts Park. It was a beautiful day as we rode along the Provo river on Lower River Road. We had a long, slight climb to Nobletts park where we took a short break and enjoyed the fall colors just starting to appear. It was a very nice ride back to Kamas (of course, there was a lot of downhill 😊) enjoying each other's company. It was great to be riding again with the Club and thanks to Marcia for organizing the ride!



Marcia cruising along



Dennis coasting to a stop



View from Nobletts Park - Fall is here



# WMC Mountain Bikers - A Great Season!

by Greg Libecci

Dave Perkins on the crest



The WMC Mountain Bike group had a great season. Rides every Tuesday late spring through early fall were enjoyed by a great mix of new and not-so-new club members. Each week an outstanding group of organizers provided multi-level riding opportunities. Mod + organizers include Craig Williams, Nick Calas, Ryan Cragun, Dave Perkins, and Greg Libecci. The Mod group could count on Hardy Sherwood while the NTD+ group had the pleasure of joining Heidi DeMartis, and Linda George. With so many awesome trails to choose from it is hard to go wrong. The Mountain Trails Foundation and Park City Mountain Resort continue to build and maintain an ever growing network of world-class trails. We are blessed to have this combination of enthusiastic club members and network of trails to enjoy. Already looking forward to next riding season.

Mindy Wheeler, Jen Ritter, and Ryan Cragun up high on Park City trails



Greg and Mindy enjoying the fall colors



# Labor Day Trip to the Northern Wind River Mtns.

by Donn Seeley

I decided to schedule a trip to the Glacier Trailhead in Wyoming for Labor Day because I'd been there once before for a couple of day hikes and liked it, and because it was a pocket of less drought-stricken land in the West that wasn't (yet) on fire.

I left on Thursday morning to grab a campsite before the sites all filled up for the weekend. It turned out that everyone else on the trip could leave Thursday too, which was nice. Bob and I arrived at Trail Lake just in time to nab one of the better sites in the area, on a small hill at the bottom of the lake. The other folks arrived and made camp shortly before a storm roared in. We spent the night huddled in our tents as wind blasted them and thunder roared and rain gushed down from the sky.

On Friday the weather had calmed down and the smoke wasn't too bad, so we had some very pretty views on our way up the East Fork of Torrey Creek to Bomber Falls. Bomber Falls is a spectacular 600-ft tall cascade in a granite slot. It's named after a plane crash in 1943, when a USAAF B-24E bomber on a training run failed to clear the mountains; the wreckage is visible from the viewpoint at the top of the falls. The "trail" up to the viewpoint is hard to follow; it reminded me of Chutes and Ladders. We had lunch on top of a granite knob and admired the massive slabs all around us.

I had planned to do an elaborate cross-country route to Ross Lake the next day, but the lichen on the slabs was wet and slippery. We elected to hike to Ross Lake via the Whiskey Mountain Cutoff Trail instead.

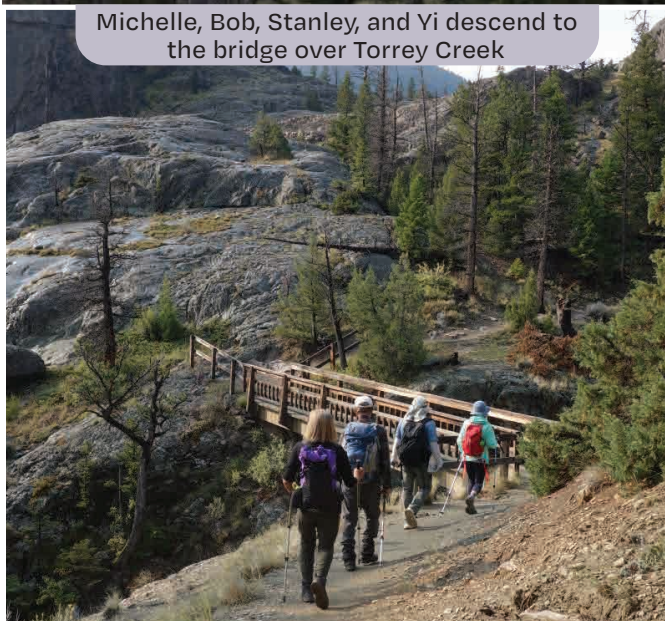
That trail had fantastic views over the Torrey Creek basin, and the weather got clearer and clearer as the day went on, to my surprise and delight. We toiled up switchbacks to the high point of the trail at 10,200 ft; some of us turned around there, exhausted by the seemingly endless switchbacks and the frigid wind. The remaining part of the group hiked across a series of meadows, then dropped down some excruciatingly steep switchbacks into the Ross Lake basin. The lake was an amazing shade of blue, with vertical gray walls to the south and white icefields visible above them. Greg beat us all on the way back up the steep switchbacks and arrived at the saddle in time to see a couple of shy black bears.

