



July & August 2011 Newsletter



Day Trips

All trips are weather- & water-level dependent and subject to last minute cancellation.

Show & Go Monday morning trips: Join Barb on short hikes in the Helena area. Meet at 9:00 am at Center Stage near Van's IGA on Euclid. Call Barb (443-1159) or read about each trip via the HOC Yahoo e-group.

Show & Go Tuesday evening hikes: Meet at 5:30 pm in the parking lot next to Birds & Beasleys across from the L&C Library. Hike on Mt. Helena or Ascension trails. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for details.

Show & Go Tuesday evening flatwater paddling: Come join an easy-going group of kayakers and canoeists who paddle somewhere close to town for a couple hours. We decide each Tuesday where we'll meet the following week and get the word out through e-mail. We usually meet on the water at 6 p.m. If you have your own boat & lifejacket and would like to join us or want more information, call Susan Nimick (443-5980) or email her: snimick@mt.net.

July

4th of July weekend: who wants to co-lead a trip or invite us for a BBQ? Share your ideas and/or invitation on our HOC Yahoo list.

Saturday, July 9, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Missouri River flatwater class for canoes & kayaks with JoAnne. This is a fee-based UM-Helena class. Call Mary Lannert at UM-Helena (444-7378) to register and/or rent a boat.

Sunday, July 10: mountain biking at Homestake Lodge near Butte. This ride is a varied, approx. 10-mile loop on gravel road & single track with quite a bit of elevation gain & loss. For intermediate bikers. Others may want to join us to ride easier trails around the Lodge

or do some hiking. Meet at 8:00 am. Call Monique (495-9206) for meeting place.

Monday, July 11, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: paddle techniques class at Spring Meadow Lake with JoAnne. This fee-based UM-Helena class is for recreational kayakers. Call Mary Lannert at UM-Helena (444-7378) to register and/or rent a boat.

Sunday, July 17: MWA hike to Hunter and Big Log Gulches in the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness. Moderate, 7.5 mi. hike with a 1,300' elev. gain. Call MWA leader Bill Hallinan (461-9876) to register and Patti (406-214-1573) for HOC carpooling options.

Monday, July 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: safety & rescue class at Spring Meadow Lake with JoAnne. This is a fee-based UM-Helena class is for recreational kayakers. Call Mary Lannert at UM-Helena (444-7378) to register and/or rent a boat.

Wednesdays, July 6, 13 & 20, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: kayak rolling classes at Spring Meadow Lake with JoAnne. Each event is a fee-based UM-Helena class. Max. 3 people/class. Call Mary Lannert at UM-Helena (444-7378) to register and/or rent a boat.

Saturday, July 23, all day: Dearborn River kayak float. For intermediate kayakers (must have whitewater experience). Meet at 7:00 am. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for a meeting place and to register.

Saturday, July 23: a day at the Grant-Kohrs Ranch near Garrison. This day promises to be filled with music and cowboy lore, branding and special demonstrations. Check out details at www.nps.gov/grko. Leave around 9:30 am. Call Monique (495-9206) for a meeting place and carpooling options.

Saturday, July 30, all day: Blackfoot River kayak & canoe float with JoAnne. For intermediate boaters. Meet at 8:00 am. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for a meeting place and to register.

August

Saturday, August 6: flatwater canoe & kayak float from below Holter Dam to the Gates of the Mountains marina. Meet at 8:00 am. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for a meeting place and to register.

Sunday, August 7: mountain bike tour of the Sun River Game Range, west of Augusta. Co-sponsored with the Helena Bicycle Club and Coalition to Save the Rocky Mountain Front, this is a moderate ride on rolling terrain with spectacular views. Contact Julie McKenna (410-1037) for meeting place & time, or Holly Baker (hbaker@wildmontana.org, 466-2600) for details.

Monday, August 8, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: paddle techniques class at Spring Meadow Lake with JoAnne. This fee-based UM-Helena class is for recreational kayakers. Call Mary Lannert at UM-Helena (444-7378) to register and/or rent a boat.

