



# May 2019

## Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group  
[www.FlatironsSkiClub.com](http://www.FlatironsSkiClub.com)

### FSC Ski Club General Meeting

Thursday, May 2nd at 7 pm

**General Meetings are held @ the Unitarian Universalist Church,  
5001 Pennsylvania Ave, Boulder, CO 80303**

#### GENERAL MEETING:

Stew will present a slide show of pictures from events that occurred during the past season. Should be lots of fun.

Hello, everyone! The ski season is winding down except for those diehards still frequenting the high-altitude ski areas still open. It was a great season - splendid snow - and really fun trips... Many folks are now turning their attention to gardening and bicycling and possibly white-water trips. Speaking of which, I believe we have not had any canoe trips in the last two years. If you have any interest in leading one, please contact Stew Woodward for ideas on routes and assistance.

A couple of scheduling issues to mention: The May 2 General Meeting will be the last before the summer break. General Meetings will resume October 3 which is the 2019-2020 season trip signup which you will not want to miss. Day and overnight trips continue through the spring to fall months and the Newsletter continues to be published during this period to keep you in the loop on these activities. The Board continues to meet through the summer, often with a break in July. I hope you all enjoy the fine weather we are having and enjoy your time outdoors.

Warm regards, your Prez, Donna

#### DOWNHILL:

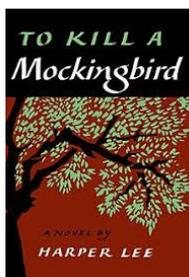


Hi all, we are looking for ideas and people who would be willing to lead a **new** ski trip for 2020! Please contact me if you are interested in adding a new trip to our roster and would like to lead it! Thanks very much,

Donna, Incoming Downhill Chair  
(replacing Louise, Outgoing Chair)



### FSC BOOK CLUB - May 2019



**BOOK:** To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

**WHEN:** May 13, Monday, 6:45 PM

**WHERE:** Pat's

**DISCUSSION LEADER:** Pat

Voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century, this is a gripping, heart-wrenching tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice. It views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl as her father defends a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.

JUNE BOOK---The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Dalai Lama.



## Tuesday Evening Hikes

### MAY, 2019

Hikes begin at 6.00 pm at the designated trailhead or meeting place, and provide a chance for exercise and fun with other club members and visitors, as well as a delicious potluck dinner after the hike. Bring your paper plate, plasticware (always bring these even if we go to someone's home after the hike), water bottle, and a dish for 6-8 to share. All hikes are approx. 2-3 miles. In case of rain or high wind potluck may still take place at someone's house.

Contacts: Call Trip Leader or Pat.

#### MAY 7 – Viele Lake

Ellie

From South Broadway, turn Right (West) on Grinnell, Left on Gillespie to South Boulder Rec. Meet at the park just south of the South Boulder Rec Center. Potluck at covered tables in the park.

#### MAY 14 - Pella Crossing

Roger

Take Diagonal Hwy NE from Boulder and turn left on Airport Rd. At Stop, at end of Airport Rd, turn left onto Nelson Rd. Drive about 1 mile to the 4-way Stop in Hygiene. Turn left, go about ¼- ½ mile and turn left into Pella Crossing gate and meet in the parking area. Potluck will be at the Trailhead Shelter after the hike.

#### MAY 21 – Coot Lake

Linda

Meet at Tom Watson Park (IBM park). From Diagonal go North on 63<sup>rd</sup>. Park is on the right opposite Coot Lake. Potluck at Linda and Roger's house after the hike.

#### MAY 28 – Teller Farm

Renee

The East Boulder Trail-Teller Lake Trailhead is located 1 mile east of 75<sup>th</sup> St on Arapahoe Road. Turn left off Arapahoe and drive 0.6 miles to the trailhead parking area. Potluck will be at the picnic tables in the parking area.

## Thursday Hikes

### THURSDAY HIKERS

Spring has arrived along with ever changing weather. We may hike "high" or we may hike "low". Please come prepared for either. We will continue to meet at 8:45 at the Meadows Shopping Center at Foothills and Baseline. After deciding where to go, we leave promptly at 9:00. Dress in layers, bring food, water, good hiking shoes, and whatever you need to have a good hike. (Come June we will meet an hour earlier)

Please call Pat if you are planning to hike. If you do not call, there may not be anyone at the meeting place.



