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VISITOR'S CENTERS

WMSC Walking Mountains Science Center – *Daily 9am-5pm*

Explore our exhibit hall and learn about our mountain communities, ants, beavers, sustainable features of our green building, and more. Wander the trails and discover the beautiful outdoor spaces that make up the Walking Mountains Science Center campus. All ages, donations accepted.

NDC Nature Discovery Center – *Sun-Wed 10am-6pm, Thurs-Sat 10am-9pm*

Walking Mountains Science Center Naturalists will help you explore an array of natural history exhibits and artifacts related to Vail Mountain life and ecology. The mountain top nature center is open during the summer seasons and is accessible via the Eagle Bahn gondola out of Lionshead in Vail. All ages, donations accepted.

VNC Vail Nature Center – *Daily 9am-5pm - Celebrating 40 years in 2014!*

A 1940s homestead perched between a montane meadow and the forested bank of Gore Creek houses the Vail Nature Center. This seven-acre facility, in the heart of Vail, is a tranquil gem to explore the web of trails along Gore Creek or come inside to learn from the exhibits and knowledgeable staff. All ages, donations accepted.

PROGRAM LOCATIONS (See page 10 for directions)

- WMSC** Walking Mountains Science Center, Avon
- VNC** Vail Nature Center, Vail
- NDC** Nature Discovery Center, Vail Mountain
- FS-M** Forest Service Station, Minturn
- VFM** Vail Farmer's Market
- C-GC** Gore Creek Campground
- C-SL** Sylvan Lake Campground
- C-Y** Yeoman Park Campground



HIKING PROGRAMS * designates reservation required

VNC *Full Day Backcountry Hikes

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8:00am-4:00pm (6/3 – 9/27)

Join a Naturalist on an all-day hike in the spectacular backcountry of the Rocky Mountains. Hikes are at a pace that allows participants to enjoy the flora and fauna along the trail. Hikers should be in healthy condition and accustomed to the altitude. Participants should bring extra clothing, rain gear, lunch, trail snacks, water and a camera. Transportation is provided from the Vail Nature Center. Adults only; dogs are not allowed. Please call for trail location, difficulty level, and reservations. \$50/person; \$45 VRD taxpayers.

VNC *Half Day Backcountry Hikes

Wednesdays, 8:30am-1:00pm (6/4 – 9/24)

Learn about the area from an expert Naturalist during a leisurely hike on a Vail area trail. While slower-paced than full-day hikes, participants must be able to hike 3-6 miles at high altitude. Hikers should bring rain gear, trail snacks, water and a camera, and wear sturdy, comfortable footwear. Transportation is provided from the Vail Nature Center. Ages 16 and up. Dogs are not allowed. Please call for trail location, difficulty level, and reservations. \$35/person; \$30/VRD taxpayers.

NDC Nature Hikes

Daily 11am-noon and 2:00-3:00pm (6/14 - 9/2)

Join a Naturalist for an educational hike through the forest atop Vail Mountain. Learn about summer ecology and animal adaptations as you take in majestic mountain views. Come prepared to spend an hour outside in the dry summer environment with appropriate clothing, hiking shoes and water. Most ages and abilities, FREE.

NDC Evening Hikes

Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 7:00-8:00pm (6/26 - 9/2)

Enjoy an evening hike on Vail Mountain as the sun starts to set and wildlife become more active. Learn about the habits of the crepuscular and nocturnal animals that make the mountains their home. Take in beautiful mountain views of the Gore and Sawatch Ranges at dusk. Most ages and abilities, FREE.

FS-M Meadow Mountain Hikes

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 10:00am-Noon (6/12 - 8/29)

Ever wonder what lies within our beautiful mountainous areas? Join a Naturalist with the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District and Walking Mountains Science Center on a hike in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, which protects these special areas, and learn about wilderness, flora, fauna and wildlife. This hike will take place on the Meadow Mountain trail (a non-wilderness trail) where you can prepare and educate for your next adventure in one of our local wilderness areas. Meet at the Minturn Holy Cross Ranger Station. Ages 10 and up, FREE.

