



June 2008 Newsletter

Picnic/ Pot Luck

The Helena Outdoor Club will host a Pot Luck at Spring Meadow on Thursday 5 June at 5:30 in the evening. All members are invited to join in. Bring your favorite dish or, just show up. If you have any paddle craft for the lake feel free to bring it. Once again music by Phil Cohea will be provided. Join us at the south-west side of the lake at the new shelter. This event is, to some extent, weather dependent.

Important Note: There will not be a June presentation. The HOC will convene for a new Trip and Year of Presentations once again in September. Be certain to catch us then.

Reminder: MWA Wilderness Walks books are out (108 hikes-free). Stop by the MWA office at 30 S. Ewing or call 443-7350.

June and Summer Trips

Note: Trips may be cancelled at the discretion of the trip leader,

Tuesday evening hikes near Helena, meet in the parking lot west of the library at 5:30 pm or other locations by arrangement. (449-7971 if questions).

Tuesday evening flatwater paddle group - call Toby Benson (443-3676) or the Base Camp for information.

FREE ON FRIDAYS? OR OTHER DAYS? Get a trip together via HOC Yahoo group e-mails, or call MaryAlice to get on a telephone tree list for impromptu (or maybe even planned) trips.

Be a better birder - Birds and Beasleys sponsors bird walks on Saturday mornings at 7:30 from the store at 70 S. Park, for two hours of birding fun. Call 449-0904 for details.

Saturday, June 7th - Spring Gulch (near Mann Gulch) 9:00-6:30 - an all day adventure. This is a Montana Wilderness Association/Helena Outdoor Club joint trip (more details in the MWA booklet). E-mail Helen Fee at helenfee@msn.com.

Saturday evening, June 7th at 7:30 pm; join Mary Alice Chester and Jo Anne Thun as they celebrate their birthdays at Jo Anne Thun's, 214 E. Broadway upstairs. Pot Luck, no gifts please.

Saturday, June 7th - Métis Peak & Arches Mountain/ Rocky Mountain Front West of Choteau

Trip begins and ends with a ford of the South Fork of the Teton River. This is a circular route to arches, across the narrow ridge of Métis Peak with a return down an unnamed gulch. These summits provide spectacular views of the Rocky Mountain Front, the plains to the east and 2 large arches. Strenuous: elevation gain over 3,000 feet, distance over 6 miles. Tim/ Jan 442-1619

Sunday, June 8th: Clary Coulee

Clary Coulee Trail is a great day hike. To the east the hiker can look upon the broad expanse of the plains while to the west rises truly unspoiled high rocky walls and peaks of the Front. Tim/Jan 442-1619

Saturday, June 14 - Missouri River paddle.

Likely in the Craig/Dearborn/Mountain Palace area. Call Jo Anne Thun, 449-7971.

Sunday, June 15 - Dearborn River Canyon

paddle. A 19 mile section of the river. Jo Anne Thun, 449-7971.

Saturday, June 21 - Blackfoot River whitewater trip; Jo Anne Thun, 449-7971.

Saturday, June 21 - Argenta Cave near Dillon.

The entrance will be rigged so that only the top 10 feet will need to be rappelled & climbed. MaryAlice, 495-8787.

Saturday, June 28th - Hike from Rogers Pass to Fletcher Pass on the Continental Divide Trail; a joint hike with MWA. There is more information

in the MWA booklet or e-mail Helen at helenfee@msn.com.

July 3-6 - Possible Chinese Wall trip in Bob Marshall Wilderness; Jo Anne Thun, 449-7971.

July 4-6 - Caving in the Pryor Mountains and Little Mountain near Lovell, WY. Rocky Mountain Regional Caving convention. Maryalice, 495-8787.

Saturday, July 12th - Edith Lake hike. This is a joint hike with MWA and HOC; e-mail Helen at helenfee@msn.com.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 18-20. Pine Creek Lake, Absaroka Mountains. A strenuous seven mile backpack; e-mail Helen at helenfee@msn.com.

Saturday, July 26 - Missouri River paddle with Jo Anne; 449-7971.

Saturday, August 9 - Blackfoot River paddle with Jo Anne; 449-7971.

Saturday, August 16 - Missouri River paddle with Jo Anne; 449-7971.

Saturday, Sunday, August 23 & 24 - Snowy Mountain Ice Caves near Lewistown, JoAnne, 449-7971.

Saturday, August 30 - Yellowstone River paddle; Jo Anne, 449-7971.

Be a trail hiker!! A booklet with descriptions and maps of lesser known Helena Area Hikes is being prepared by Cedron Jones and members of Helena Outdoor Club, Prickly Pear Land Trust and Wild Divide Chapter of Montana Wilderness Association. If you would like to hike any of these trails to confirm the accuracy of directions or maps, call MaryAlice at 495-8787 or Cedron at 442-1271. The booklet should make its debut in July and will have about 20 hikes listed that are within 20 miles of Helena. It will not include the South Hills or Mount Helena trails, so nearly everyone should find a new spot to hike listed in the pamphlet.

Important: 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.

Advertisements

HOC 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.

We ask for someone to step forward as a new Trip Coordinator for the club. The only requirement you need to be a trip coordinator is to have enthusiasm about the outdoors and asking people to lead some trips. If you wish to be a leader yourself, we will provide you with our experience. This is your chance to contribute to a long-standing club that will hopefully keep growing for many more years! Call Tim or Jan at 442-1619.

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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Thank you, and Happy Trails!

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