## Third Thursday Hike

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### May 23rd Trail Ridge Road

(Yes, this is the 4th Thursday but a better time to do this hike.)

Let's go to the mountains, they're calling. This is an easy walk at altitude on a cleared road. The road is closed to traffic from Rainbow Curve where we park. Go as far as you like and enjoy the views. Dogs are welcome. Meet at Meadows, usual place at 7:45a.m. Leave at 8a.m. Carpooling. RSVP by email if you are interested and I will let you know of any changes. Dolores



## Moab/Canyonlands/Arches May 21-24 \$75

All beds in Watermelon and Grammas Houses are filled. All places on the ranger led Fiery Furnace Hikes are taken. You could still join the FSC group for activities and the pot luck dinner by reserving a room at a motel.

Info: Stewart

## Peter Estin Hut August 21-24 \$75

Balance due August 1

All beds in the Peter Estin, 10<sup>th</sup> Mt. Div. Hut, South of Eagle are filled

Info: Stewart

## Peter Estin Hut #2 July 31-August 2 \$75 (Wed-Friday)

Deposit \$25 Balance due July 1

Includes 2 nights at hut, 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts

Hut has 15 beds for FSC. 3 beds are still available

Info: Stewart



Think cool thoughts



## Summer Wildflowers in CRESTED BUTTE

Lodging at the CRISTIANA GUESTHAUS  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> (check out July 22<sup>nd</sup>)



### 2019 Crested Butte Wildflower Trip, July 19 – 22, 2019

Linda and Chris will lead a Wildflower Rambles trip to Crested Butte, July 19 – 22, 2019.

3 nights lodging at the Cristiana Guesthaus on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, checking out Monday. Spaces are still available. **Total trip cost is \$325.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is required at the time of sign-up at the May meeting or by mail.** There will also be a waiting list. If you have an interest in going but are not sure and still thinking about it, put your name on the waiting list. There are accommodations for 3 couples (king), 10 single persons, queen + double (each with own bed) and 4 single persons or couples (queen). Questions? Contact Linda or Chris at the May membership meeting or by e-mail/telephone. Deposits and final payments can be sent to Linda or Chris by mail (address available from the membership list). **Full payment is due by June 1, 2019.**

### 2019 Wildflower Rambles

Every summer, a group of FSC members (this year we have 9) plan and lead rambles to nearby, moderate distance (such as Indian Peaks) and farther flung destinations (such as Crested Butte) with abundant wildflowers. The rambles are designed to be leisurely – to savor the beauty of the season, take time to talk about special attributes we can share about the flowers, and sometimes confirm the identity of what we find. They are not hikes seeking a specific destination, speed or mileage. 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. You are welcome to go as far as you wish. Also included in the schedule are public wildflower and senior hike events sponsored by the Boulder County Parks and Open Space that are free. A couple of the POS wildflower hikes are co-led by FSC members and Wildflower Rambles leaders Diane and Bev. They are geared to beginners and are open to all ages – you could bring your grandchild. We include them as opportunities for members preferring an outing that more easygoing.

The entire schedule of dates, locales and leaders planned for the summer is below. The month of August has been left open as an experiment to see how the season develops with the deep and persisting snow of this spring. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a listing of the May and June rambles with meet-up information and what to bring.

## 2019 FLATIRONS SKI CLUB WILDFLOWER / NATURE RAMBLES SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	LEADER
*April 25, Thursday	Rabbit Mountain BCPOS Senior Hike	Boulder County POS Diane / Bev
April 27, Saturday	Denver Botanic Garden York St. (Spring Bloom)	Judy
May 2, Thursday	Centennial Trail	Judy
*May 12, Sunday	Rabbit Mountain	Boulder County POS Diane
May 17, Friday	Goshawk Ridge	Peter / Maddy
*May 19, Sunday	Fossils and Flowers Hike	Boulder County POS (must pre-register with BCPOS directly)
May 20, Monday	Roxborough State Park	Diane / Bev
*May 30, Thursday	Walden Ponds BCPOS Senior Hike	Boulder County POS
June 7, Friday	Shanahan Ridge	Maddy / Diane
June 12, Wednesday	Golden Gate State Park	Maddy / Diane
June 22, Saturday	Caribou Townsite	Maddy / Peter
July 11, Wednesday	Jean Lunning/Long Lake (Niwot Ridge add-on optional)	Linda / Peter
July 19 – 22	Crested Butte	Linda and Chris
July TBA	Mt. Goliath	Linda
July 31, Wednesday	Diamond Lake	Linda and Chris
* These programs are being offered and led by Boulder County Parks and Open Space - noted because they offer an opportunity for FSC members.		

