

Flatirons Ski Club

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An Outdoor Multi Sports and Group

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April 2023

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH, 7PM
AT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER
5001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BOULDER 80303**

Message from the President

At the March General Meeting, Park Ranger (Haley Stephenson) presented Rocky Through Time, and she had an informative program for the FSC members. If you have additional questions about the history of the RMNP, Haley Stephenson can be reached at RMNPEducationRanger@gmail.com.

Nominating Committee: Arnie Mullen and Linda LaGanga have led the effort to identify Board Members for the next year. Thank you, Arnie and Linda, for your service! The goal is to have a full slate of Board members on which to vote at the April General Meeting. We are almost at the goal!

There are still two open positions: Secretary and Downhill & Nordic Ski Chairperson.

Winter Trips and Activities: The Board wants to thank the many volunteers who made this a very active and special winter for FSC members. Thank you, Trip Coordinators, for the wonderful trips.

(Trip Coordinators: Linda Paris, Chris Paris, Tom Cannon, Donna Cooper, Louise Geil, Beth Gaffney, Jan Knies, Sandy Morris, and Eleese Miller.) Thank you to Arnie Mullen and Ed Hanson who served as the day trip ski coordinators. We would like to recognize Rosie Piller who served as the Chairperson for Downhill and Nordic Ski activities. Let's thank Dorothy Cohen for organizing day trips for snow shoeing and cross-country skiing.

Beth Gaffney, President

For pictures from recent ski trips visit the FSC Facebook:

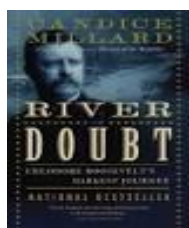
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April 5th MEETING PROGRAM
A STORY OF COMO
THE REBUILDING OF A COLORADO RAILROAD

Beginning in 1880 the town of Como was an integral part of the railroad network in Colorado. Running from Denver, trains traveled over Kenosha Pass to the town of Como. From there it took vital supplies and passengers to Breckenridge and Leadville. It also went to Crested Butte via the Alpine Tunnel and brought back coal from the many coal mines in that area. These and other railroad lines were abandoned in the late 1930's. The railroad tracks were pulled out and the buildings were abandoned. Over the last 5 years, generous donors and hard-working volunteers are bringing the railroad back to life. The train station has been repaired and rebuilt. A turntable has been installed. New tracks are being laid. The round house has been rebuilt. Most astonishing is that a working 1900 steam engine is in the round house. Its name is Klondike Kate.

Bob Schoppe has been a volunteer from the beginning. He will talk about the history and renovation of Como. Come and learn about a forgotten piece of Colorado history.

Sue Evans



FSC Book Club

DATE: Monday, April 10, at 6:45 PM
PLACE: Zoom Meeting
DISCUSSION LEADER: Claudia VanWie
BOOK: River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey"
by Candice Millard

At once an incredible adventure narrative and a penetrating biographical portrait, *The River of Doubt* is the true story of Theodore Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of one of the most dangerous rivers on earth. The River of Doubt; it is a black, uncharted tributary of the Amazon that snakes through one of the most treacherous jungles in the world. Indians armed with poison-tipped arrows haunt its shadows; piranhas glide through its waters; boulder-strewn rapids turn the river into a roiling cauldron. Along the way, Roosevelt and his men faced an unbelievable series of hardships, losing their canoes and supplies to punishing whitewater rapids, and enduring starvation, Indian attack, disease, drowning, and a murder within their own ranks. Three men died, and Roosevelt was brought to the brink of suicide. *The River of Doubt* brings alive these extraordinary events in a powerful nonfiction narrative thriller that happens to feature one of the most famous Americans who ever lived.

2022/23 FSC MID-WEEK SKI SCHEDULE

Monday: Ed Hanson
 H: 303-993-4445, C: 303-902-3709
 Email: ewhfg@cs.com

Thursday: Arnie Mullen
 C: 303-859-2549
 Email: arniemullen@netscape.net

MONDAY/TUESDAY (EPIC)

THURSDAY (IKON)

Date	Area	Carpool Fee	Date	Area	Carpool Fee
			1-Dec	Copper	\$10
5-Dec	Breckenridge	\$10	8-Dec	WP/MJ	\$10
12-Dec	Keystone	\$10	15-Dec	A-Basin	\$10
19-Dec	Breckenridge	\$10	22-Dec	Copper	\$10
27-Dec	Keystone	\$10	29-Dec	WP/MJ	\$10
2-Jan	Breckenridge	\$10	5-Jan	Eldora 8:15am	\$5
9-Jan	Vail 7:00am	\$15*	12-Jan	WP/MJ	\$10
17-Jan	Keystone	\$10	19-Jan	Copper	\$10
23-Jan	Breckenridge	\$10	26-Jan	WP/MJ	\$10
30-Jan	Keystone	\$10			
			2-Feb	Eldora 8:15am	\$5
6-Feb	Breckenridge	\$10	9-Feb	WP/MJ	\$10
13-Feb	Beaver Creek 7:00am	\$15 *	16-Feb	Copper	\$10
21-Feb	Keystone (Tuesday)	\$10	23-Feb	Eldora 8:15am	\$5
27-Feb	Breckenridge	\$10			
			2-Mar	WP/MJ	\$10
6-Mar	Keystone	\$10	9-Mar	WP/MJ	\$10
13-Mar	Vail 7:30am	\$15*	16-Mar	Copper 8:30am	\$10
20-Mar	Breckenridge 8:30am	\$10	23-Mar	WP/MJ 8:30am	\$10
27-Mar	Keystone 8:30am	\$10	30-Mar	A-Basin 8:30am	\$10
3-Apr	Breckenridge 8:30am	\$10	6-Apr	Copper 8:30am	\$10
10-Apr	TBD		13-Apr	WP/MJ 8:30am	\$10
17-Apr	TBD		20-Apr	TBD	

- An asterisk (*) indicates that there will be a parking fee in addition to the carpool fee.
- If you are not on Ed and/or Arnie's list of midweek skiers, please let them know of your interest.
- Unless otherwise noted, carpools depart at 7:30 from the Eldorado Park 'n' Ride on the northeast corner of Hwy 93 and Hwy 170 (sometimes called Marshall Rd). **Please arrive ten minutes early to ensure an on-time departure.** Let Ed or Arnie know if you are willing to drive.
- **You must be vaccinated to participate in carpools.**
- Ski destinations are suggestions only, and may change depending on weather, traffic, ski conditions, or carpool preferences.
- Occasionally, Ed and Arnie may need alternate leaders when they are away on ski trips.
- In March, when Daylight Savings Time starts, departure times are typically at 8:30 but may change if it's a powder day and a lot of traffic is anticipated.
- We typically wear green ribbons on our helmets so it's easy to find each other on the mountain. Let Ed or Arnie know if you need one.

Skier and Snowboarder Safety Reminder

Please be careful on the slopes. It's going to be crowded with lots of spring break visitors. I recommend that you keep looking around while skiing and beware of who might be getting close to you and stop off to the side of the slope.

Also, remember, if you're involved in a collision, you're required to exchange information with the other person and with a ski area employee.

Thanks!

Arnie Mullen, Safety Chair

Thursday Hikes

April 2023

Winter hiking has been challenging. Multiple snowstorms and frequent cold and wind have aborted many Thursday hikes. But there have also been some very good hiking days. Spring is here and we will soon get warmer days. We continue to meet at on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We meet at 8:45 and leave at 9:00. People can carpool from the Meadows Shopping Center, or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. The Meadow Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the Bank and Remax realty building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather. We generally hike 3 to 6 miles in the winter. Be sure to bring yak tracks.

Call Sue Evans or Louisa Young to let us know if you are planning to hike and to confirm that we will be hiking if the weather forecast is questionable.

3rd Thursday Hike – April 20th

TBA

Spring hiking, be prepared. Weather decides. An email notice will be sent the Sunday before the 3rd Thursday. If you don't receive it sent me an email.

Dolores afainer@yahoo.com

Tuesday 6:00 PM Hikes

Resuming in May 2023

For many years evening short hikers, strollers have gathered at local trail heads for an hour hike followed by a potluck at the trail head or one of our homes.

More at the April 5, FSC General Meeting.

Please let Pat Irwin know, see FSC roster for contact info.

**FSC Annual Moab Trip
May 7 -12, 2023**

There is still space on the Moab trip from May 7-12. We will be staying at Lazy Lizard at Watermelon House and Grandma's. The cost is \$135 for 5 nights. We will be hiking in Arches and Canyonlands. Arches has timed entrance so you can go on website and reserve time to enter. If you have a preference for roommate, please note on trip form.

Please send the check and completed trip form to Dorothy Cohen so we can start assigning rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Cohen or Maggie Livingston.

Trip Form for Overnight Activities

Since we are meeting in person for the April General Meeting, we are including a form for summer trips signup in this newsletter. Please print the form, fill it out for trips you want to go on and bring your checkbook for deposit. If you do not have a printer, we will have copies for you. You will be provided with additional instructions at the meeting.

Any questions, contact Dorothy Cohen.