WMSC * Avon Overlook Picnic Hike

Tuesdays and Sundays 11:00am-1:30pm (6/12 - 9/1)

Take a midday hike and travel uphill to a ridge overlooking Eagle River valley. Stop along the way to examine signs of flora and fauna along the trail. Come prepared to spend two and a half hours outside in the dry summer environment with appropriate clothing, hiking boots and water. Bring your own lunch! Adults, heavy cardio, \$5/person.

Hiking Club

Join the Vail Nature Center hiking club and attend ALL Full and Half Day Backcountry hikes for the season. \$250 or \$230 for VRD Taxpayers.



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POPULAR HIKING TRAILS

Bighorn Creek - Part of the Eagles Nest Wilderness, this East Vail trail offers amazing scenery and the potential to view unique plant species and wildlife. After a steep initial climb, the trail becomes more moderate as you pass beaver ponds, waterfalls, and old mining camp ruins. **Difficulty rating: moderate to difficult**

Booth Creek - Within minutes of leaving Vail Village you can be in the Eagles Nest Wilderness on Booth Creek trail. This trail offers some of the most scenic aspen forests in the area, and a stunning 60 foot waterfall after only 2 miles of hiking. **Difficulty rating: moderate**

Buck Creek - This trail offers the perfect overview of the montane life zone, which provides essential habitat for much of Colorado's wildlife. As you climb along Buck Creek, you'll be rewarded with ever-expanding views of the valley below. **Difficulty rating: moderate**

Cross Creek - One of the most calf-friendly trails in the area, this trail climbs gently along Cross Creek, offering close-up views of both amazing cascades and serene pools. Cross Creek trail is well-shaded and presents unique views of Mt. Holy Cross. **Difficulty rating: easy to moderate**

Gore Creek - Gore Creek trail provides amazing scenery and history. Evidence of the former presence of Western pioneers exists alongside signs of numerous wildlife species that inhabit the valley. You will never lose sight of the powerful creek or the trail's spectacular scenery. **Difficulty rating: moderate to difficult**

Lost Lake - This trail contains some of the most representative lodgepole forests in the area; you can see how the mountain pine beetle cycle has changed the scenery. Enjoy the cool mountain air as you walk a ridge between the Piney and Red Sandstone drainages, all the way to a beautiful alpine lake to reward your efforts. **Difficulty rating: easy**

North Trail - The North Trail provides extensive hiking and biking opportunities that are easily accessed from Vail. As you hike, take in the sunny wildflower meadows and aspen trees. Incredible views of the town of Vail and Vail Mountain. **Difficulty rating: easy to moderate**

Missouri Lakes - The constant awe-inspiring views along this path make up for its steepness. Nestled in the Holy Cross Wilderness, hikers will experience canyons, cascades, subalpine forests and crystal blue alpine lakes. A must for anyone who wants to know what the Colorado backcountry can offer! **Difficulty rating: moderate to difficult**

Shrine Ridge - Perhaps the "most bang for your buck," this moderate trail offers amazing 360-degree views and an abundance of color during wildflower season. From the top of Shrine Mountain, you'll have an excellent view of Mt. Holy Cross (hence its name), as well as the Gore and Sawatch Ranges, Flattops, and Copper Mountain ski area. **Difficulty rating: easy to moderate**



scenic aspen forests

TRAILS CONTINUED

Squaw Creek - Beautiful any time of year, Squaw Creek trail conjures up images off the Wild West as you pass evidence of Colorado's ranching history and its unique landscape. Ascend from aspen forest to spruce and fir forest, eventually reaching a large subalpine meadow with stunning wildflowers and 360-degree views of the valleys below.

Difficulty rating: moderate

No matter what trail or level of difficulty you choose to explore, make sure you are prepared for the mountain environs! You may travel through several temperature zones along the way so bring a day pack and layer up. Good hiking shoes, plenty of snacks and lots of water are a must. Your cell phone will work on many trails; tuck it in your pack in case of emergency. For driving directions to each of these trails please visit us online at: www.walkingmountains.org/trails

EXPERIENCE NATURE! * designates reservation required

WMSC Nature Walks - Daily 2pm-3pm

Join a Naturalist for a gentle educational hike through aspen and riparian communities. Learn about the ecology and animal adaptations of this mountain environment. All ages, FREE.

