



February 2008 Newsletter

February Presentation

The Helena Outdoor Club will meet at 7:00 on Thursday, February 7, 2008, in the large meeting room at the Lewis and Clark Public Library.

Bill Fullerton presents:

The Gallatin Crest Trail

The Gallatin Crest Trail is a trail along the spine of the divide between the Gallatin and Yellowstone Rivers that runs almost 40 miles between Hyalite Canyon and Yellowstone Park. At least one website calls it a "world-class" experience – and they admit they have only done a fraction of the hike. The trail spends a lot of time above timberline, right on the crest of the divide, and gives expansive vistas of the Gallatin, Madison, and Absarokee Ranges. It is an unforgettable hike.

February Trips

Every Tuesday Night, Tuesday night hikes have changed to Tuesday night walks starting from the Carroll College P. E. Center parking lot at 5:30 pm we will walk the trails from that area. Call Jo Anne 449-7971

Saturday, Feb. 2 and Sunday, Feb 3: Winter Survival Courses

On February 2 & 3, 2008, David Cronenwett will be teaching two one-day workshops on winter survival. David has offered these courses in previous years and they are excellent!

Each course will run from 10 AM to 2 PM and be held in the Quigley Group Use Area on MacDonald Pass. Each day is limited to 20 participants of all ages, so please contact me if you would like to attend one or both days. Kids are welcome with their parent or guardian. Contact:

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February 16-18, Presidents Day long weekend: Marias Pass/Glacier Park Ski (Intermediate level): Autumn Creek Trail, 6 miles. Magnificent views of Summit, Little Dog and Elk peaks. Trail starts at summit of Marias Pass. Some steep hills and creek crossings which merit caution, especially in icy conditions. Has a steep downhill access road to a shuttle car. Other trails offered as well. Tim/Jan Horan 442-1619.

Friday, Feb 22, Spokane Hills This is an exploratory hike near Helena. The area has prairie and gully terrain with chances to bird watch and notice animal tracks. Depending on the weather you may need yak-traks or snowshoes. The hike is suitable for those with some hiking experience. Leaving Helena 11 am, back 3ish. Call Barb for details. 443-1159

Sat. March 1, Mt. Haggin

Intermediate level ski. Hilly terrain with long uphill and exciting runs down. Leaving Helena at 8 am, feasting at the Soup Shack afterwards. Call Charlotte at 449-2993 for further information.

Learn to Ski Beginning and intermediate cross country ski lessons will be available this winter through Helena College of Technology, contact Mary Lannert at 444-7378. The lessons will be conducted by Joanne Thun of the Helena Outdoor Club.

Montana Wilderness Association will have snowshoe hikes at various locations beginning in January. Check their Web page at www.wildmontana.org for complete information.

The **Montana Discovery Foundation** sponsors nature hikes each month; including moonlight snowshoe hikes in the winter. These are especially suitable for young folks or others who want an opportunity to go slowly and appreciate the surrounding beauty. Hikes are posted in the Independent Record outdoor section, or call 495-3711.

Notes

Important: To all readers of the Helena Outdoor Club Newsletter. If you have access to the newsletter at our internet website (helenaoutdoorclub.org) or at our HOC yahoo.com group forum and wish to quit receiving the hard copy of the newsletter, please inform Monique Mandali, 495-9206 or Monique@mandali.com. This will help alleviate some of the burden of a labor intensive and expensive process.

Advertisement: Helena Outdoor Club is in need of a laptop to use either by donation, loan, or purchase. Please call Tim/ Jan Horan 442-1619 or MaryAlice Chester 495-8787.

New Logo: The Helena Outdoor Club's new logo appears at the top of this newsletter. Many thanks to Tim Horan and others who contributed to its creation.

About the Helena Outdoor Club

Helena Outdoor Club
PO Box 135
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A club for non-motorized recreation for 35 years

The Helena Outdoor Club is for everyone, regardless of age. Our Outdoor Interests are many and varied. This can include hiking, snow shoeing, skiing, backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, or anything else enough people are interested in. Most activities are free. From beginner to expert, volunteers organize and guide our trips. We offer a monthly newsletter and presentations on adventure and travel in Montana and around the world. Anyone can join—no experience necessary.

Yearly memberships are \$10/family

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