



# Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang November 2024 Newsletter



## A Message from your Section Chair...

I hope you are enjoying our extended, beautiful fall season! It's been such a joy to get outside and enjoy the colors and weather! Hopefully, the snow is coming soon for snowshoe and ski season!

Please remember the CMC building is moving this week and will be closed from October 28 to November 12<sup>th</sup> to allow staff to get settled. More information will be coming soon about events and plans for the 2025

hiking/biking/snowshoe season.

I wish you all a peaceful and abundant Thanksgiving!

Warmly,

Kathy



*Kenosha Pass photo by Jim Guerra*



# SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Gina Bischoff

## HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR

Please join us for a holiday happy hour on December 9th at the Colorado Tap House in Arvada. This holiday happy hour is in lieu of our traditional holiday party, due to the sale of the CMC building in September. CMC is in the process of moving into their new basecamp in Arvada but because it was not clear when we would be fully settled in the new digs, we decided to just hold a happy hour instead. See old friends and welcome our new members.

The Tap House is located at 14982 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Arvada, right next to the Ralston Creek Trail.

The Tap House serves beer, wine, and cocktails, as well as non-alcoholic beverages. Food trucks will be available starting at 4:00 p.m. and the Tap House has great snacks, including hummus plates, chips and salsa, and sandwiches. Check out their website at [www.coloradotaphouse.com](http://www.coloradotaphouse.com).

**Please sign-up on the CMC website. There is no charge to sign-up but you are responsible for your own beverages and food. Easy vehicle parking.**

## [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

On October 15, twenty members of the RMOTHG visited the Colorado School of Mines' Edgar Experimental Mine. While we anticipated a School of Mines' student leading us, we instead had Clint, a seasoned miner with an extensive history mining and working on underground projects around the country. Below are some pictures from the tour.



# Hiking News

Martha Mustard

Fall foliage season is wrapping up but it is still rifle hunting season until Nov 3 and then from Nov 9-15, and Nov 20-24; remember to WEAR YOUR ORANGE OR PINK and/or put it on your pack very visibly.



*BE VISIBLE - WEAR YOUR ORANGE OR VIVID PINK*

We've again been lulled into an endless summer here in the metro area but snow is coming to the mountains. It's time to keep your microspikes and snow baskets for your poles handy. You may need to be packing extra layers and hot drinks soon.

You can find RMOTHG hikes on our website on the RMOTHG calendar or by searching under Education and Adventure, Find Trips, and selecting hiking under "I'd like it to be ..." and selecting Rocky Mountain Over the Hill Gang under the "With this group/section". When selecting a hike to join, please carefully note the full description of the hike, not just the distance and elevation gain or difficulty rating. The leader's notes can provide most useful information; you may need to click on the orange "MORE +" button found below "Meeting place and time" or below "Leader's notes" to get the entire message. Please join a hike appropriate for you and appreciate our beautiful mountains and the wonderful company of other RMOTHG members!

## Denver Orbital Trail – a Walkable Loop Around Metro Denver *by Suzanne Dysard*

Have you heard of the Denver Orbital Trail (DOT)? <https://www.denverorbital.org/> It's a 177 mile route broken into 28 segments that goes all the way around the Denver metro area. Michael Tormey, who recently moved to Colorado, created the trail to explore his new home. He was inspired by other urban loops like the London Loop and figured out how to connect existing trails and paths to make the loop. The 28 segments vary in length from 2.4 to 11.7 miles and range from climbing up Lookout Mountain to walks with no elevation gain.

I had seen information on the trail and I was intrigued. Colleen Miller, a friend I met on my very first RMOTHG hike, inspired me when she asked if I would be interested in leading DOT hikes for the RMOTHG. The DOT is available in Routes and Places on the CMC website and I have posted hikes for the first several segments. I encourage other trip leaders to join me in leading these hikes. I'll be tracking my segments in our trip leading spreadsheet so feel free to jump in and add hikes for the next segments (or any segments that tickle your fancy).

For those of you who want to track your progress, the DOT has a color-by-segment walk progress tracker: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sAkCCYxYpN2utTKuxVJ3kXnJXLxLQ8On/view>

I hope to see some of you as we walk our way around Denver!  
Suzanne

PLACES WE'VE BEEN



*Golden Gate Canyon Horseshoe Trail to Frazer Meadows hike led by Martha Mustard*



*Noddle Heads, led by Jim Guerra, co-led by Ken Ruiz*



*Flying J Ranch, led by Karen Guerra*



*Indiana Jones and assorted critters found hiking on the El Dorado*

*Canyon Hike led by Jeanne Eiss,.*



*Three Mile Creek Hike led by Mary Ann Panarelli*



*Hells Hole on October 23. Leader: Elaine Shirley and Co-leader Jeanne Eiss*



*Kenosha Pass East – led by Jim Guerra, co-lead by Ken Ruiz*



*Roxborough State Park – led by Karen Guerra, co-lead by Jim Guerra*



*Lair o' the Bear – Jeff Lickenbrock (LIT),  
Jim Guerra (mentor leader)*

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A Section of the Colorado Mountain Club Denver Group

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