VNC Wildflower Walks - Mondays & Wednesdays 11:30am-12:30pm (6/9-8/13)

Join Vail Nature Center staff on a leisurely one-hour walk through the woods and meadows to learn about the flowers that carpet the mountains and the conditions they need to thrive. All ages, \$5 or \$3 for VRD taxpayers.

VNC Morning Bird Walks - Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30-9:30am (6/10-8/14)

Join Vail Nature Center staff for a morning walk through the meadows and woods along the Gore Creek to learn about a great variety of birds, what they need, and how you can attract birds to your own backyard. All ages, \$5 or \$3 for VRD taxpayers.

WMSC *Early Bird Walk - Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am (6/12 - 9/2)

Explore meadows, forests, and riparian areas in search of our many bird residents. Learn about birding, bird identification, and habitats important to our avian friends. Some binoculars are available or bring your own. All ages, \$5/person.

VFM Creekside Nature Tours - Sundays 11:00am-Noon and 1:30-2:30pm (6/15 - 8/31)

Join the Nature Center for a casual stroll along Vail's streamside paths. Tours depart from the Walking Mountains Science Center booth at the Vail Farmers' Market Sundays throughout the summer. All ages, donations requested.

VNC * Evening Beaver Pond Tour - Mondays & Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm (6/16-9/1)

Beavers are one of the animals that define the Rocky Mountains and Vail is lucky to have a healthy beaver population right in town. The evening begins at the Nature Center with a brief presentation about beavers, followed by a drive to a beaver pond where there is an active lodge. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight. All ages, \$6 per child, \$12 per adult or \$35 for a family of five.

VNC *S'mores and More: Family Campfire Program - Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00-8:30pm (6/25-8/29)

A warm campfire, exciting stories of woodland adventures and the sweet smell of burning marshmallows fill this family program at the Vail Nature Center. All ages, \$6 per child, \$12 per adult or \$35 for a family of five.

C-GC C-SL C-Y Nature at Night: Campground Programs - Saturdays 7:00-8:00pm

Visit your public lands for an evening fireside nature programs. Trained Naturalists will present interpretive educational programs about a variety of topics at amphitheaters at Gore Creek, Yeoman Park, and Sylvan Lake campgrounds. Programs presented by Walking Mountain Science Center in partnership with USFS White River National Forest and Sylvan Lake State Park. All ages, FREE.

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY * designates reservation required

VNC ***Photo Safari – Mondays, 8:30am – 12:30pm (6/30 – 8/25)**

Explore the beauty of the Rockies with your camera. An expert photographer will teach you easy techniques and tricks that will immediately improve your skills. Learn the secret to better photo composition and how to use your camera and eye to their fullest potential. Translate scenes into images, from the grandest panorama to the tiniest details. Adults only; \$45.

VNC ***Art in Nature for Kids – Fridays, 9:30am-1:30pm (6/27 – 8/15)**

Art is all around us! These classes engage young artists of all skill levels with the natural world while helping them appreciate art and nature in a whole new way. Takes place outside at the Vail Nature Center, materials included. Activities change every week - call for details and reservations. Ages 6-13; \$45.

WMSC ***Nature Photography for Adults - Thursday 8/14, 6:00-7:30pm & Friday 8/15, 9am-3pm**

Nature photography can inspire us as an art form and also educate us about landscape change and environmental impact in ways that words cannot express. A local photographer will talk about his conservation photography work and ways that all photographers can improve their camera and nature photography skills. The field trip will give participants of all abilities a chance to improve their photographic storytelling. Adults, \$125 for both classes.

