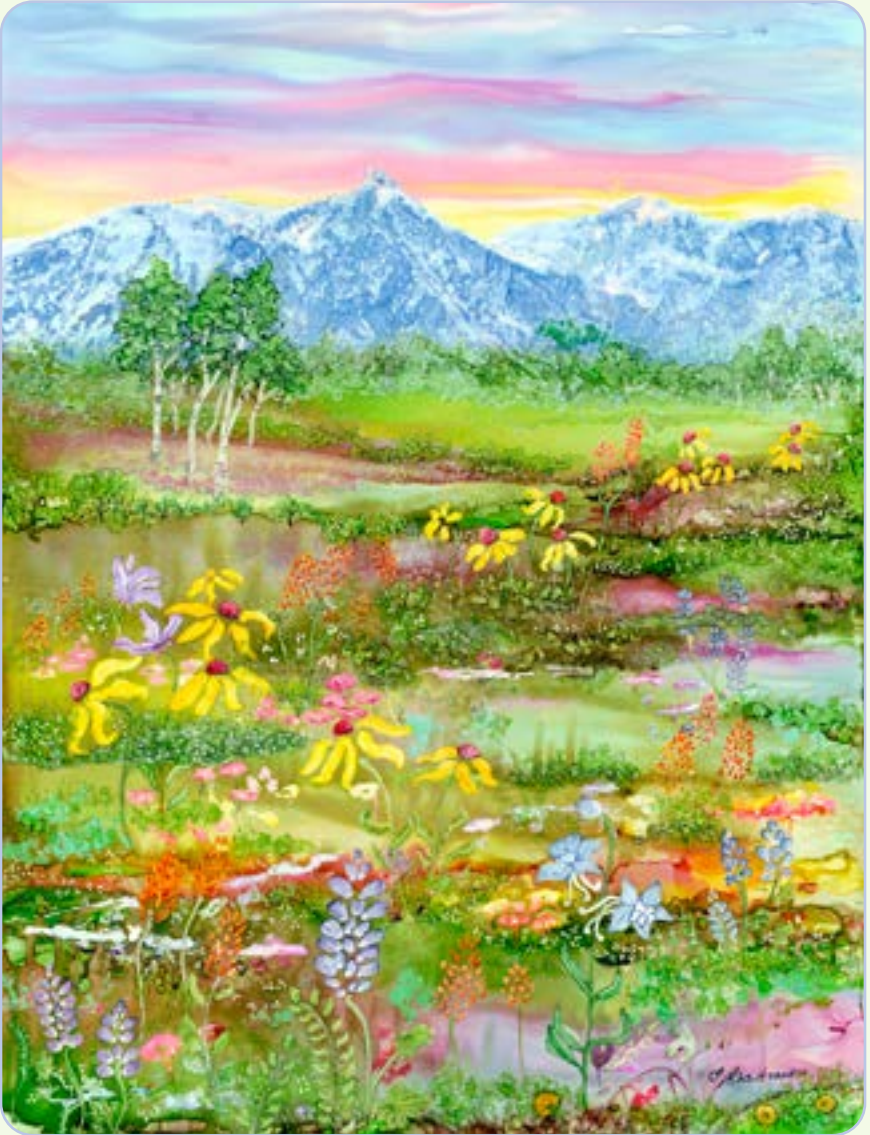




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2023 Program Guide



Artwork by Carol Ann Rasmussen

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Hiking Key

- Beginner level, rolling terrain
- Intermediate mostly rolling with some steep, rocky terrain
- ◆ Advanced steep, rocky, uneven terrain
- ◆◆ Expert very steep, rocky, uneven and exposed



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Pre-Festival Events

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Friday, July 7

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8am-12pm	Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin	●■ H09	60
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10am-12pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	● G02	45
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10am-4pm	Alcohol Ink Painting on Yupo	A18	14
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7-10am	Close-up & Abstract Wildflowers	P06	35
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1-3:30pm	Historic Garden Tour	●	G05	44
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8am-12:30pm	Splendor on Snodgrass - Beg	●	H53	49
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8:30am-12:30pm	Aquatic & Carnivorous Plants of Crested Butte	●	B05	25
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8:30am-1pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	■	H25	57
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Thursday, July 13

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10am-2:30pm	Butterflies of Kebler Pass & Lake Irwin	● ■ F04	24
1-3pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H57	51
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4-8pm	Evening of Wildflower Photography	P12	36

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8am-12pm	Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin	● ■ H33	60
8am-12pm	Member Event: Splendor on Snodgrass - Int	■ M05	32
8:30am-12:30pm	Wildflowers & Folklore	● H31	52
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9am-1pm	Geology of Paradise	■ R04	55
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9:30-12:30am	ABCs of Wildflower Pollination	● H32	46
10am-12pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H60	51
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8am-12pm	Explore Judd Falls	● H65	47
8am-1pm	Three Lakes Hike	● ■ H35	59
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9am-2pm	Medicinal Plants of the Mountains	● ■ C04	27
9:30-11:30am	Plein Air Watercolor Wildflowers	A14	19
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9:30am-12:30pm	Wonderful Wildflower Connections	● H37	53
10am-12pm	Member Event: Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	● M08	32
10am-2pm	Geology and Wildflowers Van Tour	● R02	28
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10am-1pm	Butterflies of Brush Creek	● F09	23
10:30am-1pm	Historic Garden Tour	● G11	44

2022 Photo Contest



Marilyn Rodman ▲

First Place

Matthew McEwan ▼

Second Place



◀ **Connor Scalbom**

Third Place

Matthew McEwan ▶

Fourth Place



◀ **Fabienne Stoll**

Honorable
Mention



Workshops

Art

Birding & Butterflies

Botany

Culinary & Medicinal

Geology & Geobotany

Members Only

Photography

Background photo: Kelly Frimel

Art

All workshop materials are provided unless otherwise specified in the event description.

Alcohol Ink Painting on Yupo

Carol Ann Rasmussen

New!

\$125

Join our 2023 poster artist, Carol Ann Rasmussen, in this fun workshop where you will learn a unique style of painting using alcohol inks on Yupo paper. Unlike normal paper, Yupo paper does not absorb the ink, rather the ink floats and changes like a kaleidoscope for about three minutes before drying. The colors produced through this process are brilliant, and each painting contains an element of surprise. During this workshop, Carol Ann will share how she has developed her own techniques to control the inks to create beautiful wildflowers as seen in the 2023 Wildflower Festival Poster. The class is suitable for all levels, including those who have never painted before. Participants will complete at least one framable painting while having fun playing and experimenting along the way.

A18 Saturday, 7/8

10am-4pm

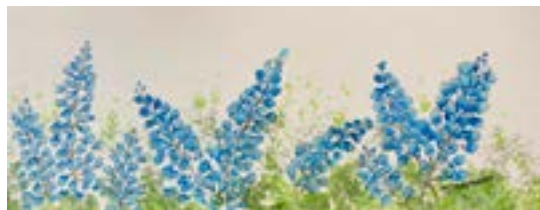
Alcohol Ink Painting - Demonstration

Carol Ann Rasmussen

New!

\$25

Join our 2023 poster artist, Carol Ann Rasmussen, while she demonstrates the various techniques she has developed to create her beautiful alcohol ink paintings on Yupo paper. During the workshop, you will observe how she starts and finishes her paintings using various steps required for working with this medium, including masking fluid and painting through tissue paper in multiple layers. Carol Ann is considered an international expert in this style of painting and has spent over 13 years developing various methods to work with the inks. Participants are encouraged to ask questions!



A06 Monday, 7/10

9am-12pm

Capturing Wildflowers with Colored Pencils

Peggy Stenmark

\$65

Join us indoors and out of the sun to learn the basics of drawing flowers, focusing on getting the correct shapes and proportions of various blossom types. Work with paper and reference photos (provided by the instructor, or bring your own) to sketch and color the wildflowers endemic to the Crested Butte area. After practicing these basics, you'll be ready to draw any flower you see! Bring a sketchpad and colored pencils.



A10 Thursday, 7/13

9:00-11:30am

Flowers from the Garden Watercolor Workshop

Denise Liebl

\$85

Surround yourself with unbelievable wildflowers and the guidance of encouraging instruction in this course focusing on the basics of watercolor, using wildflowers as our subjects. Set up in front of floral still life bursting with the yellows, reds, oranges, purples, and pinks of local Colorado wildflowers, and capture your favorites in small watercolor vignettes. Renowned artist and instructor Denise Liebl teaches techniques to lay colors into one another, focusing on how the paint moves and dries as you work, and how to choose and utilize different brushes for various effects. Learn how to consider and incorporate good composition into your work.

