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A Newsletter for Members of CMC Backpacking Section

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March 15 we had our annual BPX Trips Catalog Rollout for BPX members and leaders. Combining a live event with Zoom resulted in close to 100 members attending. Maggie Burns, your BPX Events Coordinator, and Louise Campbell-Blair, your Vice-Chair & Treasurer, with support from the rest of the committee, put on first-rate program. High energy, wonderful community, and a good time. If you missed it, come next year.

Backpacking Section Members mark your calendars for April 1, 06:00AM to sign up for the trips you've chosen from the *BPX Member Trips Catalog* put together by Randy Blosser, Special Projects Coordinator. So far there are 60 trips posted. I expect more will come on-line as the season progresses. Be aware popular trips fill up after a day or two. Don't tarry. I'm optimistic that we're in for another year of continued growth and success thanks to each and everyone of you who are contributing to make those goals a reality.

BPX REGISTRATION ALMOST HERE!

BPX Trip Registration begins **April 1 at 6AM** (no April Fooling). Starting this date, all scheduled BPX Trips will be open up for sign-up. So study the BPX Trip Catalog to figure out the Backpacking and Camping trips that are calling to you, and grab a cup of coffee and fire up the computer on April 1st!

Remember that in order to give more BPX Members a chance of going on a trip, registration is initially restricted to 3 BPX backpacking and/or camping trips, whether you are on 3 separate trip rosters, 3 waitlists, or a combination thereof. On the 20th of each month, the *BackCountry Cache* Newsletter will publish BPX trips for the following month that still have openings. At that time members can sign up for a trip, regardless of how many BPX Trips they have already registered for.

The Trip Catalog Spreadsheet in the link below can be sorted by any column desired, and the sort will apply to only the spreadsheet in your local browser session; the master document will not be impacted. In the first column is a link to the trip on the CMC website where you can see more details about a trip. Click on the [See full route/place details](#) link above the trip's map for even more information on the trip's Route/Place.

[BPX Trip Catalog](#)
[BPX Trip Registration Guidelines](#)

Even more trips have been added since the Trip Catalog was published with more being added throughout the season. So continue to check the CMC website for new backpacking and camping trips in magnificent locations across Colorado and Wyoming, ranging from Easy to Difficult, 2-day to multi-day!

UPCOMING BPX TRIPS

Stan Moore is leading the first BPX trip of the "summer" season--an Easy 1 night Gear Shakedown Backpack from the French Creek TH on Thursday, April 20 - Friday, April 21. Registration opens on April 1 at 6AM. To find out more about this trip, click [here](#).

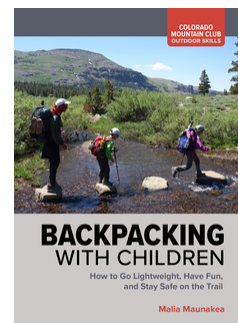
BPX TRIP LEADERS

Thanks to our BPX Leaders for already claiming 60 trips. Your commitment in time, energy, and expertise are the key to making BPX, in the words of Sandy Heise, Denver Group Chair, "*an engaging, top-notch, and successful CMC Section*".

In order to make all the powerful trip search capabilities of the new CMC website work, please make sure your trips have *Backpacking Section* for the trip's section and also the *BPX Tag*.

NEW BACKPACKING BOOK FROM CMC PRESS

CMC Press is excited to launch the new "Outdoor Skills" book series with *Backpacking with Children*. Learn how to plan a successful overnight outing with kids! *Backpacking with Children* is filled with great backpacking information, as well as lots of specific tips for hiking with kids – games and activities for the trail, how to choose a good trip length, how much weight kids can carry, and more. BPX members get 25% off the book [here](#) with the code Kids25!



SCHOOLS/EVENTS

DENVER

[BACKPACKING SCHOOL](#) Starts [Jun 6](#)

[DAY HIKER SCHOOL](#) Virtual Alternative to WTS. More info [here](#)

[TRIP LEADER SCHOOL](#) More info [here](#)

[WILDERNESS TREKKING SCHOOL](#) Starts [Apr 4](#)

[CPR/AED FOR OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS](#) [Apr 13](#)

INTRO TO HIKING SAFETY [Apr 18](#) [May 23](#) [Jun 13](#) [Jul 11](#)

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SCHOOL Starts [May 8](#)

PIKES PEAK (PPG)

LAND NAVIGATION Starts [Apr 5](#)

WILDERNESS FUNDAMENTALS [Classroom Jun 5, Field Jun 10](#) [Classroom Sep 25, Field Sep 30](#)

WESTERN SLOPE

INTRO TO HIKING SAFETY [May 20](#)

STATE

WILDERNESS FIRST AID/FIRST RESPONDER Multiple Offerings - Check CMC Calendar [here](#)

NAVIGATION Virtual Courses: [Nav1](#) [Nav2](#)

ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT [May 13-14](#)

Continue to check the CMC website for additional courses.

