



Wildflowers along Ice Lake Trail in the San Juans. Photo by Brenda Leach.

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Canyon to Crest Call

Western Slope Group

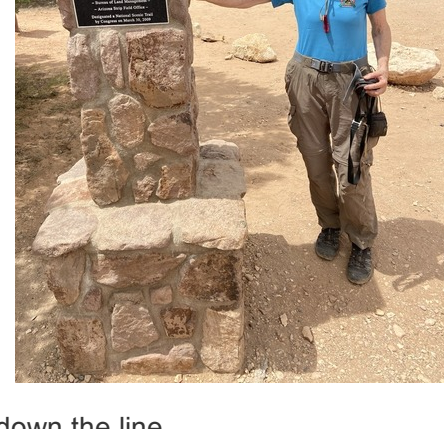
September 2022

WSG Annual Dinner, Potluck & Meeting in Delta!

This potluck event on **Saturday, September 24, 4-8pm** at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center meeting room in Delta will be a great opportunity to meet and mingle with other WSG members! Our speaker this year is Jennifer Roach, presenting about her Continental Divide Trail completion. Jennifer began the CDT in 2017. She never intended to pursue the entire completion of the trail, but it became a one-state-a-year program until the trails completion in 2021. After dinner, we'll hold a short business meeting where we'll vote on all WSG Council positions for 2023 -- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Outings Chair and Conservation Chair. If you are interested in serving on the WSG Council, or volunteering to help at the dinner, please contact us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. Register and more info [here](#).



Meet Our Annual Dinner Speaker, Jennifer Roach!



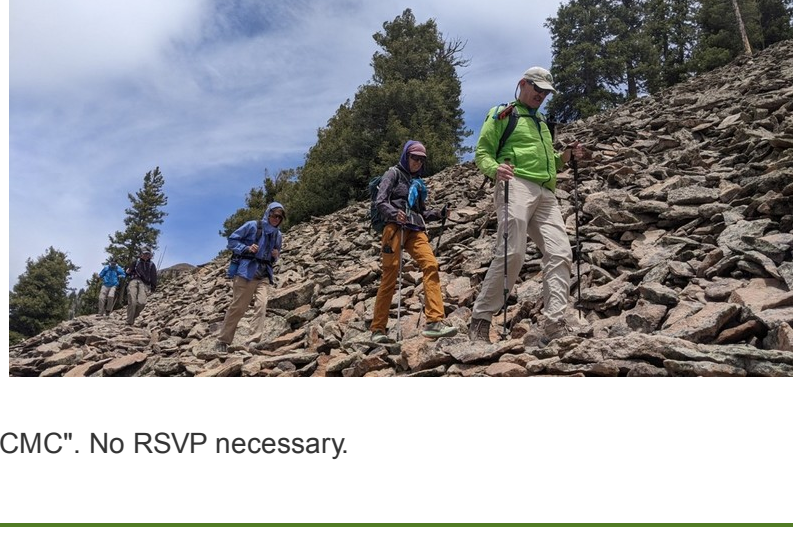
"A flatlander transformed into a mountain climber." Jennifer Roach was born in Chicago and transplanted to Colorado at age 27. She joined the CMC Denver Group in 1981 and never had a dull or an active weekend thereafter. Jennifer remained active with the Denver Group for many years as a participant and trip leader and served on the Denver Group council and was in charge of the group activity schedule for a full 7 years.

Jennifer has climbed all of Colorado's 14ers and 13ers as well as 3/4 of Colorado's 12ers, numerous 11ers and so on down the line.

Outside of Colorado, Jennifer has climbed numerous peaks in the entire Western US, both well-known and obscure. In 2003, she completed the fabled desert peaks section list of the Sierra Club. Add to this some international climbs in Central and South America, the UK and several other countries. Now you have a flatlander transformed!

Welcome New GJ Trip Leader Victor Ketellapper!

Victor has been hiking and backpacking in the western United States most of his life. Most recently he completed backpacking the John Muir Trail in California's Sierra Mountains. He is a retired environmental engineer where he focused on the restoration of abandoned mines and mountain streams. Victor and his wife Terra moved to Grand Junction a year ago from the Denver metro area. Upon arrival in GJ, Victor joined the CMC and completed the trip leader training. He is looking forward to meeting other WSG members to explore the western Colorado wilderness.



