



Mountain Ear

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JANUARY MEETING: ¹⁴ Wednesday, January 14, 7:30 pm
Montana Power Building
1903 Russell, Missoula



PROGRAM: "Top of Peru" by Nevado Huascarán
Cordillera Blanca Peru, 22,205 feet

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NEW TRIPS

Sunday, January 11, Lolo Pass - Avalanche Training

This includes proper use of beacons, probe poles and shovels. Meet at K Mart at 8 am or at Lolo Pass visitors' center at 9 am. Instructor is Gary Hall. For more information call John Pierce, 542-2640.

Saturday, January 17, Stuart Peak. Call Joe Knotek, 549-2040



Sunday, January 18, Lolo Peak. Call Art Gidel, 543-6352

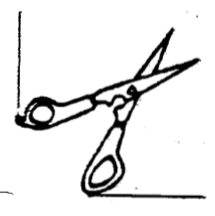
Sunday, January 25, trip to be announced. Call Peter Dayton, 549-5805

Saturday-Sunday, January 31-February 1 - Overnite Tent Camping, Moderate length.
Call Joe Knotek, 549-2040

Sunday, February 8, Squaw Peak. Call Ralph Flockerzi, 549-9986

The Rocky Mountaineers of Western Montana, P.O. Box 4262, Missoula MT 59806, welcome all persons interested in hiking, camping, ski-touring, snowshoeing, river floating, bicycling and technical climbing -- summer, autumn, winter and spring. Subscription to the MOUNTAIN EAR is by membership:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



NAME _____
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Mail a check payable to "Rocky Mountaineers" to Arnold Finklin, P.O. Box 7795, Missoula MT 59807

The Rocky Mountaineers organization is low-key, with nobody expecting to do too much work. In other words, responsibility for making an active season is shared by all members. If you want to see more activities, volunteer to organize and lead them! We're all looking for new ideas and welcome new leaders!

WINTER CAMPING: 13 Mistakes Most Beginners Make (from the Helena Outdoor Club newsletter)

1. The camper's canteen freezes up.
2. He becomes dehydrated for lack of drinking water.
3. His clothes get wet, both from perspiration and melting snow.
4. He doesn't make the mileage he had hoped to and falls short of the spot he had planned to spend the night.
5. Darkness seems to come on shortly after lunch because of winter's shorter days.
6. If he reaches a shelter, it may be filled up--not with people, but with snow.
7. His tent is difficult to set up in deep snow, fading twilight and freezing temperatures.
8. Snow melting is trickier than expected and requires more snow than expected.
9. He spills his cooking pot trying to operate in the cramped space inside the tent.
10. As dinner finally cooks, steam clouds fill the tent, vapor dampens his bag and drastically reduces its warmth.
11. In the morning, his boots are frozen and he has a difficult time getting them on.
12. Every time he touches the tent wall in the morning, frost showers down on him and his gear, all by now either wet or frozen.
13. When he finally blunders out down the trail to his car, the battery is dead.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New members: Rob & Carla Wogsland (Si & Velma Green's daughter)
266 St. John's
Lolo MT 59847

Other Ski Areas

In the **Beaverhead National Forest**, from Elkhorn Hot Springs, ski the Grasshopper Ridge Trail, 5.2 km of most difficult trail, and the Elkhorn Loop Trail, 17 km of easiest and more difficult trail. Both trails originate at Elkhorn Hot Springs and are intermittently groomed. In Mill Creek east of Sheridan, Tobacco Root Ranch, under permit from the Forest Service, grooms 15 km of trails and has marked, but does not groom, another 15 km. Of these, 18 are intermediate and 12 each are beginner and most difficult. Between Wise River and Wisdom, Sundance Lodge, under permit from the Forest Service, maintains 10 km of beginner to difficult trails. Four ungroomed trails originate on Chief Joseph Pass along Hwy. 43.

In the **Bitterroot National Forest**, a trail from the Lost Trail Powder Mountain Ski Area ending on U.S. 93 provides telemarking through the Saddle Mountain Burn later in the season.

In the **Deerlodge National Forest**, there are 36 km of trails in the Philipsburg-Georgetown Lake area. At Black Pine, an old mining town 5 miles NW of Philipsburg, ski 11.5 km of difficult trails. At Discovery Ski Area, there are 11.3 km of intermediate trails. At Georgetown Lake, ski the 6.5 km Lodge Pole Trail for intermediate skiers. At Homestake Pass along I-90, 18 miles west of Whitehall, ski 1.5 km of easy trails, 6.5 km of most difficult, not groomed.

In the **Flathead National Forest**, ski from the Izaak Walton Inn on the Essex Trail Complex for 22 km of easy trail, 6.6 km of more difficult and 5 km of most difficult trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Ski Round Meadows, 15 miles NW of Whitefish, for 15.6 km of easy trail, 5 km of more difficult and 2 km of most difficult, all intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Cedar Lake Trail, 3.5 miles north of Columbia Falls, is 9 km of more difficult trail, intermittently groomed, dogs not allowed.

Renewals:

Carol Anderson
Alice & Briggs Austin
Robert & Erik Benson
Beverly Chin & Art Gidel
Brett Doucett
Allison Easterling
Ralph Flockerzie
Charles Hamma
Joe Knotek
Jim Ullrich
Dan Weinstein
Joe Kipphut & Clarisse Landry



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Mary Ambrose-Wake, 2316 Woodlawn

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