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Spring Training Recap

NEW VISION: ON-TRAIL TRAINING

Over the weekend of May 19-21, nearly 100 new and returning Poudre Wilderness Volunteers converged at Jack's Gulch Campground for the 5th Annual PWV Spring Training. A major departure from previous trainings, this year's event, spearheaded by Training Committee Chair and Master of Ceremonies, Paul Asmus, replaced classroom type learning with a simulated on-trail experience.

The weekend began at Pingree Park with dinner and outdoor presentations featuring PWV founder, Chuck Bell, and Forest Service Regional Wilderness Director, Ralph Swayne, who both touched upon the necessity of Wilderness volunteers and the ethics behind wilderness preservation. After the presentations, volunteers broke into small groups to introduce themselves and discuss personal motivations for joining PWV.

These brief introductions helped familiarize volunteers with each other and set the stage for the following day's core activity — the four-mile PWV Training Trail Hike. Veteran volunteers organized fifteen different scenarios and encounters along the trail, which began at the edge of Jack's Gulch Campground.

New volunteers, who were split into six groups, hiked the trail with two team leaders who facilitated the day's learning experiences.

The scenarios and encounters new volunteers experienced along the trail covered fundamental patrol skills: how to identify and explain the differences between National Forest, Wilderness and Travel Zone regulations while using Authority of the Resource and Leave No Trace tactics; how to use a radio; how to approach visitors; how to read a map; how to deal with potentially dangerous (if not emergency) encounters with visitors; and, how to clean up vacated campsites and illegal fire rings.

Response to the hike by both new and veteran volunteers was overwhelmingly positive. A feedback session facilitated by Paul Asmus, revealed moderate adjustments that new and veteran volunteers would like to see

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GUIDE US TO THE FUTURE

Get involved!

■ **2001 Field Guide**—As you become more familiar with your 2000 Field Guide, please keep track of any changes, additions, or deletions you would like to recommend for next year's guide. Send your comments to Dave Cantrell via cantrell@verinet.com.

■ **Database/Website Team**—By summer's end our PWV website and database manager will retire from his post. We're seeking motivated volunteers to form a team to maintain (and make additions to) our present system. For more information, please contact Tony Parent at (970) 669-3450 or tonyp@jymis.com.

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A Big Thank You!

Many people made a big effort to make the spring training weekend a big success... The group leaders, the actors and role players along the trail, the people who installed the signs and trail markers, and the people who helped prepare and serve meals. Special thanks go to Don and Ioleen Kranz who kept track of registration and put

together the teams of actors and role players who made the simulated trail experiences work. And special thanks go to Del Brown for finding and creating real signs for our trail, and for capturing a lion to add realism. And very special thanks go to Marcia Garton for organizing a wonderful meal program on very short notice.



HELP REVISE THE FIELD GUIDE!

By Dave Cantrell

Surprise Quiz: Who's going to make a more accurate, up-to-date, useful PWV Guide for the year 2001?

A. One Editor, sitting dazed in front of a computer monitor in January?

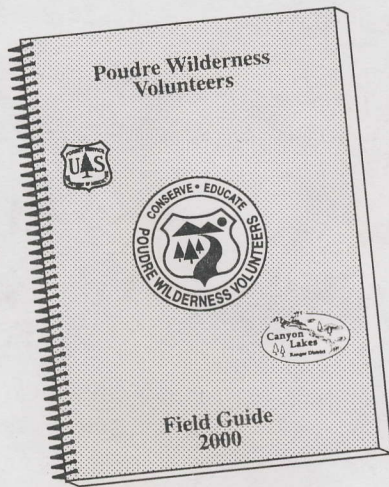
B. One hundred and fifty PWV's, making notes on every hike they take, all summer long?

If you chose "B," you pass. But who wants to just pass? Here's how you can get an A+.

Carry the Guide on every hike this summer. Read the trail description carefully (which you should do anyhow!) and make a note right in the Guide of any inaccuracies, omissions, or confusions. As you read the Guide at home, and as you use it while you're on patrol, make a note every time something could have been better. Was information hard to find? Confusingly presented? Incomplete or inaccurate? Was there a whole topic you needed and couldn't find?

