


Teaming Trails in Patagonia  
Outdoor Hiking Blooms

## Mountain West Outdoor Club

A big shout out to April's new and returning members	Kaileen McCullough, Donna O'Shea
	<p><b>MAY TRIVIA QUESTION</b></p> <p>Log on to our website, <a href="http://www.mwocid.org">http://www.mwocid.org</a> and go to the <b>Places of Interest</b> page to find the question. Send your answer to the link listed. Be the first person to send the correct answer and win a special prize. Runner-ups will be announced at the Monday night potluck. (Hint: Three lines or dots along the top banner means there are more webpages to view.)</p> <p><i>Answer to April fill-in-the-blank Trivia Question: The Ridge to Rivers Trail System is over <u>190</u> miles long.</i></p>
<b>April 30 - May 2</b>	<p><b>Kirkwood Ranch Backpack - Great for beginners!</b></p> <p>The hike is six relatively flat miles along the Snake River from Pittsburgh Landing to the historic Kirkwood Ranch. April 30 drive to the trailhead, have lunch and hike in. May 1 is the day hike and May 2 is the hike out and return to Boise. Picnic tables are available, good tent space, and FLUSH toilets. Water will need to be filtered. For details and sign up, contact Mary Brown, at <a href="mailto:brownmeb@gmail.com">brownmeb@gmail.com</a> or 208-340-3301.</p>
<b>May 7, Mon</b>	<p><b>MWOC POTLUCK MEETING</b></p> <p>The April MWOC Potluck meeting is scheduled for <b>Monday, May 7</b> at Idaho Fish and Game, 600 S. Walnut, Boise. Socializing starts at 6 pm.</p> <p>Welcome Sam Roberts, a Boise Parks and Recreation employee, who was chosen as a part of a US team of trail experts to design trails and train local crews in Argentine Patagonia. He will recount his story of this ambitious recreational trail and infrastructure project. Plan to attend.</p>
<b>May 14, Mon</b>	<b>MWOC PLANNING MEETING</b>

<p><b>NEW TIME</b></p> <p><b>4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p>Join us - Smoky Mountain Pizza, 1805 W. State Street, Boise.</p> <p>The meeting starts at <b>4:30</b>. Add your voice to the discussion about the ins and outs of the club (and eat); bring ideas for hikes, biking trips, canoeing and other outdoor activities.</p>
<p><b>June 19-24</b></p>	<p><b>Selway River Trail Backpack</b></p> <p>The trip begins with a drive to Lowell, ID and then up the Selway River, about 7 hours from Boise. First night is an overnight at a campground near the trailhead. The backpack follows the Selway River upstream for 26 miles to the Moose Creek Ranger Station. The plan is two 13-mile days to reach the destination and two days to return to the trailhead. Although the hike is following a river, expect lots of up and down along the way. For details and sign up, contact Mary Brown, <a href="mailto:brownmeb@gmail.com">brownmeb@gmail.com</a> or 208-340-3301.</p>
<p>Plan now!</p> <p><b>Early September</b></p>	<p><b>BICYCLE NORTHERN IDAHO</b> September 4-7, 2018. It's not too early to get this scenic and fun trip on your calendar! Peg Killen (<a href="mailto:pegkillen@mac.com">pegkillen@mac.com</a> or 208-484-7946) is organizing a ride on the "Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes" Sept 5th and 6th and the famed "Hiawatha Trail" on Sept 7th. The plan: Meet in Wallace on September 4th at the Wallace Inn. Cost for 3 nights in the hotel, an historic tour of Wallace, shuttles to the Trail and trail pass for the Hiawatha is \$235 per person (room with 2 queen beds) or \$411 for a single room. Bike rental is separate. Contact Peg directly if you are interested. Early September is a beautiful time for a ride in some over-the-top beautiful country.</p>

### MID-WEEK/FUTURE ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY HIKES.** Watch for a Yahoo Groups announcement each week for location and time. Hikes are of moderate difficulty, 3 to 5 miles, lasting approximately two hours. Lunch after the hike for those interested.

**WEDNESDAY HIKES** begin at 10 AM winter, earlier in the summer. Hikes are fast-paced, of challenging difficulty, 5 or more miles and lasting 3 or more hours, depending on trail and weather conditions. Challenging difficulty means that you'll need to be in good hiking condition because of significant elevation gain and/or increased mileage. Watch for the weekly Yahoo Groups announcement for meeting place and hike description. If you have questions, contact Scott Stolhand, 208-891-2214.

**THURSDAY HIKES** and other miscellaneous activities will be posted on Yahoo groups. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 208-385-0100.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**QUESTIONS ABOUT YAHOO EMAILS.** Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are sent out through Yahoo Groups. If you have questions about receiving Yahoo e-mails (the subject line includes "Mountain West") please contact Cheri Worsley,

[cheriworsley@gmail.com](mailto:cheriworsley@gmail.com).

Group emailing is not to be used to advocate for any political issue, whether national or local. Messages that provide only factual information, such as the time and place of a meeting, on an issue of likely interest to members are welcome.

**MWOC ACTIVITIES:** Planning a MWOC excursion? Or thinking of an excursion where you would like to invite like-minded souls? Send me the particulars and I'll publish it here - Anne Schorzman at [aschorz@cablone.net](mailto:aschorz@cablone.net)

**AIR ST. LUKE'S MEMBERSHIP:** A reduced Air St. Luke's yearly membership rate is available to MWOC members on request. Contact information: [stlukesonline.org/air](http://stlukesonline.org/air) or 208-706-1000

**2018 SPRING DIRECTORY:** A downloadable PDF copy of the Membership Directory is available on the Members Only/Directory page, where you can also find a searchable directory (click here: [Directory](#)). You will need to login in to access the directory; if you haven't already created a password for the website, click on Login at the top of the page, enter your email address, and click "Forgot password." You will receive an email message with instructions. Please address questions to: [laura.jenski@gmail.com](mailto:laura.jenski@gmail.com).

**SAVE A TREE; CANCEL UNNEEDED PAPER MAILINGS:** Most communications from MWOC are by email and through postings on our website. If you are still receiving paper copies of newsletters and directories mailed to your home, and you do not need the hardcopies because you are also receiving the information electronically, please contact Laura Jenski ([laura.jenski@gmail.com](mailto:laura.jenski@gmail.com), 208-860-9477) to stop the paper copy mailing.

**THE MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE** is a website feature where you can list outdoor gear and supplies you wish to buy, sell, or swap. You can post items yourself or have a website administrator do it for you. Go to the website, [www.mwocid.org](http://www.mwocid.org), and click on Members Only (you must login in to see Members-only Content).

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