The next day, most people were tired and sore, and wanted to do just a short hike or two. In the morning we visited the petroglyph sites on the slope across the road and above our campsite. These petroglyphs have to be some of the most unique and interesting ones that I've ever seen, with alien figures and abstract map-like drawings. We then took the up-and-down trail to Lake Louise, a gem nestled in a socket of granite just a few miles from the trailhead. We decided that we were up for sampling a little bit of the scramble that I had planned, so we worked our way a few hundred feet over a knob and over to the outlet from the main body of the lake into the bay where the trail ends. The views were incredible. We could see that other people had crossed the creek and made camp on the other side of the lake, while yet more people had pack-rafted across the bay on our side. Greg fantasized about pack-rafting across lakes all the way up to Ross Lake; that certainly would save a lot of awkward scrambling around the bluffs that drop into the lakes.

In the afternoon, we paid a visit to the little town of Dubois, just up the Wind River from Torrey Creek. We got gas and put air in tires, then walked up and down the boardwalk and enjoyed the sights. Michelle was enticed by a pair of heavily-decorated cowgirl boots at a going-out-of-business sale, but her legs were too muscular to fit in them. Que sera!

Our campground neighbor Rick visited that evening (and the next morning) with his dog Reba, and regaled us with stories of his time in the Winds. I'm not sure that I want to get as friendly with a moose as he says that he did, and I'm kinda skeptical about his Bigfoot experience, but it was very entertaining. We drove home in the increasing haze; I sure wish we could have brought the clear Wind River skies with us.

Participants: Greg Clark, Michelle Couderc, Stanley Chiang, Bob Myers, Yi Qu and your scribe, Donn Seeley



Michelle, Bob, Stanley, and Yi descend to the bridge over Torrey Creek



September 2-6<sup>th</sup>



Bob and Stanley look across  
the Continental Divide







Yi gets some lunch at Lake Louise



Stanley, Yi, and Michelle toil up the switchbacks on the Whiskey Mountain Trail



Relaxing in Dubois, WY (LtoR): Donn, Yi, Bob, and Michelle



## Cecret Lake Evening Hike - Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>



At the lake (LtoR): Brad, Christian, Terry, Sue, Evette, Alex, Keith

Organized by Sue Baker  
Report & Photos by Steve Leitch

It was a clear, cool evening as we started hiking from Albion Basin towards Cecret Lake. We enjoyed the beautiful views as we made our way up towards the lake. Just past the campground, we spotted a moose off the trail. After a short break at the lake, we started down the trail. On our descent, we saw several deer grazing on the mountainside. It was a great evening and thanks to Sue for organizing the hike!



Cecret Lake at dusk



# Wild Kitten Ridge Run Hike, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Organized, trip report / photos by Brad Yates

The Wild Kitten Ridge run and hike starts at the Alexander Basin trailhead in Millcreek Canyon, gaining the Millcreek-BCC ridgeline between Wilson Peak and Gobblers Knob, it then ascends Gobblers Knob, followed by Mount Raymond, from Raymond it continues along the ridge over a few unnamed peaks and then descends Neff's Canyon to the trailhead.

I believe the name was applied by Norm Pobanz in the mid-1990's, I did a few of the versions with him though it could predate that time. Usually the hike is done either late September or early October to catch the fall foliage.

