



March 2008 Newsletter

March Presentation

The Helena Outdoor Club will meet at 7:00 on Thursday, March 6, 2008, in the large meeting room at the Lewis and Clark Public Library.



Sue Farley Presents: Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

Zigzagging its way from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon and Washington the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) boasts the greatest elevation changes of any of America's National Scenic Trails, allowing it to pass through six out of seven of North America's ecozones including high and low desert, old-growth forest and arctic-alpine country. From desert to glacier-flanked mountain, meadow to forest, the PCT symbolizes everything there is to love - and protect - in the Western United States.

Join us for a photographic slide show as Sue Farley, Forest Soil Scientist & Watershed Program Leader; Helena National Forest presents her outstanding thru-hiking experience, April through September of 2007, on the PCT.

March 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

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.

Saturday, March 1, Little Belt Mtns, O'Brien Creek Ski Intermediate, 7 miles point to point, if icy will be difficult. Backcountry, no grooming. Trail Begins: Kings Hill Pass parking lot. Trail Ends: Highway 89 near the town of Neihart. A premiere backcountry trail that has good scenery and solitude. 500 feet of elevation gain, and then it is all down hill to Neihart. Tim/Jan Horan 442-1619

Saturday, March 8: snowshoe hike. Explore the fun snow "dunes" and hike farther south on the Continental Divide Trail from McDonald Pass. 3-5 miles total, intermediate hike. Meet at 9:00 am. Call Monique Mandali for gathering place: 495-9206.

Sunday, March 9 – ski where the snow is the best in the Bozeman area. We'll check with the locals & perhaps ski in the Bridgers or the Hyalite area or Bohart Ski Ranch, wherever conditions are good. Intermediate or advanced beginner backcountry skills are necessary. Contact Maryalice at 495-8787.

Wednesday, March 19, a spring equinox and early evening moonlight hike. Location is weather dependent. Call Maryalice, 495-8787.

Friday, March 21, an easy equinox hike near Hauser Dam along the Missouri from the dam to Beaver Creek. There could be a chance to see birds that are migrating through or returning for summer. Bring binoculars, a snack, and water. We will be leaving 11 am. Call Barb at 443-1159 for meeting place.

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.

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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