### MAY AND JUNE WILDFLOWER RAMBLES

**Saturday, April 27: Denver Botanic Garden** - Meet up with Judy at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Shopping Center (Foothills and Baseline where the FSC Thursday hikers meet) in the SE corner of the parking lot near Anytime Fitness. Leisurely amble to view the spring flowers and the Craig Ponzio outdoor sculpture exhibit at the York St. garden until about lunchtime. Perhaps, one or more carpools will stay at DBG later for lunch and more flowers (optional).

**Thursday, May 2: Centennial Trail** - Leader: Judy. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the Centennial Trailhead Parking Lot on Mapleton Ave. (south side) as it enters Sunshine Canyon (across Mapleton from Mt. Sanitas). This is a good trail to see pasque flowers and sugarbowl some years.

**Sunday, May 12: BCPOS Rabbit Mountain Mother's Day hike** - Leader: Boulder County Parks and Open Space - volunteer naturalists Diane, Bev and others. 10:00 a.m. to noon. Meet at Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain, northeast of Lyons on north 55<sup>th</sup> Street, at the group picnic shelter. A great place for early spring wildflowers in the transitional foothill's 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.

**Friday, May 17: Goshawk Ridge - Leaders:** Peter and Maddy. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Doudy Draw Parking Lot on Eldorado Road south of Boulder to carpool. Hike will begin at the Ashram gate.

**Sunday, May 19: BCPOS Fossils and Flowers Hike** Leaders: BCPOS volunteers Sue and Linda. Short, moderately-strenuous hike to explore folded and faulted landscape and the remains of the inland sea that once covered Boulder. Pre-registration with BCPOS required (meeting information provided then).

**Monday, May 20: Roxborough State Park** – Leaders: Diane and Bev. 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. State park entrance fee of \$7.00 for each vehicle. Restroom on site.

**Thursday, May 30: BCPOS Senior Hike at Walden Ponds** – Leaders: BCPOS volunteer naturalists. Easy hike to view springtime in a local wetland ecosystem.

**Friday, June 7: Shanahan Ridge** - Leaders: Maddy and Diane. 8:00 a.m. Go west on Table Mesa Drive from Broadway toward NCAR, turn left on Lehigh St. and go south to Lafayette Dr. Park on Lafayette or Lehigh (limited). Google 1903 Lehigh Street Boulder for a map. Meet on the sidewalk near the stairway accessing the cutoff trail on Lehigh. Penstemons will hopefully be out in profusion.

**Wednesday, June 12: Golden Gate State Park** – Leaders: Diane and Maddy. 7:45 a.m. Meet at the gravel parking lot across from the Marshall Mesa Trailhead entrance. We will be looking for Shooting Stars and Calypso Orchids. Bring a lunch. Restroom on site.

**Saturday, June 22: Caribou Townsite** - Leaders: Maddy and Peter. 7:45 a.m. Meet at the Justice Center, 6<sup>th</sup> and Canyon Blvd. This area is particularly good for shooting stars.

## SAVE THE DATE



For the past 11 years, Chris and Linda have rallied a group of FSC members to ride the Boulder 360 and Boulder 180. This is a friendly, leisurely, non-competitive ride around Boulder's greenway bike paths held as part of the Boulder Walk and Bike Month usually on the first Sunday in June. Participants can do the entire loop called the B-360 (about 22 miles), or half the distance, called the B-180 (about 11 miles). As of mid-April, the date, details and routes have not been announced by the City. If the event is held this year, it will likely be set on June 2 between about 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. If you are interested in participating with Chris and Linda, save this date on your calendar. More details will follow as they become available.



