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Date (Fridays)	Location	Distance	Elevation Gain	Max Altitude	Difficulty Rating
June 14	Meadow / Grouse	6 Miles	1,250'	8,900'	
June 21	Lionshead Rock	6.5 Miles	1,500'	9,400'	
June 28	Lost Lake	7.75 Miles	1,000'	10,250'	
July 5	Bowman's Shortcut	5 Miles	1,000'	11,700'	
July 12	Brady / Sopris Lakes	5 Miles	900'	11,100'	
July 19	Lake Charles	9 Miles	1,900'	11,100'	
July 26	Fancy Missouri	9 Miles	2,750'	12,400'	
August 2	Notch Mountain	10 Miles	3,000'	13,100'	
August 9	Whitney Lake	6 Miles	1,900'	11,000'	
August 16	Mt. Thomas	7.5 Miles	1,900'	11,800'	
August 23	Mulhall Lakes	7.5 Miles	2,200'	12,000'	
August 30	Kokomo Pass	10.5 Miles	2,500'	12,100'	
September 6	Cross Creek	8.5 Miles	1900'	9,700'	



September 13	Panorama Ridge	8 Miles	2,000'	10,000'	
September 20	Stag - Colorow	12.5 Miles	2,000'	9,750'	
September 27	Guides Choice (Fall Colors)	5-8 Miles	1,000 -2,000'		
October 4	Guides Choice (Fall Colors)	5-8 Miles	1,000 -2,000'		
October 11	Guides Choice (Fall Colors)	5-8 Miles	1,000 -2,000'		

About Walking Mountains Backcountry Hikes

Walking Mountains backcountry hikes take place on US Forest Service land around Eagle County. Our guides are Wilderness First Responders and trained naturalists. Most hikes will meet at Walking Mountains Science Center in Avon, and take Walking Mountains vans to the trailhead. Start times may vary due to the needs of the hike, drive time, weather forecast, and other factors. In general, we aim to be below treeline before 1 pm to avoid the hazard of afternoon thunderstorms. Most hikes will return to Walking Mountains by 4 pm or earlier.

Your guide will send a detailed email 1-2 days before the hike that outlines the itinerary, weather forecast, things to bring, and any special notes about the hike. Please feel free to reach out to Riley Gaines, Community Science and Hiking Coordinator with any questions about Backcountry Hikes.

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Link to Registration: