

**May 2018
Flatirons Ski Club
Newsletter Addendum**

2018 Wildflower Rambles

The rambles season started with a great close-in mosey up Centennial Trail in Sunshine Canyon. Everyone wanted sugarbowl in profusion like last year, but we got pasqueflowers instead – only one sugarbowl. What a difference a year can make in what we see. Here are the May and early June rambles coming up, with details about the time and location of meet-up. This year we are meeting-up with established wildflower events sponsored (and free) by the Boulder County Parks and Open Space. POS wildflower hikes (several co-led by FSC member and Wildflower Rambles leader Diane Green) are geared to beginners and are open to all ages – you could bring your grandchild.

See the entire schedule of dates, locales and leaders following these early rambles descriptions.

Saturday, May 5 Legion Park – Leader: Boulder County Parks and Open Space - volunteer naturalist Diane Green and others. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Meet at Legion Park Open Space, east of Boulder on Arapahoe Road, 0.5 miles west of 75th St. An easy stroll through pinyon and ponderosa pines with a great view of the Continental Divide and unusual early season wildflowers. No carpool fee.

Sunday, May 13 Rabbit Mountain Mother's Day hike - Leader: Boulder County Parks and Open Space - volunteer naturalist Diane Green and others. 10:00 AM to Noon. Meet at Rabbit Mountain Open Space, northeast of Lyons on north 55th Street, at the group picnic shelter. A great place for early spring wildflowers in the transitional foothills life zone. Moderate 2-mile route from grassland to ponderosa pine and mountain mahogany shrubland. There is a picnic area, so bring a lunch, if you wish. Restroom on site. No carpool fee.

Wednesday, May 16 Roxborough State Park – Leaders: Diane Green and Linda Paris Meet 8:00 AM at the gravel parking lot across from the Marshall Mesa Trailhead entrance to carpool. Bring a lunch, water and rain gear. Dramatic red rock formations, wildflowers and abundant wildlife. Entrance fee of \$7.00 for each vehicle. Restroom on site. Bring a lunch and snacks. Carpool fee: \$9.00 plus share of entrance fee (assume \$2.00).

Saturday, May 19 Fossils and Flowers Leader: Boulder County Parks and Open Space - volunteer geologist/naturalist Sue Hirschfeld and others. 9:30 AM to Noon. This is a short, moderately strenuous hike to explore a landscape created by folding and faulting as the Rocky Mountains began uplifting 65 million years ago. Bring water and hiking shoes. Advance registration is required through [Discover Boulder County](#), Parks & Open Space's new volunteer and event registration system. (If you're new to the system, you'll need to create an account.) Participants are limited and directions for meet up will be supplied by BCPOS after you register. No carpool fee. Call Larry Colbenson at BCPOS [303-678-6214](tel:303-678-6214) for more information.

Saturday, May 26 Bald Mountain Open Space Leader: Boulder County Parks and Open Space - volunteer naturalist Diane Green and others. 10:00 AM to Noon. If you want to carpool, meet at 9:40 AM at the Centennial Trailhead parking lot just up and across Sunshine Canyon Drive from Mt. Sanitas. You can also go directly to Bald Mountain Open Space for the 10:00 AM meet-up. Four miles from the Centennial Trailhead parking lot to Bald Mountain. A 1.5-mile easy trail walk through forest and meadows

in search of spring wildflowers in a zone of geological and biological transition. Part of this open space burned in the Four Mile Canyon fire of 2010 and each year new plants return and a new dominant emerges on the landscape. To reach Bald Mountain, take Mapleton Avenue west past Mt. Sanitas and up Sunshine Canyon Drive (County Road 52). Bald Mountain is approximately 5 miles west of Boulder on the left (south) side of the road. There is a picnic area, so bring a lunch, if you wish. Restroom on site. Carpool fee: \$1.00.