## AN AVALANCHE OF ASPEN



### Avalanche Ranch (Carbondale/Redstone)

**#1 Autumn FSC Trip---Monday 9/30- Thursday 10/3 2019.**

**(Note: This trip is the weekend before the Apple Festival).**

***Premier Leaf-peeping, Hiking, Autumn Air Sniffing, Antiquing in Historic Redstone and Marble. Fine dining in Carbondale and Redstone.***

**Rustic cabins, Hot spring pools, Trails, The Crystal River, Bears? (we hope) and Golden Aspen, Aspen. Go to: [www.avalancheranch.com](http://www.avalancheranch.com).**

**Leaders: Roger and Sandy**

Avalanche Ranch has been the main autumn destination for the FSC. The Ranch, at the foot of towering Mt. Sopris, is in a magnificent setting to experience Colorado's aspen colors. We are going a week earlier than usual, which should offer the absolute peak of color. Easy-to-difficult hikes are close at hand. We will occupy quaint rustic cabins and the larger "Ranch House" where we all can gather for a potluck and socializing. Hot springs on the property provide large and small soaking pools with a range of comfortable temperatures (plus a waterfall!). Swimming suits are not optional, except *perhaps* between 1 and 4 a.m.

We have thirteen (13) beds, that allow 4 queens for couples, plus nine (9) single-person full and twin beds and a loft queen. For most queens, marrieds will take first priority, but we define "couples" as any mix of two people that get along with each other, so don't be shy, be happy. **The trip cost will be \$255 per person for the three (3) nights. Deposit of \$50 per person is due at the March FSC meeting. Due to the summer meeting recess that will be near at hand, the balance of \$205 per person will be due at the April meeting.**



**IT'S SPRING  
SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL  
FLING IN THE PARK  
JUNE 1, 2019 NOON TO 2 PM**



The annual FSC Spring Fling will again be held at the Foothills Community Park from noon until 2 pm as usual. We will picnic and compare winter stories and adventures and look forward to summer outings. The club will provide assorted brats on the grill, vegy burgers and soft drinks! We ask you all to bring a savory dish, salad or dessert to share. Friends are welcome to come and enjoy the celebration and the warm hospitality of Flatirons Ski Club members!

*Directions: From North Broadway, go west on Violet. At 10th St turn right and follow the road as it becomes Cherry, turn right (North) and the park is on the left.*

**May 30**

**Rockies vs. Arizona Diamondbacks**



"The Rockies are back at Coors Field. If you'd like to attend the afternoon (1 pm) game on Thurs., May 30, please send me a check for \$12.00 made out to me, and mail to: Bonnie. We have good seats, under cover (special seating offered for Senior groups on certain days by the Rockies org.) Transportation is not included, but RTD is an option to driving.



**September 4-6<sup>th</sup>  
Summit County Bike Ride**



**SIGN UP NOW!** A BICYCLE RIDE in Summit County is planned for September 4-6, Wed, Thurs., Fri. This is a three-day, two-night ride. The rides are nearly 100% on hard surfaces and NOT on highways. Either a road bike or a mountain bike is suitable. The outing is designed so that a wide variety of abilities can be accommodated with easy rides and more difficult options. Arrangements are being made for those needing rooms at the Snowshoe Motel in downtown Frisco (2018 rate was \$90 +tax). Please sign-up now indicating your interest by contacting Richard, A preliminary description of the event is also available.

**Board Members`**

President	Donna	<b>Board Meeting for May Thur. May 16th Place: Elesee's Potluck 6:30, Mtg. 7 pm</b> 
Vice Pres.	Louisa	
Secretary	Mary Anne	
Treasurer	Roger	
Publicity	Reed	
Downhill	Donna	
Activities	Stew	
Social Chair	Elesee	
Membership	Linda	
Newsletter	LeAnn	
Webmaster	Roger	
Mailing	Larry	

May 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 General Mtg. Centennial Trail Thurs. Hike	3	4
5	6 Book Club 6:45	7	8	9 Thur. Hike 8:45am	10 4pm FAC	11
12 Rabbit Mtn.	13	14	15	16 Thur. Hike 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. Hike	17 Goshawk Rdg. 4pm FAC	18
19 Fossils & Flowers	20 Roxborough	21	22	23 8:45am, Thur. Hike	24 4pm FAC	25
26	27	28	29	30 Walden Ponds Rockies	31 4pm FAC	June 1 Spring Fling

Friday Afternoon Club usually meets at Rincon del Sol



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