A01 Friday, 7/7

9:30am-12pm



Historic Travel Writing: How to integrate Place into Creative Storytelling

Morgan Tilton

New!

\$95

Level: ■ Intermediate (hiking)

Length: 3 miles on well packed trail with some rocky, steeper terrain

With mule's ears and elephant's head as inspiration, writers will practice sensory engagement with their writing, connecting the past with the present, to hook readers and bring them into the scene while diving into the layers of place. Led by national award-winning travel writer and Crested Butte local Morgan Tilton, we will hike through wildflower meadows to a jaw-dropping Gothic Valley overlook, where we'll share a 60-minute creative writing workshop. We will walk through writing exercises that help us capture the historic and present character of Crested Butte, from the wildflowers to settlements, providing writers with tools that they can use for future storytelling to document experiences and trips. The class size is limited to six participants to maximize interaction with the instructor. Expect to hike approximately three miles on moderately difficult terrain. High clearance, 4WD vehicle recommended.

A17 Sunday, 7/16

8am-12pm



Patricia Zishka

How to Bring the Scene Alive: Outdoor Creative Writing

Morgan Tilton

New!

\$95

Level: ■ Intermediate (hiking)

Length: 3 miles on well packed trail with some rocky, steeper terrain

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A16 Friday, 7/7

8am-12pm

Hummingbird Watercolor Pour

Paula Moore

New!

\$105

Want to try something new? Confident beginners to advanced students will enjoy this innovative workshop where we will literally "pour" a watercolor mixture for a unique splashy background! Then we will paint this handsome Rufus hummingbird and all his glorious colors. Workshop includes 11" x 14" prepared watercolor paper, use of all watercolor paints, brushes and supplies, materials, and step-by-step instructional guides.



A11 Friday, 7/14

1-5pm

Mixed Media Wildflowers

Kateri Kramer

New!

\$95

Get creative with mixed media in this 3-hour class. We will be going through a series of exercises to get our creative juices flowing, finishing up with a final activity on a small canvas. This class is meant for everyone from beginner to experienced. It is all about not worrying about what you create, instead enjoying the process of experiencing different types of materials and how they work together. We will go through a series of exercises and warmups throughout our time together all about wildflowers and the natural environment. They will be structured but open to interpretation. We will be sharing a variety of different media including illustration markers, gouache, neocolor crayons, colored pencils, ink and acrylic paint. Each participant will be provided with a handmade sketchbook that will be filled up by the time they have completed the workshop and they will leave with a small finished (or mostly finished) piece that they will be sure to want to display upon arriving home.

A03 Saturday, 7/8

9am-12pm

Plein Air Watercolor Postcards

Kateri Kramer

New!

\$90

The French term “en plein air” means “out of doors” and refers to the practice of painting entire finished pictures outside. En plein air painting was an important technical approach in the development of naturalism. In this class, we will grab our materials and head outdoors to paint some beautiful watercolors. We will begin with exercises about color, watercolor technique, and composition. From there we will do several exercises to warm up and get those creative juices flowing. In the final part of the class, we will paint 1-2 postcards that you can then send to a family member or friend, or keep for yourself. While the class is structured and includes instruction, it can also be taken by anyone with any experience level. Each participant will get a hand-curated watercolor kit that includes a curated palette especially for the mountain landscapes of Crested Butte, watercolor paper, two watercolor postcards, and brushes.

A04 Sunday, 7/9

9am-12:30pm

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Plein Air Watercolor Wildflowers

Sarah Schmidt

New!

\$85

Join local artist Sarah Schmidt to plein air paint among the wildflowers. No previous experience is needed. Sarah will lead the class through her personal process of creating a wildflower painting. She will demonstrate how to build washes and color to imitate the beautiful flowers abundant in Colorado. This class has an emphasis on self-expression and fun, bright colors. All materials are included, and we will meet on location to be determined as the class draws nearer.



A14 Saturday, 7/15

9:30-11:30am

Simple Sketch: Crested Butte Landscape

Judith Cassel-Mamet

\$95

Join artist and educator Judith Cassel-Mamet in capturing the unique beauty surrounding Crested Butte. The “Simple Sketch”© approach is perfect for learning to look more closely at the visual elements that shape the mountains & valleys. We will work with watercolor and pens for quick and loose renditions while taking in the fresh air (we will be working outside). This workshop welcomes beginners and more experienced artists as we play with shapes, colors, lines, and textures. Students should bring their art materials, although for those who need, Judith will have some materials to share along with some journals, watercolors, pens and brushes for sale at the start of class. A water bottle and portable camp chair are also recommended, please dress for the weather. For more information about Judith or to contact her about materials: www.jcmamet.net

A07 Monday, 7/10

9am-1pm



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Simple Sketch: Floral Shapes

Judith Cassel-Mamet

\$95



Do the fields of wildflowers take your breath away? Are you interested in going a bit further and capturing floral shapes with watercolor and pen? Join Judith Cassel-Mamet for a “Simple Sketch” © workshop. Judith will show you how to look at the shapes, loosely capture them in watercolor then add some details with a pen. The Simple Sketch approach emphasizes the process which is based on learning to look deeply as a basis for sketching. There is no end to the joy of playing with different techniques as we fill our journal pages in the fresh air and garden beauty. Beginners and experienced artists are welcome! Students should bring their art materials, although for those who need, Judith will have some materials to share along with some journals, watercolors, pens and brushes for sale at the start of class. A water bottle and portable camp chair are also recommended, please dress for the weather. For more information about Judith or to contact her about materials: www.jcmamet.net

A08 Tuesday, 7/11

9am-1pm

Symphony of Aspen Colors

Paula Moore

Paula Moore will show the step-by-step painting process to create realistic aspen leaves in watercolor. Two 5”x7” wrapped canvases will be the surfaces which will then be waxed to a satin sheen! Step-by-step color instruction guide is included.

New!

\$95



A13 Saturday, 7/15

1-4pm

Watercolor Travel Journal

Paula Moore

\$110

Join us for this fun workshop where you will receive your own quality Koi Watercolor Travel kit that will last for years. Paula will demo how to use the included refillable Water Brush & several other tools held in a meshed zipper bag. She will share ideas for adding inked details, textures tips & techniques, a valuable color theory chart & instructional guide handout. You will make a 4”x6” watercolor paper journal which features 18 painting surfaces. Paula will lead the way to create a personal memory collection of your visit to the Rocky Mountains. Responsible youth to senior adults will enjoy this workshop!

A09 Thursday, 7/13

1-4pm

Wildflower Collage

Linsey Bachofer

New!

\$70

Start your day with coffee and art supplies as teaching artist Linsey Bachofer guides you through the process of creating your own mixed-media collage inspired by the Crested Butte landscape. Get your hands dirty using unconventional printing techniques to create patterns and textures that you can use within your landscape design. We will discuss the process of establishing a compositional frame and will learn how to create a sense of depth and perspective within the collage. Enjoy the process of creating and experimenting with new materials and leave with a unique and vibrant art piece!

A15 Sunday, 7/16

9:30-11:30am

Wildflower Prints & Sips

Linsey Bachofer

New!

\$85

Capture your weekend among the wildflowers in a print as local teaching artist Linsey Bachofer teaches you step-by-step how to create your own monoprint. Linsey will guide you through carving your own linoleum stamp that can be used with unique and colorful backgrounds made from acrylics and gel press printing plates. Beer, wine (for those 21 and older) and N/A beverages provided so you can relax and create.



A05 Sunday, 7/9

3-6pm

Wildflower Watercolor & Wine

Denise Liebl

\$80



Join local watercolor artist, Denise Liebl, for a step-by-step watercolor painting class with wildflowers as the subject. Denise will guide the group through a watercolor painting from start to finish, giving instruction on setting up to paint, wash and watercolor painting techniques, composition, and more. Wine and wine spritzers are provided to participants 21 and older, so you can relax and create! All watercolor supplies and your wine or wine spritzer are included. Absolutely no watercolor experience is necessary!

A02 Saturday, 7/8

4:30-7pm

Wildflowers in Pastel

Sarah Schmidt

New!

\$80

Start your day out with colorful soft pastels, the perfect medium to capture the beautiful Colorado flowers. Local artist Sarah Schmidt will lead you through a bright expressive pastel drawing that will feature some of her favorite native flowers. You can follow along or create your own colorful masterpiece. All materials are included. Come ready to get a little messy.