WMSC ***Adult Watercolor Workshop – Monday 6/23, 6:00-8:00pm & Monday 7/28, 6:00-8:00pm**

Join us outdoors on a gorgeous Colorado evening to learn a lifelong creative hobby. Recall scenes and paint from your mind's eye. Learn simple techniques to help you replicate moments from nature while encouraging your own expression. Stop overworking and give your art time to dry before another layer is applied! Learn perspective & illustration from a master. We will have brushes, pallets & paper available. Bring supplies if you have them. Adults, \$35/person

WMSC ***John Fielder Photography Workshop for Families - Saturday 8/16, 9:00am-4:30pm**

Once in a lifetime opportunity to learn landscape photography directly from John Fielder! Find out how John creates award-winning images and gain a deeper understanding of the visual aspects of nature. In a comprehensive 2-hour lecture learn how to improve your compositions and get an insider's look at professional techniques. Then spend 4 hours at one of John's favorite Vail Valley locations photographing side-by-side. Appropriate for all levels, beginner to advanced. Please provide your own digital camera, point & shoot or SLR, tripod optional. Families with children aged 10-18 years. \$150/adult and child pair, \$50/additional child.

A Celebration of 50 Years of Colorado Wilderness with renowned photographer, John Fielder **Saturday 8/16, 6:30pm, Battle Mountain High School**

Join us to celebrate the 50th anniversary of America's Wilderness Act! Fielder's tour, *A Celebration of 50 Years of Colorado Wilderness*, features a 75-minute slide show with over 200 of his favorite wilderness images from Colorado and beyond over the past 40 years. The evening includes a book sale and signing of all of John's Colorado books and calendars, including a new edition of his best-selling book *Mountain Ranges of Colorado Celebrating Wilderness 50*, and a special Colorado Wilderness 50 Poster. Thirty percent of book sales during this special event will be donated to two local non-profits: Walking Mountains and The Vail Symposium. This event is held in partnership with the US Forest Service, Walking Mountains Science Center, The Vail Symposium and the Eagle Valley Library District.

ASTRONOMY

WMSC **Eagle Valley Astronomical Society – Thursday 6/12, 7:30-9:00pm, Wednesday 7/9, 8:30-10:00pm, Thursday 8/14, 7:30-9:00pm, Thursday 9/11, 7:30-9:00pm**

This group of amateur astronomers is made up of adults and children alike. Anyone with an interest in astronomy at any level is invited to attend and learn about features in space using telescopes and interpreting the night sky. All ages, elementary aged children should be accompanied, FREE.

VNC ***Stories in the Sky: Stargazing – Tuesdays 8:45-10pm, 6/17-7/29; 8:15-9:30pm, 8/5-8/28**

From endless constellations, cascading shooting stars and full moons almost as bright as the sun, these are the realities in the mountains of Vail that should be experienced by all. All ages, \$6 per child, \$12 per adult or \$35 for a family of five.

KIDS ONLY * designates reservation required

VNC ***Learn to Think Like a Trout: Fly Fishing for Kids - Saturdays, 9:30am-1pm (6/21 – 8/16)**

This unique fly fishing program is comprised of education about stream ecology and entomology (study of insects), as well as the basic skills of fly fishing. Most importantly, it's about having fun on the water! No previous experience is required. Fishing equipment is provided. Ages 8 – 13; \$45.

VNC ***Art in Nature for Kids – Fridays, 9:30am-1:30pm (6/27 – 8/15)**

Art is all around us! These classes will engage young artists of all skill levels with the natural world while helping them appreciate art and nature in a whole new way. Art in Nature takes place outside at the Vail Nature Center. Materials included. Activities change every week - call for details and reservations. Ages 6-13; \$45.

WMSC ***Earth Explorers - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am - 4pm, (6/17 to 8/7, no camp 7/10)**

Each week we will introduce a new science theme for exploration and adventure at Walking Mountains Science Center! Activities will be different for each day, but will include hiking, crafts and cool experiments. For 1st - 2nd graders. \$50/day

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

WMSC ***Nature Tykes – Thursdays, 10am-10:45am (6/15 - 8/31)**

Help your child develop sensory awareness & comfort in the outdoors from an early age. Learn ways to introduce children to the natural world and nurture their sense of wonder as you explore the wood, meadows, and wildflowers. 6 months to 2 years with an adult, \$5/pair.

