



Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang

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SUMMIT COUNTY BIKING, HIKING AND POT LUCK PICNIC

Saturday, June 18, 2010 Reserve by June 15th

You are invited to join in on the fun as we once again have our summer picnic, with an opportunity to hike or bike, in Dillon. We thank Jim and Nicki Fisher for graciously offering their home and hospitality, as they have done for many years.

For the pot luck, participants are asked to bring a dish to share, serving spoon, beverage of choice, and a lawn chair. The club will furnish meat for the main course.

Bike riders and hikers will meet at 8:30 AM at the Dillon Reservoir recreation parking lot. Social members and guests will need to sign a waiver, the day of, before participating in hiking or biking.

Bikers: At 9:00 AM sharp, all bikers will be prepared to leave the parking lot. In the past we have had three different rides: a slower group riding to Keystone, the **regular** group biking to Frisco, and the faster group cycling to Montezuma with all returning to the parking lot. The availability of these rides will be dependent upon obtaining trained leaders to volunteer. Only the regular group is confirmed. All rides are on paved surfaces. The essential items for participating are plenty of water, necessary items to repair a flat tire, (replacement tube), appropriate clothing for changes in the weather, and carrying ID and a medical card. The wearing of a helmet is mandatory.

Hikers: At 8:45 AM, hikers will leave the parking lot in cars to the Lily Pad Lake Trailhead. The hike will be a CMC A-rated easy hike lead by a certified hike leader at a casual pace. The very beautiful scenic hike is an approximate total distance of 3.6 miles with an elevation gain of 800'. Please bring plenty of water, rain gear, sunscreen, a hat, bug repellent, and wear hiking boots.

Due to limited parking at the Fisher's home, upon conclusion of hiking and biking, participants will ride share to the picnic from the Dillon Reservoir recreation parking lot. Before hiking/biking, please arrange to ride with, and put your food in the car of, someone you are hiking or biking with. All picnic participants will be expected to arrive at the picnic between 11:30 AM and noon.

Directions to Dillon Reservoir Recreation Parking:

Take I-70 to the Dillon/Silverthorne exit 205 and turn left (South) onto US 6. Follow US 6 to Swan Mountain Rd. and turn right at the light. Drive about 0.4 miles to the dirt parking lot on the right. **Meet at the east end of the lot.**

Sign up by June 15th, indicating whether you are hiking or biking, and what you plan to bring to the picnic. Go to www.cmc.org, member **Sign in, programs, social activities, RMOHGC Summit County Picnic.** If you have difficulty signing up, you may call CMC at 303-279-3080 for assistance. To cancel after June 15th, please call Sue at 303-384-3250.

Sue Fratantuono & Sue Osborn



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www.CMC.org/RMOTHG
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SECTION CHAIR'S MESSAGE



As we approach the summer season, the Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang has already conducted several athletic and social events. The semi-annual highway cleanup was completed in spite of adverse weather conditions. Unfortunately, the picnic in Georgetown after the cleanup was cut short due to the worsening weather. I want to thank everyone who participated in the cleanup. I also want to thank Lue Frantantuono and

Wayne Tomasello for organizing this event.

spite of adverse weather conditions. Several outings have had to be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions. On Wednesday, May 26th, 55 hikers signed up for the 2 hikes offered with additional hikers on waiting lists. If you do decide to go on our hikes, please do not sign up for more than 1 hike so that other hikers on waiting lists may be more readily accommodated.

The annual Summit County hiking and biking pot luck picnic will be held on June 18th. Also, the annual camping outing will be held in early August. These events are very popular so register early.

Be safe and enjoy Colorado.

Jim Stookesberry

Our hike and bike leaders have conducted several trips in

Save the Date: MOONLIGHT CLASSIC BIKE RIDE July 16, 2011 8:00 PM

RMOTHG will organize a group ride for this fun event.

The ride is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and benefits Seniors Inc.

Dorse Cooper and Molly Ackert have offered to host a pre ride *Pep Rally* at their home which is not far from the ride starting point in downtown Denver.

All participants will be responsible for completing and paying their own registration fee. Complete details for the ride can be found at:

<http://www.moonlight-classic.com/>

Information for participating in the pre ride festivities will be available in the July RMOTHG newsletter. This event is for RMOTHG members only.

Lue Frantantuono

Activities Coordinator



HIKING

In spite of having to cancel some Wednesday hikes due to weather and terrain conditions, we still managed to complete quite a few hikes in May. Many of our fine leaders have been great at organizing additional hikes in order to accommodate this popular activity. Whenever possible we try to offer 2 hikes on the same day.

Information about the next hike is sent by e-mail to those on the Hike List a few days in advance. You are then responsible to sign up on the CMC trip web site. When more than 1 hike is offered we ask that you only sign up for one. If you are interested in being

on the Hike List please send an e-mail to the following Hike Coordinators.

We have some great hikes scheduled for June; however, all hikes are subject to change or cancel due to inclement weather or terrain. We also ask for your understanding when we have to severely limit a hike due to being in a Wilderness Area or lack of certified leaders.