A12 Friday, 7/14

9:30-11:30am

Birding & Butterflies



Preston Stoll

Birding Among the Upper Loop Wildflowers

Jacque Fisher

\$75

Level: ■ ■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: Approximately 3 miles with steeper and rocky terrain

Discover the birds and wildflowers of the Upper Loop! Be ready to stop, look, and listen; you'll learn to identify birds by sound as well as sight. A final stop to view a blue heron rookery along the Slate River concludes our morning. Flower and bird checklists provided. Bring binoculars and field guide(s). Kids 13+ with supervision.

F02 Tuesday, 7/11

7:30-11:30am

F05 Friday, 7/14

7:30-11:30am

Birding Among the Lower Loop Wildflowers

Jacque Fisher

\$75

Level: ● Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on well-packed, level terrain

Birds abound! We'll meander the nearby Lower Loop trail enjoying and identifying the wildflowers and birds. If we're lucky, we'll discover babies in the nest! A final stop to view a blue heron rookery along the Slate River concludes our morning. Flower and bird checklists provided. Bring binoculars and field guide(s). Kids 13+ with supervision.

F01 Monday, 7/10

7:30-11:30am

F03 Thursday, 7/13

7:30-11:30am

F07 Saturday, 7/15

7:30-11:30am

Butterflies of Brush Creek

Sara Simonson

\$60

Level: ● Beginner

Length: Approximately 2 miles on well-packed, level terrain

Learn to take notice of the beautiful butterflies that surround Crested Butte. This family friendly hike follows a dirt road and trail, and passes through a variety of montane streamside habitats, colorful meadows, and wildflower-covered rocky slopes. Kids of all ages welcome with supervision.

F09 Sunday, 7/16

10am-1pm

Butterflies of Copper Creek

Sara Simonson

\$80

Level: ●◆ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 4+ miles with rocky and steep terrain

Search for butterflies and other native pollinators in scenic wildflower meadows on this moderate hike past Judd Falls, along Copper Creek. We'll discuss the rich diversity of butterflies in Colorado and view examples of research conducted at the Rocky Mtn. Biological Lab. We'll hike at a naturalist's pace and end the hike with a stop at the RMBL Visitor's Center.

Kids 12+ with supervision.

F08 Saturday, 7/15

10am-2:30pm

Butterflies of Kebler Pass & Lake Irwin

Sara Simonson

\$80

Level: ●■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 4 miles with steeper and rocky terrain

This moderate hike passes through subalpine forests and wetlands, with lush streamside butterfly habitats and showy wildflower meadows. We'll visit a variety of habitats that are important to local butterflies and pollinators, and search for interesting aquatic plants and animals near the lake. Kids 12+ with supervision

F04 Thursday, 7/13

10am-2:30pm

Butterflies of Lily Lake

Sara Simonson

\$75

Level: ●■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 3.5 miles with steeper and rocky terrain

This moderate hike winds through subalpine forests and wetlands, including diverse butterfly habitats and scenic wildflower meadows. We'll take a break at a lovely, lily-covered pond that supports rare dragonflies and other unique wetland animals. Kids 12+ with supervision.

F06 Friday, 7/14

10am-2:30pm



Tom & Wanda Johnson

Botany

Aquatic & Carnivorous Plants of Crested Butte

Luke Tembrock

\$70

Level: ● Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed trail, some rolling/steep terrain

A mere 10,000 years ago the Slate River Valley and surrounding feeder drainages played host to a vast quantity of glacial ice; when that ice melted water loving plants thrived! Many of those plant species remain including the common bladderwort, a carnivorous plant with some of the fastest "jaws" in nature and beautiful snapdragon-like flowers. On this hike will visit Crested Butte's bladderwort hotspot and examine other aquatic and riparian species along the way.

B05 Tuesday, 7/11

8:30am-12:30pm

Botany Bounty in the Slate River Valley

Jennifer Ackerfield

New!

\$80

Level: ■◆ Intermediate-Advanced

Length: 4-5 miles with steep and rocky terrain

The Oh Be Joyful trail is one of the most scenic trails in Crested Butte. On this trip, we will begin at Slate River, winding our way up the trail through a glacial valley on the east side of Ruby Range. Wildflower filled meadows await! Along the way we will also encounter waterfalls as well as some uncommon wildflowers.

B02 Sunday, 7/9

8:30am-2:30pm



David Kish

Identifying Wildflowers Using Mobile Apps

Jennifer Ackerfield

\$60

Level: ● Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed trail, some steep/rocky terrain

Have you ever wanted to learn how to identify wildflowers with a mobile app? Join Jennifer Ackerfield, head curator of natural history collections at Denver Botanic Gardens, as she guides you through the most popular identification apps available for Colorado wildflowers. You will also learn how to use the iNaturalist app, enabling you to not only identify your photographs but to also become a citizen scientist. Bring your smartphone device and come away confident in your wildflower identifications!

B04 Tuesday, 7/11

9:30am-12pm

Plant Defenses & Survival Strategies

Jennifer Ackerfield

\$65

Level: ● Beginner

Length: 2.5 miles on well-packed trail, some rolling/steeper terrain

For the biology lover! This hike will highlight particular plant species' defensive and offensive strategies for survival, including production of plant toxins, responses to herbivory, and competition for territory and pollinators—and how these affect human beings!

B01 Saturday, 7/8

9:30am-12:30pm

What's in a Name?

Jennifer Ackerfield

\$70

Level: ● Adv. Beginner

Length: 3.5 miles, some steep, uneven terrain

Have you ever wondered how plants get their scientific and common names? Or why those names can change? On this hike, you will learn the process of naming plant species and why disagreements can exist among botanists. We will even play a game of botanical bingo as we hike, with the winner receiving a fabulous prize at the end! This hike will take place on the beautiful Snodgrass trail, offering a multitude of wildflowers and views of Crested Butte Mountain along the way.

B03 Monday, 7/10

9:30am-1:30pm

Culinary & Medicinal

Medicinal Plants of the Mountains

Leanne Benton

\$90

Level: ●■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 3-4 miles with some rocky and steep terrain

The wildflowers along the Horse Ranch Park trail are not only beautiful, many have served as the grocery store and pharmacy for earlier people and are still used today. We will focus on these edible and medicinal species, plus learn about toxic species to avoid!

C03 Monday, 7/10

8:30am-1:30pm

C04 Saturday, 7/15

9am-2pm

Wild Crafted Cocktails

Kelley Casey-White

New!

\$70

Learn to craft wild cocktails infused with nature's finest ingredients. Enjoy your own creation complete with locally sourced cordials and bitters made here in Crested Butte. Celebrate your fabulous concoction by taking home your custom recipe card!

C01 Monday, 7/10

2-4pm

C02 Thursday, 7/13

4-6pm



Barb Flunker

Geology & Geobotany



Matthew McEwan

Geology & Wildflowers Van & Walking Tour

Amy Ellwein

\$125

Level: ● Beginner

Length: up to 1 mile on well packed, level terrain

Would you like to learn about geology and plants and how geology influences the distribution of plants around Crested Butte? Join Amy for a driving and walking tour that focuses on plant identification, how plants adapt to their environment, and how they are distributed with geology and topography. Be prepared to walk up to 1 mile on well packed trails. Van transportation included.

R01	Saturday, 7/8	10am-2pm
R02	Saturday, 7/15	10am-2pm

Geology of Paradise

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

\$80

Level: ■ Intermediate

Length: 3 miles on well packed trail, some steep/uneven terrain

Crested Butte rocks! And why does it rock? The spectacular geology, of course! Learn how this valley was formed from magma, sedimentary rock, and glaciers as we walk through wildflower-filled meadows and woods. You'll find out why this valley is so unique and otherwise known as Paradise.

R03	Monday, 7/10	9am-1pm
R04	Friday, 7/14	9am-1pm

Members Only



As a nonprofit organization, we owe much of our success to our Wildflower Festival Members! Membership allows us to continuously improve the Wildflower Festival experience. This includes but is not limited to offering new and exciting events, implementing preservation efforts that support our mission, and partnering with other local, like-minded nonprofit organizations. We cannot exist without our Members! As a special thank you, we offer the following complimentary, Members Only events.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Member benefits and how you can support the Wildflower Festival!

Lupine Members & Above

Member Appreciation Party

Come mingle with Festival leaders, staff, and Board of Directors, and enjoy appetizers and cocktails. You won't want to miss this fun-filled event, which includes a drawing for great door prizes.

