



Canyon to Crest Call

Western Slope Group

November 2021

CMC hike in the San Rafael Swell in Utah, Eardley Canyon. Photo by John Broadbooks.

See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!

Green River UT/ San Rafael Swell Trip Report

Western Slope group participants spent a few days exploring the Swell amongst beautiful fall colored cottonwoods in the washes of Utah. It was swell. We camped at Green River State Park, checked out Swasey Beach and various rock art areas around the Green River area with our auto tour guide, leader Paul Sheya. John Broadbooks led a canyon-tastic hike down Eardley Canyon the next day and later we viewed more rock art. Paul Sheya led us to the breathtaking views on the ridge of the Northern swell from the Smith Cabin area on the third day. Goblin Valley got rained out the 4th day. We did not see any other humans on our hikes and had perfect conditions!

*If there is an area you'd like to explore, or if you have any trip suggestions, let us know at WSGofCMC@gmail.com. Thanks to John Broadbooks for the photos.



GMUG - Draft Forest Plan Needs

Recreation Input

On August 13 2021, the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) released its [Draft Forest Plan](#) for public comment. **If you adventure in the San Juans, West Elks or on Grand Mesa, now is your chance to help preserve high-quality recreation on these landscapes.**



Right now, the plan falls short on strong recreation policy and new wilderness recommendations - your feedback will help direct the forest to make important changes benefiting recreation and conservation for the next 20-30 years. Go to the [CMC website](#) and scroll down for more information and how to take action.

Comment Deadline: November 12, 2021



Backcountry Snow Rangers

The Colorado Mountain Club is accepting applications for a Backcountry Snow Ranger position in the Ouray & Grand Valley Districts of the GMUG National Forest. The purpose of this position is to support the forest in making public contacts with winter recreationists. For more info and to apply, see this [job description](#).

ALL OUTINGS LINK: [The CMC Calendar](#)

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

[Friday 11/5. Wedding/Monument Canyons Loop.](#) Mod B. Brenda Leach & Ward Luthi.

[Monday 11/15. Rattlesnake Arches \(upper loop\).](#) Mod B. Anne Keil.

Save the date! Saturday 1/15/2022. Rifle Ice Caves snowshoe. Easy A. Anne Keil.

7/24-29 & 7/31-8/5 2022. [CMC In State Outing, Kebler Pass. Fee](#)

[Alta Via 1. July 16-22, 2022.](#) Adventure Travel. Fee.

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

COVID policy for trips: [COVID-19 and CMC Programming, revised August 9, 2021](#)

PRESENTATIONS

[Anytime: Day Hiker School.](#) Online, 5 modules, field days to be scheduled if interest (fee).

[Saturday Nov 6. Author John Waterman Presentation.](#) NoColo Group. Webinar, 7pm.

[Tuesday 11/9. Campsite Cooking.](#) Webinar, 6-7:30pm

[Tuesday 11/16. \(Denver\) CMC New Member Orientation.](#) Webinar, 7-8pm.

[Saturday Nov 20. Wilderness First Aid Field Day.](#) Glenwood Springs (fee for non-trip leaders and pre-work online required). For CMC trip leaders, follow [this link](#) for free tuition. Note: The CMC is currently working on the WFA schedule for 2022. They *may* hold a class on January 16 at the Ouray Ice Park. Stay tuned!

CMC Classes & Schools 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.

Trip Leader Training: We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training plus Wilderness First Aid. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. Also see [Trip Leader & Instructor Resources \(cmc.org\)](#). If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

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.

We are also looking for a volunteer **Newsletter Editor**. For more info, click here: [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](#), [April](#), [May](#), [June](#), [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#).

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](#). Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The next one is on November 9. 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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