This year's edition featured some of the best fall color we have ever had on the hike along with very pleasant temps and the fastest group that I can remember, with Andee Thatcher setting the pace up front while the rest of the group tried to keep up! Though they were nice enough to let an old dude like me be first on top of Gobblers.

Participants were Andee Thatcher, Brandon Callahan, Daisy DeMarco, Jeremy Westover, Ray Daurelle and Brad Yates.





# Antelope Island Multi-Activity Weekend

## October 1-3<sup>rd</sup>



Organized by Julie Kilgore  
Report and photos by Julie Kilgore / Steve Leitch

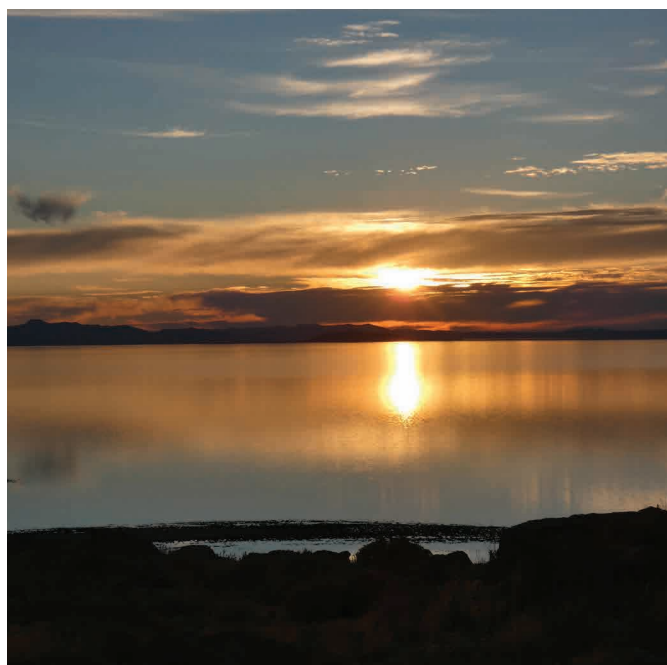
Another year, another great weekend on Antelope Island! While many camped in the various campsites, several members made it day trip to enjoy one or more of the activities offered from Friday through Sunday.

For the folks who arrived on Friday, Julie organized a 'flattish' hike early evening. Julie's guiding principle at every trail junction was to pick the trail that went up 😊. The hardy group 'summitted' the bump that overlooked Bridger Bay campground. This



Friday night hikers

provided spectacular views of the great Salt Lake and surrounding mountains/geography. On the descent, we were treated to a wonderful sunset. We finished with a campfire and shared great company and made plans for Saturday's activities, which evolved to include two separate start times for the Frary peak hike (the early-birds and not-so-early birds 😊).



On Saturday, the first group of hikers met at the trailhead and starting hiking around 8:45am. The second group started approx. an hour later. It was a beautiful morning for a hike. As we reached the ridge, a few decided to hike the ridgeline to the summit while others stuck to the trail. We met on the summit and enjoyed snacks/drinks and short break. As it turned out, there was a young park ranger hiking and we engaged her on several questions regarding the wildlife on the island. On the descent, we ran across the other group of WMC hikers as they were making their way to the peak, and others tucked away at a nice lunch spot after going as far as they wanted to go.

Once everyone had returned from the hike, it was time for a bike ride! Thanks to Cecil for organizing this ride, though it turned out to be cut short. Dave Vance took a nasty tumble at the Buffalo Grill along



"swimmers beach." The fall broke a couple of parts on the carbonite bike, and scuffed Dave up pretty good.