M03 Tuesday, 7/11 4:30-6pm

Reservations required - we will email a link to RSVP for the party.



Scarlet Gilia Members & Above will receive an email with links to register for both our regular and Members Only events. Please use the following guidelines when registering:

 **Fairy Slipper Members** - Register yourself and a guest for the Exclusive Fairy Slipper Event, choose one of the Alpine Wildflowers of Mt. Crested Butte events, and choose one of the other Members Only events.

 **Mariposa Lily Members** - Choose one of the Alpine Wildflowers of Mt. Crested Butte events and one of the other Members Only events.

 **Scarlet Gilia Members** - Choose one of the Members Only events

It is possible there may be availability in some of the events once everyone has selected their first choices. We will be happy to allow Members to register for additional Members Only events and will provide ongoing email communications with availability and registration links until the events are filled.



Kari Vanderburg

Fairy Slipper Members

Exclusive Fairy Slipper Event

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

Level:  Intermediate-Advanced

Our Fairy Slipper Members (\$1,000) and their guests are invited to join our Festival's President and Vice President on an exclusive hike to an undisclosed, remote location not included in our regular event line-up. As you explore, Tom & Jeff will share the area's history, relevance to Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, and wildflower expertise (of course!). This hike is categorized as Intermediate-Advanced. Expect an adventure, with 4-5 miles of hiking on a trail with some steep and rocky terrain.

M02 Sunday, 7/9 8am-2pm

Mariposa Lily Members & Above

Alpine Wildflowers of Mt. Crested Butte

Leanne Benton

Level:  Intermediate

Length: 2+ miles rocky, steep, uneven terrain

Our Mariposa Lily Members and above are invited to join Leanne for a wonderful opportunity to see alpine and sub-alpine wildflowers without having to hike up! You'll ride up the Silver Queen lift and do some hiking on Mt. Crested Butte to around 11,500 ft. Leanne will show you the significant features of gorgeous alpine wildflowers while you enjoy the spectacular views of the valley, especially on the lift ride down.

M01 Saturday, 7/8 9am-1pm
M12 Thursday, 7/13 9am-1pm

Scarlet Gilia Members & Above Choose One

Evening of Wildflower Photography

Jan Runge

Level: Beginner-Advanced Need: Digital camera, tripod
4WD/high-clearance vehicle recommended.

Build your understanding of digital camera settings, how to control exposure, sharpness, and speed, as well as point-and-shoot options and limitations. Understand the difference between beautiful and photogenic! You'll learn to make the most of low, medium, and high contrast, and how to work with the direction and intensity of light.

M11 Saturday, 7/8 4-8pm

Gardens & Ghosts

Shelley Popke

Level:  Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Is Crested Butte haunted? Perhaps, but the ghosts of this town are of the Casper variety – friendly, harmless, and playful. On this tour you'll stroll the alleys and gardens of Crested Butte while listening to stories about the antics of old timers whose spirits remain.

M04 Monday, 7/10 5-7pm

Historic Garden Tour

Glo Cunningham

Level: ● *Beginner*

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Stroll the streets, alleys, and gardens of historic Crested Butte with Glo Cunningham from the Crested Butte Museum. This leisurely tour will provide you with interesting and humorous knowledge of Crested Butte's heritage while we explore the wild and tame flowers growing in our local gardens. We'll be walking up to 1.5 miles around town.

M07 Saturday, 7/15 9:30am-12pm

Splendor on Snodgrass

Bobby Pogoloff

Level: ■ *Intermediate*

Length: 3+ miles with rocky, steep terrain

Snodgrass Mountain is what makes us the "Wildflower Capital of Colorado!" This hike will take you through fields of flowers in bloom, groves of quaking aspen, stands of spruce and fir trees, with views of Crested Butte Mountain. This lower-elevation wildland and its wetlands also provide habitat for many species, even the elusive Canada lynx.

M05 Friday, 7/14 8am-12pm

Tour of Crested Butte Gardens

Roxie Lypps

Level: ● *Beginner*

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Enjoy a guided tour of our local gardens while you admire and identify both wild and tame flowers. Our stroll will move at a leisurely pace; however, plan to walk up to 2 miles.

M08 Saturday, 7/15 10am-12pm

Wildflower ID Walk

Jackie Fitzgerald/Greta Schoonover

Level: ● *Beginner*

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Join us for a wildflower identification walk at a leisurely pace, with time for questions and photographing the beautiful blooms! We'll take you where the flowers are at their best!

M09 Friday, 7/7 10am-12pm

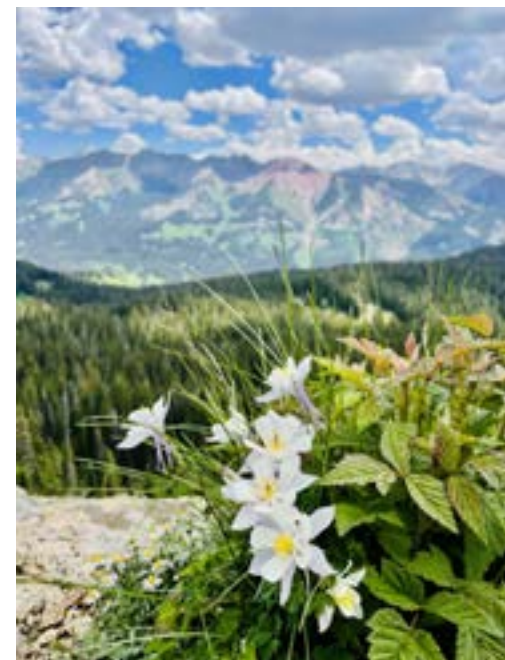
M10 Tuesday, 7/11 8-10am

Wildflower Watercolor & Wine

Denise Liebl

Join local watercolor artist, Denise Liebl, for a step-by-step watercolor painting class with wildflowers as the subject. Denise will guide the group through a watercolor painting from start to finish, giving instruction on setting up to paint, wash and watercolor painting techniques, composition, and more. Wine and wine spritzers are provided to participants 21 and older, so you can relax and create! All watercolor supplies and your wine or wine spritzer are included. Absolutely no watercolor experience is necessary!

M06 Wednesday, 7/12 4:30-7pm



Liz Knorr

Photography



John Schultz

Adventure Photography Workshop

New!

David Snyder & Jeff Johnson

\$1,200

Level: Intermediate-Advanced

Need: DSLR camera with wide angle and telephoto capability, sturdy tripod, shutter remote (if possible), laptop with internet capability and preferred editing software. Instructors will be using Lightroom and Photoshop. We will be looking for 1 -2 other volunteers with hi-clearance, 4WD vehicles to assist with driving.

This 3-day class is the ultimate adventure. Meant for the photographer that wants to take their skillsets to the next level. This Workshop offers a well-rounded and highly resourceful educational experience, appropriate for any level of outdoor photographer. You should however be very familiar with your camera, and its operations. The program consists of morning and sunset field shoots, interactive image critiques, and instructional presentation. Dave and Jeff will discuss post-processing of your images with computer programs such as Adobe Lightroom, and do live demonstrations during the day.

No participant should feel that they are not qualified to attend. Limited enrollment gives all participants quality time with Jeff and Dave and ensures that each person gets the specific instruction needed based on their individual level of experience. A group-based critique session allows students the chance to learn from others' work, while personalized field instruction addresses the photographer's needs related to both understanding camera functions and techniques of composition.

P01 Thursday, 7/6 - Saturday, 7/8

8am-9pm, 5am-9pm, 5am-5pm

P02 Tuesday, 7/11 - Thursday, 7/13

8am-9pm, 5am-9pm, 5am-5pm

Cell Phone Photography

New!

David Snyder & Jeff Johnson

\$120

Level: Beginner

Need: Cell Phone with camera capability

You don't need a bulky and expensive camera to take amazing pictures. Cell phones today have amazing capability. We take a group out in the field armed with our cell phones and take broad landscapes as well as flower closeups. We will teach you the basics of composition, adjusting exposure, when to use flash. We will also bring some other applications you might consider for slow shutter work creating fantastic artistic abstract effects. The class will also discuss some of the editing tools available in addition to the toolsets provided by your phone.

P05 Sunday, 7/9

12-3pm

P15 Saturday, 7/15

12-3pm

Close-up & Abstract Wildflowers

New!

David Snyder & Jeff Johnson

\$120

Level: Beginner-Intermediate

Need: DSLR camera, wide lens, macro lens, sturdy tripod, screens/reflectors if you have them.



