

Flatirons Ski Club

Social



June 2023

An Outdoor Multi Sports and
Group

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Spring Fling
Saturday June 10, 2023
Time 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
AT LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY PARK

955 Bella Vista Drive, Louisville, CO

It is a Potluck – Bring a dish to share.

Plate, Utensils, and fresh water provided by the FSC.

Contact Elease Miller to volunteer for setup and cleanup!

Message from the President

The Flatirons Ski 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 even more volunteers. Let us know if you are interested in a volunteer role position. Richard Varey, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair, has coordinator openings for winter ski trips. There are a variety of trips and activities planned for FSC members; details are included in this newsletter. The FSC Board welcomes ideas for new trips and activities. Enjoy the summer!

Beth Gaffney, President

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

Recent WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY visit

After all my worry about us getting 'soaked' in the rain, the day could NOT have been any nicer! Cool, to start off; it gradually warmed as 27 FSC attendees roamed at our individual paces, the 3 mi RT elevated walkway.

The animals all looked very content, relaxed, in their huge spaces to roam at will, nap at will, eat at 'mealtime'. Mostly, I noticed none were thin, all evidently very well-fed. On that note, the Sanctuary has huge semi-trucks that make the rounds of several grocery outlets, even driving out of state, to collect 'past-sell-date' meats and veggies. It takes a village of 140 volunteers to keep this place running.

After our enjoyable morning, 22 of us had lunch at the Pepper Pod Restaurant in nearby Hudson. The feature item was Chris & Linda's 8" high JUNKBURGER.

Organizers Nicole deLorimier & Pat Irwin



Thursday Hikes May 2023

We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We meet at 7:45 AM and leave at 8:00 AM. 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 – June 15, 2023 Old Caribou Townsite

Let's go see what the winter snows have brought us. The hillside should be covered with Pasque Flowers and the road lined with Shooting Stars and the start of the summer flowers. We may not be able to cross the meadow due to flooding. Meet at Meadows Mall 7:45 AM and leave at 8:00 AM for carpooling. More information the Sunday before the hike. As always, the weather decides.

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TUESDAY EVENING HIKES - MAY 2023

Meet at trailhead promptly at 6.00 p.m. We will hike 60 – 80 minutes. Potluck at trailhead after hike. Bring a dish for 6-8 people to share, your own plates, drink, and utensils.

June 6 – Coordinator Nancy Peterson

Teller Farm/Lake - Take Arapahoe East past 75th, then watch for sign on left (After Willow) and follow road to parking area. Bathroom tables available.

June 13 – Coordinator Herman Sievering

Campus Walk – Bring snacks for Happy Hour rather than a full potluck. We meet at the main entrance of Macky Auditorium. Parking is available in the large multilevel garage on the CU campus. There is also parking just to the northwest of Macky on Pennsylvania Avenue. We will do a walkabout at the CU campus to discuss this area's variety of trees, how and why these trees communicate with each other will be a focus of the discussion.

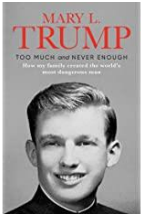
June 20 – Coordinator Monica Abbott

McIntosh Lake – We will walk around McIntosh Lake in Longmont. From Boulder take the Diagonal Hwy and turn left onto Hover Road. Then turn Left onto 17th St, and right onto Harvard and Lakeshore, parking is on the street. We will picnic at the shelter which has 2 tables and a bathroom.

June 27 – Coordinator Louisa Young

Pella Crossing – Take Diagonal Hwy NE from Boulder toward Longmont. Go past Niwot and turn left (north) onto Airport Rd. Turn left (west) at the stop at the end of Airport Road onto 17th/Hygiene Road (not Nelson Rd). Drive about 1 mile west to the 4-way stop in Hygiene. Turn left and go south about 1/4 -1/2 mile and turn left into Pella Crossing gate and parking area.

FSC Book Club



DATE: Monday, June 12, 2023, Time: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Arnie Mullen's house, 235 Dahlia Drive, Louisville
DISCUSSION LEADER: Arnie Mullen
BOOK: **Too Much and Never Enough**
by Mary Trump

Mary Trump spent much of her childhood in her grandparents' large, imposing house in the heart of Queens, where Donald and his four siblings grew up. She describes a nightmare of traumas, destructive relationships, and a tragic combination of neglect and abuse. She explains how specific events and general family patterns created the damaged man who currently occupies the Oval Office, including the strange and harmful relationship between Fred Trump and his two oldest sons, Fred, Jr., and Donald. She recounts in unsparing detail everything from her uncle Donald's place in the family spotlight and Ivana's penchant for regifting to her grandmother's frequent injuries and illnesses and the appalling way Donald, Fred Trump's favorite son, dismissed and derided him when he began to succumb to Alzheimer's.

GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE June 5 to 9, 2023 - CANCELLED

Raft Trip Browns Canyon Last week of July

There will be an all-day organized raft trip down Browns Canyon on the approximate date last week of July 2023. We may camp before and after the trip depending on members' interest. Cost TBD. Please contact trip coordinator Maggie Livingston for more information.

Durango/Silverton Train Trip Target date – Wednesday, September 27, 2023

See the colors the last week in September. Target date is Wednesday September 27. Approximate cost is \$125.00 again depending on numbers. We can camp and/or

motel before and after. We will coordinate a group dinner at a local restaurant after return to Durango. Please contact trip coordinator Maggie Livingston for more information.



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

The 2023 Wildflower Crested Butte Trip is full and has no available additional spots. The entire guesthaus is full for July 11-14. You can join the waiting list by emailing Linda and Chris to say that you want to be added. No deposit is required to join the waiting list.

For those who have paid a deposit of \$75.00 to reserve a spot, the **balance of \$310.00** for the remainder of the trip cost **has a deadline of Friday, June 2, 2023.**

2023 Wildflower Rambles

The recent rains (and still some snow falling high up) are greening everything up and are great for the flowers. Unfortunately, it also forced the cancellation of our Sunshine Canyon (formerly Centennial Trail) ramble. We are hoping to reschedule it soon.

The Wildflower Rambles is using an interest list of participants to communicate. 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 asking to be added. 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 has set local trips through the end of June. The program for the mid- to late summer will be developed within several weeks. More detailed information about place/time, leaders, meet up for carpooling and other details will be sent out through the interest list.

The trips through June are:

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

June 12: Shanahan Ridge (focus on penstemons, especially Blue Mist 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, poles (if you use them), 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 rambles 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. 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.

Rambles are not meant to be hikes. They don't have a specific end time and depend on travel distance to the ramble start, willingness of the participants, and weather.

Still a Few Openings for the August 15, 16 and 17, 2023 10th Mountain Division Hut Trip

Arrangements have been made to go to the Ben Eiseman Hut for 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 started at the April General Meeting. There are still several openings. The cost will be \$125 per person. A \$25 deposit holds your place, with the balance due June 15th. Volunteers will be solicited to prepare and clean up breakfasts 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

Coordinated by Richard Patnoe and Mark Stangl

Many of us have places to stay in Summit County with friends or family or on our own. We will compile a list for those that need space to possibly share with others. Please let me know if you have available space to host some of your other FSC friends. Each day will have some optional rides of varying levels of difficulty or ease. Exact details on mapping will be made prior to the trip.

Day 1: Tuesday, we would meet in Frisco on West Main Street area bike park and plan to ride to Copper Mountain then there's an option to continue riding up the Vail

Pass or go to Fremont Pass. We suggest you get an early start in the morning in order to make that meeting time at 10:00 am in Frisco. Another option would be to ride from Frisco to Breckenridge and back.

Day 2: Wednesday, we would drive to Leadville and meet at the start of the Mineral Belt trail for an out-and-back ride of 18-23 miles total. As an add-on option, there is a Turquoise Lake ride loop of 15 miles.

<https://www.mineralbelttrail.com/mineral-belt-trail> and
<https://www.alltrails.com/us/colorado/leadville/road-biking>.

Day 3, Thursday, We meet at the Frisco Marina and ride to Keystone to meet at the Kickapoo Brewery for lunch and then return to the start for our return home journey.



**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 the next 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, 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.

June 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	2 FAC 4:00 PM	3
4	5	6 Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	7 Wildflower Ramble	8 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	9 FAC 4:00 PM	10 Spring Fling 11:30 AM
11	12 Wildflower Ramble Book Club 6:45 PM	13 Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	14	15 3 rd Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	16 FAC 4:00 PM	17
18 FSC July Newsletter submittals due	19	20 Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	21	22 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	23 FAC 4:00 PM	24
25	26	27 Tuesday Hike 6:00 PM	28	29 Thursday Hike 7:45 AM	30 FAC 4:00 PM	

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