



July, 2021

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 7TH, 2021

Message from the President

The Spring Fling gathering was a great success! Congratulations to Elease M. and her team for organizing our first all club gathering since before the pandemic. It was wonderful to enjoy socializing with FSC members in a beautiful setting and with great food. Our next social event will be the Membership Drive picnic in September. The next General Meeting will be in October. FSC is offering a variety of activities this summer. In addition to the many hikes, I recommend trying the Book Club. The book for the July 12th meeting is The Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier.

The FSC Board is in search of more volunteers to help with a variety of activities. The club is fortunate to have many volunteers to lead activities, serve on committees, and support the operations of the club. There is always a need for more volunteers. Let me know if you are interested in a volunteer role. Orientation and coaching are available to support you!

Beth G.

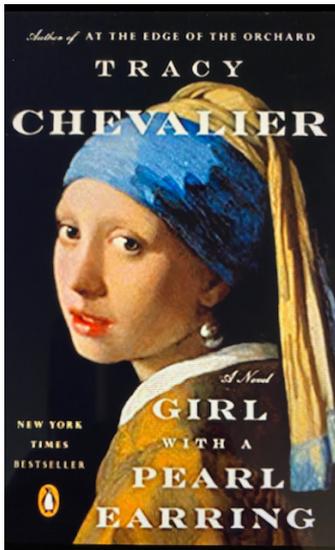
FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB (FAC)

Come meet fellow members and share happy hour with a beer or margarita, and maybe a taco or your favorite Mexican food.

We will again be meeting at RINCON DEL SOL, 2350 ARAPAHOE AVE, BOULDER at 4:00 P on Fridays. We will see you in the back room at our FSC table.

Questions: Elease M. (see membership roster for contact information)

JULY BOOK CLUB MEETING



TIME: July 12th, 6:15 PM

PLACE: Louisa Y's house

LEADER: Cindy Maynard

BOOK: Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

History and fiction merge seamlessly in this luminous novel about artistic vision and sensual awakening. The book tells the story of 16 year old Griet, whose life is transformed by her brief encounter with genius... even as she herself is immortalized in canvas and oil.

Questions? Contact Richard P.

3rd Thursday Hike - July 15th - Upper Forest Lake

This is a long hike (8.5 mi round trip) and worth the effort. The higher lake is stunningly beautiful and covered with masses of wildflowers. There will be a rest stop at the first lake (snack time) then on to the waterfalls, tumbling creeks, masses of wildflowers, and the upper lake surrounded by steep mountains. Lunch and rest. Trailhead is at East Portal (Moffit Tunnel). Meet at Meadows 7:45 AM, arrange carpools, depart at 8 AM. Contact Dolores A. for questions

FSC UNCLE BUD'S HUT TRIP AUGUST 17 & AUGUST 18

The Flatiron's 10th Mt. Div. Uncle Bud's Hut Trip is August 17-19. The cost is \$80 which includes 2 nights at the lodge near Leadville, CO and food prepared for 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts. **There has been a last minute cancelation and no member on the Wait List.** This is a great deal so contact Stewart W. if interested

2021 Crested Butte Wildflower Trip, July 23 – 26, 2021

This Crested Butte trip is full and the Cristiana has no further room availability. There is a healthy waiting list, but we are still accepting additions – send an e-mail to Linda and Chris. Information e-mails will be out in coming weeks to fully paid participants.

2021 Wildflower Rambles

If you are coming on a ramble, **please RSVP** to Linda Paris (e-mail or phone - available in the FSC directory) by the evening prior so we can anticipate numbers of participants and who to watch for at meet up.

July 6 (Tuesday) - Caribou Ranch Open Space - Leaders: Caryl S. and Linda P. Meet up time 7:30 AM at former 3 Margaritas parking area in Diagonal Plaza shopping center (northwest corner of the shopping center). This open space facility reopens from seasonal closure on July 1. The site has two trails that are easy and with low elevation gain, plus an historic homestead site and part of the old Switzerland Trail railroad line right-of-way passes through the property. The Delonde Trail begins at the parking lot and is 1.2 miles one way to the Delonde Homestead historic site, with an elevation gain of 82 feet. Delonde Trail is an out and back totaling 2.4 miles if the ramble were to go the entire distance. The 1.8-mile Bluebird Trail continues in a loop beginning and ending at the Delonde Trail at the homestead end (elevation gain 155 feet counterclockwise). The ramble does not plan on continuing to include the Bluebird Trail, as it would be a total distance of 4.2 miles (1.2 + 1.8 + 1.2). There are restrooms at the trailhead parking lot. Bicycles are not permitted. For more information, including a map, see [Caribou Ranch Trail Map \(bouldercounty.org\) https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/caribou-ranch-trail-map.pdf](https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/caribou-ranch-trail-map.pdf)

