

The Mountain Ear

August 2020

The 16th Annual Glacier Classic

Saturday, August 22- Sunday, August 23

Well folks, it is with deep dismay that I need to announce this years "Classic" needs to be severely curtailed. With both the COVID and the Glacier Park situations, it is really not possible to schedule a large gathering. I have been a part of this since we launched the Classics back in 2005 and this is deeply disappointing to me. We have watched this event grow from a small gathering of about 10 attendees the first year, to over 40 the last couple. This is easily the signature event of our Club.

That being said, and to keep the tradition somewhat intact, we are going ahead with a "Glacier Classic Lite". The following three trips will be available to those who may want to participate. For those who do, we will try to rendezvous somewhere on Saturday evening, share some food, and raise a toast to better days ahead!

If you would like to propose a different climb or hike and invite others along, please just let me know and I will attempt to inform the rest of the membership. Also, if anyone has ideas for free camping areas on the west side of the Park, please speak up! Forest Dean- mtnear1@gmail.com

- **CATHEDRAL PEAK**

Description: This is an exploratory out and back hike and run starting and ending at Packer's Roost off the GTTS road. Power walking the uphill, jogging the flats, and running/jogging the downhill. The goal is to ascend Cathedral Peak via the 50 Mountain trail. This attempt is a combined TRM and GMS outing.

Distance: ~30 miles R/T; ~8,000 vertical, ~14 hours at a fast pace.

Max group size: 2 from TRM

Equipment: Helmet, water filter, headlamp, bear spray

Leader: Laurel Vielle, laurelv138@yahoo.com

- **NUMA PEAK**

Rating: Class 3-4; Distance: 14 miles round trip; Elevation Gain: 5200'
Description: Plan to meet at the Northern Lights Saloon in Polebridge on Friday evening for a pizza and beer then probably sleep in cars in near vicinity. Saturday morning we will hike about 5 miles up the lake to an obvious drainage on the south side of Numa Peak. The route follows this drainage (bushwacking) up the south flank of Numa for a long way and eventually requires some solid third class or fourth class moves to get to the summit ridge. Numa Peak (9003') is the lowest of the 9000'+ Peaks in the Park. Return the same way.

Group Size: 6

Leader: Forest Dean, mtnear1@gmail.com

- **MOUNT BROWN**

Rating: Class 3-4; Distance: 13 miles; Elevation: 5800'

Description: Beginning near the Lake McDonald Lodge, we will follow trails about 5.5 miles and 4300' to the Mt. Brown Lookout. From there it is about another mile and 1500' to the summit. There is apparently one class 4 section en route.

Group Size: 6

Leader: Forest Dean- mtnear1@gmail.com

Membership Renewals

DUES NOTICE

The Rocky Mountaineers annual membership runs from May 1 to April 30. If you have not yet renewed, we would really appreciate you taking the time NOW to do so. Thank you to those of you who have already done so! (If you have joined since January 1st of this year, your membership will be good through April 30, 2021).

What are the benefits of membership?

- Ability to participate in any of our Trips!
- Ability to participate in our educational events or clinics
- Free use of our winter cabin on Little St. Joe
- Social events
- Attend the Glacier Classic!
- Monthly Newsletter

- Be a part of a group of like-minded outdoor recreation enthusiasts!

Annual dues:

- \$25 - Individual
- \$40 - Family
- \$15 - Student/Youth (under 23 years old)

NEW- How to renew: with our new website now up and running, the renewal process is a little different than in the past. Here's how to do it! Go to rockymountaineers.com and click on the "Join here or sign in" button. Choose the appropriate membership, and click on "add to cart" or "select options". If you are not already logged in, click on the "Returning customer? Click here to login" link, and login. Add your billing details and credit card information, and check out. Make sure that your cart includes only one membership.

If you are signing up for a family membership, you will be asked for a team name. Enter a team name---you might use your last name. When you are logged in, you will see a "Teams" tab. Here you can invite additional family members to join your team with their own e-mail. They will be able to login to the website and will have member privileges and receive e-mail from the club.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions!

Trip Reports

All reports from club trips can be found at:

<http://rockymountaineers.com/trip-reports/>

All future Trip Reports will be posted and archived on this site as well.

Club Officers

President- Joshua Phillips

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