In this class we will take you out to wildflower fields and get down on the ground focusing on the small details of the flowers. We will discuss focusing techniques (hyperfocal distance focusing, focus stacking), composition, camera setting options using the exposure triangle. We will use light modifiers (reflectors as well as screens). We'll spend hours in the field with endless flowers and scenery you'll not want to leave. With Colorado's high country being one of the premier locations for wildflowers and breathtaking scenery, this is a can't miss opportunity for you. From fields of Columbine to individual blossoms of many other colorful flowers, this workshop will satisfy your desire to create fine art images you'll want to hang on your wall!

P06 Sunday, 7/9

7-10am

P16 Saturday, 7/15

7-10am



Evening of Wildflower Photography

Jan Runge

\$105

Level: Beginner-Advanced

Need: Digital camera, tripod

4WD/high-clearance vehicle recommended.

Build your understanding of digital camera settings, how to control exposure, sharpness, and speed, as well as point-and-shoot options and limitations. Understand the difference between beautiful and photogenic! You'll learn to make the most of low, medium, and high contrast, and how to work with the direction and intensity of light. Kids 12+ with supervision.

P03 Friday, 7/7

4-8pm

P12 Thursday, 7/13

4-8pm

Landscapes & Wildflowers

David Snyder & Jeff Johnson

\$120

Level: Beginner-Intermediate

Need: DSLR camera, wide lens, macro lens, sturdy tripod, screens/reflectors if you have them. The instructors will have two high clearance vehicles. We will be looking for 1-2 other volunteers with hi-clearance, 4WD vehicles to assist with driving.



In this class we will take you out to wildflower fields as foreground with broader valleys and Mountains in the background. We will discuss focusing techniques (hyperfocal distance focusing, focus stacking), composition, camera setting options using the exposure triangle. We'll spend hours in the field with endless flowers and scenery you'll not want to leave. With Colorado's high country being one of the premier locations for wildflowers and breathtaking scenery, this is a can't miss opportunity for you. From fields of Columbine to individual blossoms of many other colorful flowers, this workshop will satisfy your desire to create fine art images you'll want to hang on your wall!

P08 Monday, 7/10

7-10am

P13 Friday, 7/14

7-10am

Moving Water

David Snyder & Jeff Johnson

\$185

Level: Beginner-Intermediate

Need: DSLR with wide angle and telephoto lens capability, sturdy tripod, shutter remote (if you have one), laptop with internet capability, preferred editing software (the instructors will be using Lightroom and Photoshop).

Ever wonder how professionals get that silky water in waterfalls and rivers, all while getting the areas around tack sharp? We'll show you multiple techniques to create these images and assemble them into a wall worthy piece of artwork. We'll



teach you to creatively photograph moving water to create that silky effect and demonstrate techniques with and without filters, multiple exposures, and image blending. Once we have a few different images, we will return to the classroom and edit these images to create your masterpiece. Approximately 3 hours of photography and 1 hour of editing.

P14 Friday, 7/14

12-4pm

Sunrise Photography At Peanut Lake

Eric Phillips

\$105

Level: Beginner-Intermediate

Need: DSLR Camera with Lenses and knowledge of basic functions/ how to adjust aperture, ISO, & shutter speed, extra batteries, SD Cards, & ND or Polariser filters, sturdy tripod and head, camera backpack or carrying system with rain cover, hiking boots, headlamp/ flashlight, thermos for coffee/tea, cell phone app PhotoPills (very useful but not required).

Photograph all the stages of the sunrise over beautiful Peanut Lake. Learn the best settings for shooting golden hour, sunrise, and daytime matched with one of the best compositions of Crested Butte. Lupine and Alpine Sunflower will be the main flowers photographed. There is also a good chance to see and photograph wildlife at the lake.

P04 Saturday, 7/8

5-9am

Sunrise Photography On Snodgrass Mountain

Eric Phillips \$105

Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Need: DSLR Camera with Lenses and knowledge of basic functions/ how to adjust aperture, ISO, & shutter speed, extra batteries, SD Cards, & ND or Polariser filters, sturdy tripod and head, camera backpack or carrying system with rain cover, hiking boots, headlamp/ flashlight, thermos for coffee/tea, cell phone app PhotoPills (very useful but not required).

Photograph all the stages of a wildflower filled sunrise from Snodgrass Mountain. Learn the best settings for shooting Golden Hour, Sunrise, and Daytime. We will hike up .5 mile to an overlook of the butte for the sunrise followed by exploring different wildflower compositions as the morning progresses. Lupine, Larkspur, and Alpine Sunflower will be the main flowers photographed.

P10 Tuesday, 7/11 5-9am

P11 Thursday, 7/13 5-9am

Top of the World Wildflowers

David Snyder & Jeff Johnson \$185

Level: All, expect up to 1 mile of easy hiking on well packed trail

Need: DLSR camera, wide lens, macro lens, sturdy tripod, screens/ reflectors if you have them.

In this class we will take you out to high alpine wildflower meadows where we will explore broad landscapes, and get down on the ground focusing on the small details of the flowers. We'll spend hours in the field with endless flowers and mountain views, and a sunset you'll not want to leave. With Colorado's high country being one of the premier locations for wildflowers and breathtaking scenery, this is a can't miss opportunity. From fields of flowers to individual blossoms of many colorful flowers, this workshop will satisfy your desire to create stunning pieces of art. Some easy hiking at high altitude (9000-11,000) feet is anticipated.

P09 Monday, 7/10 4-8pm

P17 Saturday, 7/15 5-9pm



Wildflower Master Class

David Snyder & Jeff Johnson

New!

\$185

Level: Intermediate-Advanced

Need: DLSR with wide angle and telephoto lens capability, sturdy tripod, shutter remote (if you have one), laptop with internet capability, preferred editing software (the instructors will be using Lightroom and Photoshop).

This class consists of a morning or evening shoot and in-class instruction/critiques. This class is limited to 7 students assuring direct time with Jeff and Dave. The instructors will coach this small group on light, planning toolsets, advanced composition options, panorama creation, exposure bracketing, and use of modifiers when shooting closeups. The class will end with a quick editing session.

P07 Sunday 7/9

5-9pm

P18 Sunday, 7/16

7-11am



Hikes & Tours

Garden Tours

Jeep Tours

Beginner Hikes & Walks

Intermediate Hikes

Advanced & Expert Hikes

Hiking Key

- Beginner level, rolling terrain
- Intermediate mostly rolling with some steep, rocky terrain
- ◆ Advanced steep, rocky, uneven terrain
- ◆◆ Expert very steep, rocky, uneven and exposed

Hikes by Level of Difficulty

Beginner

A-Bee-Cs of Wildflower Pollination
Aquatic & Carnivorous Plants of Crested Butte
Explore Emerald Lake Basin
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Gardens & Ghosts
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Historic Garden Tour
Identifying Wildflowers Using Mobile Apps
Mindfulness in the Meadow
Plant Defenses & Survival Strategies
Tour of Crested Butte Gardens
Wildflower & Bee ID at RMBL
Wildflower Adventure Jeep Tour
Wildflower ID Walk
Wildflowers & Folklore
Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light
Wildflowers Fit for a Garden
Wonderful Wildflower Connections

Advanced Beginner

Explore Judd Falls
Splendor on Snodgrass (Washington Gulch side)
Upper Loop to Tony's Trail
What's in a Name?

Advanced Beginner - Intermediate

Medicinal Plants of the Mountains
Meditations in Wildflowers
Three Lakes Hike
Trail 403 to Viewpoint
Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin

Hikes by Level of Difficulty continued

Intermediate

Alpine Wildflowers of Mt. Crested Butte
Beaver Ponds & Wetlands of Ohio Pass
Beckwith Pass Hike
Geology of Paradise
Historic Travel Writing
How to Bring the Scene Alive
In Search of the Fairy Slipper
Lily Lake Wildflowers
Lower Deer Creek Trail
Splendor on Snodgrass - Intermediate
Westside Wildflowers of Mt. Crested Butte
Wildflowers & Wetlands of Swampy Pass

Intermediate - Advanced

Baxter Gulch
Botany Bounty in the Slate River Valley
Discoveries Along the Dyke Trail
Ruby of the Rockies

Advanced

Lost Lake & Beckwith Pass
Wildflowers & Waterfalls in the Oh-Be-Joyful Valley

Advanced - Expert

Point Lookout
Rustler Gulch
Scarp Ridge

Expert

Poverty Gulch & Daisy Pass
Wildflowers of West Maroon Pass

Expert/Extreme

Hike to Aspen

Garden Tours

Gardens & Ghosts

Shelley Popke

\$50

Level: • Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Is Crested Butte haunted? Perhaps, but the ghosts of this town are of the Casper variety – friendly, harmless, and playful. On this tour you'll stroll the alleys and gardens of Crested Butte while listening to stories about the antics of old timers whose spirits remain.