BPX TIP OF THE MONTH

Finding BPX Trips on CMC Website

There are a number of ways to find a trip on the CMC website--here are some for locating BPX Backpacking and Camping trips.

Using the FILTER OPTIONS

First, go to the Education and Adventure tab at the top of the main CMC home page and select *Find Trips*.

To Find All Backpacking Section (BPX) Trips:

- Enter *BPX* (or *bpx*) in the Search Box at the top of the menu on the left-hand side of the page and select the **SEARCH** button. (This is the most certain way of finding BPX trips).

OR

- Using the menu on the left-hand side of the page, scroll down to "*With this group/Section...*" and select the box next to Backpacking Section.

To further refine the BPX trips selected above you can do one of the following:

- **Filter by Activity:**
 - Under the "*I want to go...*" menu block, select the box next to *Backpacking* to see just the BPX backpacking trips OR *Camping* to see just the BPX camping trips.

Note: If you do not filter to get just the BPX trips in one of the ways described above but just select the Backpacking or the Camping Activity, you will also get other trips that are not part of the BPX catalog.

- **Filter by Date:**
 - Under the "*Starting...*" menu block, enter a start and an end date for your search. Note: You must enter both a start and end date for the date filter to kick in.

You can also add other filters like a Trip Leader Name or a Difficulty Rating like Easy or Moderate.

To Find a Particular BPX Trip:

In the Search Box at the top of the [FIND TRIPS](#) page, you can enter a portion of the trip's title and then click on the **SEARCH** button.

Examples:

- To find the trip “Backpack – BPX 6-Day: Tour of Mount Zirkel Wilderness Lakes from Katherine TH”, you could enter *Tour of Mount Zirkel Wilderness*.
- To find the trip “Camp – BPX 3-Day: The Craggs Campground at State Forest State Park”, you could enter *Craggs Campground*.

Note: The search will not work if you enter the entire title; you need to leave out at least the “-“ in the trip name following “Backpack” or “Camp”; e.g., *Backpack BPX 6-Day: Tour of Mount Zirkel Wilderness Lakes from Katherine TH*.

Using the CMC CALENDAR

- To access the *CMC* calendar, click the three lines above the word **More** in the upper right corner of the main CMC home page. Then select **EVENTS** to bring up the CMC Event calendar. Note that this will display a calendar with ALL CMC events, trips, and courses.
- To access just the *BACKPACKING SECTION CALENDAR*, click the three lines above the word **MORE** in the upper right corner of the home page, followed by *Groups & Sections*, followed by *Special Interest Groups*. On the [SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION](#) page that comes up, either choose *Backpacking Section* under the options on the left OR click the *BACKPACKING SECTION (BPX):* Button in the main part of the page. Once on the [BACKPACKING SECTION](#) page, under the dark grey box on the right listing the Upcoming Events and Trips is a *Calendar of Upcoming Events and Trips* link that will take you to just the BPX Calendar.

To sign up for any trip from the calendar view, select the title of the trip. This will bring up a box with summary information about the trip. Select the Trip Title again to go to the actual Trip page where you can sign up.

Finding Trips Video

CMC member Kathy Crawford has created a short video on how to find trips using the RMOTHG Section as an example. To watch it, click [here](#).

If you have a backpacking tip you would like to share or a suggestion for something you would like to learn more about, please email cmcbpxnewsletter@gmail.com

BPX MEMBER INFO

BPX FACEBOOK: [BPX FB](#) Send Photos and Trips Reports to post on BPX Facebook Page to: maggie.burns1@gmail.com

BPX INSTAGRAM: [@co_backpacking_bpx](#)

BPX LINKS: Click [here](#) for BPX web page, [here](#) for BPX Member Benefits, and [here](#) for CMC Member Benefits.

DENVER GROUP MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES: [here](#)

For Foothill outings, remember to check the website for your trip to make sure there are no closures due to mud, hunting, wildlife calving, etc.

LEAD THE PACK

WELCOME NEW BPX TRIP LEADERS

Ryan Connell, Denver

Terry Ploski, Denver

Dave Molyneaux, Denver

BPX is always looking for awesome CMC Trip Leaders from ALL CMC groups interested in expanding their trip repertoire by leading backpacking trips. Email your interest and experience to cmcbpx@gmail.com. More info on becoming a Leader can be found [here](#).

BPX COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Please consider joining the BPX Committee. It's a great way to give back for the great adventures and friendships BPX and CMC have provided for you, as well as to support the Backpacking Section in its continued growth and success. We have committee meetings once a month via Zoom, and sometimes in person. Expect 4-8 hours per month of volunteer work; sometimes more. To find out more, email cmcbpx@gmail.com. We'd love to have you!

CMC Backpacking Section Supports Leave No Trace

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

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