

# Denver Safety & Leadership Newsletter



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### **New Trip Leader**

The Covid-19 crisis has slowed down completion of Leader-in-Training requirements for would-be leaders, so we're especially pleased to congratulate our newest leader, **Nathan Hans**.

Note, Denver Group conducted its **first online Trip Leader School** on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by small group online meetings to go over scenarios together. Thanks to Jeff Stevens for working so hard to make this initiative successful.

### **New Requirement for Access to Some Colorado State Park areas.**

Effective July 1, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) requires users 18 and older to have a valid fishing or hunting license to access State Wildlife Areas (SWAs) and certain State Trust Lands.

Together with other recreation and conservation groups, CMC is asking CPW to assess how the new regulations will impact



recreation use since a number of SWAs contain connector trails to public lands. Specific issue areas include:

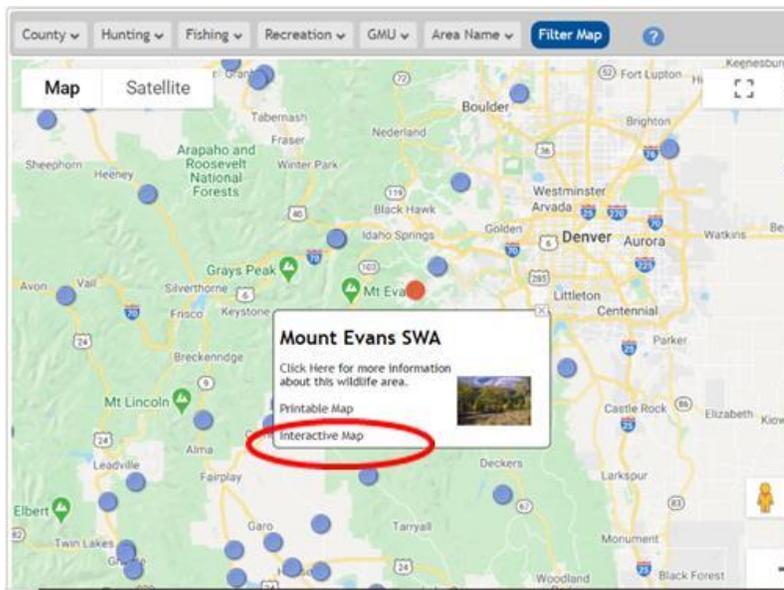
- The trail to Bergen Peak, a popular destination for CMC trips, which begins in Jefferson County Park, but runs through an SWA.
- Dome Rock SWA is adjacent to the Mueller State Park and includes a network of hiking trails. Users entering the park now will be required to have both a State Parks Pass plus a hunting or fishing license.
- Mt. Evans SWA in Clear Creek County provides access to the Mt. Evans Wilderness and other hiking and backpacking areas. No other routes offer dual access to these federal lands.

In a letter to CPW, CMC Conservation Director Julie Mach and other conservation groups argued that: (1) there was a lack of public input prior to the new rules; and (2) requiring hunting or fishing licenses is not an appropriate revenue solution for non-consumptive uses like hiking. Among other things, it may lead to ill-informed decisions about hunting and fishing volume.

Find a list of wildlife areas here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado\\_state\\_wildlife\\_areas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_state_wildlife_areas)

In addition, CPW provides interactive maps for State Wildlife Areas.

- First go to this link: <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/WildlifeAreaMap.aspx>
- Then find the area you are wondering about, such as Mt. Evans SWA:
- Then click on the link that says “Interactive Map” that is circled. (Each SWA

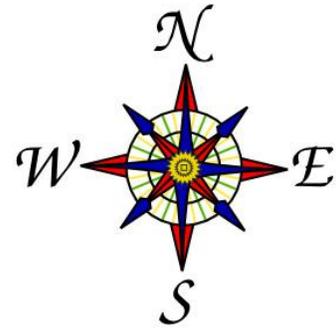


should have such a link.) This will show the boundaries of the SWA and the nearby access roads and hiking trails. Using this in combination with CalTopo or other such mapping apps, a leader should be able to determine if his/her hike will cross a SWA boundary.

## New Quick Start Seminars: Navigation Series

Thanks to Senior Volunteer Mike Tischer's leadership, Denver Group has so far conducted eleven Monday night one-hour webinars designed to keep members engaged. Many of these videos are available for your viewing pleasure at CMC's You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cmcticket/videos>



Topics covered so far, all presented by Denver Group senior volunteers are:

- How to choose a GPS Device
- How to Use the CoTrex App
- How to Use CalTopo Mapping
- How to use Gaia GPS
- How to use AllTrails
- Google Earth and ArcGIS
- Public Lands, History and Management
- Garmin for Beginners #1: Using the Garmin device
- US Topo and other Paper Maps
- Introduction to Front Range Recreation (Geography and Info Sources)

Upcoming:

- [Trip Leader Favorite Places: I-70 Exits 218-219](#) (July13)
- Garmin for Beginners #2: Using Base Camp software (July 20)
- And more on the way...

## Our Regular Quick Start Seminar Series

This series, directed by Cyndi Lehr, recently presented a webinar on "Delightful Dehydration Backpack Meal Prep." (Not yet posted at the CMC YouTube Channel).