July 14 (Wednesday) - East Portal - Leaders: Diane G. and Linda P. Meet up 7:30 AM at Meadows Shopping Center on Baseline at Foothills Parkway. The East Portal Trailhead is located at the terminus of the 8.2-mile gravel Gilpin County Road 16 going west from the Peak to Peak Highway (CO 119) at Rollinsville. The South Boulder Creek Trail (FS Trail #900) begins at the East Portal Trailhead and goes into the James Peak Wilderness Area toward the Crater Lakes (FS Trail #819) and Forest Lakes (FS#809) trails and Rogers Pass. The Forest Service classifies this trail as moderate. The flowers are thick and varied, with many different habitats, including tumbling streamsides, wetland areas, meadows, forest understory, and forest edge. At 1.2 miles west of the trailhead is a trail junction where the Forest Lakes Trail (FS Trail #809) diverges from the South Boulder Creek Trail. Our group has rambled on the South Boulder Creek Trail numerous times over the years and the group has typically been satiated with flowers before we reach the Forest Lakes Trail junction. This time, we will plan to turn around at or before that junction – the ramble will be an out and back distance of 2.4 miles or less. The East Portal Trailhead is at 9,211 feet elevation and the Forest Lakes Trail junction is about 9,600 feet – an elevation gain of about 390 feet. There are restrooms (vault toilets) in the trailhead parking lot. For more information, including a map, see [Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests Pawnee National Grassland - South Boulder Creek Trail \(#900\) \(usda.gov\) https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/arp/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=28346&actid=50](https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/arp/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=28346&actid=50) and [Explore Crater Lakes Trail via South Boulder Creek Trail | AllTrails https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/colorado/crater-lakes-trail-via-south-boulder-creek-trail?mobileMap=false&ref=sidebar-static-map](https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/colorado/crater-lakes-trail-via-south-boulder-creek-trail?mobileMap=false&ref=sidebar-static-map)

A Word About the Rambles: The pace of rambles is leisurely – to savor the beauty of the season, take time to talk about special attributes we can share about the flowers, and sometimes confirm in more detail the identity of what we find. They are not hikes seeking a specific destination, speed or mileage. However, we may move on if the flower variety has been exhausted in one stretch. We recognize that participants have varying levels of botanical interest and physical abilities and each ramble will have several groups, moving at different rates, clustered along the trail we use. We schedule two leaders minimum for this purpose. You are welcome to go as far as you wish, however, no participant may strike out alone (either ahead or to return on the route) and still be part of the FSC ramble event. If you feel unable or unwilling to continue on with the group, a core person or other willing participant will accompany and return with you back to the vehicles. FSC Safety Procedures will be in effect. Participants are expected to come prepared: dress appropriately for the weather and expected hiking/walking conditions, including layered clothing and raingear, sturdy boots for trails (with adequate tread for good footing), hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and poles (if you use them). Bring water (LOTS of it on hot temperature days) and food (snacks and lunch as appropriate - a bit extra is a good idea). Anticipate your needs in case conditions change (like a fleece if the weather changes, ibuprofen or acetaminophen for altitude issues or blister care for foot issues). At this time, there is no requirement for face masks outdoors. However, **please include a face mask with your gear and be willing to wear it in your carpool vehicle** – ask your carpool mates what their preference is and accommodate their feelings in this regard. The duration of a ramble is not pre-set (no time is set for return to Boulder) - some are inherently longer than others because of travel and what we find. Please leave ample time for the ramble in your personal schedule relative to other personal commitments. Imposing “need to get back by” is unfair to other participants. Carpoolers are expected to contribute to the cost of vehicle expenses – discuss it with your driver. The cost of entrance fees to state or federal facilities is shared by the vehicle occupants if someone does not have a pass to offer.

THURSDAY HIKERS SUMMER HIKING 2021

Summer is here! **Our meeting time is now 7:45 AM on Thursdays** at the Meadows Shopping Center. After deciding on our destination, we will leave Meadows at 8:00 AM. People can car pool from the shopping center or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. It is up to the individual and their comfort with carpooling. Meadow Shopping Center is at the south west corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the 1st Bank and Remax Realty building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather. Everyone must have a mask and be willing to wear it. Social distancing is followed. We generally hike 6 to 8 miles at a moderate pace. Please be prepared to do this and please be considerate of others. There will be days we do not hike due to the weather. Call Sue E. or Louisa Y. to confirm that we will be hiking if the weather forecast is questionable.

