**“BACKCOUNTRY CACHE”**

A Newsletter for Members of CMC Backpacking Section

**OCTOBER 2020**
Special Issue
for BPX Leaders

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**TRIP IDEAS WANTED FOR 2021 BPX TRIPS**

Dear BPX Trip Leaders,

For those of you who came to the 1st annual Birthday Bash this past Saturday, thank you for coming. I hope you had a good time. I sure did. Good fun, catch-up time, and a chance to talk about the next season.

My request of you as BPX Leaders is to spend a little time over the next couple of weeks to suggest some trips to our Trip Coordinator Team. Please send your ideas to Steve Wolf at cmcbpxtlc@gmail.com.

The tips ideas you send to Steve by November 8th should contain this minimum information:

- **Title**
- **Type (Out & Back, Loop, Sleeping)**
- **Number of Trip Days (trip days include driving days)**
- **Distance**
- **Elevation**
- **Driving Distance**
- **State (if not Colorado)**
- **Trip Type (Out & Back, Loop, Sleeping)**
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In order for you to provide suggested tips for 2021 but not repeat those tips already included in the BPX Trip Summary Matrix, a link to Schedule F, Trip Matrix by Number is provided above.

This schedule has been updated for the BPX Trip Classification based upon the average member preferences provided in both Trip Matrix by Number and Trip Titles underlined, the system will open the individual Trip Summary. Those tips submitted by member after the February 2020 Trip Rollout, we have accumulated and have added to the database. The Hotel Breakfast beds will be programmed into the database for the correct dates. The bpflist22 file contains data for the 2021 season that may not be used in future seasons.

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Trip requests from these surveys were few:

- Weekend trips - short, sweet, easy, close is most popular with short trips.
- Group trips with short trips, probably around 15-20 miles.
- Most trips need more emphasis on car camping.

Unfortunately, most of the tips we received were for BPX trips rated as “Easy” or “Moderate” backpack trips as of October 15, 2020.


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- **Number of Trip Days (trip days include driving days)**
- **Distance**
- **Elevation**
- **Driving Distance**
- **State (if not Colorado)**
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Trip Leader Coordinator
Schedule F – Leader Trip: Request for 2021.xlsx

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**BACKPACKING TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS**

These classifications have been posted on CMC.ORG and on CMCDenver.org BPX website.

- **Easy** Backpack: <5 miles/1000' (Easy Hike is <8 miles/1200')
- **Moderate** Backpack: 5-10 miles/1000'-2000' (Moderate Hike is 8-12 miles/1200'-2500')
- **Difficult** Backpack: >10 miles/2000' (Difficult Hike is >12 miles/2500'+)

BPX Trip Rollout to Members.  Using this data and the results of both leader and member survey results, the 2021 Trip Plan calls for a certain mix of Easy, Moderate, and Difficult backpack trips.

Almost 1600 MEMBERS have headed our slogan

“Join the Pack”

as of October 15, 2020

THANK YOU FOR BEING A BPX LEADER

Meet your good backpacking photons that have been in CMC.ORG/cmcbpxtlc@gmail.com with your name, leader and leader. We will introduce to our Slicer Leader visits with the Readers.

CMC connects Coloradans with more than 3,000 trips, hikes and activities annually. Members who receive links donate to greenhouse gas, lodging, events and more.

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