



June 2013 Newsletter



Lovely Bitterroots,
photo by Monique Mandali

Friday, June 7: Annual Potluck Picnic & BD Celebration ***Helena Regulating Reservoir*** **6:00 – 8:00 pm.**



Kayaking into the sunset on the Helena Regulating Reservoir,
photo by Sally Hilander

This year's social gathering will take place at the covered picnic shelter on the *south side* of the Helena Regulating Reservoir. To get there, take York Road, turn right at the sign to the Reservoir, follow the dirt road for 1/8 mi., drive over the dike to the end and then turn left. Bring your picnic chair, frisbee or other lawn games, boat, walking shoes or mountain bike for extra fun.

Rain or shine, bring family & friends and a favorite dish to share. We'll provide dinnerware & juice. Live music by talented singer-songwriters Phil Cohea and Art Butler. Call the BD "girls" JoAnne (449-7971) or MaryAlice (495-8787) for details.

June Day Trips

All trips are weather-dependent and subject to last minute cancellation. Please check with the leader to make sure the trip is a go.

Show & Go Monday hikes: join Barb on short hikes in the Helena area. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot next to Ben Franklin on Euclid. We're usually back by mid-afternoon. 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 across from the L&C Library. Hike on Mt. Helena or Ascension trails. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for details.

Show and Go Tuesday evening flatwater paddling: Come join an easy-going group of kayakers and canoeists who paddle on lakes 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 pm. If you have your own boat & lifejacket, like to paddle and are comfortable in your boat, call Susan Nimick (443-5980) or email snimick@mt.net for more information. You can also check the Basecamp and Capital Sports websites for weekly details.

Sunday, June 2: Lower Dearborn River kayak trip. A 19-mile float starting at Hwy 287 to the Missouri River. For intermediate kayakers. Leaving at 7:00 am. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for details and meeting place.

Monday, June 3, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: paddle class at Spring Meadow Lake with JoAnne. This fee-based Helena College class is for recreational kayakers who want to learn basic paddling techniques. Call 447-6900 to register and/or rent a boat.

Sunday, June 9: Upper Dearborn River kayak trip. A 16-mile float starting at the Dearborn Canyon Road bridge, including a short portage around a waterfall. For intermediate kayakers. Leaving at 8:00 am. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for meeting place.

Monday, June 10, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: safety & rescue class at Spring Meadow Lake with JoAnne. This fee-based Helena College class is for recreational kayakers who want to learn safety & rescue techniques. Call 447-6900 to register and/or rent a boat.

Tuesday, June 11: Hanging Valley hike. A Helena classic, this moderate-to-strenuous hike travels through a deep, narrow canyon with impressive limestone towers – a bit of Utah in Montana. The trail ends several hundred feet up the southern wall of Trout Creek Canyon. It's 12-mile round trip and has a

2,384 ft. elevation gain/loss. Leaving at 9:00 am. Call Anne (459-4757) for meeting place.

Monday, June 17, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: paddle class at Spring Meadow Lake with JoAnne. This fee-based Helena College class is for recreational kayakers who want to learn basic paddling techniques. Call 447-6900 to register and/or rent a boat.

Monday, June 24, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: safety & rescue class at Spring Meadow Lake with JoAnne. This fee-based Helena College class is for recreational kayakers who want to learn safety & rescue techniques. Call 447-6900 to register and/or rent a boat.

Saturday, June 29, 9:00 am 3:00 pm: flatwater kayak class with JoAnne. This fee-based Helena College class is for anyone who wants to experience paddling on the Missouri. JoAnne would like the assistance of experienced kayakers who will help load and unload students' boats. Call 447-6900 to register for this class and/or rent a boat. Call JoAnne directly (449-7971) if you would like to be one of her assistants.

Saturday, June 22: hike from Mullan to Priest Pass and back. An easy MWA-sponsored hike that is 6 miles long. Co-led with Maggie. Leaving at 9:00 am. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for meeting place.

June Weekend events

NOTE: weekend events are open to the public but we give priority to members of the HOC. If you want to invite a friend who is not a member we'll put them on the waiting list (or ask them to become a member to secure their spot). HOC's cancellation policy applies. Contact leaders for details.

Saturday-Wednesday, June 1-5: Exploratory Petroglyph and Pictograph adventure. We'll start by driving to Pictograph State Park, 5 miles south of Billings, and will camp one night at the KOA campground. Next we'll visit Pompey's Pillar, followed by a drive to Castle Butte and Steamboat Butte. We'll enter the Pryor Mountains in search of Petroglyph Canyon and Weatherman Draw (Valley of the Shields). We'll spend 2-3 nights at a Bridger motel or at a BLM campground (group decision). Leaving at 8:00 am on Saturday. Call Tim or Jan (442-1619) for details and to register.

Saturday-Tuesday, June 15-18: Sluice Box Ghost town and Wolf Butte hikes. On Saturday we'll drive to Logging Creek Bridge over Belt Creek near Monarch, MT and hike 1.5 miles into Sluice Boxes State Park to the abandoned smelter and ghost town of Albright. We'll camp at Logging Creek campground.

On Sunday we'll take the Hughesville scenic backroads to Dry Wolf Cabin which we rented for two nights. Cabin space is limited but tents are welcome.

On Monday we'll embark on an unusual 5-mile exploratory hike of Wolf Butte, scrambling up a steep slope and finding

our way to the top. With an elevation gain/loss of 1,900 ft. this is a fairly strenuous hike that will take 6 hours at a relaxed pace. On the summit we'll be treated to magnificent Central Montana views of at least half a dozen mountain ranges. Call Tim or Jan (442-1619) for trip details and to register. **Note:** people who want to join us just for the weekend are welcome.

Reminders, additional and last-minute trips will be posted on our YAHOO e-list, a growing network of over 100 local outdoorsy folks. You can find us here: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hoc_members/. **If you aren't already on this list and don't know how to sign up for the HOC YAHOO e-group,** email Monique Mandali (monique@mandali.com) and she'll send you instructions. It's FREE to members and a super way to read about those spontaneous trips!

Community Event:

Saturday, June 15: Paddlefest at Spring Meadow Lake State Park. Volunteers will be needed to help with kayaking and canoe demonstrations. Contact JoAnne (449-7971) or Liz Lodman (444-9940).

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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 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 more volunteers. Thank you!