Wednesday, May 30 Goshawk Ridge Trail Leader: Judy LaMaitis 8:00 AM Meet at the Dowdy Draw parking lot on the Eldorado Springs Rd. to carpool up to the Ashram trailhead. Sugarbowls are commonly found on this trail. No carpool fee.

Wednesday, June 6 Mesa Trail from NCAR Leader: Diane Green 9:00 AM Meet at the NCAR parking lot. No carpool fee.

2018 FLATIRONS SKI CLUB WILDFLOWER/NATURE RAMBLES SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
April 18, Wednesday	Centennial Trail	Judy LaMaitis
May 5, Saturday	Legion Park	Boulder County POS
May 13, Sunday	Rabbit Mountain Mother's Day hike	Boulder County POS
May 16, Wednesday	Roxborough State Park	Diane Green Linda Paris
May 19, Saturday	Fossils and Flowers	Boulder County POS
May 26, Saturday	Bald Mountain	Boulder County POS
May 30, Wednesday	Goshawk Ridge	Judy LaMaitis
June 6, Wednesday	Mesa Trail from NCAR	Diane Green

June 15, Friday	Golden Gate State Park	Diane Green
June 21, Thursday	Caribou Townsite With FSC Hikers	Ramble Leader and Dolores Afainer
July 2, Monday	Herman Gulch	Peter Divine
July 9, Monday	Dorothy Lake	Judy LaMaitis Paris 4WD
July 13, Friday	Jean Lunning/Niwot	Nancy Woodward Linda Paris
July 19, Thursday	Mt. Flora from Berthoud Pass Trailhead With FSC Hikers	Ramble Leader and Dolores Afainer
July 20 – 23, Fri-Mon	Crested Butte	Linda and Chris Paris
August 17, Friday	Butler Gulch	Peter Divine Judy LaMaitis
August 23, Thursday	Pawnee Pass/Isabelle Lake With FSC Hikers	Ramble Leader and Dolores Afainer
August 29, Wednesday	Denver Botanic Garden	Open



June 3, 2018 (Sunday) 21th Annual Circle Boulder by Bicycle/Boulder 360/180 10 AM Valmont Park
 – The City of Boulder annual Boulder 360/180 - 11th annual FSC participation. Free. Open to all ages and abilities, held rain or shine. This is a friendly, leisurely, non-competitive ride around Boulder's greenway bike paths. Participants can do the entire loop called the B-360 (about 22 miles), or half the

distance, called the B-180 (about 11 miles). If you would like to ride with other FSC members, rendezvous with Chris and Linda Paris near the start area (west side of Valmont Park along Airport Rd near the intersection of Butte St and Airport Rd.) at 9:45 AM. Registration and rolling starts will be from 10 AM to 12 Noon. The B360 riders are encouraged to begin between 10 and 11 AM and B180 riders can begin riding between 11 AM and noon. The routes are marked on the pavement and with signs. Both the B360 and B180 routes are designated to be ridden clock-wise for this event. The start and end are at the Valmont Bike Park. An FSC group will be formed for both the 360 and 180 with whoever shows up and wants to ride together. The City of Boulder puts on a free post-ride party with refreshments. More information is available at <https://bouldercolorado.gov/goboulder/circle-boulder-by-bicycle> and by contacting David "DK" Kemp Phone: 303-441-1955 kempd@bouldercolorado.gov. The Boulder Walk and Ride Month website has information as well at <http://www.walkandbikemonth.org/events/b-360-circle-boulder-by-bicycle-ride/>. The 2018 route map can be viewed at <http://boulder.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=fd3b73257a6847ac9e5d43d08f522eed> and a pdf of the map can be downloaded at https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/B360_Route_Map_2017-1-201705311429.pdf?_ga=2.230778776.64000028.1524875763-632973961.1492786051. The pdf map currently posted is the 2017 route and this year's appears to be the same route used last year. Parking has been available at businesses along Airport Rd. in the past. Bring your helmet, water and sunscreen.