

## EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR 2019 HIKING SCHEDULE

**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 for out-and-back hikes (return to TH via the same route...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 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)].

For day hikes, our primary (**1°**) **Meeting Place** is where we meet in or near Glenwood Springs. For overnight trips, it is the town/site where we are staying (exact overnight **Meeting Places** will be announced). In-town **Meeting 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 **Meeting Places** for 2019 are: **GR**–Green River, UT; **SB**–Steamboat Springs, CO; **SL**–Salida, CO.

**Depart Time** is when we promptly depart the primary **Meeting 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 (**2°**) **Meeting Places** have been designated for certain hikes to rendezvous with up-valley or down-valley hikers. These are listed on the schedule as follows: **CD**–Carbondale City Market, 0:15 after RF Depart Time; **TRR**–Two Rivers Road (Ruedi turnoff), 0:20 after RF Depart Time; **SM**–Old Snowmass (post office or \*park & ride), 0:30 after RF depart time; **NC**–New Castle City Market, 0:10 after WM Depart Time; **RR**–Rifle Rest Area, 0:25 after WM Depart Time; **RC**–Rifle City Market, 0:30 after WM Depart Time.

**Fuel\$** indicates the suggested per passenger contribution to the driver based on driving mileage and current fuel prices. Due to lower fuel efficiency typical of 4WD vehicles, a 25% surcharge is applied for any hike requiring 4WD. Periodic adjustments (up or down) may be necessary to reflect fluctuating fuel prices and will be announced in advance or at the Meeting Place 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 between passenger(s) and their 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 may vary with the weather (e.g., muddy/slick after rain or snow).

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

**Hunting Seasons** that occur during our 2019 schedule include **archery** (8/31–9/29), **muzzleloader** (9/14–22), and **rifle** (moose 10/1–14, 1<sup>st</sup> season 10/12–16 elk-only and 2<sup>nd</sup> season 10/19–27 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](mailto: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, weather permitting.