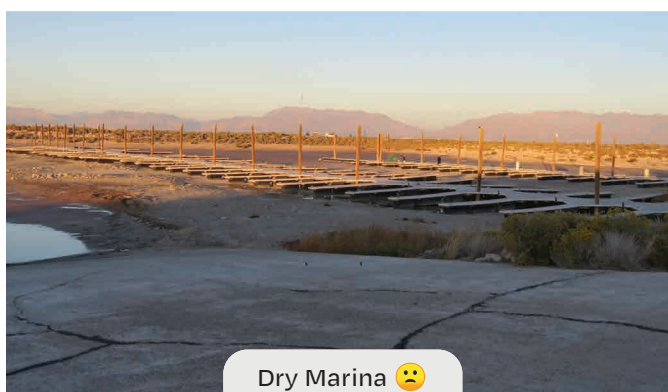
Julie leading the ride



Dave took quite a tumble. Thank goodness for his helmet!

We commenced the Social gathering/party around 3ish at our Social Director's campsite (thank you Tonya Karren!) There were plenty of appetizers (chips & salsa, cheese & crackers, potato chips, etc....) to share. We shared our stories from the Fray Peak hike and bike ride from earlier in the day.

While the water level in the lake was extremely low, four optimistic boaters decided to try and go for a paddle. Driving out to the jetty, they checked out several possible points to access the lake.



Dry Marina 😞

Lookin' for water (LtoR): Frank, Cheryl, and Beth



Unfortunately, due to the thick mud/muck, they decided to abandon the boating and return to camp.

A few of us drove to the south end of the island to check it out (the gate was open from Garr Ranch to the causeway). It was a nice drive and several huge herds of bison were in this area.



New fence to keep wildlife on the Island

Saturday ended with another warm campfire as folks once again enjoyed the cool fall temperatures and great company/comradery.

Sunday was another great day as some went for a hike on the island's southern tip, Sharon Vinick led a mountain bike ride, others took a morning road bike ride. There's always something to do on Antelope Island! Thanks again to Julie, Cecil, Tonya, and Sharon for organizing the weekend and activities!







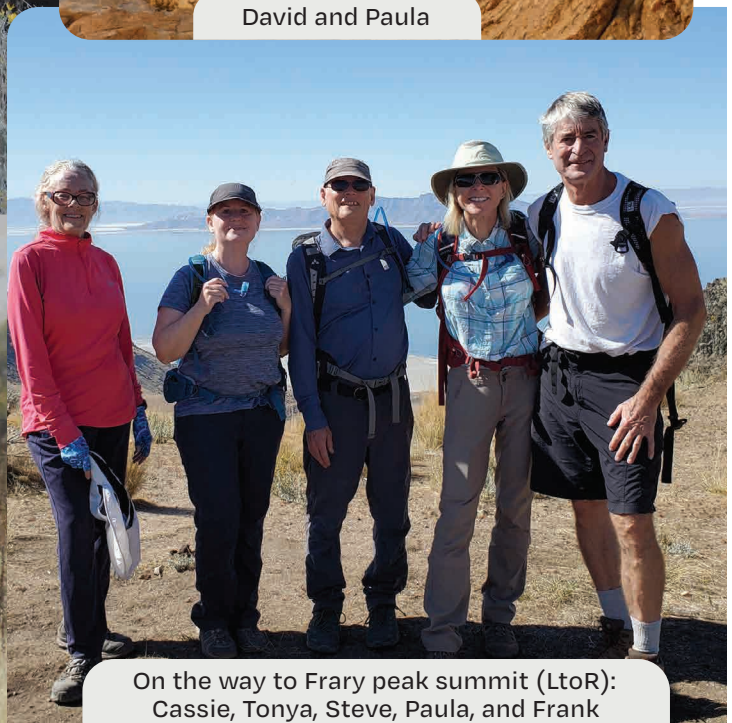
Sharon practicing her Yoga



David and Paula



They say there are no Antelope on Antelope Island, but tell the Pronghorn that!