And now, for major bonus points, at the end of the season, get all the great information you've collected to me! The easiest way is to bring your annotated Guide to the End-of-Season celebration. Or mail your Guide to **Dave Cantrell, 1148 LaPorte Avenue, FC 80521**. I'll copy off your notes and get your Guide back to you. Or **fax** pages to me at **970-482-7300**, **e-mail** me at **cantrell@verinet.com**, or **call me at 970-482-0809**.

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Your contributions really are vital—we depend on the Guide, and its accuracy could, in extreme cases, be a matter of life and death, so we want it to be just as good as we can make it!

We're also looking for an Associate Editor for next year, to take over editing and publication of the Guide for 2002. If you're potentially interested, contact Dave now, since editing of trail

descriptions will start soon.



GET EQUIPPED —FOR FREE!

By Carol Busch & Kristy Wumkes

Stay dry this summer and keep your PWV identity by hiking with a light-weight Gore-Tex®, PWV jacket. The USFS keeps a supply of these jackets on-hand at the 1311 S. College Ave. office and they may be checked out for any of your scheduled PWV patrols.

Other gear, like First Aid kits, radios (a necessity!), backpacks, sleeping bags, etc., are also available for short-term use. Radios, jackets, and first aid kits may be picked-up in the PWV office located on the second floor of the USFS S. College office. Due to space constraints, camping gear is available only at the Administrative Site (referred to as the Ad Site) in north Fort Collins.

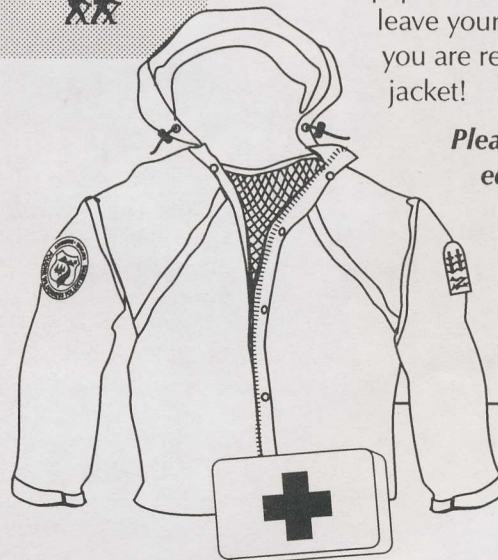
ALL gear must be reserved a few days in advance of use. Call 970-484-2776 to reserve your equipment. Don't forget to leave your size (S-M-L) if you are requesting a jacket!

Please return equipment within two days of your patrol so that others may use it.

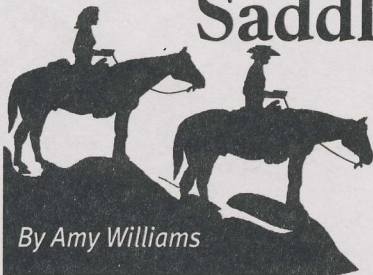


NEW & IMPROVE FIELD GUIDE FOR 2000!

For veteran PWV's that were not at the training weekend please pick up a copy of the PWV Field Guide for 2000 at the USFS office. This Guide as addition information and improvements have been completed related to trail descriptions.



From the Saddle



By Amy Williams

With many thanks to PWV member Joy York, the Horse Patrol unit is now privileged to receive some great discounts at area feed and tack stores. Here is a listing of stores and their respective discounts and items.

Ranch-Way Feeds in Fort Collins
— 10% off all feeds

Four Winds Tack Shop of Fort Collins
— 10% off store merchandise (excluding saddles)

Vetline of Fort Collins— 10% off store merchandise (excluding sale items)

Latigo Lariat of Loveland— 10% off store owned merchandise including new saddles (without trade-in)

Mountain Vet Supply of Fort Collins— 10% off store merchandise (excluding dewormers).

They also have good prices on easy boots.

Northern Colorado Feeder's Supply of Fort Collins— discount on the following alternative weed free products: Pack Pellets, Pack Cubes, Horse Chow 100/200, Alfalfa Hay Cubes, Equine Senior, Junior & Adult

For all retailers, please be prepared to show proof of Poudre Wilderness Volunteer status.