G03 Saturday, 7/8

5-7pm

G10 Friday, 7/14

5-7pm

Historic Garden Tour

Glo Cunningham

\$50

Level: • Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Stroll the streets, alleys, and gardens of historic Crested Butte with Glo Cunningham from the Crested Butte Museum. This leisurely tour will provide you with interesting and humorous knowledge of Crested Butte's heritage while we explore the wild and tame flowers growing in our local gardens. We'll be walking up to 1.5 miles around town. Kids 10+ with supervision.

G01 Friday, 7/7

1-3:30pm

G04 Sunday, 7/9

10:30am-1pm

G05 Monday, 7/10

1-3:30pm

G09 Friday, 7/14

10am-12:30pm

G11 Sunday, 7/16

10:30am-1pm



Mary Carley

Tour of Crested Butte Gardens

Roxie Lypps/Festival Staff

\$35

Level: • Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Enjoy a guided tour of our local gardens while you admire and identify both wild and tame flowers. Our stroll will move at a leisurely pace; however, plan to walk up to 2 miles. Kids 10+ with supervision.

G02 Saturday, 7/8

10am-12pm

G06 Monday, 7/10

10am-12pm

G07 Tuesday, 7/11

10am-12pm

G08 Thursday, 7/13

10am-12pm

Jeep Tours

Wildflower Adventure Jeep Tour

New!

Jeremy Johndrow

\$175

Level: • Beginner

Length: Up to 1 mile of walking on well packed trail. Mobility required to get into and out of the Jeeps.

For the adventurous wildflower enthusiast, JJ's Jeeps will take you off the beaten path to incredible places many will never see! Escape the crowds and experience the stunning beauty of Crested Butte's world-famous wildflowers from the comfort and safety of a legendary Jeep! Enjoy the sun on your face and jaw-dropping vistas of the Elk Mountains from all directions in their custom open top (weather permitting) Jeep Wranglers. Local guides Scott and Jeremy will not only teach you about the wildflowers, but they are knowledgeable in the local history, wildlife and geology as well!



J01 Friday, 7/7

8:30am-12:30pm

J02 Sunday, 7/9

8:30am-12:30pm

J03 Tuesday, 7/11

8:30am-12:30pm

J04 Thursday, 7/13

8:30am-12:30pm

J05 Saturday, 7/15

8:30am-12:30pm

Beginner Hikes & Walks

Beginner walks/hikes are generally suitable for most people who can walk at a leisurely pace of 2 miles/hour. These hikes are level, with some rolling terrain, and utilize wider, well-packed trails and Jeep roads. Keep in mind that the altitude here in Crested Butte can often make these hikes feel more challenging than their counterparts at sea level. Plan to travel 2-4 miles with up to 500 feet of elevation gain/loss. Wear sturdy walking/hiking shoes (NO flip flops or sandals!). Bring sunscreen, bug spray, snacks, and carry at least 16 ounces of water. Children ages 12+ welcome with supervision.



John Schultz

A-Bee-Cs of Wildflower Pollination

Paul CaraDonna & Jackie Fitzgerald \$65

Level: • Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on well-packed, level terrain

What is that bee? Why do our wildflowers depend on them? Join Dr. Paul CaraDonna, pollination ecologist, from Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory on this pollinator/wildflower walk and explore the intricate relationship between our wildflowers and native bees. You'll have the opportunity to view a variety of bees up close, learn how scientists study wildflower nectar, and view wildflowers with hand lenses to delve into how this interdependency really works.

H11 Saturday, 7/8 9:30am-12:30pm Jackie Fitzgerald

H32 Friday, 7/14 9:30am-12:30pm Paul CaraDonna

Aquatic & Carnivorous Plants of Crested Butte

Luke Tembrock \$70

Level: • Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed trail, some rolling/steep terrain

A mere 10,000 years ago the Slate River Valley and surrounding feeder drainages played host to a vast quantity of glacial ice; when that ice melted water loving plants thrived! Many of those plant species remain including the common bladderwort, a carnivorous plant with some of the fastest "jaws" in nature and beautiful snapdragon-like flowers. On this hike will visit Crested Butte's bladderwort hotspot and examine other aquatic and riparian species along the way.

B05 Tuesday, 7/11 8:30am-12:30pm

Explore Emerald Lake Basin

Ken Collins \$75

Level: • Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed road with some rocky & steeper terrain

Explore the Emerald Lake basin and its tremendous variety of wildflowers. The lake, as its name implies, is an intensely deep green, and this time of the year, should still have extensive snow banks around it. For those who want a relaxed opportunity to see a mix of alpine and subalpine flowers, this is the perfect outing.

H61 Friday, 7/14 7:30am-12pm

Explore Judd Falls

Ken Collins \$75

Level: • Advanced Beginner

Length: 3+ miles on well-packed trail with some rocky & steeper terrain

Along this trail we'll experience excellent displays of wildflowers and wonderful views up the Gothic Valley. We will walk up to the Judd Falls overlook, or time permitting, perhaps a little past it. Judd Falls provides a dramatic turn-around point for our walk.

H48 Sunday, 7/9 8am-12pm

H65 Saturday, 7/15 8am-12pm

Follow the Bloom

Rick Reavis \$65

Level: • Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed trail with some steep & rocky terrain

Join Rick, author of Rocky Mountain Wildflower Guide, for a wildflower identification hike at a leisurely pace with time for questions and photographing the beautiful blooms. The wildflowers in Crested Butte peak at different locations at different times during the summer. He'll take you to where the flowers are at their best!

H40 Monday, 6/26 9am-12pm

H41 Monday, 7/3 9am-12pm

Gothic Wildflowers

Mel Harte \$70

Level: ● Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on well-packed level, rolling terrain

Get up close and personal with rare and unusual flowers near beautiful Gothic Mountain at the Rocky Mountain Biological Lab (RMBL). You'll learn about and identify 60+ kinds of wildflowers (including 2-3 species of ORCHIDS)! Flower lists are supplied-- but it's the stories behind these fascinating flowers that are emphasized!

H05 Friday, 7/7 9:30am-12:30pm

H14 Sunday, 7/9 9:30am-12:30pm

H26 Thursday, 7/13 9:30am-12:30pm

H39 Sunday, 7/16 9:30am-12:30pm

Identifying Wildflowers Using Mobile Apps

Jennifer Ackerfield \$60

Level: ● Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed trail, some steep/rocky terrain

Have you ever wanted to learn how to identify wildflowers with a mobile app? Join Jennifer Ackerfield, head curator of natural history collections at Denver Botanic Gardens, as she guides you through the most popular identification apps available for Colorado wildflowers. You will also learn how to use the iNaturalist app, enabling you to not only identify your photographs but to also become a citizen scientist. Bring your smartphone device and come away confident in your wildflower identifications!

B04 Tuesday, 7/11 9:30am-12pm

Mindfulness in the Meadow

Ann Good \$65

Level: ● Beginner Length: 1-2 miles on well-packed trail

Have you ever sought the deep connection to the plants, the sky, or the deep grounding feel of the Earth while taking in the wildflowers? In this half day experience, retreat deeply into your senses as we walk and sit among the blossoms. Using guided meditation and reflection, experience the abundance of wildflowers in this intimate way. Bring a journal, camp chair, and your curiosity.

H19 Monday, 7/10 8-11am

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Plant Defenses & Survival Strategies

Jennifer Ackerfield \$65

Level: ● Beginner

Length: 2.5 miles on well-packed trail, some rolling/steeper terrain

For the biology lover! This hike will highlight particular plant species' defensive and offensive strategies for survival, including production of plant toxins, responses to herbivory, and competition for territory and pollinators—and how these affect human beings!

B01 Saturday, 7/8 9:30am-12:30pm

Splendor on Snodgrass

Ken Collins \$75

Level: ● Adv. Beginner

Length: 3+ miles with some rocky, steep terrain

Snodgrass Mountain is what makes us the "Wildflower Capital of Colorado!" This hike will take you through fields of flowers in bloom, groves of quaking aspen, stands of spruce and fir trees, with views of Crested Butte Mountain. This lower-elevation wildland and its wetlands also provide habitat for many species, even the elusive Canada lynx. This version of the hike begins on Washington Gulch Road and is appropriate for advanced beginner hikers.