On the way to Frary peak summit (LtoR): Cassie, Tonya, Steve, Paula, and Frank



## Lone Peak North Peak Hike, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>



At the false summit (LtoR): Connor, Paul, Amanda, Andy, Alyssa, Lawrence, Dan, David, Mark and Akiko

Organized, report & photos by Mark Maier, Paul Kikuchi & Akiko Kamimura

We bagged Lone Peak North Peak (10,561 ft.), one of the rarely climbed Wasatch 10k peaks, via Saw Mill Trail. For all of us, it was the first time to hike to the peak. We had three hikers (out of 10) who participated in a club hike for the first time. The first 4.5 miles were on the trail that is steep consistently. From the end of the trail, we climbed up on the south ridge to the false summit. This part was class 2 except the last short section (easy class 3). The final part to the true summit looked like a cliff. Alyssa and Amanda decided not to seek the true summit and waited at the false summit. The rest of us, Connor, Paul, Andy, Lawrence, Dan, David, Mark and Akiko, continued to the true summit. Most of us put on a helmet and a harness in case. David carried a rope. The final ascent was much better than we expected, though there were short exposed sections. The true summit did not have much space. So, we were unable to fit in one photo together. On the way back to the false summit, Mark set up a rope at an exposed section. We took a group photo at the false summit and sang a Happy Birthday Song for Andy. It was a beautiful day. Fall colors were stunning. We enjoyed chatting with each other so we stopped frequently and took a not-fast pace. This hike took 10 hours in total including breaks (distance 9.8 miles, elevation gain – 6,370 ft).



Descending from the true summit

On the summit (LtoR): David, Mark, Connor, Akiko, Lawrence, and Paul





# Yellowstone NP Backpacking Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>



Organized by Michael Budig

Report by Ben Wake / Photos by Michael Budig & Dianna Knopp Dedrickson

Of all the adjectives to describe Michael Budig's treks in Yellowstone over the last 40 years, "miraculous" might not come to mind, but it was certainly the case on this trip. Less than a week before we were to set foot on the trail, Michael discovered that the two most sought after and hardest to reserve campsites in the entire Yellowstone back country were available! At this late date getting one of those spots would have been mere wishful thinking, but to snag both campsites in the week we would be there was truly miraculous. This meant that three out of the six campsites would include the opportunity to marinate in hot springs, such as Mr. Bubbles and Dunanda Falls. We also learned at the last minute that fire restriction had been lifted on all but two of our campsites, and each campsite had a pit toilet and bear poles. This was turning out to be a trip of a lifetime and it truly exceeded our expectations. With the exception of one cloudy day, we had warm weather, no rain or snow and Fall colors at the peak of their glory. For seven days and 50 miles we were immersed in a palette of electric reds, yellows and oranges with crystal clear rivers and streams punctuated by a bright blue sky.

Day 1: There was an initial camp on Thursday night, Sept 23 at the Colter Bay CG in the northern part of Teton National Park. The group consisted of Michael & Diane Budig, Larry Hall, Larry Alserda, Greg Clark, Constance Modrow and Ben Wake (this would be Ben's first hike/backpack with the WMC). We left the campground around 8:00 AM and drove north to the Grassy Lake Road. After a bumpy and dusty ½

hour drive we arrived at the Grassy Lake TH and left our gear with Diane and Constance and continued another 4 miles to the Fish/Loon Lake TH. The deep pools on the one-lane road nearly swallowed Greg's Honda CRV so we had to park about a mile short of the actual trailhead. We left 3 vehicles and headed back to the Grassy Lake trailhead. By noon we were finally on our way. After wading across the Falls River and an easy 6-mile trek to campsite 9U4, we





set up camp and walked 1.8 miles to a spectacular view of Union Falls.

Day 2 Sat Sept 25 – Frost on our tents in the morning. Hiking by 9:00 AM, the day consisted of more river crossings along a beautiful 8.4-mile trek through massive meadows of wheat-colored grass. Due to beaver activity, the trail had been diverted. Unfortunately, the same pesky beaver decided that the new trail would be a perfect place for another new beaver water park which entirely flooded the trail, making it one of the more difficult water crossing on the trip. Campsite 9B1 on Boundary Creek was beautiful with a gorgeous sunset.

