



Mountain West Outdoor Club Newsletter

January, 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Good job with the masks and responsible trail use, MWOC hikers!

Winter reminders from the Ridge to Rivers website:

<https://www.ridgetorivers.org/>

Please help up preserve the integrity of our trail system by doing the following:

- Stay off of muddy trails. Pay attention - if you are leaving tracks, turn back.
- In winter, ride or hike early in the morning when trails are frozen hard.
- **Check daily trail conditions** on website or on Facebook to know whether you should be on the trails during winter months.
- If you encounter short stretches of mud, ride or walk through them. Don't leave the trail as this kills trailside vegetation and leads to trail widening.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are happy to welcome the following new members who joined Mountain West Outdoor Club, September-December, 2020.

Ginger Ford

Astrid Latendresse

Marcia Chatalas

Terrilyn Scott

Meresa Ensign
Mary Graeff
Liz Jasek
Mary McInnis
Katherine Ultican
Trina Kim
Jan Skelley
Bruce VanDusen
Susan Whiting
Carolyn King
Judy Lam
Janine Werner

At this time 66% of 2020 members have renewed for 2021. To remain on the active member list, renewals are due by the end of January. Two reminders will be sent out in January. At any time you can log into your account on the MWOC website, fill out the form, sign the waiver and pay the fees directly through Wild Apricot. If you need a paper form, Kay Stoll will be happy to mail one to you which can be sent back, along with a check to the MWOC post office box (address is on the form). See Officers section below for Kay's contact information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 2021~Ski/Snowshoe It will look quite different this year. We will continue to meet at Camel's Back Park parking lot for a **noon** departure. I will not be organizing carpools. If you would like to do so, it is up to individuals.

When we arrive at Bogus, we need to change into our gear at the car. From there, we will buy/show our pass at a window on the outside of the lodge. Then we can use the rest room, the entrance being on the left side of the building. They are limiting the number of people in the lodge to 2-4 people for very short periods of time.

No outside food allowed inside the lodge. This will eliminate our gathering that we used to enjoy after skiing/snowshoeing for a couple of hours. :((I'm still planning on bringing food but will eat it on the trail.)

Found on the Bogus Nordic web site: Guided Snowshoe hikes are planned to help familiarize new guests with the Nordic trail system. For more info, contact Bogus Basin.

Masks are required in the buildings as well as if we get within 6 feet of each other outside.

Any questions, email Ruth at: ruthg1617@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2021 ~ Everest Base Camp Trek. For information please contact Wendell or Janette at janettey99@gmail.com. or go to the Hike With Sherpa website: <https://hikewithsherpa.com>

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY HIKES Email announcements are sent each week with 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. If you have questions contact Pat Dailey, 208-272-0639.

Leader of Tuesday hike pictured hike above, Gary Dailey, photographer Clarene Daly. Look below to see photo of special sighting on this week's hike. Photo by Darlene Stattner.

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 of meeting place and hike description. If you have questions, contact Scott Stolhand, 208-891-2214.

THURSDAY NORDIC AFTERNOON SKI/SNOWSHOE Look for weekly email posts for this January and February activity. Meet at Camel's Back Park parking lot for a **noon** departure. Carpools will not be organized by leader.

THURSDAY KAYAKING While there will be no more regular Thursday outings until spring, watch for email invitations from Francesco to join him for some winter paddling as weather permits.

THURSDAY HIKES and other miscellaneous activities will be posted via email. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 208-891-0426.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMAILS Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are announced through Wild Apricot emails. If you have questions about sending or receiving e-mails, please contact Kay Stoll at 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.

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



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