



**Mountain West Outdoor Club Newsletter**  
**September, 2020**

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**Smoky skies won't stop us!**





MWOC members kayaking/paddle-boarding Meanders section of the Payette River, 8/24, Liz McWhorter, organizer and hiking Alvena's Trail above the More's Creek Bridge, 8/25, Gary Dailey, hike leader. Photo credits: Robin Ward and Richard Oehlschlager

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUGUST 27** ~ Join other Mountain West members as we listen and maybe dance to the music of **Boise Straight Ahead Jazz**. Our MWOC president, Wendell Martin, is a member and you can look forward to hearing some outstanding saxophone solos from him! For ticket information go to <https://idahobotanicalgarden.org/events/great-garden-escape/>

**SEPTEMBER 7 (Labor Day)~ MONTHLY PICNIC.** We will follow same protocols as past months, meeting at picnic area # 3. Watch for an RSVP.

**SEPTEMBER 25** ~ Deadline for submissions for the October newsletter. Send to Chris at [clg83706@yahoo.com](mailto:clg83706@yahoo.com)

### **SEPTEMBER 28 ~ CROOKED RIVER HIKE**

- Date and time: Monday, September 28th 9AM (for the meeting spot in Boise)
- Where to meet: Oregon Trail Recreation Area parking lot. It is on Highway 21 east of Federal Way. (Look for a brown sign alerting you a few yards prior to the turn in.)
- We will not be carpooling or going to a restaurant afterwards this year, but the choice is yours. The drive to the trailhead is about 18 miles above Idaho City on Hwy 21 then off the Edna Creek turnoff on an easy dirt road for about a mile to the trailhead.
- This trail is approximately 7 miles round trip, but you may choose to hike less. It is an out and back, so plan on hiking with those of your ability.
- Bring snacks, lunch and water as well as hiking poles.
- Questions? Email Ruth Garcia at [ruthg1617@gmail.com](mailto:ruthg1617@gmail.com)

### **POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 2021 ~ EVEREST BASE CAMP TREK**

Join Wendell and Janette and "Hike With Sherpa" on a 12-day trek to Everest Base Camp. Group size is a maximum of 10. Fly from Kathmandu to Lukla to begin the hike. The medium-slow pace and 6 or so miles per day with plenty of time to acclimatize are promised as we approach Base Camp at 17,598 ft. All food, lodging, porters, guides and flight from Kathmandu to Lukla is included in the \$2500 price. Tips are extra. Round trip airfare from Boise to Kathmandu is not included. Please contact Wendell or Janette at [janettey99@gmail.com](mailto:janettey99@gmail.com). Hike With Sherpa website: <https://hikewithsherpa.com>

## **MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES**

**TUESDAY HIKES** Email announcements are sent each week for location and time. Hikes are of moderate difficulty, 4 to 6 miles, lasting approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. Starting time varies with time of year and weather conditions. Lunch after the hike for those interested. If you have questions contact Pat Dailey, 208-272-0639.

**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 an email announcement for meeting place and hike description. If you have questions, contact Scott Stolhand, 208-891-2214.

**THURSDAY KAYAKING** Watch for paddle plans by email. Information about location, weather and paddle distance will be included in the notice. Thursday kayak trips are planned with club members in mind. For more information call Winnie, 208-631-4065.

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

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EMAILS** Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are announced through email. If you have questions about sending or receiving e-mails, please contact Kay Stoll at [teksas2steppe@gmail.com](mailto:teksas2steppe@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, or 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? For publication in the newsletter send details to [clg83706@yahoo.com](mailto:clg83706@yahoo.com).

**MWOC WEBSITE** You don't have to login to visit most of the MWOC pages, including the calendar of events, news, and resources. The pages that require login are your own profile, membership directory, and Gallery. 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).



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