**TUESDAY EVENING HIKES, JULY, 2021
MEET AT 6.00 PM**

POTLUCK IS BACK FOR ALL WHO ARE COMFORTABLE SHARING FOOD!

JULY 6 - Anthem Ranch area

Dorothy C.

Directions – Go East on Baseline, Turn right onto Lowell Blvd and meet in the parking lot at Buffalo Ridge Medical Building, 16677 Lowell Blvd, Broomfield. After the hike we will go to Stew and Nancy W.'s house to have our potluck. Directions to Pine Street – Return to Baseline and continue East to Mountain View Blvd and turn left. In .6 miles Pine Street is on the right.

JULY 13 – Boulder County Open Space (North)

Richard P.

Meet at Richard's house at 5.50pm to hike at 6 pm. From Jay Road turn North on 47th street, then left onto Apple Way and right onto Apple Court. Potluck in Richard's back yard afterwards.

JULY 20 – Bike or Hike South Boulder

Pat I.

Meet at Pat's house where we will potluck afterwards. From Foothills parkway, go East on Baseline to Manhattan, turn Right(South) and go .8 miles to Cimmaron on Left. Coming from South go East on S Boulder Road to Manhattan and turn North – go to second stop sign and turn right into Cimmaron. Non bikers come and hike South Boulder area.

JULY 27 – Shannahan Ridge

Ellie B.

Go West on Table Mesa to Lehigh and turn left, go uphill to Cragmoor Rd and turn right. Trailhead is at end of cul de sac (Approx 2-1/2 mile loop). Potluck at Viele Shelter.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL in SEPTEMBER!
Colorado Rockies vs. San Francisco Giants
Wednesday, September 8, 1:10 PM at Coors Field**

If interested, send check for \$12 payable to me (Bonnie B.) and include a self addressed stamped envelope for me to return your ticket. Mail to me, see FSC roster for address. Transportation is on your own; most of us usually go out after the game for a bite to eat at Union Station.

I will need your check by August 18. Please call me if any questions.

Note: The original date selected had to be changed due to a conflict in the Club schedule.

An Avalanche of Aspen
Avalanche Ranch (Carbondale/Redstone)
#1 Autumn FSC Trip ---- Friday 10/08 – Monday 10/11
(Note: this is the weekend after the Apple Festival)

Premier Leaf Viewing, Hiking, Hot Tub Soaking
Antiquing in Marble/Redstone, Fine Dining in Redstone/Carbondale

Rustic Cabins, Hot Springs Pools, Trails, the Crystal River, and golden ASPEN
Go To: avalancheranch.com

Leaders: Roger P.
Tom C.

ALL THE SPOTS ON THE TRIP HAVE BEEN FILLED!!!!

Avalanche Ranch has been the main autumn destination of the FSC. The Ranch, at the foot of towering Mt. Sopris, is in a magnificent setting to experience Colorado's aspen colors. The club will supply chili Friday night and some form of protein on Sunday night. Easy to difficult hikes are close by. We will occupy quaint rustic cabins or the huge Ranch House where we will socialize and plan activities and have happy hours. Hot springs on the property provide large and small soaking pools with a range of comfortable temperatures (plus a waterfall !!!!).

There will be a variety of room configurations available but if you are willing to take a loft let me know. There will be a \$28.00 dollar discount if you end up in one. For most queens, married couples will take first priority, but we define couples as any mix of two people who get along with each other so don't be shy be happy. The trip will cost \$253 per person for three nights.

Want to Sell Something?

Every month, members will now have the opportunity to sell something (ski equipment, etc.) by having their items listed in our FSC Club Newsletter. Submit your items via email to Monica A., in the body of your email or as an attachment (.doc or .docx). Submissions will need board approval. Monica will need to receive your information by the Wednesday before the monthly board meetings. Items will be posted in the Newsletter sometime during the 4th week of the month. Items will appear in the newsletter only once, they will not roll over to the following month's newsletter.

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Thu Hike 7:45A	2 FAC 4:00P	3
4	5	6 Wildflowers 7:30A Tue Eve Hike 6:00P	7	8 Thu Hike 7:45A	9 FAC 4:00P	10
11	12 Book Club 6:16P	13 Tue Eve Hike 6:00P	14 Wildflowers 7:30A	15 3 rd Thu Hike 7:45A Board Mtg 7:00P	16 FAC 4:00P	17
18	19 Newsletter Input Due	20 Tue Eve Hike 6:00P	21	22	23 FAC 4:00P Crested Butte	24 Crested Butte
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Board Members

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