



## Mile High Mountaineer

July/August 2024



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### Trail Maintenance Work

The Denver Group Trails & Conservation Committee is sponsoring trail work days on Guanella Pass for:

[July 27](#)

[August 10](#)

[August 17](#)



*Photo courtesy of Steve Bonowski*

Work will be done on the popular Squaretop Lakes Trail with the work site being within 500' of the parking lot. All three trips are currently open for signups. **Click on the date(s) you want** and register on that webpage(s). The Committee provides all tools and work gloves. The leaders can answer any questions.



Photo courtesy of WTS

## Wilderness Trekking School (WTS)

### Starts September 3

Wilderness Trekking School (WTS) is for all – whether you want to bag a few 14ers or just want to enjoy the scenery. WTS is an excellent introduction to the CMC and a place to meet new friends. It's a comprehensive course on mountain day-hiking, has no prerequisites, and is the CMC's largest school. Students are adults of all ages.

If you're new to hiking, WTS provides the opportunity to learn how to travel safely and confidently in the backcountry. If you're an experienced hiker, WTS gives you a chance to review and enhance your skills, and possibly fill in some gaps.

WTS is a requirement for the Backpacking School and Alpine Climbing School.

Tuition is **\$170 until August 27** for current CMC Members, and \$190 thereafter. [Registration is open now.](#)

## Final Hiking Safety Class of the Season

Join the instructors of the Hiking Safety School to learn the latest safety techniques and earn your Hiking Safety badge.

We will meet at the AMC/CMC building in Golden on **Wednesday July 24 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm**. Add to your hiking confidence by learning how **not** to get lost, and how to survive if you do. Review basic trail navigation, mountain weather, lightning, the ten essentials, trip safety planning, clothing, surviving forest fires, dangerous animal encounters, and more.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Your friends and guests are welcome! Register [here](#).



The 10 essentials. Photo by Art Hogling

## Backcountry Incident Management School

Although rare within the CMC, backcountry incidents are stressful, confusing, and the wrong activities can potentially compound to make a bad situation even worse. For those who want a means to review, practice, and improve the skills needed to successfully manage the initial aspects of an unforeseen incident, the CMC offers the Backcountry Incident Management School.



**Date:** [Sept 14](#). **Enroll now.** If it's full, sign up for the waitlist; course size may be expanded.

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of a recent Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course

**Course tuition:** \$30

See [Backcountry Incident Management School - Denver](#). [Rich.McAdams@hotmail.com](mailto:Rich.McAdams@hotmail.com).

## Congratulations to the Denver Group's newest CMC Trip Leaders!

Valerie Garrison, Maggie Henderson, Herman Schumacher, and Fred Singer were approved in May 2024. Matthew Culpepper, Fred Ecks, Barb Edwards, John Gode, Emily Kachergis, Andrew MacGregor, Keith Stinebaugh, and George Vandyke were approved in June 2024.

### Member Photo Gallery

On July 10th, a group of friends gathered and hiked to honor and spread the ashes of John Walters, a beloved and dedicated CMC volunteer and outdoorsman.

John loved this grand, old bristlecone pine tree in the Mount Blue Sky Wilderness.



John Walters

*Photos courtesy of Linda Lawson & Sandy Heise*





Bison calves and cows seen at Genessee Mountain Park.



North Tarryall Pk & Topaz Mtn hike led by Rich McAdams



Matt Culpepper atop Tarryall Pk

*Photos courtesy of Robbie Monsma*

## The Denver Group Council is looking for a few good members!

Give back to the club and volunteer to help manage and influence policies, events/activities, and new directions for our group. If interested, email the Co-chairs at [cmcdgcc@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgcc@gmail.com).



*Image courtesy of cmc.org*

## Upcoming Trips, Courses, and Events

Check out the [CMC Calendar](#) to find your next outdoor fun!

[Schools and Course offerings](#)

[New & Prospective Member Night](#)

[Become a Trip Leader!](#)

Stay active, explore more places, and make new friends.

## Denver Group Contacts

COUNCIL

Denver Group Council

*Meets Monthly, 2nd Tuesday (usually)*

### COMMITTEES

Leadership Committee

Schools Committee

Conservation & Trails Committee

Member Initiatives Committee

### SECTIONS

Ascending Hikes

Backpacking

Bobcats

Fly Fishing

Over the Hill Gang (RMOTHG)

Photography

## Call for Submissions

Have an item you'd like included in a future Mile High Mountaineer newsletter?

**The next deadline is the first Sunday of September.** Guidelines:

- Articles should be 200 words or less, **OR** submitted as a PDF
- MHM editor reserves the right to determine what's included in the newsletter and edit submissions for clarity and length
- Photo submissions are welcome, but please include a photo credit and caption
- Submissions must be relevant to the Denver Group of the CMC and/or its members; paid advertisements are not accepted.

Please send submissions to: [cmcdgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgnewsletter@gmail.com).

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