

Walking Mountains Science Center Hiking Club 2020

Walking Mountains Science Center's Hiking Club is the 'seasons pass' to our summer full day backcountry 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?

Our members hike with us to be a part of a **community of hikers & naturalists**, to push themselves & **discover new trails and peaks**, and to **'put on their naturalist hats'** on the trail!

We choose the best trails for each season—so you don't miss the stunning wild flower blooms & fall foliage that 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. After a season hiking with us you will be a part of a family of local hikers, an expert in wildflowers, and probably know if you're more of bird person, a plant person, or even one of the eccentric fungi people!

Join the Club!

To purchase your 2019 membership please contact Nathan Boyer-Rechlin
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Registering for Hikes:

Upon purchasing your 2019 WMSC Hiking Club Membership, you will be given a discount code so you can register for any of our full day hikes for free. Hikes open for registration 2 weeks before each hike. Each hike is open to 12 hikers, and registration is conducted on a first-come first serve registration basis. Weekly Club emails communicate who is registered for each hike, and which hikes still have space available.

2020 Summer Schedule

This summer the hiking club is hiking Tuesdays & Thursdays from June 16 – October 15. Each week through the end of August we offer a Mountain Lakes hike & an Alpine Summits & Passes hike. In the fall our hikes are themed around Fall Colors. Our hikes vary in difficulty from moderate, to challenging, to most difficult. We try to have a more moderate & a more challenging hike offered each week so that there are options for everyone!

Club Membership FAQs:

Cost: \$500 per person

Hiking Season: June 16 – October 15

Perks:

- 2 hikes per week
- Weekly Alpine & Lakes Hikes (and Fall Colors hikes in September & October)
- Community of local hikers, naturalists, and friends!
- Free registration for all full day backcountry hikes.
- 50% discount on other educational backcountry hikes & programs
- 2 friends & family passes
- Membership pays for itself in 7 hikes!