TRIP: _____
MEMBER NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____
PHONE: (____) _____
DEPOSIT AMOUNT: \$ _____
ROOMMATE PREFERENCE(S):
_____ / _____

TRIP: _____
MEMBER NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____
PHONE: __ (____) _____
DEPOSIT AMOUNT: \$ _____
ROOMMATE PREFERENCE(S):
_____ / _____

Rescued African Lion



WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY - KEENESBURG, CO.
(Aiming for:) Thursday May 4th, 2023
(Alternate date in case of bad weather:) Monday May15th

You will purchase your ticket at the Welcome Center the day of the event.

Entry fee: Age 70+	\$20.
Age 14-69	\$50.
Age 3-13	\$30.

There is an elevated walkway that is a total of 3 miles in length (RT: out & back). A Snack area is on the walkway. They have a cafe where we can have lunch at the Welcome Center. However, they are often busy at lunchtime, with a wait as long as 30-45 minutes. So, we have an option of going back to Hudson (6 miles) to dine together at the Pepper Pod Restaurant at 12:30. To be discussed!

You can call & request their magazine for more information about the animals or visit the website: <https://www.wildanimalsanctuary.org/>

We plan to carpool from MEADOWS SHOPPING CENTER (Near the bank on the north side, where there is lots of parking). There is another group to arrive at TWAS at 9:30 AM, so we need to be there by 9:00 AM; hence we moved our ETD up to 8:00 AM. Route suggested is on the Diagonal, then E. on #52, taking nearly an hour to our destination. Bring \$10 for transport fee for drivers.

Signups have begun and will continue at the FSC April 5 meeting. Thereafter, you can still sign up by emailing Pat Irwin (contact info in the Roster). We want to send out a list to the participants around mid-April, so it will be wise to sign up by that date. Those who wish to arrange their own carpool rather than to meet up at the Meadows SC can do so.

Trip Organizers: Nicole deLorimier & Pat Irwin

May 5, 2023
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Let's Play Games

Fun and Games at Sandy Morris' House

Location: 1283 Graham Circle Erie 80516

Please bring an appetizer, beverage, and your favorite games.

RSVP to: Sandy Morris by 5/1



**"SAVE THE DATE OF SAT JUNE 10 FOR SPRING FLING
AT LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY PARK."**

955 Bella Vista Drive, Louisville, CO

Start 11:30 AM

It's a Potluck – Bring a dish to share.

Plate, Utensils and fresh water provided by the FSC.



**2023 Crested Butte Wildflower Trip, Tuesday, July 11 – Friday, July 14,
2023**

Linda and Chris Paris will lead a Wildflower Rambles trip to Crested Butte next July 11 – 14, 2023 - 3 nights lodging at the Cristiana Guesthaus on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, checking out Friday morning. Note that this trip is earlier in July than it has been in past years and has been moved to

midweek. **Total trip cost is \$385.00 per person in a double occupancy room or \$525.00 per person in a single occupancy room.**

The Cristiana provides breakfast each morning. Provide your own lunch with items brought from home in a small cooler or purchased locally. Dinners will be at local restaurants. The trip cost covers only lodging with breakfast.

The trip leaders will lead a hike on both Wednesday and Thursday. Participants are welcome to join them or go out on their own. Options for wildflower walks and hikes are numerous, ranging from easy to moderate walks in/near town to strenuous hiking to mountain passes. People going on the trip should be in good physical health and condition. You must be vaccinated against COVID and a club member with signed waiver, per FSC policy.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 per person is required at the time of sign-up – sign up can be either at the April or May meetings or by mail. Sign-up and checks will be accepted starting at the end of the April 5 FSC Membership Meeting. Signing up is for those who are ready to commit to go on the trip. If you have some interest in going but are not sure, still thinking about it (for COVID, schedule or other reasons), or your schedule may change, put your name on the waiting list – no deposit is required to join the waiting list. Before you sign up and pay a deposit, be sure you are ready to come on the trip. There are accommodations for 19 people: 3 couples (king), 10 persons in 5 queen+double rooms (each with own bed) and 3 single persons (queen). Queen+Double rooms are only for double occupancy - 2 persons who are comfortable rooming with each other and mutually agree to do so. Sign up together after you have found your roommate. Persons to contact to arrange a roommate can be suggested by the trip leaders, if you don't have someone in mind, however, finding a roommate is ultimately your own responsibility. Questions? Contact Linda and Chris by e-mail/telephone.

Please contact us by e-mail to let us know if you have chosen to sign up by mail. We will look out for your check in the mail and inform you when we receive it. **Make out checks to Flatirons Ski Club and put 2023 Wildflower Crested Butte in the note line.** Send deposits and final payments to the Paris' by mail (address available from the membership list). **Full payment is due by Friday, June 2, 2023.** After that date, unused rooms will be cancelled.