Day 3 Sun Sept 26 – Boundary Creek is a deep, meandering stream that is fortunately spanned by a narrow suspended bridge. After 4 miles of flat hiking, we plunged into the Bechler River Gorge. The Autumn colors were amazing! We stopped for lunch at Colonnade Falls which was soon followed by Iris Falls. This was the most beautiful part of the trip. After 6 miles of uphill hiking, we mercifully came to our campsite 9D1, the most coveted campsite in all the Yellowstone backcountry. Another  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles found us enjoying a fantastic soak in “Mr. Bubbles”, the premier backcountry hot spring in the park. We also had a one-person “hot tub” next to our camp on the far side of the river. Tough day – but totally worth it!

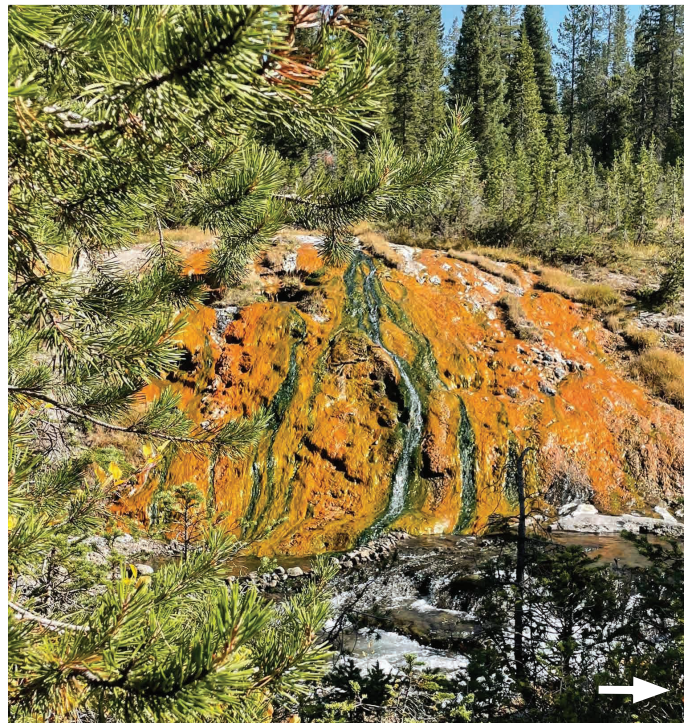
Day 4 Mon Sept 27 – Today would only be a short 5-mile downhill hike so we slept in. Michael, Diane and Larry Alserda went back for one more dip in Mr.

Bubbles. Constance and Ben took turns soaking in the hot tub. After lunch we backtracked 5 miles to campsite 9B5 nestled in a kaleidoscope of colors at Colonnade Falls.

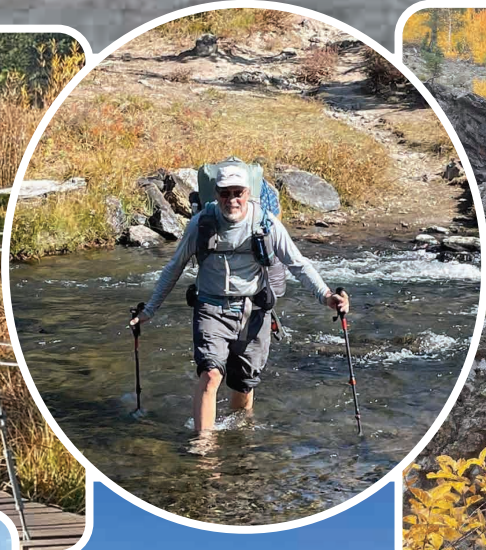
Day 5 Tues Sept 28 – Woke up to an overcast sky. We had heard from the park rangers that there was a chance of snow or rain. There was a cool south wind warning us of impending weather on our 7.3-mile hike to campsite 9A3. Walking another  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile upriver, we scrunched into a wonderful little hot spring at the base of magnificent Dunanda Falls. The clouds cleared before evening. Note: the pit toilet at this campsite was perched on the top of a hill that offered a great view of the Tetons.

Day 6 Wed Sept 28 – Another beautiful sunny day! Today would be an easy 10-mile hike and several river crossings, including the growing beaver dam, to campsite 9U1 at Mountain Ash Creek. This would be our last night together. Ben shared some cowboy poetry as we stayed up later than usual around a big fire.

