

FUGAHWEE 2018 HIKING SCHEDULE EXPLANATORY NOTES

Rating: Hikes are rated A (easiest) through E (most difficult). A 'B-' hike is easier than a 'B' hike, whereas 'B+' is more difficult or is longer than is typical for a hike of that rating. A rating in parentheses [e.g., (C)] indicates a hike of unknown difficulty, and the rating is merely an estimate. Some hikes may have more than one rating, depending on the distance traveled and its associated elevation gain.

Approx. Mileage: Hike mileage is approximate and usually one-way (double the mileage for a round-trip). Mileage followed by an asterisk (*) indicates the total length of a loop hike (return to same TH via a different route) or a through hike with cars at two different THs using either a car shuttle or key exchange. On out-and-back hikes you need not go the full distance. You may shorten the hike to whatever distance suits you.

Elev. Gain in 100s of feet [e.g., **24** = 2400'] generally is the net gain from low point to high point, including hikes that lose elevation on the outbound leg [e.g., **-8**] but regain it on the return leg. For hikes with multiple ascents and descents, **Elev. Gain** reflects gross gain [e.g., 1200-600+1800 = **30** (gross) rather than **24** (net)].

Meet Place is our primary meeting location in or near Glenwood Springs for day hikes or the town where we will be staying on overnight trips (exact locations TBA). In-town **Meet Places** are: **DH**–Dos Hermanos (Hwy 82, S of CMC turnoff); **NN**–No Name (south frontage road, west of I-70 Exit 119); **RF**–Roaring Fork Marketplace (Office Depot); **WM**–W Glenwood Mall (SE corner). Out-of-town **Meet Places** for 2018 are: **MB**–Moab, UT; **CB**–Crested Butte, CO; **FM**–Farmington, NM; **ABQ**–Albuquerque, NM.

Depart Time is when we **depart** the primary **Meet Place** listed on the **Hiking Schedule**, **not** the time you should arrive. Plan to **arrive 10-15 min prior to departure** to sign in with the recorder, arrange carpools and transfer gear. Secondary meeting places to rendezvous with up-valley or down-valley hikers have been designated for certain hikes as follows: Down-Valley Hikers: On 4/30, meet at Alder Park, New Castle at 8:45. On 5/21, 6/4, 6/6, 6/20 & 7/4, meet at the **Rifle rest area** 25 min after the **WM** Depart Time. On 6/25 meet at **Rifle City Market** 30 min after the **WM** Depart Time. For 8/29 & 9/30*, you will be notified in advance when and where to meet. Up-Valley Hikers: On 8/6, 8/27, 9/24 & 10/1, meet at the **Basalt P&R** (SE corner of Basalt Road & Hwy 82, rear lot) 20 min after the **RF** Depart Time. On 7/9, meet at **Two Rivers Road P&R** (Ruedi turnoff, N of Hwy 82) 20 min after the **RF** Depart Time. On 6/18, 7/2, 7/30, 8/15, 9/10 & 9/12 meet at **Carbondale City Market**, SE corner (nearest Heidi's), 15 min after the **RF** Depart Time. On 9/26, meet at **NAPA Auto Parts** on El Jebel Road N of Hwy 82 at 8:20 or at the junction of Upper Cattle Creek Road and Basalt Mountain Road at 8:30. If you are not at the appropriate rendezvous when the main group arrives, **we will leave without you**. *Applies only to those who plan to leave early for Farmington, NM (Bisti Badlands).

Fuel\$ indicates the suggested per passenger contribution to the driver based on a formula. Due to lower fuel mileage typical of 4WD vehicles, a 25% surcharge is applied for any hike requiring 4WD. Periodic adjustments (up or down) may be necessary to reflect changing fuel prices and will be announced in advance or immediately prior to departure. An additional contribution for a car wash is recommended in case of muddy/dusty roads. For overnight trips, an appropriate allocation of expenses for the trip should be arranged with your driver.

4WD: An 'X' signifies that access to the trailhead may require 4WD and/or high ground-clearance vehicles. If you own such a vehicle, please be prepared to drive on those days. An 'X' in parentheses [i.e., (X)] indicates that road conditions are uncertain or vary with the weather (e.g., muddy/slick after rain or snow).

On All Hikes: Bring lunch, adequate water, rain gear, and sun protection. On spring and fall hikes, be prepared for snowy or muddy trails. On high-altitude hikes, bring hat, gloves, windbreaker, and warm layers.

Hunting Seasons that occur during our 2018 schedule include **archery** (8/25–9/23), **muzzleloader** (9/8–16), and **rifle** (moose 10/1–14, 1st season 10/13–17 elk-only and 2nd season 10/20–28 combined deer/elk). These seasons also are shown on the **Hiking Calendar**. For your safety, wear bright orange or red on those days.

Cancellations or other changes: If a hike is canceled or changed for any reason, you will be notified by email at least one hour prior to **Depart Time**. Contact Gerry Roehm at mungo69@comcast.net to join our email list. If you are uncertain as to the status of a hike, call the **Hike Leader** or Gerry Roehm (303) 807-8535. In the event a Wednesday day hike is canceled, it normally would be rescheduled one week later.