



## Canyon to Crest Call

### Western Slope Group

April 2021

Gerry Roach, our Annual Dinner speaker, on the summit of Everest on May 7, 1983.

[See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!](#)

## SAVE THE DATE! Western Slope Group's

### 70th Anniversary Annual Dinner, Saturday, October 2

Our WSG Annual Dinner and 70th anniversary bash will be held at the Ute Museum in Montrose! This event will be subject to COVID protocols.

**Our Speaker:** We're very excited to announce that our Annual Dinner speaker will be world-class mountaineer **Gerry Roach!** In 1985, Gerry became the 2nd person to climb the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. In 2003, Gerry became the 1st person to climb every major peak over 16,000 feet in North America. At the WSG Annual Dinner, Gerry will give his *Northern Heights* presentation which highlights his 2003 achievement. He is also an accomplished rock climber and author. This will be a great presentation! Stay tuned for more details!

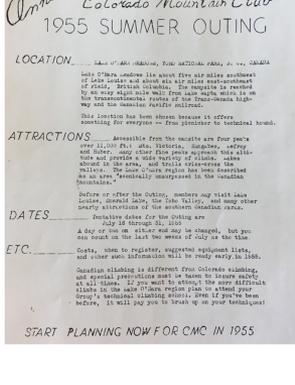
**Seeking Volunteers:** Do you enjoy planning/scheduling shindigs? Email [WSG@gmail.com](mailto:WSG@gmail.com) if interested. We'd like your input and help!

## WSG 70th Anniversary Camping & Hiking Summer Outing

Let's get together and celebrate! Join us for all or part of the fun (more details as the time approaches and assuming COVID is controlled):

- Thursday 8/12 to Sunday 8/15: 3 nights camping near Marble. Reserve your site at Bogan Flats Campground with us or other camping area of your choice. Or motel in Carbondale. Or meet us for a day hike!
- Thursday 8/12 Backpack 1 night, Mt Sopris ascent 8/13. John Broadbooks.
- Thursday 8/12 TBD
- [Friday 8/13 Thomas Lakes Hike](#). Mod B. Anne Keil.
- Saturday 8/14 TBD
- Sunday 8/15 TBD

Contact [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com) for more details or for suggestions or to help lead trips.



## Conservation Corner

### "Apps for Stewardship, Conservation and Navigation"

by Ross Mittelman, WSG Conservation Chair

Seems like there is an app for just about everything these days including backcountry travel, hiking, biking and any other trail related activities. For some, a waterproof USGS

quadrangle and a compass will remain the most trusted resource for outdoor navigation. One thing is for certain, those two items will not run out of battery power. However, many more recreationists are increasingly using technology as a resource for exploration. Many smartphone apps provide basic navigation, but a few offer more unique features. Here is a brief review of three I have found most helpful and enjoyable to use. [...>> READ MORE](#)

Please take a moment to click on the button below to take our Conservation Survey. Thanks!

[Take the CMC WSG Conservation Survey](#)

## ALL OUTINGS LINK: <https://cmc.org/Calendar.aspx>

**TRIPS\*\* (click on titles for more info and to sign up):**

- [Monday 3/29. Ute Canyon \\*\\*new trip](#). Mod B. Anne Keil.
- [Wednesday 4/14. Rabbit's Ear Mesa](#). Mod A. Mary Pitz.
- [Saturday 4/17. Hermit's Rest, attempt #2. Curecanti NRA](#). Mod B. Anne Keil.
- [Saturday 4/24. Curecanti Creek, attempt #2](#). Mod A. John Broadbooks.
- [Wednesday 4/28. Independence Monument](#). Mod A. Mary Pitz.
- [Friday 4/30. Afternoon exploration of Dry Creek seasonal waterfall](#). Mod A. Anne Keil.

\*\*All members and guests must sign a new [liability waiver \(effective March 2020\)](#).

**Starting July 1 revised COVID policy:**

- Group size max of 10 (including trip leader).
- At least 6 feet social distancing required (otherwise use a mask or mouth/nose covering) at the trailhead pre-trip, when passing other recreators, and at the trailhead post-trip.

