

## Walking Mountains Science Center Hiking Club

Walking Mountains Science Center's hiking club is our annual membership program (think of it as a season pass to our summer & fall hikes). The club began as the Vail Nature Center Hiking Club over 20 years ago, and we have been hitting Eagle County's trails ever since! Our members are avid hikers, friends and aspiring naturalists—some of whom have been hiking with us for over 15 years.

### What is Walking Mountains Science Center?

Walking Mountains Science Center is a 501-3c nonprofit and environmental science center, serving over 150,000 people a year in Eagle County! Our mission is to “awaken a sense of wonder and inspire environmental stewardship and sustainability through natural science education.” Founded 21 years ago as the Gore Range Natural Science School, Walking Mountains Science Center is committed to promoting environmental education & sustainability in Eagle County.

### Why hike with Walking Mountains?

Hiking with *Walking Mountains* is about more than simply bagging a peak or capturing the perfect shot. With our experience & local knowledge, we choose the best trails for each season—so you don't miss the best wild flower blooms & fall foliage Eagle County has to offer. Our guides are Certified Interpretive Guides & Wilderness First Responders, committed to the highest standards in safety, education, and service on the trail. Whether you are a first time hiker or looking to peak your first 14er, Walking Mountains' hikes provide a social & educational hiking experience that values community & stewardship along the trail!

### Join the Club!

To purchase your 2019 membership please contact Nathan Boyer-Rechlin  
[nathanbr@walkingmountains.org](mailto:nathanbr@walkingmountains.org)

### Registering for Hikes:

Upon the purchase of your 2019 WMSC Hiking Club Membership, **you will have access to pre-season registration for 10 hikes** (\$800 value)—guaranteeing you a spot on your favorite hikes! Club registration for all other hikes opens on a monthly basis.

### What to expect on the trail?

Our hikes are public hikes, and the social and educational experience is what sets us apart! Each hike begins with an environmental briefing covering group introductions, the plan for the day, and safety information. On the trail, we hike at a moderate pace (1.5-2 mph), and your guides use regular water & snack breaks to share trailside interpretation! When we reach our destination, we provide a 30 minute lunch break to soak in the views & solitude of our backyard wilderness. Transportation to and from the trailhead is provided.

### 2019 Summer Schedule

We offer full day, public backcountry hikes Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Exclusive club hikes are offered every Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information on our summer schedule please contact Nathan Boyer-Rechlin at [nathanbr@walkingmountains.org](mailto:nathanbr@walkingmountains.org)

### Club Membership FAQs:

**Cost:** \$500 per person

**Hiking Season:** June 3 – October 31, 2019

**Season Kick-Off Meeting:** May 16, 2019\*

### Perks:

- Free registration for all backcountry hikes.
- 10 pre-season registrations
- Exclusive club hikes
- 2 friends & family passes
- Discounts on special backcountry programs.

*\*the season kick off meeting is held at Walking Mountains Science Center in Avon and is open to current and prospective club members! Contact Nathan Boyer-Rechlin for more info.*