CMC Social Gatherings

Are our members interested in gathering not only for trips? Join us at the Horsefly Brewery in Montrose, **4:30pm on Thursday September 15** to meet other members and ask any questions you may have about WSG activities. We'll be outside on the patio, look for

"CMC". No RSVP necessary.

Check Your CMC Sign-ups!

If you have signed up for an upcoming trip or event (like the WSG Annual Dinner), please log into your account and double-check your sign-ups. The transition from the old website to the new one created a few roster hiccups. You may need to re-register. For issues with trips, send an email to WSGofCMC@gmail.com. For issues with paid events, contact CMC Membership Services at office@cmc.org or 303-279-3080.



WSG Facebook Group and Email Lists

If you are interested in mountain biking, road biking, backcountry skiing, downhill skiing, ice/rock/technical climbing, car camping, social dinners / happy hours, technical peaks or backpacking trips, we have created email lists specific to each of these categories to notify members about upcoming or short notice trips/events as conditions warrant. Please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com and tell us if you'd like to be added to one or more email list.

Additionally, we have a private Facebook group "CMC Western Slope Group" that we use in addition to the email groups. This group is available to post photos, announce last minute trips, trip reminders or activities. If you're interested, send a request in Facebook to join the group.

Landslide Preparedness Tips from the USGS

The monsoon season came early to the Western Slope and may continue throughout the summer. Here's some useful information from the USGS on "landslide and debris warning signs, what to do before, during and after": <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/landslide-hazards/landslide-preparedness>.

ALL CMC OUTINGS : [The CMC Trips List & Map](#)

Guests must now create an account and sign a waiver before signing up for trips. Guests may attend up to 2 trips. If a trip is full, please sign up on the waitlist as there are participants that may cancel.

TRIPS: NEW WEBSITE! Now all of our activities are in one place at [Western Slope Group Calendar](#)

[Tuesday 8/30, Highland Mary Lakes, Silverton](#), Mod B. Brenda Leach

[September 10-12, BPX Colony Baldy](#), Mod C. John Broadbooks.

[Thursday 9/15, BPX CT Collegiate West](#), Denver Group

[Saturday 9/17-18, BPX Sheep Mtn](#), Mod C. John Broadbooks

[Saturday 9/17, Mt Garfield \(GJ\)](#), Mod B. Victor Ketellapper. *NEW DATE*

[Friday 9/23, Otto's Wall, Grand Mesa](#), Mod B. Anne Keil & Ward Luthi.

[Sunday 9/25-29, Canyonlands Car Camp/Hiking](#), Denver Group

[Saturday 10/8, Old Owl Crk Pass Fall Colors Current, New and Prospective Member Hike](#), Mod A. Anne Keil

[Friday 10/14-10/17, Green River UT camping and San Rafael Swell Hiking](#), Mod B. WSG leaders.

[12/20/22-1/10/23 Patagonia 0 Circuit Trek](#), Adventure Travel, fee.

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

COVID policy for trips: [updated Feb 23, 2022](#)

PRESENTATIONS

[Tuesday 9/20, Colorado Campgrounds](#) Webinar 6-7:30. State CMC.

[Saturday 9/24 WSG Annual Dinner/Potluck](#) Delta Rec Center meeting room, 4-8pm.

[CMC Schools & Classes Webpage](#): **For some classes and schools that are offered on the full CMC calendar (typically on the front range or via ZOOM), we can arrange field days on this side of the state but need a minimum number of participants between the various CMC groups. Please let us know if something interests you.

[ATA-Avalanche Terrain Avoidance](#), a 2-day course required for trip leaders and open to all members will be scheduled this winter, dates TBA.

[AIARE \(Avalanche research and education\)](#) 2023 sessions are offered through the Denver Group, registration is open to any member statewide. If non-members are interested in enrollment the individual must first join CMC.

Trip Leader Training: We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com or check the new website.

Seeking Monthly Newsletter Content

We'd like your help! If you have requests for newsletter content or would like to contribute, let us know! Deadline to submit information, articles or photos is the **25th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. Email us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

Western Slope Group Council

Chair: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

Vice Chair & Outings Chair: Anne Keil (Montrose)

Treasurer: John Broadbooks (Montrose)

Secretary: Karen Mann (Montrose)

Conservation Chair: Ross Mittelman (Palisade)

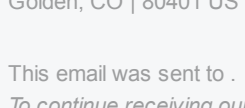
We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#).

With some exceptions, council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The upcoming meetings are September 20 and November 8. Zoom availability and location will be determined closer to the meeting date. WSG members are welcome to attend.

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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