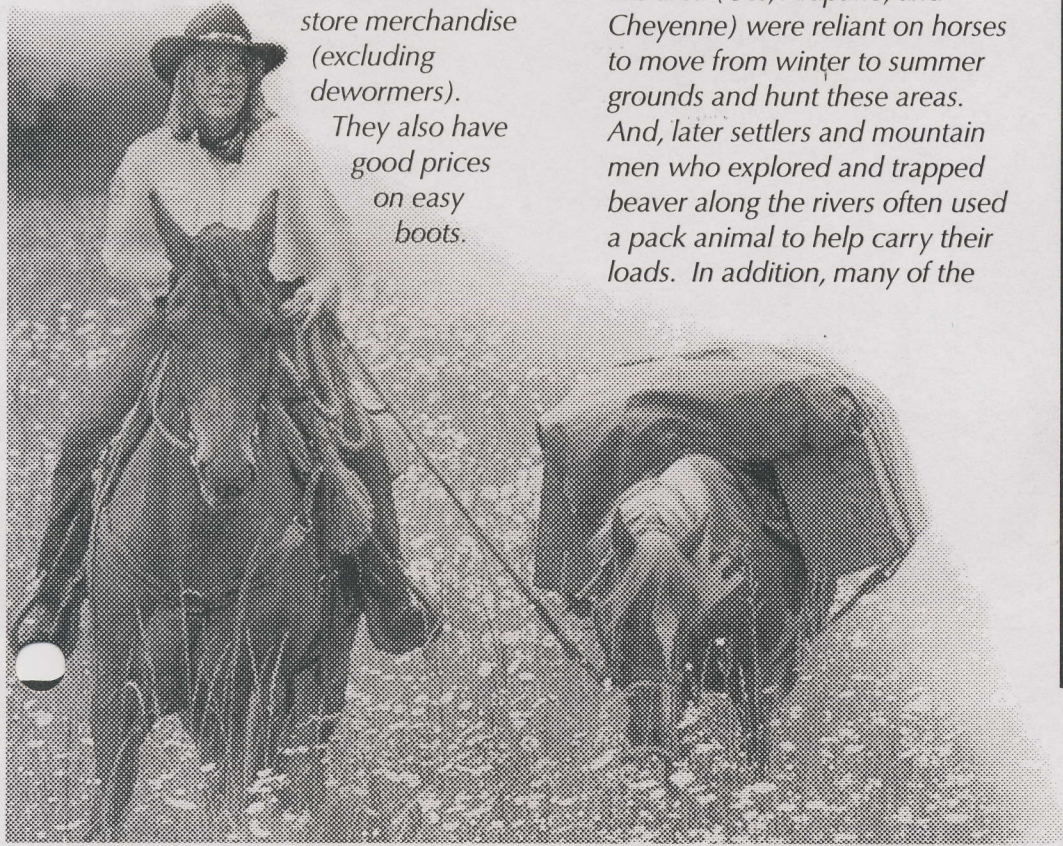
Use of Stock in the Wilderness

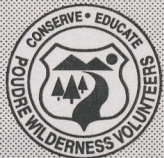
It seems appropriate here to restate some historical reference about why horses are allowed in the Wilderness whereas bicycles are not. If users face you with questions or objections, here are a few points to remember...

- For many years, horses can and did survive freely in some of these wild areas independent of man. They are not mechanical like a bicycle and therefore are compatible with the idea and purpose of wilderness.
- Horses and other pack stock such as mules have played an important role in our area's history. The Native American tribes of this area (Ute, Arapaho, and Cheyenne) were reliant on horses to move from winter to summer grounds and hunt these areas. And, later settlers and mountain men who explored and trapped beaver along the rivers often used a pack animal to help carry their loads. In addition, many of the

ditches and reservoirs in the high country were built with the use of pack animals and it has long been an accepted means of human transportation.

- Stock also have long been a tradition in the wilderness enabling public users who cannot or choose not to go on foot, the chance to experience these wild places by the back of a horse or by use of a llama to carry their load. Outfitting has become an important part of that tradition and permitted guides have an integral relationship with the US Forest Service to use these back-country areas to serve the public.





