

McCall Hiking Club

September 2009 Hikes

We will be back to starting at 9:00 a.m. beginning September 1st. Hikers will meet across from the post office at the South end of the Rite-Aid parking lot. Transportation is by car-pooling. We recommend a donation of \$4 to \$6 depending on distance to offset transportation costs. Please bring a spare pair of shoes for traveling as well as plenty of drinking water, food, sunscreen, insect repellent and a personal first-aid kit. The hikes are generally full day trips. No small children or dogs are allowed on the hikes. Scheduled hike locations and leaders are subject to change. For further information please contact Roberta Thompson at 634-7465. This will be our last month for scheduled hikes.

Wed. Sept. 2

Crystal Mountain. Crystal Mountain is 35.8 miles from Lake Street and Highway 55. Follow Warren Wagon Road to Burgdorf Hot Springs. Turn left onto the gravel road to the hot springs and continue past the rustic resort to the first right turnoff on the road. Turn right onto forest service road 247. The entire peak of the mountain is quartz. The road goes to various levels of the mountain and circles around the entire mountain. Hikers will decide how far they want to hike. This should be an easy hike with a possible dip in Burgdorf Hot Springs. This mountain used to be sacred to the Indians in the area. Hike leaders are Kate and Elwyn Johnson.

Sat. Sept. 5

No scheduled hike due to Labor Day weekend.

Mon. Sept. 7

The end of the season social will be held at the Woodlands starting at 4:00 p.m. Information on this activity was sent to members last week. If you need additional information please contact Roberta Thompson at 634-7465.

Sat. Sept. 12

Box Lake . Advanced. Round Trip is 6.4 miles with an elevation gain of 1,863 feet and a loss of 343' from the ridge to the pocket lake. This is often called the "Flower Box Lake" because of the huge variety of wildflowers. This hike was rescheduled due to Lick Creek Road delays. Hike leader TBA

Wed. Sept. 16

Duck/Hum/No Name Lakes: Easy, intermediate and advanced hikes. The easy hike will go to Duck Lake off Lick Creek Summit, approximately 2 mile RT with a 330-foot elevation gain. The advanced hike will go on to Hum Lake. There is a 1000-foot ridge separating the two lakes, which are about the same elevation. The Hum Lake trail is a steady climb on a good trail approximately 1.75 miles. The descent into Hum Lake is steeper, but also shorter. Hikers can choose to rest on the

summit or descend to Hum Lake. The lake is another 2.5 miles RT with an elevation loss and gain of 874 feet. A third choice would be going to No Name Lakes. This group would hike past Duck Lake and pick up a trail that climbs a little over 1000 feet then descends to No Name Lakes. This hike would require some bushwhacking. Hike leaders: Loren Livermore, Hum Lake, Bill Starowicz, No Name Lakes

Sat. Sept. 19

North Fork of Kennally Creek. Easy hike of 5 miles round trip with a couple hundred feet in elevation gain. One creek crossing so you may want to bring river shoes. Those who want a harder hike can veer off to the East Fork and bushwhack to Bill's Lake. Hike leader: Roberta Thompson, Kennally Creek, Bill Starowicz, Bill's Lake.

Wed. Sept. 23

Anderson/Boulder Crossover. One group would start at the Idler Creek Trailhead and finish at Boulder Reservoir. The other group would start at Boulder Reservoir and finish at the Idler Creek Trailhead. There are two stream crossings so river shoes are recommended. This is an advanced hike due to the elevation gain. There is a 2000-foot elevation gain to Anderson Lake and then another 200 feet to the saddle where it is down hill to Boulder Reservoir. Approximate mileage one way, 11 miles. Keys would be exchanged when the two groups meet for lunch. Hike Leaders: Janis Seufert, Idler Creek Trailhead. Roberta Thompson, Boulder Reservoir Trailhead.

Sat. Sept. 26

Last Chance Campground to Goose Creek Falls. Easy, 5 miles RT, little elevation gain. Hike Leader: Janis Butner

Wed. Sept. 30

Horton Lake. Moderate, elevation gain 600-feet. This is a new hike for our club. The trail starts near Granite Lake. One third of the hike follows an old road closed to traffic, one third is on a faint trail, and one third is bushwhacking. Round trip is approximately 4.7 miles. Hike Leader: Janis Seufert