**OTHG MONDAY HIKES SUMMER 2020**

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Please check the website calendar the evening before in case of changes.

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Welcome fellow hikers to this summer’s schedule of Monday hikes. As in the past, we will be starting out slowly and hikes will increase in length and difficulty as the summer progresses. If you feel you do not want to do an entire hike you may turn around at any time --just make sure you have a ride to get you back to your car and let fellow hikers know that you are turning around so that we don’t hunt for you. Also, some hikes have turn around points built into them but again make sure you have a ride back. Lastly, Steamboat is at about 7,000 ft above sea level. All hikes go higher than this so be aware of your health conditions before you attempt a hike and be sure to have plenty of water with you. We want you to have fun!!!

There will be no weekly reminder for hikes or emails so please save this and remember to check the web site calendar the evening before the hike for possible changes **(** [**www.ssothg.org/events**](http://www.ssothg.org/events) **)** The meeting place will be in the Safeway parking lot. Please be there ten minutes before a hike starts to arrange carpools and finalize the destination. We do leave promptly. The listed hikes below are suggestions only. Sometimes the group decides to do something different from what is scheduled so be prepared to be flexible. There are no designated leaders but someone usually steps up and offers to act as leader. Full hike descriptions can be found in***Hiking the Boat II*** by Diane White-Crane.

**June hikes will be leaving from Safeway at 9:00 a.m. weather permitting.**

June 1st. Mad Creek. About four miles RT to the bridge where we turn around and we usually visit the barn on our way back. Starting elevation is 6,763’ and we go to 7,200’+-

June 8th – Uranium Mine – five miles RT +- starting at 6,700’ and going to 8,000’+-

June 15th – Hot Springs trail – five miles +-RT starting at 6,700’ and going to 7,800’ +-

June 22nd – Mad Creek/Red Dirt – 6,763 to about 8,000+- Car pooling will be involved.

June 29th – Coulton Creek – about two miles to the creek and hopefully trillium. The total hike that goes to the base of Farwell Mt. is about 10 miles +- and elevation is 7,600’+- to 8,600’ +- No elevation was given for just hiking to the creek.

**July hikes will be leaving from Safeway at 8:30 a.m. weather permitting.**

July 6th – No hike because of the July 4th weekend

July 13th – Fish Creek Falls – four miles +- to the second falls. This a round trip hike. 9,604’ +- to 10,654’+- and is a steep but wonderful hike.

July 20th – Hinman Creek Fisherman Trail – four +- miles RT, 7,800’+- to 8,100+-. This should be a pretty easy, fun hike.

July 27th – Pleasant Valley to the Sarvis Creek trail – 10 +- miles RT, 7,200’ – 8,240’+-. This is long but you can turn around at any time. Just make sure you let people know and have a ride back to your car.

**August hikes will be leaving from Safeway at 8:00 a.m. weather permitting.**

August 3rd – Windy Ridge/Indian quarry – 6 miles RT. 9,000’+- to 9,328’+- with ups and downs. A great hike for spotting the magnificent Mariposa Lilly.

August 10th – Sheriff’s Reservoir (Flat Tops) Four Fun Lakes. 2.5 miles RT +-. Nice, short hikes but steep. You start at Sheriff’s Reservoir at 9,520’+- go to Spring, Camel, Carter and Sand at 10,192’+- Camel is at 10,100’+-

August 17th – Mica Lake – (Zirkel’s) 10+- RT miles to the lake. 5 miles RT to stream crossing. 8,460’ +- trail head, Lake is at 10,428’+-. Elevation to the river crossing is about 9,800 +- a true guess.

August 24th – Dumont Lake – 6 miles RT – 9,604’+- to 10,500’+-. Great place to hunt for mushrooms.

August 31st – Hooper/Keener – (Flat Tops) 6 miles RT +- 10,280’+- to 11,190’+-

**September hikes will be leaving rom Safeway at 8:30 a.m. weather permitting.**

September 7th – Gold Creek – (Zirkel’s) 2.5 miles to first water crossing and then another half mile to lake at 8,460’+- if you want to do the Zirkel Circle that is about a 12 mile hike. You get to the pass at ll,164 and then head down making a circle with another water crossing on the way down.

September 14th – Devil’s Causeway (Flat Tops) 6 miles RT loop or about 11 to do the loop. 10,280+- to 11,600’+- A nice place to stop is by the lake before the Causeway and that’s about a five mile loop.

September 21st – Soda Creek trail with Fiddle Head Fern loops as extras – 6+- miles – all, 4, +- the Soda Creek Trail. No elevation given but not much.

September 28th – Three Island Lake (Zirkel’s) 3.5 miles RT, 8,330’+- to 98,878’+-

**October hikes will be leaving Safeway at 9:00 a.m.**

October 5th – Routt Divide to large boulder and avalanche field – 3.5 miles RT – 9,200’=- to 9,710’+-

October 12th – South Fork of the Elk – (Zirkel’s) 8,300’+- to 8,700’+- 8 miles +- RT

**Be sure to bring water, a snack, possible lunch and dress appropriately as weather in the Rockies can change quickly.**

Please know that as a member of the OTHG, you, the participant acknowledges that participating in any sponsored activity that may entail risks of personal injury or death, you agree to assume any and all risks of injury or death as a result of participating in such activities. In addition, you agree to release, hold harmless and not sue the OTHG, its officers, directors, representatives, employees, volunteers or agents from or with respect to any claim/s that are based on or result from participation in such activities.

Happy and safe hiking ☺

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