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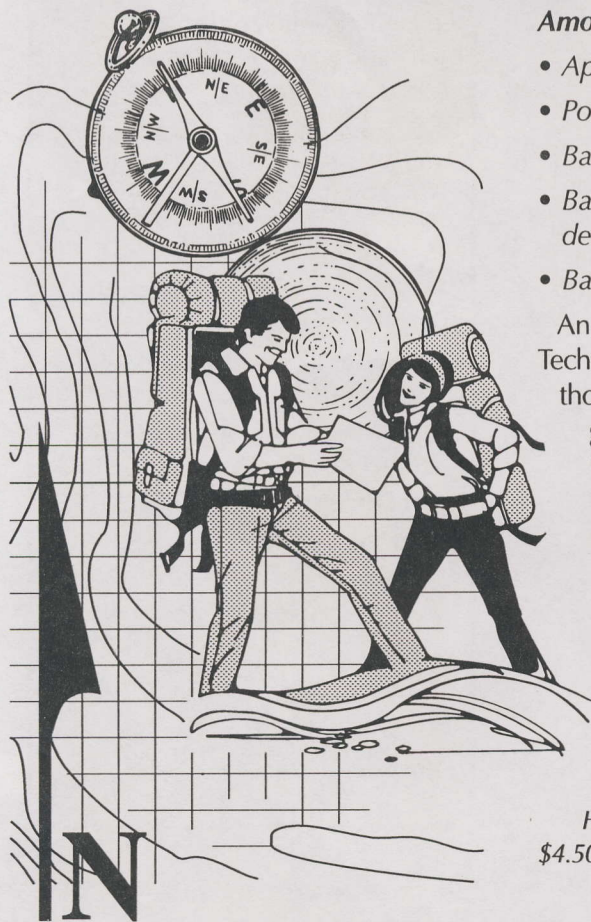
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SUMMER SKILL HIKES

By Dave Cantrell & Kevin Hayes

Here's a new opportunity for you to build wilderness skills! This summer, as a pilot project, we will offer several hikes where a volunteer with special expertise in a topic will lead a hike organized around the topic. This gives you an opportunity to build your skills in an informal and active setting. The hikes are open to all Poudre Wilderness Volunteers. Two hikes are already scheduled: One will teach basic map and compass skills, the other will introduce you to some of the birds of the local foothills. We'll let you know about others hikes as they develop.



Map, Compass and GPS — An Orientation

Where am I? How far is it? Of what use are all those marks on my topo map? These questions and more will be answered with a two-hour class session at Colorado State and then a visit to the Horsetooth area lead by 'geomatics' grad student, Kevin Lee Hayes.

The class session will be on Wednesday, July 5th from 7-9pm in the Clark Building, on the CSU campus, room C364. The skills hike in the Horsetooth area will be on Sunday, July 9. We will meet at the Drake and Taft Safeway at 9:00am for carpooling to Horsetooth Mountain Park.

Starting with the most elementary ideas, we will take the time to de-mystify the USGS quadrangle map, and carefully explain the use of compass. We'll also touch on GPS (Global Positioning System) concepts.

Among the topics we will cover:

- Apparent path of the sun
- Polaris, the North Star
- Basic Topologic Map Reading
- Basic Compass (touch on declination and triangulation)
- Basic Global Positioning System

An optional tour to CSU's Advanced Technology Lab may be arranged for those interested in the next generation of maps, satellite imagery and integrated information products just beginning to be available.

Participants should bring a compass, any maps of interest, and perhaps a long ruler.

Maps—Optional, but recommended, with approximate cost:

Horsetooth Peak 7.5-minute quad
\$4.50 (B&W Copy \$3.00)

Fort Collins 1:100,000 \$15.00 (B&W Copy \$3.00)

Trails Illustrated—Fort Collins #111 \$8.00

Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest \$5.00 paper, \$9.00 vinyl

Please register in advance for this class and skills hike, so we can provide space and materials. You can reach Kevin at: 970-482-1727 Home,

970-988-8080 Cell, 970-491-5037 Advanced Technology Lab, or

E-Mail: kevinlh@cnr.colostate.edu

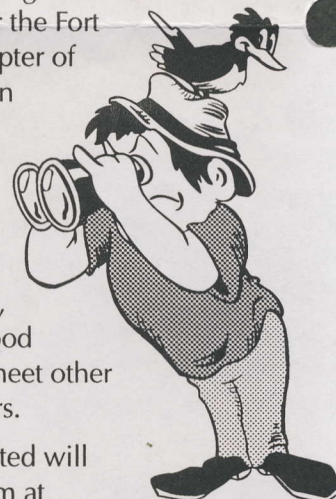
The most up-to-date information is posted on Kevin's home page at:

<http://www.cnr.colostate.edu/~kevinlh/compassclass>. This web site will have a link showing the location of the Clark Building, or you can ask for direction when you register.