WMSC *** EarthKeepers Preschool Program – Mondays and Fridays, 10am-Noon**

With the help of an adult in their lives, each child will use senses to explore the natural world and have fun with others while participating in activities such as songs, stories, and games. Topics and activities vary weekly. Come prepared for indoor and outdoor activities. Please bring water and a small snack for your child. 3 to 5 years with an adult, \$10/pair, \$5/ additional child

VNC **Scenic Storytime – Sundays, 10:00am-10:45am (6/15 – 8/31)**

Bring your little one to the Vail Nature Center to listen to stories and learn about the real plant and animal characters from the books. Storytime takes place outdoors, weather permitting. Children 2-5 years with an adult; \$5/family.

SPECIAL FAMILY EVENTS

WMSC **Physics Day with John McConnell Math and Science Center, Saturday, 7/12, 2-4pm**

Gravity, motion, energy, oh my! Discover how the world works by playing with a variety of hands-on experiments and demonstrations presented by instructors from the Math and Science Center. Work through a variety of physics experiments station and learn the how's and whys through interactive learning. 2nd-5th grade. \$10/family.

Nature Nights at the Dusty Boot in Eagle | Tuesday, 7/15 and 8/19, 5:00-8:30 pm

Join us at the Dusty Boot in Eagle for our summer Nature Nights series! The featured "Falcon Frenzy" and "Talon Talk" presentations will teach your family all you'd like to know about the "fighter jets" of the bird world by sharing their personal stories, habitats, anatomy and diets. Our educators will also be on hand with a booth and fun nature themed games for children of all ages. The Dusty Boot will feature special "Nature Nights" adult and children items on the menu and donate 20% of their proceeds to support science education in our community! FREE

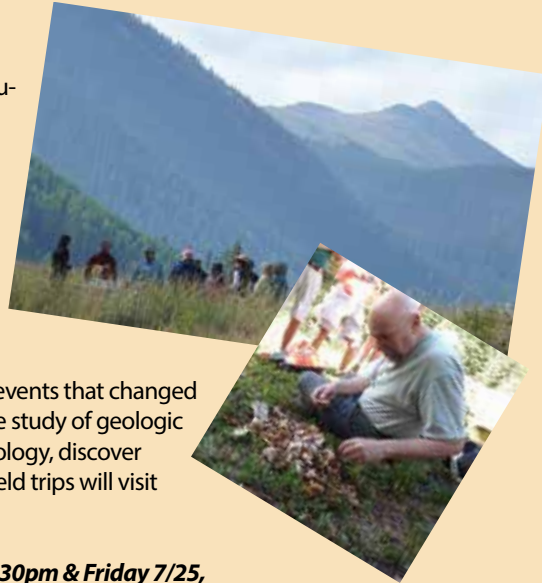
ADULT SEMINARS reservations required for all adult seminars

Join Walking Mountains Science Center and guest instructors to delve into natural science concepts this summer. Studies in Science courses are more academically focused than many of our shorter workshops. Each course consists of both classroom and field components for participants to learn and apply their new knowledge. Walk away with skills so you will be able to continue your studies on your own. **Adults, \$125/person. Call (970) 827-9725 to reserve space.**

WMSC **Eagle Valley Geology**

Thursday 6/26, 6:00-7:30pm & Friday 6/27, 9:00am-3:00pm

Discover the geology that surrounds our communities. Learn about the significant geologic features found in the Eagle Valley by studying weathering and erosion, avalanches, and volcanism. The field trip will visit geologic features at several sites from East Vail through Dotsero.



WMSC **Fossils** – Thursday 7/17, 6:00-7:30pm

& Friday 7/18, 9:00am-3:00pm

Explore fossil beds while studying the geologic events that changed this area from oceans to mountains. Through the study of geologic time, global and local sea changes, and paleontology, discover the events that preserved our local fossils. The field trips will visit the McCoy fossil bed sites.

WMSC **Botany Basics** - Thursday 7/24, 6:00-7:30pm & Friday 7/25, 9:00am-3:00pm

Learn how to classify plants and flowers like a true scientist! Through this workshop participants will learn how to identify local flora by classifying them by families using botanical terminology and keys. During the field trip, participants will practice applying their new skills by identifying various native and invasive species.

WMSC **Edible & Medicinal Plants** – Thursday 7/31, 6:00-7:30pm & Friday 8/1, 9:00am-3:00pm

Everything in nature has a use. Learn about the many properties of various plants that inhabit the Southern Rockies, in addition to their historic uses to treat ailments and aid survival. During the field trip, you will learn to identify various medicinal and edible plants from this area and gain hands-on experience using plants as survival tools. This class will build upon skills learned during the Botany Basics course, but this is not a prerequisite.

WMSC **Mushrooming** - Thursday 8/7, 6:00-7:30pm & Friday 8/8, 9:00am-3:00pm

Learn basic mushroom identification and environmental association. Study the basics of mushroom life cycles and primary feeding and fruiting functions. This class will focus on the physical features of a mushroom as a guide towards its identification. Through field exploration we will locate wild mushrooms, learn about where they are likely to grow and utilize field guides to make positive identification on our finds. The field study will include tips on locating prime edible mushrooms.

WMSC **Nature Photography** - Thursday 8/14, 6:00pm-7:30pm & Friday 8/15, 9:00am-3:00pm

Nature photography can inspire us as an art form, but also educate us about landscape change and environmental impact in ways that words cannot express. A local photographer will talk about his conservation photography work and ways that all photographers can improve their camera and nature photography skills. The field trip will give participants of all abilities a chance to improve their photographic storytelling.



SCIENCE BEHIND SERIES reservations required for all classes

Have you ever wondered how something works or how something was made? In the monthly Science Behind series, Walking Mountains Science Center partners with a guest presenter to explore the science behind factors in our everyday lives. Get curious and get involved! Classes are free or low cost to attend. **Call (970) 827-9725 to reserve space.**

WMSC **May 28** – Science Behind Xeriscaping

WMSC **June 30** – Science Behind Allergies

WMSC **July 16** – Science Behind Music

WMSC **August 13** – Science Behind Worm Composting

WMSC **September 17** – Science Behind Home Brewing

TAKE ACTION THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY & STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

Energy Smart Colorado: Sign up for a home energy assessment or find out how your business can reduce its energy costs and save money. Rebates are available. Visit the Energy Resource Center at Walking Mountains and receive a free radon test kit. **Please call (970) 328-8777 for more information.**

Actively Green 2015: Don't get left behind! Join Vail Valley leaders in elevating our valley's sustainability performance. Businesses from any sector can become certified in sustainability best practices. Participating businesses save money, increase employee engagement, support economic development, and increase their marketing power.



Summer training dates:

Wednesday July 23, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Wednesday July 30, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Wednesday August 6, 1:00 – 3:00pm

To register, call 970-827-9725 ext 133 or email melissak@walkingmountains.org

Zero Waste & Recycling: Make your special events more sustainable and find out how you can recycle and compost in the Vail Valley. Join our team of volunteers at the Vail Farmers' Market every Sunday through the summer and raise money for your favorite community nonprofit. Volunteer at recycling drop sites and help us increase community waste diversion. **Call 970-827-9725 ext 133 or email melissak@walkingmountains.org**

Sustainable Film in the Park: Nottingham Park, Avon, July 18th, Dusk

Bring the whole family for a film under the stars. Enjoy a celebration of our planet's unsung "winged" hero's through a stunning film full of intrigue, drama and mesmerizing beauty. Don't forget your blankets, chairs & goodies. FREE

Landscape Stewardship - Tuesday 8/5, 5:30 - 7:00pm

Join Walking Mountains' Natural Resource Interns as they present their research findings from work on the White River National Forest. This project is funded by the National Forest Foundation's Ski Conservation Fund in partnership with Vail Resorts. Interns will share what they've discovered about local water quality on Forest Service land.