Upcoming:

- [Trip Planning for EVERYONE](#) (Thursday, August 5)
- [Stop the Bleed](#) (Thursday, September 10)

If you would like to share about your favorite hiking area or anything else that might help keep our members engaged during this Covid-19 crisis, please contact Mike Tischer at [mtischer@gmail.com](mailto:mtischer@gmail.com) or Cyndi Lehr at [cclehr@comcast.net](mailto:cclehr@comcast.net).



## Denver Group is Seeking New Councilors

Volunteering to serve on CMC's Denver Group Council is an excellent way to support the CMC. Councilors participate in the discussion and implementation of critical decisions affecting the almost 5000-member Denver Group. In addition to a chair, there are nine councilors who serve a 3 year term. Three councilors rotate off each year to maintain continuity. E-elections occur in early September, with new Councilors attending the October meeting. For now, all Council meetings are via Zoom.

Additional information regarding responsibilities can be found at <https://cmcdenver.org/wp-content/uploads/CouncilorResponsibilities-2020-05.pdf> and at the Denver Council home page (<https://cmcdenver.org/membership/dgc/denver-group-council>)

For questions regarding the Council duties, please contact one of the following nominating committee members.

Sue Holden, [suholden@yahoo.com](mailto:suholden@yahoo.com)

Martha Delporte, [sabona51@comcast.net](mailto:sabona51@comcast.net)

Please submit your bio and a picture to Sue Holden (Council Secretary) at [milehighmountaineer@gmail.com](mailto:milehighmountaineer@gmail.com). Samples available. These will be published for Group Members to review prior to September voting. Deadline for submission is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## New Apex Park User Plan

A new user plan for Jefferson County's Apex Park will go into effect September 10, 2020. Certain trails allow only bikers on even calendar days with directional travel, i.e. west to east. The other days those trails are hiker only. Many trails are multi use any day, either direction. Please see the link for full details. Our thanks to leader and Conservation Committee Chair Steve



Bonowski, who worked hard to represent CMC's interests in the stakeholder group. [https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/22365/Apex-Park-Management-Announcement-6\\_2](https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/22365/Apex-Park-Management-Announcement-6_2)

## CMC's July Covid Protocols

As outdoor activities ramp up and Covid cases continue to rise, be sure to stay current on CMC Protocols:

<https://cmc.org/COVID-19andCMCProgramming.aspx>

The most current requirements as of this writing can be found here:

[https://cmc.org/Portals/0/Documents/COVID-19%20Protocol%20for%20CMC%20Trips\\_1.pdf](https://cmc.org/Portals/0/Documents/COVID-19%20Protocol%20for%20CMC%20Trips_1.pdf)



## Call for Nominations!

### 2020 Service Awards and Volunteer of the Year Award Finalists

**PS: Save the Date! Denver Group's Virtual Annual Dinner on November 15, 2020.**

It's time to select the 2020 Service Award (SA) recipients and the Volunteer of the Year (VOY).



Every year Denver Group recognizes members who perform a vital service to the club on a continuing basis. We want to honor these members at the Denver Group's Virtual Annual Dinner on November 15, 2020.

The SA guideline is "to recognize members who perform a vital service to the club on a continuing basis." There are several SA recipients each year.

The VOY is awarded to one Denver Group member each year. The VOY guidelines are:

1. They help make the CMC the great organization it is.
2. They are not easily discouraged.
3. Stick around when the going gets tough.

4. They demonstrate concern and integrity in representing the CMC members.
5. They are long-time, dedicated volunteers who have consistently remained active.
6. They bring fresh or creative ideas to CMC.
7. They make the system work by being involved in many aspects of CMC.

Do you know an outstanding volunteer?

Volunteers make CMC an exemplary organization. They perform in various capacities such as trip leaders, school directors and instructors, section chairs, committee members, council members and event coordinators. They are the lifeblood of the Club.

If you know of such a person and would like to nominate them for a service award or VOY, please contact Jeff Flax, Chair of the Annual Dinner Committee by August 1, 2020, at [Jeff.Flax@gmail.com](mailto:Jeff.Flax@gmail.com)



With over 1200 members BPX is looking for additional backpacking trip leaders to 'Join the Pack' for 2021. Whether you are an experienced backpacker or an experienced trip leader who would like to lead backpacking trips, existing BPX trip leaders will guide and mentor you through the process to 'Join the Pack' and become a BPX trip leader. A major benefit of being a BPX Leader is a 'bank' of pre-planned trips from which you claim those you wish to lead.

Interested - Contact the BPX Trip Leader Coordinator at [CMCBPXTLC@gmail.com](mailto:CMCBPXTLC@gmail.com).

## New Comfort Stop List

There is a new addition to the “Comfort Stop” resources at the Trip

Leader Resources “How-To” area:

<https://www.cmcdenver.org/groupresources>

Here is the direct link: [Comfort Stops north of Golden.](#)



If you'd like to recommend an addition (or removal) of a stop, please write the Member Initiatives Committee at [cmcdgdmic@gmail.com](mailto:cmcdgdmic@gmail.com).