Monday, August 15, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: safety & rescue class at Spring Meadow Lake with JoAnne. This is a fee-based UM-Helena class is for recreational kayakers. Call Mary Lannert at UM-Helena (444-7378) to register and/or rent a boat.

Saturday, August 13, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Missouri River flatwater class for canoes & kayaks with JoAnne. This is a fee-based UM-Helena class. Call Mary Lannert at UM-Helena (444-7378) to register and/or rent a boat.

Saturday, August 20, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Blackfoot River beginner kayak whitewater class with JoAnne. This is a fee-based UM-Helena class. Call Mary Lannert at UM-Helena (444-7378) to register and/or rent a boat.

Sunday, August 21: Blackfoot River kayak trip. This separate trip may be combined with JoAnne's class on 8/20. Camp out or come for this day only to float a different section of the river. For intermediate kayakers. Max. 12 people. Contact Jo Anne (449-7971) for details.

Saturday, August 27: kayak rolling class on the Missouri River with JoAnne. This is a fee-based UM-Helena class. Must have taken a rolling class before. Max. 3 people. Call Mary Lannert at UM-Helena (444-7378) to register and/or rent a boat.

Weed-Pull Events on the Front:

The Augusta and Choteau communities have turned a day of weed pulling into surprisingly fun events. Weeds are threatening wildlife habitat, ranchland and wilderness values on our beautiful Rocky Mountain Front.

Saturday, July 9th is the 14th annual Weed Whacker Rodeo in Sun Canyon.

Saturday, July 16th is the 7th annual Teton River Weed Rodeo west of Choteau.

Both events start at 8:30 am, but helpers are welcome at any time. Contact Casey Perkins (406-466-2059) for details and/or post a message on our Yahoo group if you are going to either event and want to carpool.

Weekend Events:

NOTE: Weekend events are open to the public but we reserve the right to give priority to current members of the Helena Outdoor Club. If you want to invite a friend who is not a member we'll put them on the waiting list until the registration deadline when we'll let them know if there is still room. Or ask them to become a HOC member to secure their spot.

Friday evening – Sunday afternoon, July 8, 9 & 10: car camping, hiking & marshmallow roasting at Lost Creek State Park near Anaconda. This weekend coincides with the Montana Folk Festival in Butte for those interested in spending the day there. On Sunday there is an option to do a moderate MWA hike to Lost Creek (call MWA leader David Webb at 560-7676 to register for this hike). Call Patti (406-214-1573) for details about the weekend.

Saturday – Sunday, Monday or Tuesday, August 13-16: Glacier Park. This event is still in the planning stage but will involve car camping & hiking in Glacier NP somewhere. Stay the weekend or longer. Pay for your own campsite, share some meals, etc. Call Patti (406-214-1573) for details.

Any other summer weekend trips will be announced on our HOC Yahoo list.

Stay in touch through our Yahoo group: Reminders, additional and last-minute trips will be posted by HOC members on our YAHOO group, a network of over 100 local outdoorsy folks and potential trip companions. You can find us here:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hoc_members/.

If you aren't already on this list and want to know how to sign up, email monique@mandali.com and she'll send you instructions. It's FREE to HOC members and a super way for everyone to post their own outings *and* find out about other people's trips all year long!

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THE HELENA OUTDOOR CLUB is for everyone, regardless of age. Our outdoor activities vary with the seasons and include hiking, backpacking, canoeing and kayaking, bicycling, snow shoeing, XC and downhill skiing. Most activities are free. Members organize and guide trips for the casual recreationist. No experience necessary. We also offer free public presentations on adventure travel in Montana and around the world.

Yearly memberships are only \$10/family. Mail your check to PO Box 135, Helena, MT 59624.

www.helenaoutdoorclub.org

A club for non-motorized recreation since 1972

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And many other dedicated volunteers! Thank you!

Be safe and have a fun summer!