Birds of the Foothills

On Sunday, August 20, Chuck Bell will be leading a bird tour for the Fort Collins Chapter of the Audubon Society. PWVers would be very welcome on this hike, and it's a good chance to meet other nature lovers.

All interested will meet at 9 am at The Forks in Livermore (corner of US 287 and the Redfeather Lakes Road). Chuck is a terrific birder, one of the founders of PWV (hopefully you've read his story of the founding of PWV in the Guide), and the owner of Bellbird Safaris, Inc. There is no need to register—just show up the day of the hike—but Chuck can be reached at 970-498-9888 or through the Bellbird Web site at www.bellbirdsafaris.com



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made for next year's training—like incorporating a more critical First Aid scenario and providing more obvious scenario cues, such as having role-players wear an identification badge.

Saturday evening's speaker, John Fayhee, talked about his personal relationship with wilderness (both de facto and designated). Journalist and founder of Friends of the Eagle's Nest (a wilderness volunteer organization similar to PWV), Fayhee argued the need for establishing as much federal Wilderness, as soon as possible, while admitting to having traveled a road of contradictions over the course of his life. His actions would take him from valuing the wilderness for the sake of its altruistic, ecological integrity in his early years, to later 'selling out the wilderness', as he stated, by exposing to our recreation-starved society some of the few, 'last, best places'.

The weekend wrapped up with the aforementioned feedback session, a valuable First Aid talk by PWV veteran and founder of the Front Range Institute of Safety, Mark Rosoff, and the presentation of new volunteer shirts and volunteer certificates. Special recognition goes this year to Marsha Garton for stepping in at the last minute to provide her irreplaceable and thoroughly gracious expertise in managing the delivery of all meals for volunteers from Saturday to Sunday morning.

Lastly, a big round of applause goes to all the volunteers who helped make this year's event the most successful training in PWV history. **To get involved in helping plan next year's training, please contact Paul Asmus at (970) 484-0724 or email asmus@peakpeak.com.**



SCHEDULES

By Tony Parent

Let's face it—life isn't static. As much as you'd like to adhere to your PWV patrol schedule, we know things change. Keep in mind, however, that you're responsible finding a replacement and updating the master schedule if you to miss a hike or ride.

The easiest way to do that is through the Member's Only page of the PWV website:

www.fortnet.org/pwv. If you're not connected to the Internet or are having problems with the system, please contact one of the following members of the scheduling committee to make scheduling changes:

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Wayne Tobey:

Phone: (970) 593-0561

Email: wktobey@peakpeak.com

Tony Parent:

Phone: (970) 669-3450

After 6:00PM most evenings

Email: tonyp@jymis.com



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■ **Recruit Volunteers**—As you make contact with so many smiling faces in the wilderness this summer, often you will be asked what you do as a Poudre Wilderness Volunteer. This is a perfect opportunity to relate the pride you feel in your role to educate and conserve. Please remember to hand them a PWV card and invite them to get involved next year by submitting their name, address, and phone number now. Word-of-mouth is our best recruiting tool, and you're carrying it

■ **Associate Editor**—We're also looking for an Associate Editor for next year, to take over editing and publication of the Field Guide for 2002. *If you're potentially interested, contact Dave Cantrell, at cantrell@verinet.com, or call him at 970-482-0809. Editing of trail descriptions will start soon.*



LOCK DOWN...

By Kristy Wumkes, Volunteer Program Coordinator for Canyon Lakes Ranger District.

Due to recent security concerns, the USFS Office Building at Pitkin and College Ave. will now be locked between floors. The new procedure for checking out radios and gear will be to enter the Visitor's Information Center, acknowledge affiliation with PWV, and ask to use the office phone to call Kristy (ext. 2733), Ron Strobel (1372), or Lenore Arealos (1360), and ask to be admitted. If none of them happen to be available at the time, go upstairs and knock on the door, then identify yourself as a Poudre Wilderness Volunteer when someone comes to the door.



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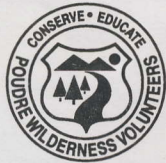
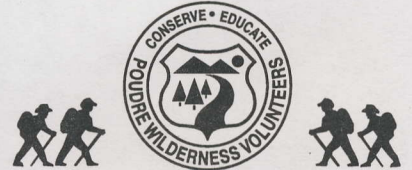


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