

## 25th Annual Boreas Pass Railroad Day

Saturday, August 15, 2020, time to be determined—more information to come

This annual event in Como, Colorado highlights the history of the Denver, South Park and Pacific Railroad, with many historic buildings available for tours. Take a short ride on a train pulled by Klondike Kate, a 1912 Baldwin steam locomotive. Visit the mercantile, roundhouse, depot, schools and painted houses. See living history demonstrations. Food booths will be available.

Guide: **Laurie Scott** (303-358-5864 or laurajscott@msn.com)

## Gem Lake Hike in Rocky Mountain National Park

Saturday, September 19, 2020, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 8 a.m.

This delightful fall hike located along Lumpy Ridge in Rocky Mountain National Park offers beautiful views and unusual rock formations including the Twin Owls and Paul Bunyan's Boot. Sandy beached Gem Lake emerges after a short stroll through a stand of Douglas fir.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 4 miles roundtrip

Elevation: 7,740 to 8,830 feet

Guide: **Ron Johnson** (303-745-4047 or rojo2002@msn.com)

## Raccoon Trail Hike in Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Saturday, October 3, 2020, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

Trail starts at the northwest corner of the park and passes through blue spruce, Douglas fir, and groves of aspen trees, which are brilliant during the fall. Visit Panorama Point and enjoy spectacular views of the Continental Divide before heading back.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 2.5-mile loop

Elevation: 9,120 to 9,620 feet

Guide: **Don Troike** (720-379-3676 or don.troike@gmail.com)

## Deer Creek Canyon Park Hike

Saturday, October 24, 2020, time to be determined

Unique rock formations and great views make this an interesting hike.

Rating: Easy to moderate

Distance: Up to 4 miles, depending on hikers' preferences

Elevation: 6,000 to 6,600 feet

Guide: to be determined—more information to come



- To reserve your space for the trip, contact the guide listed for the event at phone number at least five days before the event.
- Please arrive ten minutes before departure time to have all gear loaded. Vehicles will car pool and leave at the scheduled time.
- Be prepared! For hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing you should bring water, rain gear, lunch and snacks, layered clothing (the weather can be very different from Denver's), and appropriate footgear. Sunscreen and a backpack are always necessary. Check with the guide to determine whether the activity is within your personal limits.

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*To provide fellowship opportunities for the members and friends of the Augustana community through outdoor activities and service projects while encouraging respect and good stewardship of all of God's creation.*

### Morrison Nature Center at Star K Ranch in Aurora

Saturday, January 11, 2020, leave  
Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

Go for a midwinter hike at this hidden gem in Aurora. Sand Creek Greenway Trail winds its way through this open space, which is home to mule deer, painted turtles, snapping turtles, red-tailed hawks, American kestrels, western meadowlarks, great horned owls, blue jays and coyotes.

Rating: Easy  
Distance: 3–4 miles  
Guide: **Don Troike** (720-379-3676 or don.troike@gmail.com)

### Barr Lake State Park Hike

Saturday, February 1, 2020, leave  
Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

Barr Lake, just northeast of the Denver metro area, is a prime viewing area for birds and wildlife, so bring your binoculars! This is the time for the spring migration of a variety of waterfowl accompanied by many bald eagles! The park offers wildlife observation stations, boardwalks, and a nature center.

Rating: Easy  
Distance: up to 4 miles roundtrip  
Guide: **Don Troike** (720-379-3676 or don.troike@gmail.com)

### Snowshoeing or Metro Area Hike

Saturday, February 29, 2020, leave  
Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

Depending on snow conditions and weather, we'll either go snowshoeing or hiking. Snowshoeing location is to be determined. If we hike, we will go to the South Platte Park Carson Nature Center in Littleton. The park is a natural oasis within the city featuring 880 acres of open space along the South Platte River and Mary Carter Greenway Trail.

Guide: **Karen Kisch** (303-810-0456 or scottkykisch@hotmail.com)

### Clear Creek Canyon Park Hike

Saturday, March 28, 2020, leave  
Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

Clear Creek Canyon Park's "Peaks to Plains Trail" is a paved recreational trail that parallels beautiful Clear Creek west of Golden. It starts out away from the highway and winds through a beautiful section of the canyon past sections where climbers often are seen climbing and repelling along the canyon walls. We will do an out and back starting at the Oxbow Trailhead on US 6 just west of the CO 119 split. We will walk about 2 miles east to the Cannonball Flats Access Point and return.

Rating: Easy  
Distance: 4 miles out and back  
Guide: **Bill Bettag** (303-619-7040 or brbett07@gmail.com)

### Sleepy Lion Trail Hike at Button Rock Preserve

Saturday, April 25, 2020, leave  
Augustana's south parking lot at 8 a.m.

This hike, located between Lyons and Estes Park, will take us past rock walls, through the forest and meadow, and past Longmont Reservoir and Ralph Price Reservoir. Bald eagles and bighorn sheep live in the area.

Rating: Moderate  
Distance: 5.4-mile lollipop loop (an easier option is to hike the road making it 4.5 miles)  
Elevation: 5,900 to 6,700 feet  
Guide: **Karen Kisch** (303-810-0456 or scottkykisch@hotmail.com)

### White Ranch Park Hike

Saturday, May 16, 2020, leave  
Augustana's south parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

White Ranch Park is the largest of the Jefferson County parks. We will hike from the west trailhead on Belcher Road and primarily follow the 4.5-mile loop Rawhide Trail, though those wishing a shorter hike may cut across the middle on Wrangler's Run Trail. The trail is varied in composition and passes through fragrant conifer forest and grasslands.

Rating: Easy to moderate  
Distance: 4.5 or 2.5 miles  
Elevation: 7,100 to 7,500 feet  
Guide: **Don Troike** (720-379-3676 or don.troike@gmail.com)

### Calypso Cascades Hike in Rocky Mountain National Park

Saturday, June 13, 2020, leave  
Augustana's south parking lot at 8 a.m.

This month marks the 200th anniversary of the American discovery of Long's Peak by Major Stephen Long. This hike into RMNP begins in Allenspark. This beautifully wooded trail opens into a great view of Long's Peak on its way to the 200-ft. high Calypso Cascades, which should be near their peak with the late spring run-off.

Rating: Easy to moderate  
Distance: 6.1 miles out and back  
Elevation: 8,900 to 9,560 feet  
Guide: **Don Troike** (720-379-3676 or don.troike@gmail.com)

### Caribou Ranch Hike

Saturday, July 11, 2020, leave  
Augustana's south parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

This is a great hike for wildflower viewing! Caribou Ranch is located between Nederland and the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. The 2,151 acres of Caribou Ranch offer a variety of landscapes to explore including wetlands, meadows, streams and forests.

Rating: Easy to moderate  
Distance: 4.2-mile balloon loop  
Elevation: 8,500 to 8,700 feet  
Guide: **Karen Kisch** (303-810-0456 or scottkykisch@hotmail.com)