



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS
OF WESTERN MONTANA

July, 1988

MONTHLY MEETING

Time and Place: 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 11, 1988, at Bonner Park in Missoula, which is located South of Evans Street, East of Ronald Street, North of Beverly Street, and West of Hilda Street.

Program: Potluck picnic dinner, volleyball, social intercourse and general dissipation. Bring something to eat or drink; guests are welcome. If the weather is inclement we will seek refuge in the bandshell. Call any officer to coordinate food contributions (although they probably won't have a clue as to what everybody else is bringing).

TRIP CALENDAR

In General: You can expect members of the club to be going out on several trips every weekend. However, some people are reluctant to schedule trips very long in advance in the summer. Thus, if you want to go out some weekend, but don't see any scheduled trips that look interesting or suitable, call any of the officers to find out if any informal trips are being organized.

Saturday, July 9, Blackfoot River: Canoe trip on the Blackfoot River from River Junction to the County Line Fishing Access. This 12-18 mile trip should be suitable for intermediate paddlers, whatever they are. Call Bill Burnett, 549-6089, or Ralph Flockerzi, 549-9986, for details.

Sunday, July 10, Gray Wolf Peak: Hike to the Riddell Lakes on the south side of Gray Wolf Peak. A moderately strenuous ten-mile round trip. Call Ralph Flockerzi, 549-9986, for details.

Thursday Evening Mountain Bike Rides: Watch the "Around Missoula" column in the Missoulian or call Ralph Flockerzi, 549-9986, for details.

Saturday, July 16, Ptarmigan Peak. Hike up Ptarmigan Peak in the Swan Range Northeast of Seeley Lake. We may also try to bag Wolverine, Carmine, and/or Little Carmine Peaks on the same trip. A moderately strenuous trip, probably with some light scrambling. Call Ralph Flockerzi, 549-9986, or Peter Dayton, 728-8101, for details.

Last Half of July, Heavenly Twins. Hike and climb up the Heavenly Twins in the Bitterroot Mountains. Could be a one or two day trip, a moderately strenuous or a strenuous trip, a scramble or a climb, depending on the interests of those wishing to go and the route chosen. Probably the weekend of the 16 or the 27 of July. Call Dave Pengelly, 728-6512, for details.

Sunday, July 24, Blue Mountain Bicycle Ride. Mountain bike trip from Blue Mountain to Harpers Bridge. Call Ralph Flockerzi, 549-9986, or Mark Chapman, 549-9934, for details.

Saturday, July 30, Gray Wolf Lake Loop. Go in to the Scenic Lakes and the base of Gray Wolf Peak via the Falls Creek drainage, swing south of Gray Wolf Lake, and head out between Blacktail and North Jocko Peaks via the Deep Creek drainage. A moderately strenuous off-trail trip, but much of it in open, rocky basins without underbrush hassles. Call Peter Dayton, 728-8101, for details.

July or August, Mount Cohen. Climb Mount Cohen in the Gallatin Range near Livingston. A three-day trip involving low fifth class climbing. Call Art Gidel, 543-6352, for details.

July or August, Granite Peak. Climb Granite Peak in the Absarokas East of Red Lodge. A three-day trip involving fourth class climbing (heavy duty scrambling). Call Art Gidel, 543-6352, for details.

Saturday, August 6, Buck Mountain and Holland Peak. Climb Buck Mountain (9003') on the Swan Mountain Front. A moderately strenuous 4500-foot climb with light scrambling. Those feeling a need for further exercise can also climb Holland Peak (9356') which is about a mile to the North. Call Peter Dayton, 728-8101, for details.

Saturday, August 13, St. Mary's Peak. Hike up East and/or West Saint Mary's Peak in the South Mission Mountains. Depending on the interests of participants, the peaks could be approached from the South via Saint Mary's Lake, or from the West from the Mission Reservoir area. Call Bill Burnett, 549-6089, for details.

Friday evening to Sunday, August 19-21, Gunsight Pass in Glacier National Park. Call Ralph Flockerzi, 549-9986, for details.

Saturday, August 27, Kakashe Mountain. Hike up Kakashe Mountain, which is North of Mission Falls in the South Missions Mountains. A moderately strenuous (5,000' altitude gain) hike with possibly some scrambling at the end. Call Peter Dayton, 728-8101, for details.

TRIP REPORTS

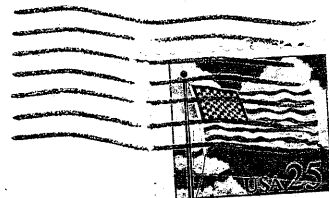
Gray Wolf Peak: The June trip up Gray Wolf Peak was a success, although there was a little more snow than I expected. Bret Doucette, Rick Murney, Tom Cook, Bill Burnett, and trip leader Ralph Flockerzi went up the Northeast Ridge and came out by the main south couloir. - Ralph Flockerzi

Smith River, May 17-21: Briggs Austin, Ellen Cox (Brigg's daughter), Peter Dayton, Irving Dayton (Peter's father), Sue Hillstrom, Colleen Hunter, Beth Jarvi (Peter's sister), and Jeff Jarvi took a five-day canoe trip on the Smith River starting at Camp Logan, which is about a day above the more conventional put-in at Camp Baker. This upper section was small and pretty rocky in places; although it is pretty, I would not recommend it unless there is plenty of water in the river. We beat the crap out of the canoes in this stretch. As soon as we got to Camp Baker the river doubled in size and we had no more water (or rock, depending on your point of view) problems. The scenery was as always terrific, and the water interesting. After the first two days the weather was great. We saw quite a variety of animals, including a bear swimming the river. - Peter Dayton

Thursday Night Bicycle Trips. The club's Thursday night bicycle trips have been well attended, with 12 people going out June 9th, 14 people participating June 16th, and 12 people on June 23rd. The rides will continue until winter returns. They are not hard rides, so come and join us. - Ralph Flockerzi

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