Hiking coordinators:

Marion Dries
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Jim Stookesberry
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Tentative June Wednesday Hikes

June 1st Deer Creek Canyon
June 8th Three Mile Creek "A"
Burning Bear Trail "B"
June 15th Reynolds Park
June 22nd Wheeler Lakes / Copper
Mtn. area
June 29th Ouzel Falls

CAMPING

The annual RMOHG campout will once again be at Turquoise Lake near Leadville. We have reserved a limited number of sites for the three nights. These will be "shared sites". You are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible as the sites fill up fast. Amenities at the campground include flush toilets and drinkable water but no showers or electrical hookups. The beach and beautiful lake are easily accessible from the campsites. Activities include hiking, biking, fishing, boating (bring your own boat), happy hours and campfires. RMOHG will provide the meat for dinners on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings; wine for all "happy hours"; paper plates, napkins and plastic utensils. Participants will provide their own dinner on Monday evening; make potluck contributions to dinners on Tuesday and Wednesday; and bring snacks to share for "happy hour" each evening.

WHERE: Baby Doe Campground.
SITES: Shared; will be assigned upon your arrival at the campground



DATES: Check-in: Monday, August 8th, 2:00 PM. Check-out: Thursday, August 11th, 12:00 noon.

COST: \$25/person.

RESERVATIONS: Accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, only upon receipt of ALL of the following:

- Your check for \$25/person (made payable to Marta Rodeheffer)
- Your contact information including: name, mailing address; telephone numbers (day and evening); email address.

- Whether using a tent; van; RV (indicate length); or sleeping in your vehicle.
- Names of all in your party and anticipated number of vehicles (Note: parking is limited).
- Any special needs.

MAIL TO:

Marta Rodeheffer
RMOHG camping
Coordinator
P.O. BOX 2435
Evergreen, Colorado
80437

Marta will send confirmation of your reservation; directions to Baby Doe Campground and other organizational details via email. Address any questions or comments to
martarodeheffer@msn.com or
303-808-1710 (Voice Mail Box)

Marta Rodeheffer

BICYCLING

RMOTHG has cycling rides on most Fridays during the summer months in the Denver area. About 20 to 30 bikers participate weekly riding on bike paths throughout the Denver, Boulder and sometimes we go west to Summit County.

We usually ride a distance of 20 to 30 miles at a speed of 10 to 12 mph in the mornings and finish with an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant. Occasionally, we'll have a leader for a slower group of riders. Watch for notification of this slower rider group in the weekly emails. Most of our trips are on paved, level bike paths. Occasionally we encounter some hills and gravel trails.

The essential items for participating are plenty of water, necessary tools to repair a flat tire (replacement tube), appropriate clothing for changes in the weather, and carrying ID and a medical card. **The wearing of a helmet is mandatory.**

Email notices are sent out several days prior to the excursions to describe the weekly ride and the meeting location. Both groups will start at the same time and hopefully finisher together. Most meeting times are 8:30 AM with departure at 9:00 AM.

Guests are allowed with signing of a wavier form. Guests may participate in two of our activities before joining Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang (RMOTHG) section and the Denver Group of CMC.

If you are interested in riding, please contact Pete



Spandau by email at bicycling.list@rmothg.org to have your name added to the cycling list. Only RMOTHG members will be added to the list and you'll receive weekly email reminders to sign up at www.cmc.org.

Pete Spandau

Tentative June Bike Rides:

June 3 rd	Farmer's Highline Canal & Big Dry Creek
June 10 th	Bear Creek – Sanderson Creek Loop
June 18 th	BBQ – Dillon to Frisco
June 27 th	Clear Creek

OTHER DAY HIKING

It looked like we were having a great spring for an early start to our hiking season, and indeed we did have an early start with our first hike on April 22nd. Then the weather came at us again, and we too had to postpone a couple of hikes: Mt. Galbraith on May 20th (rescheduled to the 27th) and the Three Little Indians on May 27th.

The one hike that did take place was Joe Leahy's (the man who says "There is no bad weather, just bad gear.") hike May 13th to the top of Storm Peak in the Rampant East Roadless Area.

We remain eternally optimistic and

hope to be hiking more in June with leaders already committed to four hikes.

Tentative Other Day Hikes for June:

Walker Ranch Loop on June 3rd with Carl & Marc.

Booth Lake on June 10th with Dave Riter.

Mohawk Lakes on June 17th with Frank Burzynski.

Eccles Pass on June 24th with Marc & Carl

Carl & Marc



TRAIL CREW TIME!



I hope you will join me in Golden Gate Park again this summer to work on a trail crew. We have two fun days planned: Monday, June 27 and Monday, July 11. You don't have to be all muscle - just bring your gloves, lunch, lots of water, wear boots and have a willingness to work as a team to move dirt, rocks, and those pesky weeds. Sign up on the CMC Trip Site. Questions, call Sue Henley 303-570-0129.

Sue Henley

COLORADO STATE PARK PASS FEES ARE INCREASING

Colorado is increasing the rates for use of the State Parks on July 1, 2011.

The following are the changes in use fees for seniors (over 64):

	Currently	After 7/1/11
Daily	\$7-9	Plus \$1
Annual	\$35	\$60
Lifetime	\$175	\$300

The break even uses for the Lifetime pass if the daily rate stays at \$10 are:

Trips per year	<u>Years to break even</u>	
	At the \$175 rate	At the \$300 rate
3	5.8	10
4	4.4	7.5
5	3.5	6
6	2.9	5

UP COMING ACTIVITIES

June 18 th	Summit County Hiking, Biking and Pot Luck Picnic
July 16 th	Moonlight Classic Bike Ride
August 8 th – 11 th	Camping at Baby Doe Campground at Turquoise Lake
September 25 th	RMOTHG Annual Dinner at the Mount Vernon Country Club
December 11 th	Holiday Party and White Elephant

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A Section of the Colorado Mountain Club Denver Group
June 2011

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