H53 Tuesday, 7/11 8am-12:30pm

Upper Loop to Tony's Trail

Ken Collins \$75

Level: ● Advanced Beginner

Length: 3+ miles on trail with some rocky, uneven terrain

This relatively easy hike is mostly downhill with varied terrain through forest and grasslands. We're likely to see a wide variety of wildflowers with dramatic views of the south side of Mt. Crested Butte as we traverse the Upper Loop trail and connect to Tony's Trail.

H20 Monday, 7/10 8am-12pm



Katherine E. Davis

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What's in a Name?

Jennifer Ackerfield

\$70

Level: • Adv. Beginner

Length: 3.5 miles, some steep, uneven terrain

Have you ever wondered how plants get their scientific and common names? Or why those names can change? On this hike, you will learn the process of naming plant species and why disagreements can exist among botanists. We will even play a game of botanical bingo as we hike, with the winner receiving a fabulous prize at the end! This hike will take place on the beautiful Snodgrass trail, offering a multitude of wildflowers and views of Crested Butte Mountain along the way.

B03 Monday, 7/10

9:30am-1:30pm

New!

Wildflower & Bee ID at RMBL

Dr. Paul CaraDonna

Price: \$75

Level: • Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on well packed, level terrain

What is that bee? Why do our wildflowers depend on them for survival? Dr. Paul CaraDonna from Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory will help you explore the world of bees. You'll spend time in both the classroom/laboratory and wildflower meadows learning the basics of bee identification and their importance to our ecosystems during this hands-on workshop.

H18 Monday, 7/10

9:30am-12:30pm



Kathy Krucker

Wildflower Adventure Jeep Tour

New!

Jeremy Johndrow

\$175

Level: • Beginner

Length: Up to 1 mile of walking on well packed trail. Mobility required to get into and out of the Jeeps.

For the adventurous wildflower enthusiast, JJ's Jeeps will take you off the beaten path to incredible places many will never see! Escape the crowds and experience the stunning beauty of Crested Butte's world-famous wildflowers from the comfort and safety of a legendary Jeep! Enjoy the sun on your face and jaw-dropping vistas of the Elk Mountains from all directions in their custom open top (weather permitting) Jeep Wranglers. Local guides Scott and Jeremy will not only teach you about the wildflowers, but they are knowledgeable in the local history, wildlife and geology as well!

J01 Friday, 7/7

8:30am-12:30pm

J02 Sunday, 7/9

8:30am-12:30pm

J03 Tuesday, 7/11

8:30am-12:30pm

J04 Thursday, 7/13

8:30am-12:30pm

J05 Saturday, 7/15

8:30am-12:30pm

Wildflower ID Walk

Festival Staff

\$40

Level: • Beg. Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Join us for a wildflower identification walk at a leisurely pace, with time for questions and photographing the beautiful blooms! We'll take you where the flowers are at their best!

Kids 8+ with supervision.

H43 Friday, 7/7

1-3pm

Andie Holman

H44 Saturday, 7/8

1-3pm

Meri Wallace

H47 Sunday, 7/9

1-3pm

Andie Holman

H54 Tuesday, 7/11

10am-12pm

Bobby Pogoloff

H57 Thursday, 7/13

1-3pm

Andie Holman

H60 Friday, 7/14

10am-12pm

Jackie Fitzgerald

H67 Sunday, 7/16

10am-12pm

Bobby Pogoloff



Christine Coyle

Wildflowers & Folklore

Leanne Benton \$75

Level: ● Beg. Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

The lives of people and wildflowers have long been intertwined, leading to a rich trove of stories, traditions, and uses about these plants. We'll explore the folklore, myths, histories, and some interesting facts of Crested Butte's beautiful blooms. Fairies, witches, plagues, love, and healing all have a role, as well as a secret language spoken through wildflowers!

H04 Friday, 7/7 9am-1pm
H31 Friday, 7/14 8:30am-12:30pm

Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light

George Delaney/Alex Lambro \$75

Level: ● Beg. Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

This is the perfect way to start your day! You'll stroll through aspens and wildflowers to a perfect spot where you will practice gentle, restorative yoga. Enjoy the stillness morning offers and connect with nature's incredible beauty before the hustle and bustle of the day begins. Expect to walk 2-3 miles. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water, a yoga mat, and a snack.

H10 Saturday, 7/8 7:30-10:30am George Delaney
H22 Tuesday, 7/11 7:30-10:30am George Delaney
H30 Friday, 7/14 8:00-11:00am Alex Lambro

Wildflowers Fit for a Garden

Meri Wallace \$65

Level: ● Beg. Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Meander through wildflower paradise and see splendid specimens in meadows and forests that will thrive in your garden. A relaxed pace will allow for discussion on the availability of wildflowers, the ethics of transplanting them from the wild, and the viability of growing wildflowers from seed. We'll finish at a beautiful garden on the edge of town, showcasing the cultivation of wildflowers.

H06 Friday, 7/7 9:30am-12:30pm
H27 Thursday, 7/13 9:30am-12:30pm

Wonderful Wildflower Connections

Mel Harte \$70

Level: ● Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Explore fascinating connections among wildflowers and animals on the Lower Loop. See over 50 different wildflowers, including the Gunnison mariposa lily! Flower lists are supplied at the beginning, with common and latin names - but it's the stories behind these fascinating flowers that are emphasized!

Ages 10+

H23 Tuesday, 7/11 9:30am-12:30pm
H37 Saturday, 7/15 9:30am-12:30pm



Kathleen Mckinzie

Intermediate Hikes

Intermediate hikes are suitable for people who consider themselves fit and who participate in jogging/walking/hiking activities on a regular basis. You should be able to comfortably travel at a pace of 2-3 miles/hour. Plan on traveling 3-6 miles on narrower, packed and rocky trails with some uneven footing. These events traverse steeper terrain, with 500-1000 feet of elevation gain/loss (steep!). Wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots (NOT tennis shoes), and bring sunscreen and bug spray. Bring at least 32 ounces of water and a snack (or lunch if event is around noon). Rain jacket required. Hiking poles recommended. Children 15+ welcome with supervision.



Matthew McEwan

Beaver Ponds & Wetlands of Ohio Pass

Lynn Cudlip

\$80

Level: ■ Intermediate

Length: 3+ miles on well-packed trail with some rocky & steeper terrain

Enjoy this beautiful hike through old aspen groves to beaver ponds surrounded by the Anthracite Range. We'll explore ferns and wildflowers carpeting the forest floor as well as wetland plants and flowers around the ponds.

H45 Saturday, 7/8

8:30am-1pm

Beckwith Pass Hike

Dawn Kairns

\$85

Level: ■ Intermediate

Length: 5 miles with rocky, steep terrain including a shallow creek crossing.

This trail provides an abundance of wildflower species and spectacular views of the Ruby Range. Elevation gain is gradual with some short steep sections near the pass. The casual pace allows time for discussion of characteristics of plant families, anatomy of the flowers, and their reproductive and survival strategies.

H62 Friday, 7/14

9am-2pm

Geology of Paradise

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

\$80

Level: ■ Intermediate

Length: 3 miles on well packed trail, some steep/uneven terrain

Crested Butte rocks! And why does it rock? The spectacular geology, of course! Learn how this valley was formed from magma, sedimentary rock, and glaciers as we walk through wildflower-filled meadows and woods. You'll find out why this valley is so unique and otherwise known as Paradise.

R03 Monday, 7/10

9am-1pm

R04 Friday, 7/14

9am-1pm

Historic Travel Writing: How to integrate Place into Creative Storytelling

New!

Morgan Tilton

\$95

Level: ■ Intermediate (hiking)

Length: 3 miles on well packed trail with some rocky, steeper terrain

With mule's ears and elephant's head as inspiration, writers will practice sensory engagement with their writing, connecting the past with the present, to hook readers and bring them into the scene while diving into the layers of place. Led by national award-winning travel writer and Crested Butte local Morgan Tilton, we will hike through wildflower meadows to a jaw-dropping Gothic Valley overlook, where we'll share a 60-minute creative writing workshop. We will walk through writing exercises that help us capture the historic and present character of Crested Butte, from the wildflowers to settlements, providing writers with tools that they can use for future storytelling to document experiences and trips. The class size is limited to six participants to maximize interaction with the instructor. Expect to hike approximately three miles on moderately difficult terrain. High clearance, 4WD vehicle recommended.

