

Big Sky Hikers – 2008 Season

Welcome all residents and visitors to Big Sky and Gallatin Canyon

Meeting Place and Time: Big Sky Hikers meet each Thursday morning, at the Big Sky Community Park, located on Little Coyote Road next to the Golden Eagle Lodge. All hike groups will DEPART from here at 7:30 am unless otherwise noted. Please gather there somewhat earlier, around 7:15 am, sign up for the hike you prefer, meet your group and help prepare for a prompt departure. Transportation to the trailhead will be organized by car-pooling in each group. Roads to some trailheads will require four wheel drive vehicles with adequate ground clearance.

Multiple Hike Groups: To better accommodate larger numbers of hikers and differing abilities, two or three hikes have been scheduled for every Thursday. Each hike group will go to a different trailhead, and to minimize impact to the environment there will be a limit of 15 persons for each hike. At the meeting place, hikers will sign a roster/waiver sheet for each hike; when 15 people have signed up, that hike will be closed. Hikers are welcome to choose one of the other hikes with available space as an alternate. Of course, all hikes are subject to change due to weather conditions.

Hike Rating System: None of our hikes require technical climbing techniques or gear. “A” hikes are strenuous, involving long distances and significant altitude gain; these hikes are best suited to fit, altitude acclimated and well-prepared hikers. “B” hikes represent more moderate efforts. “C” hikes are easy, and suitable for hikers of all ages. The information provided for each hike in the table below is representative, but approximate. If you have any questions regarding the details of a particular hike, call one of the assigned leaders who will have recent, personal experience in hiking that trail.

Donation: A donation of \$2/person per hike is asked from each hiker. This pays for administration costs (paper, postage, park fees), hike supplies (coolers, first aid kits), after hike refreshments, and donations to relevant causes or organizations.

Hiking Etiquette: Remember the policy of “Pack it in, pack it out,” and “Leave no trace” when hiking in the wilderness or YNP. No toddlers or pets, please. ***Our practice is to keep our groups together on the trail, taking occasional breaks to allow the entire group to regroup.*** This not only ensures that no one becomes separated or lost, but also is the single best way to avoid surprising a bear. Big Sky country is grizzly bear country, and this is a serious consideration on all of our hikes. Please stay together!

Equipment: Experienced hikers carry a well-sorted daypack, with plenty of water, lunch and snacks, rain gear and other clothing layers to cope with the abrupt changes in weather that are typical in the mountains. Sturdy (and broken in!) shoes are suggested, as many of the trails are rocky, may cross patches of snow and streams, and at times the footing can be unstable. Hike leaders will have a basic first aid kit. Hikers should bring their own bear spray, insect repellent, toilet paper, sunscreen and big SMILES!! If you have questions regarding gear, ask a hike leader.

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Hike Coordinators:

A Hikes: Sherrie Fast (995-7486) & Steve Johnson (995-4566)

B Hikes: Jeanne Johnson (995-4566) & Barbara Blesch (995-2422)

C Hikes: Robyn Faris (995-2964) & Christl Gump (995-4406)

NOTE: Two leaders (leader, sweeper) are needed on each hike. If an assigned leader is unable to lead a hike, that person is responsible to find an appropriate substitute. Assigned leaders are also responsible to scout their hikes in advance. Based on their scouting, hike destinations may be changed at the leaders' discretion. Wildfires, road maintenance delays, weather and trail conditions are all possibilities that may make this happen!

Potluck Picnic:

Date: July 15th

Location: Big Sky Community Park Pavilion

Time: 6-8pm

If you have any questions, please call Shelly Bermont (995-7100)

Outing Details:

Date: August 13-15

Location: Grand Targhee Resort, Alta, WY, www.grandtarghee.com, 1-800-TARGHEE

We have a block of rooms reserved - \$117 plus tax; call ahead to make your reservation. There are other motel and camping options available in the area. The banquet will be similar to previous ones regarding menu. Price will be approximately \$35 per person, including tax and gratuities; it will be outdoors under a tent. There will also be lunches available to order - \$12 plus tax and gratuity, water included, \$2 for soda. Grand Targhee Resort is on the other side of Targhee Pass from Jackson, WY, about 35 miles, in case anyone is interested in spending time in Jackson before or after the outing. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Johnson (995-4566) or Barbara Blesch (995-2422).