Day 7 Thu Sept 30 – Woke up to a hard frost and a crisp sunny day. On the trail by 9:00 with an immediate crossing of Ash Creek. Some of our water shoes were frozen solid and there was ice in places on the stream. The 4.5-mile hike out would include three river crossings that morning. Greg Clark set a blistering pace and we made it to our vehicles in record time. By early afternoon we were slurping down burgers at Dornans, taking some final group pics and then heading our separate ways home.









# Grand Teton NP Car Camp, August 19-22<sup>nd</sup>

Organizer: John Veranth

Report & Photos by Cassie Badowsky

We had a delightful trip! A number of folks dropped out at the last minute because of the forecast for rain. However, rain was just what we needed! At this time, Utah was filled with smoke from all the big fires in the West; and everyone was desperate for clean air. As it turned out, there was enough rain each day to clear the sky, and then enough sunshine to have a very nice hike. It was the “perfect storm” that we needed for clean air & sunshine!

We hiked out to Hermitage Point (8 miles RT), with nice views over Colter Bay, then Jackson Lake, and then Mt Moran across the Lake. The next day, we hiked to a ridge overlooking Emma Matilda Lake, and then hiked the length of Two Ocean Lake, as no one had seen this part of the Park. The last morning, we were in the Park, we started at the Lupine Meadows Trailhead and hiked Garnet Canyon up towards the Grand Teton. We passed a number of hikers who had just come from Delta Lake, a significant destination for a day hike on the lower part of the mountain.

Did you know that GTNP is also a haven for birds? As many of you are aware, Martha Veranth is a bird-watcher extraordinaire! During our trip, Martha saw all these species: Canada Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Green-Winged Teal, Common Merganser, Ruffed Grouse, Eared Grebe, Spotted Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Common Loon, Double-Crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Clark's Nutcracker, Common Raven, Mountain Chickadee, Barn Swallow, Violet-Green Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Ruby-Crowned Kinglet, Red-Breasted Nuthatch, American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Dark-Eyed Junco, White-Crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-Rumped Warbler, Wilson's Warbler! It's great to have a bird expert with you!

The Veranth's had rented a cabin in the Colter Bay area; so, we had a nice warm, cozy place to gather and have dinner together. Martha surprised us with a shortbread pie, which was delicious!

This was a very pleasant trip -- a much needed break from the smoky dreariness of Utah. Participants were John & Martha Veranth, Gretchen Siegler, June Wang, and Cassie Badowsky.



John, Gretchen, and Cassie at Hermitage Point, with Mt. Moran shrouded in the clouds in the background



June and Gretchen on the Garnet Canyon Trail towards the Grand Teton



## Black Bess Peak Hike - Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>



Trail above Twin Lakes

Organized, report & photos by Cigi Owens & Akiko Kamimura



On the summit (LtoR): Cigi, Al, Akiko, Sandra, and Jeremy

Black Bess Peak (10,479 ft) is located in the south east of Honeycomb Cliffs and the west of Twin Lakes Reservoir. While not many people pay attention to this peak, it is a real peak with a US geological survey marker. It was the first club activity for Jeremy who joined the club a week ago. For all of us, it was the first time to bag the peak. We started from the bottom of Milly Lift at Brighton Ski Resort and hiked to Twin Lakes first. Then we followed the trail that goes to the south ridge of Black Bess Peak. There is no trail to the peak on a map. But we found a trail all the way to the peak. We stopped frequently to chat. Jeremy had many questions about the surrounding mountains and club activities. It was a beautiful day though it was sometimes windy. Fall colors had started. We thought the cooler weather was nice after having the extremely hot summer.





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During our recent Monday (9/13) evening hike on the Lupine Loop trail, we came across several painted stones commemorating the events of 9/11. Stone after stone, they told the story of that horrific day. A few of these painted stones are shown here. So many loved ones and friends lost. The tremendous bravery of the 1<sup>st</sup> responders, police, and fireman who selflessly worked to save as many lives as possible. It was a great reminder that freedom is not free.

-Steve Leitch





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