For more information contact Pete Wadden at petew@walkingmountains.org



50 YEARS OF THE WILDERNESS ACT

honoring our country's highest form of land protection

On September 3, 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Wilderness Act. This historic bill established the National Wilderness Preservation System and set aside an initial 9.1 million acres of wildlands for the use and benefit of the American people. Over the past 50 years, as a result of America's support for wilderness, Congress has added over 100 million acres to this unique land preservation system. In Colorado, 3.6 million acres have been protected as wilderness since 1964, including such diverse lands as the Maroon Bells, Gunnison Gorge, Flat Tops, Great Sand Dunes, and much of Rocky Mountain National Park. Colorado's wilderness achievement includes 43 separate wilderness areas, each with a story, a story of citizens working together to permanently protect some of the most iconic places in our state.

Please join us to honor our country's highest form of land protection and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act! We have several events offered in commemoration of this great feat:

WMSC Family Photography Workshop with John Fielder
Saturday, August 16th, 9am to 4pm - See page 5

A Celebration of 50 Years of Colorado Wilderness with John Fielder
Saturday August 16, 6:30pm at Battle Mountain High School - See page 5

FS-M Meadow Mountain Hikes from the Forest Service Station in Minturn
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10am to Noon - See page 2

OUR LOCATIONS

Visit us and explore your curious nature



Walking Mountains Science Center, Avon CO (WMSC)
318 Walking Mountains Lane, Avon CO, 81620 **WMSC**
(970) 827-9725 | info@walkingmountains.org | www.walkingmountains.org

Driving Directions: Take I-70 Exit 167 at Avon, Colorado to Nottingham Road. Take the second right onto Buck Creek Road and make an immediate right onto Walking Mountains Lane. The Science Center is located at the end of the drive (approximately 1/4 mile).

LOCATIONS CONTINUED



Nature Discovery Center (NDC) **NDC**
Vail Mountain via Eagle Bahn Gondola
on Vail Mountain
(970) 754-4675

Driving Directions: Park in the Lionshead parking structure. Walk through Lionshead Village towards the mountain. You will need a lift ticket or day pass to ride the Eagle Bahn Gondola to the top. The Nature Discovery Center is located in a yurt just east of the Eagles Nest building.

US Forest Service Station (FS-M) **FS-M**
24747 U.S. 24, Minturn, CO 81657
(970) 827-5715

Driving Directions: Take Interstate 70 Exit 171 for US Hwy 6 and 24. Head towards Leadville (right from both ways), the US Forest Service Station is the brown building just down from the highway exit on the right hand side of the road.

Gore Creek Campground (C-GC), East Vail, CO **C-GC**

Driving Directions: Take Interstate 70 Exit 180 for East Vail to stop sign. Turn onto Bighorn Road and go 2.3 miles to campground sign. Turn left into campground.

Yeoman Campground (C-Y), Gypsum, CO **C-Y**

Driving Directions: Take Interstate 70 Exit 147 for Eagle, turn south on Eby Creek Rd to the Route 6 roundabout. At roundabout, turn right (west) on Route 6/Grand Ave and travel 0.8 mi to next roundabout. At this roundabout, take the third right onto Sylvan Lake Road. Continue 1.6 mi to Brush Creek Road, and take a right on Brush Creek Road. Follow Brush Creek Rd for roughly 9 mi to the fork of East and West Brush Creek. Turn left onto East Brush Creek Rd., FDR 415 and drive for 6 mi to Yeoman Park. Turn right into the campground.

Slyvan Lake State Park (C-SL), Eagle CO **C-SL**

Driving Directions: Follow the same directions as above for Yeoman until you get to Brush Creek Road. It is 10 miles out Brush Creek to the Visitor Center. Continue on Brush Creek Road until the road forks and becomes dirt. At the fork stay right (West Brush Creek) and travel 5 miles to the lake, campground and cabins.

Vail Farmer's Market (VFM), Vail, CO **VFM**

Driving Directions: Park in the Town of Vail parking structure. The farmer's market is in the village.



Vail Nature Center (VNC) **VNC**
Vail Village (VNC)
601 Vail Valley Dr, Vail, CO 81657
(970) 479-2291

Driving Directions: Exit Interstate 70 at Vail Exit 176. Follow South Frontage Road east towards the Vail Village parking structure. Turn right onto Vail Valley Drive after the structure. Continue for a half mile to the soccer field parking on right. Park and walk across the street.

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