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Date	Rating-Hike	Trailhead	Length*	Climb*	Leaders	Comment
June 7	National Trails Day	Big Sky Community Park	N/A	N/A	TBD	Meet at the Community Park at 9:30 am
June 19	B Purple Mountain	Yellowstone National Park	5 miles	1560 ft	Sherrie Fast 995-7486 Rebecca Shopay 995-2767	
	C Whits Lake	Whits Lake	6-8 miles	800 ft	Barbara Gillispie 995-2160	
June 26	A Dailey Creek to Pass	Dailey Creek	10 miles	1600 ft	Leslie and Rich Piercy 993-2303	Petrified Forest
	B Porcupine Lemon Drop	Porcupine	5 miles	1200 ft	Jon Carlson 995-2216 Woody Burt 995-2761	
	C Wildflower hike with Jeff Strickler	Depends on where the best flowers are	So beautiful...	...you won't even notice	Karen and Jeff Strickler 995-4768	Jeff will announce hike destination on June 19 th
July 3	A Gneiss Creek	Yellowstone National Park/Madison Bridge	14 miles	200 ft	TBD	Point to point – shuttle required
	B Coffin Lake	Coffin Lake	10 miles	1700 ft	Barbara Blesch 995-2422 Jeanne Johnson 995-4566	Past West Yellowstone
	C Gneiss Creek	Gneiss Creek	6-7 miles	200 ft	Donna and Bob Thompson 995-3433	
July 10	A Black Butte to Bighorn Peak	Black Butte	8 miles	3000 ft	Shelly Bermont 995-7100 Barbara Kaufman 995-3175	
	B Sheep Lake	Sheep Creek	12 miles	2600 ft	George Macdonald 995-7172 Mike Fetty	Past Hebgen Lake, before Raynold's Pass
	C Daly to Black Butte	Daly Creek	6 miles	900 ft	Joy Trute 995-3413 Robyn Faris 995-2964	
July 15	Potluck Picnic	Big Sky Community Park	N/A	N/A	Shelly Bermont 995-7100	See Potluck Picnic Details Above
July 17	A Golden Trout to Eaglehead	Portal Creek - Windy Pass	6 miles	2000 ft	Rebecca Shopay 995-2767 Darrel Choate 763-4269	Some "scrambling" involved
	B Sentinel	Portal Creek - Windy Pass	5 miles	1300ft	George Macdonald 995-7172 Rumsey Young 995-2629	
	C Fawn Pass	Fawn Pass	6 miles	300 ft	Robyn and Tim Faris 995-2964	
July 24	A-Mystery	Mystery	Trust us	Trust us	Sherrie Fast 995-7486 Steve Johnson 995-4566	
	B-Mystery	Mystery	Trust us	Trust us	Jane and DH Ward 796-4391	
	C-Mystery	Mystery	Trust us	Trust us	Sue Lindley 995-7591 Robyn Faris 995-2964	

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July 31	A Sacagawea Peak	Fairy Lake	5 miles	2000 ft	Cindy Cochran 522-7976 Jeff Strickler 995-4768	Bozeman – picnic following
	B TBD	TBD	miles	ft	Jan and Arlyn Selting 522-8118	Bozeman – picnic following
	C Truman Gulch	Truman Gulch	4 miles	750 ft	Margaret and John Leeper 596-2831	Bozeman – picnic following
August 7	A Jerome Lakes	Spanish Creek	14 miles	2600 ft	Sherrie Fast 995-7486 Steve Johnson 995-4566	
	B Little Hellroaring	Hellroaring Creek	miles	ft	Mary Grundman 995-3201	
	C Golden Trout Lake	Portal Creek – Windy Pass	6 miles	1200 ft	Mary and Jon Carlson 995-2216	
August 14	A Outing	Grand Targhee somewhere	TBD	TBD	Sherrie Fast 995-7486 Steve Johnson 995-4566	See Outing details above
	B Outing	Grand Targhee somewhere	TBD	TBD	Barbara Blesch 995-2422 Jeanne Johnson 995-4566	See Outing details above
	C Outing	Grand Targhee somewhere	TBD	TBD	Robyn Faris 995-2964	See Outing details above
August 21	A Kirkwood	Kirkwood	10 miles	2400 ft	Barbara Rupp 995-4510	At Hebgen Lake
	B Lizard Lake	Taylor Fork – Cache Creek	11 miles	1600 ft	TBD	Inspiration Point
	C Asbestos Mine	Asbestos Mine	4-5 miles	1800 ft	Barbara Gillispie 995- 2160 Joy Trute 995-3413	
August 28	A Expedition Lake	Potamogeton Park	13 miles	2700 ft	Klaus Gump 995-4406 Steve Johnson 995-4566	At Hebgen Lake
	B Bear Basin	North Fork	11 miles	2200 ft	TBD	
	C North Fork Spanish Creek	Spanish Creek	6 miles	500 ft	Carolynn and Roger Brislawn 995-2296	

*Lengths are total distances, either round trip or point to point. Climb is difference in elevation between trailhead and highest point on the route. All of these data are approximate, to the best of our ability to read maps!