- [Protocols for CMC Trips](#)
- [Checklist for Participants, Trip Leaders, and School Directors](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

- [Tuesday 4/6. RIMS \(Recreational Impact Management Survey\) App](#). Webinar 7pm.
- [Wednesday 4/7. Nav 1/2 Information Session](#). Webinar 7pm.
- [Thursday 4/15. Nav 2](#). Webinar (fee).
- [Sunday 4/18. Nav 1](#). Webinar (fee).
- [Tuesday 4/20. John Fielder & Jeri Norgren Neff's Book Colorado's Highest - The History of Naming the 14,000 ft Peaks](#). Pikes Peak Group. Webinar 7-8pm.
- [Tuesday 4/27. RIMS App Training](#). Webinar 7pm.

### CLASSES AND SCHOOLS: <https://cmc.org/ClassesandCourses/CMCClassesSchools.aspx>

\*\*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:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| -Intro to hiking safety | -Wilderness Trekking school         |                          |
| -Ascending hikes        | -Intro to backcountry ski/snowboard |                          |
| -Day hiker school       | -Avalanche safety                   | -Fly fishing             |
| -Backpacking school     | -Ski mountaineering                 | -Telemark ski school     |
| -Alpine scrambling      | -Winter camping                     | -Backcountry ski touring |
| -Wilderness survival    | -CPR                                | -Technical Climbing      |

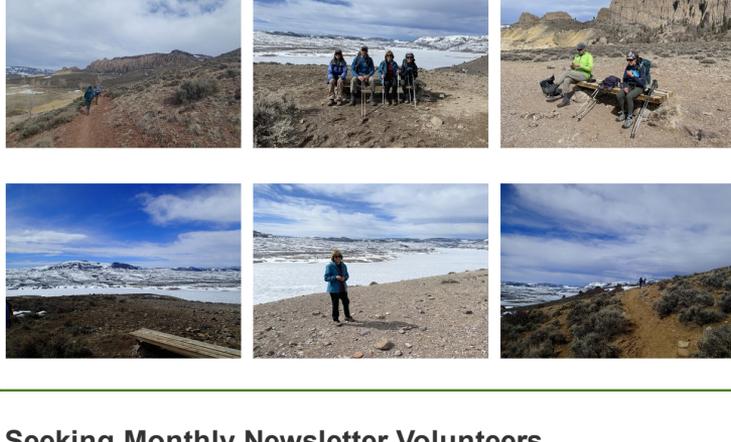
**Avalanche Avoidance Terrain Field Trip:** Did you take the Avalanche Terrain Avoidance course zoom presentation, but miss the field trip? If so, there's now a field trip available through the Roaring Fork Group on Saturday, April 10. It will be held at the Ashcroft Ghost Town outside of Aspen. Click [here](#) for more info and to sign up.

**Wilderness First Aid** is now a hybrid 16-hour online plus a 1-day in-person field class. This serves as both an initial certification and recertification. \$200 members, \$245 nonmembers, and 5 spots each class are free for leaders with online application and 6 trip commitment in 2 years. Western Slope field day location TBD due to COVID distancing precautions. More info [here](#) and dates will be added regularly when distancing restrictions are lowered.

**Trip Leader Training:** We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of online modules and one training hike plus wilderness first aid. Self paced online class portion of trip leader training is now available. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. If you are interested, please contact [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

## Trip Report: Dillon Pinnacles, Curecanti NRA

It's hard to know where to schedule a hike for this time of the year! Plan A was the Curecanti Creek Trail in the Curecanti National Recreation Area. But when we arrived, the snow was too deep and we quickly started postholing. So, we went with a quickly conceived Plan B, the Dillon Pinnacles, as it was a short drive to the trailhead. It was a good alternative, a little muddy in spots, but doable. Here's a few photos from our trip, taken by John Broadbooks and Brenda Leach.



## Seeking Monthly Newsletter Volunteers

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](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

The Roaring Fork Group (formerly the Aspen Group) of the CMC also has a newsletter. If you want to receive their newsletter, send a request to [roaringforkcmc@gmail.com](mailto:roaringforkcmc@gmail.com).

We are also looking for a volunteer to be the **Newsletter Editor**. [Click here](#) for the Newsletter editor job description. We use myEmma, a tool which has many features that facilitate creating our monthly newsletter.

Click on these links to see past issues of our monthly *Canyon to Crest Call* newsletter.

- 2021: [January](#), [February](#), [March](#).
- 2020: [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

## 2021 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](#). We've set our Council meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2021 is May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9. The location will be determined closer to the meeting date. It could be via Zoom while we're dealing with COVID-19. WSG members are welcome to attend.

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