Here is the form to fill out and bring to the meeting or send with your check:

TRIP _____
MEMBER NAME _____
EMAIL _____
PHONE (____) _____
DEPOSIT \$ _____
ROOMMATE PREFERENCE(S) _____

The trip is: **2023 Wildflower Crested Butte**
If you would like to have a single occupancy, please say that under Roommate Preference(s) on the form.

2023 Wildflower Rambles

Good snows occurring now mean good flowers this summer. The Wildflower Rambles will continue last year's "as we go" protocol of developing an interest list of participants. A date, destination, and meet-up information will be provided through an e-mail to the interest group list. If you are interested in participating this summer, please drop Linda Paris an e-mail so we can form that interest list. Even if you were on the list last year, please email us again to confirm you wish to continue being notified. An indication of what you are comfortable doing or specific places that would appeal for rambling are welcome. Would you like to see something special (for example calypso orchids)? The rambles leader core met recently and developed local trips through the end of June. More detailed information about place/time, leaders, meet up for carpooling and other details will be sent out through the interest list.

The early season trips through June are:

April 14: Yoder Ranch from Old Stage Road

May 3: U.S. 36 at Neva Road and optional 6-Mile Fold (focus on endangered Bell's Twinpod)

May 19: Centennial Trail (focus on Sugarbowls)

June 7: Golden Gate State Park (focus on Calypso Orchids)

June 12: Shanahan Ridge (focus on penstemons, especially Bluemist that blooms in profusion at Shanahan)

Wildflower rambles are relaxed and slow-paced trips to allow attention to the details of the flowers and plants and to make identification easier. We also spotlight particular flower groups. Bring sun protection, snack/lunch, water, rain gear and field guides. There is a carpool fee payable to the driver.

The rambles leader team of 6 welcomes everyone who likes to look for or wants to find out more about flowers. We recognize that there are many levels of expertise and pace among our ramblers and also recognize that we will get strung out on our route because of that. Some want general information about the flowers and others are into keying them out. Rambles are not meant to be hikes. Our rambles policy is to provide several leaders to accommodate faster, moderate, and ambling paces. You are welcome to go as far as your interest or physical condition take you.

**August 15, 16 and 17, 2023
10th Mountain Division Hut Trip**

Arrangements have been made to go to the Ben Eiseman Hut, 3 nights this time. It is near Vail. Spend a couple of days unplugged from electronics – no TV or radio. Cell phone service may not exist either.

Sign-ups will start at the April General Meeting. The cost will be \$125 per person. \$25 deposit holds your place, with the balance due June 15th. Volunteers will be solicited to prepare and clean-up breakfast and dinners. You need to bring your own hike lunches. Mattresses and pillows are provided. Most are bunk beds.

For more information contact Louisa Young.



September 5 to 7, 2023, Bike Trip

Led by Richard Patnoe and Mark Stangl
(more information in May newsletters)



**October 10 to 13, 2023 (3 nights)
Avalanche Ranch**

The Ranch has gotten increasingly popular; hence we check in on a Tuesday and leave on a Friday. That is why we have gone to a weekday trip this year and next. Yes, we have reservations for next year, too. Then we will be checking in on Sunday, October 6, and leaving on Wednesday October 9, 2024. For those of you, who have experienced the Ranch, you know we can be awed by some wonderful fall colors. Views of snow-covered Mt. Sopris from the hot soaking pools are very hard to beat! Enjoy great hiking, and the onsite hot spring pools are open 24/7 for our enjoyment! For those who have not experienced the Ranch, I invite you to treat yourself to a wonderful, fun trip.

The Ranch is located along the Crystal River about ten miles south of Carbondale. There are a series of cabins and the Ranch House where we will meet for our dinners. The club typically provides chili the first night and salmon another night. For those who have experienced the Ranch and may be asking, why aren't we going during their Apple Festival. Well, the dates weren't available one, and even two years out!

I will let you know when the sign up will begin. It is a smaller trip with a limited number of spots. Mark your calendars!

Tom Cannon, Trip Coordinator

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

FAC has been an FSC tradition for many years. Everyone is welcome. We meet at Rincon Cocina Y Tequila starting at 4:00 p.m. every Friday. The restaurant is on Arapahoe just west of the intersection of Folsom and Arapahoe. Hope to see you there.

April 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Midweek Skiing	4	5 General Meeting 7:00 PM Passover begins	6 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM Midweek Skiing	7 FAC 4:00 PM Good Friday	8
9 Easter Sunday	10 Midweek Skiing Book Club 6:45 PM	11	12	13 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM Midweek Skiing	14 FAC 4:00 PM	15
16	17 Midweek Skiing	18	19	20 3 rd Thursday Hike 8:45 AM Midweek Skiing Board Mtg 7:00 PM	21 FAC 4:00 PM	22 FSC April Newsletter submittals due
23	24	25	26	27 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	28 FAC 4:00 PM	29
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Board Members

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