

# Flatirons Ski Club

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## May 2023

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD, 7PM  
AT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER  
5001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BOULDER 80303**

### Message from the President

The election for the 2023-2024 Flatirons Ski Club Board was held at the April General Meeting. Please welcome our new and continuing Board members who give of their time for the smooth running of our club. The following members are completing their term on the Board: Sue Evans, Rosie Piller, Donna Scott, and Debbie Williamson. Thank you for your service!

Flatirons Ski Club Board members for the next year include Beth Gaffney (President), Louisa Young (Vice President), Martha Parks (Treasurer), Linda LaGanga (Publicity), Marianne Bachmann (Newsletter), Linda Giandinoto (Membership), Elease Miller (Social), Richard Varey (Downhill & Nordic Ski), Arnie Mullen (Safety), and Dorothy Cohen and Maggie Livingston (Activities Co-chairs). The Secretary position is open, and we continue to search for a volunteer.

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 even more volunteers. Let us know if you are interested in a volunteer role.

Beth Gaffney, President

### May 3rd Meeting Program

The May 3rd general meeting will include a video of activities over the past year and the opportunity to sign up for summer activities. Bring your calendar, your sense of adventure and your checkbook.

Louisa Young, Vice President

## Message from Rosie Piller, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair (Outgoing)

Hi, everyone! Just wanted to take a moment to thank our ski trip coordinators--those who arrange overnight trips in the mountains, and those who coordinate the Monday and Thursday day trips.

### **The 2023 overnight trip coordinators were:**

- Linda & Chris Paris (Crested Butte)
- Tom Cannon (Steamboat #1)
- Donna Cooper & Louise Geil (Monarch Mtn and Wolf Creek)
- Beth Gaffney (Fraser/Winter Park #1)
- Jan Knies (Snowy Range)
- Sandy Morris (Steamboat #2)
- Linda & Chris Paris (Fraser/Winter Park #2 - cancelled due to possible COVID exposure, alas)
- Sandy Morris (Aspen)
- Eleese Miller (Leadville)

### **Let's not forget those who coordinated our Monday and Thursday day trips, whether they were in town or not!**

- Ed Hanson (Epic pass holders)
- Arnie Mullen (Ikon pass holders)

A huge thank you to all of them for helping us get to the mountains and enjoy a wonderful ski season. And best of luck to our incoming Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair, Richard Varey!

## And here a call to action by our incoming Downhill & Nordic Chair!

If any members are interested in coordinating an overnight ski trip or midweek skiing for the 2024 winter season, please contact Richard Varey. Any suggestions for future winter destinations are also welcome.

## Thursday Hikes May 2023

We continue to meet 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 – May 18th TBA

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

Dolores [afainer@yahoo.com](mailto:afainer@yahoo.com)

## TUESDAY EVENING HIKES - MAY 2023

Due to other club activities the evening hikes will start on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive a little before 6 p.m. so the hikes can start promptly. Bring a dish to share, your own tableware, water, and drink.

**Note: Location of potluck is at trailhead or private home.**

**May 16 - Coordinator is Louisa Young.**

**Urban hike through Knollwood neighborhood.**

Park on Pearl Street near Louisa's house at 287 Pearl. If there is nothing on the street go to the parking lot at People's Crossing (northwest of intersection of Pearl and Canyon) and walk back east 2 long blocks. The hike will go through a narrow canyon with interesting features, then through the Knollwood neighborhood ending at Sunshine Canyon Road (Mapleton). Return along sidewalks to Louisa's home for a potluck.

**May 23 - Coordinators are Jody Hughes and Marty DeSantis.**

**Coalton Trail – out and back**

1 to 2 miles each way, turn back when you want. A wide dirt road with some elevation gain after the first mile. Optional is the Meadowlark Trail from the same trailhead. Potluck at the trailhead afterwards. Picnic tables and restrooms are at the trailhead.

Directions: From Hwy 36 and McCaslin – go 2 miles South on McCaslin to the second traffic circle at the west end of Coalton. Go ¼ around the circle then right into the parking and trailhead. From Hwy 128 and McCaslin go North on McCaslin 1.5 miles to the traffic circle, go ¾ around then right into parking.

**May 30 – Coordinator is Dorothy Cohen.**

Meet at Walden Ponds where we will hike, and afterwards have our potluck at the covered shelter (rain or shine).

**FSC Book Club**

**DATE:** Monday, May 8, 2023, Time: To be determined  
**PLACE:** To be determined or ZOOM  
**DISCUSSION LEADER:** Babette Barone  
**BOOK:** **Cheap Land Colorado: Gridders at America’s Edge**  
by Ted Conover

In May 2017, Ted Conover went to Colorado to explore firsthand a rural way of life that is about living cheaply on your own land—and keeping clear of the mainstream. The failed subdivisions of the enormous San Luis Valley make this possible. Five-acre lots on the high prairie can be had for five thousand dollars, sometimes less. Conover volunteered for a local group trying to prevent homelessness during the bitter winters. He encountered an unexpected diversity: veterans with PTSD, families homeschooling, addicts young and old, gay people, people of color, lovers of guns and marijuana, people with social anxiety—most of them spurning charity and aiming, and sometimes failing, to be self-sufficient. And more than a few predicting they’ll be the last ones standing when society collapses. Conover bought his own five acres and immersed himself for parts of four years in the often-contentious culture of the far margins. He found many who dislike the government but depend on its subsidies; who love their space but nevertheless find themselves in each other’s business; who are generous but wary of thieves; who endure squalor but appreciate beauty.

**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 May 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:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rescued African Lion



**WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY - KEENESBURG, CO.**  
**(Aiming for:) Thursday May 4th, 2023**  
**(Alternate date in case of bad weather:) Monday May 15th**

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

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

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.

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.

**UPDATE:**

Those of you who have registered for TWAS trip would have received an email UPDATE recently from the organizers. The trip is now FULL. Be reminded that our trip date is THURSDAY MAY 4TH, with a 'bad weather forecast alternate date' of Monday May 15th. We will only send out another email if the weather forecast prediction is 50%+ stormy and we need to move our date to MONDAY MAY 15TH. If you will be joining the majority of us for lunch-to-follow, we have reserved for 20-24 at the Pepper Pod in nearby Hudson for 12:30/1pm arrivals.

Trip Organizers: Nicole deLorimier & Pat Irwin





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

See the colors the last week in September. Target date is Wednesday September 27th. 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

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 May 3rd meeting or by mail. Sign-up and checks will be accepted starting at the end of the May 3rd 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:

**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 continue at the May 3rd General Meeting. The cost will be \$125 per person. \$25 deposit holds your place, with the balance due June 15<sup>th</sup>. 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

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 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, 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.