A17 Sunday, 7/16

8am-12pm



Stephanie Mathena

How to Bring the Scene Alive: Outdoor Creative Writing

Morgan Tilton *New!* \$95

Level: ■ Intermediate (hiking)
Length: 3 miles on well packed trail with some rocky, steeper terrain

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A16 Friday, 7/7 8am-12pm



Judy Keim

In Search of the Fairy Slipper *New!* \$75

Jeff Delaney
Level: ■ Intermediate Length: 3-4 miles on well packed trail with some rocky and steep terrain. Be prepared for creek crossings.

The calypso orchid, aka fairy slipper is as elusive as it is beautiful. However, once you know where, when, and how to look for them you will become experts at finding them. Join CBWF Board Vice President, Jeff Delaney, as he leads you on this fairy slipper hunting adventure. He will show you the secrets of finding this unique orchid and along the way you will also discover other early season bloomers such as red columbine and heart leaved arnica.

H01 Saturday, 6/3 8am-12pm

Lily Lake Wildflowers

Molly Murfee/Leanne Benton/Lynn Cudlip \$80

Level: ■ Intermediate
Length: 4 miles with some rocky, steep terrain

A moderate hike through subalpine forests and meadows carpeted in wildflowers to a lake where water lilies bloom against a backdrop of mountains. 86 different flowers have been identified on this hike!

H07	Friday, 7/7	8:30am-1pm	Lynn Cudlip
H49	Sunday, 7/9	9am-1:30pm	Dawn Kairns
H25	Tuesday, 7/11	8:30am-1pm	Leanne Benton
H38	Saturday, 7/15	8:30am-1pm	Molly Murfee

Lower Deer Creek Trail

Bobby Pogoloff \$75

Level: ■ Intermediate Length: 4+ miles with rocky, steep terrain

Discover the beauty of a locally known, yet infrequently utilized wildflower trail. The out and back hike begins on a 4x4 road and narrows to single track. Enjoy a beautiful, meandering hike through open meadows, glacier-created ponds, and centuries old Aspen groves. Discover diverse displays of Wildflowers and never lose site of awe-inspiring Gothic Mountain. Thorough discussions of the area's wildflowers and natural history will be provided.

H13 Saturday, 7/8 9am-1pm

Medicinal Plants of the Mountains

Leanne Benton \$90

Level: ■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate
Length: 3-4 miles with some rocky and steep terrain

The wildflowers along the Horse Ranch Park trail are not only beautiful, many have served as the grocery store and pharmacy for earlier people and are still used today. We will focus on these edible and medicinal species, plus learn about toxic species to avoid!

C03	Monday, 7/10	8:30am-1:30pm
C04	Saturday, 7/15	9am-2pm

Meditations in Wildflowers

Ivy Kim \$75
Level: ■ ■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate
Length: up to 3 miles on well packed trail and off trail/uneven surfaces



John Schultz

Combine creativity and mindfulness with a wildflower hike. Join local artist and Certified Nature Connected Coach, Ivy Walker to explore your inner terrain while engaging the beauty of the wild landscape. Be in the present moment while held within the inspiring landscape of Crested Butte. This class will alternate between hiking and pausing to invite mindfulness through nature meditations, creative exercises, and deep listening.

Need physical ability to be on and off the trail, crouching, standing, and sitting without a chair in the terrain. Bring a journal or notebook. A portion of this workshop's tuition is donated to 1% for Open Space for the permanent preservation of our gorgeous landscapes.

H64 Saturday, 7/15 8am-12pm

Splendor on Snodgrass - Intermediate

Molly Murfee/Krista Hildebrandt \$75
Level: ■ Intermediate
Length: 3+ miles with rocky, steep terrain

Snodgrass Mountain is what makes us the "Wildflower Capital of Colorado!" This hike will take you through fields of flowers in bloom, groves of quaking aspen, stands of spruce and fir trees, with views of Crested Butte Mountain. This lower-elevation wildland and its wetlands also provide habitat for many species, even the elusive Canada lynx. Please note this event begins at the trailhead on Gothic Rd. with a steep ascent.

H08 Friday, 7/7 8am-12pm Molly Murfee
H15 Sunday, 7/9 8am-12pm Krista Hildebrandt
H34 Thursday, 7/13 8am-12pm Krista Hildebrandt

Three Lakes Hike

Bobby Pogoloff/Krista Hildebrandt \$85
Level: ■ ■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate
Length: 3 miles with rocky, very steep, and uneven terrain

A moderate loop hike through beautiful aspen forests. We'll visit three lakes and be rewarded with stunning views from the top of Beckwith Pass. Expect gorgeous flowers, and some waterfalls along the way. Good chance for mushrooms with a wet summer! Ages 12+

H02 Friday, 7/7 8am-1pm Bobby Pogoloff
H35 Saturday, 7/15 8am-1pm Krista Hildebrandt

Trail 403 to Viewpoint

Dawn Kairns/Molly Murfee/Ken Collins \$80
Level: ■ ■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate
Length: 3-4 miles with some steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

This moderate hike has one of the richest wildflower displays in the valley along with spectacular views of the Elk Mountains and Maroon Bells area. We'll hike up towards Gothic Mountain to the high point where you'll find both alpine and sub-alpine wildflowers including silvery lupine, paintbrush, and spotted saxifrage. High clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required.

H42 Friday, 7/7 8:30am-1:30pm Dawn Kairns
H56 Thursday, 7/13 7:30am-12:30pm Ken Collins
H66 Sunday, 7/16 7:30am-12:30pm Molly Murfee



Kristin Davis

Westside Wildflowers of Mt. Crested Butte

Rick Reavis

\$70

Level: ■ Intermediate

Length: 3+ miles with rocky, steep terrain

This scenic hike meanders through meadows, aspens, and evergreen forests on the western flanks of Mt. Crested Butte. Expect to find a wonderful display of diverse species of wildflowers including the Coralroot Orchid in certain years. Thorough examinations and discussions will be given to the plants observed along the trail.

H50 Sunday, 7/9

9am-1pm

H68 Sunday, 7/16

9am-1pm

Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin

Lynn Cudlip/Ken Collins

\$75

Level: ■■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 3-4+ miles with rocky, steep terrain

Join us as we explore the spectacular wildflowers and wetlands surrounding Lake Irwin. The shoreline passes through a variety of habitats including dense fir forest, lush meadows, and beaver ponds. We'll also explore the beautiful falls on the south side of the dam.



Kelly McIntyre

H09 Saturday, 7/8

8am-12pm

Ken Collins

H33 Friday, 7/14

8am-12pm

Lynn Cudlip

Wildflowers & Wetlands of Swampy Pass

Lynn Cudlip

\$90

Level: ■ Intermediate

Length: 4-5 miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

Enjoy stunning scenery and spectacular views of the iconic Castles rock formations on this hike! It begins with high mountain meadows blanketed with wildflowers and traverses through beautiful aspen forests. We'll observe an abundance of wildflowers and explore riparian areas while enjoying the gorgeous views of the Ohio Creek Valley.

H21 Monday, 7/10

8am-2pm

Advanced & Expert Hikes

Expert hikes are suitable for people who are very physically fit, and who incorporate running, cycling, or other strenuous exercise into their schedule on a regular basis. You should be comfortable traveling at a pace of 3 miles/hour...uphill! Plan on traveling 5-8 miles (or more) on steep, often rocky terrain, and expect some off-trail hiking across talus slopes. Footing can be tricky and many of these hikes contain creek/river crossings and



Patrick Garrett

include traveling across areas that are narrow and exposed to cliffs/drop-offs. Elevation gain/loss can exceed 1,500 vertical feet (very steep!). These hikes are not suitable for anyone with medical issues that prevent them from exerting themselves or who have a history of altitude sickness when traveling to mountain areas. Sturdy hiking BOOTS, complete rain gear (jacket & pants), sunscreen, bug spray, hat, 2 liters of water, and substantial snacks and lunch required. Hiking poles recommended. Read event descriptions carefully to learn if sandals/river shoes are required. If you have traveled to Crested Butte from sea level it is recommended that you spend at least 24 hours in Crested Butte prior to your event departure time to acclimate to the altitude change.

Baxter Gulch

Rick Reavis

\$70

Level: ■◆ Intermediate-Advanced

Length: 3 miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

This new classic trail took 8 years of construction and is a new gem in the mix of trails close to the Town of Crested Butte. You'll ascend through aspen forest then traverse across southern slopes filled with mules ear, aspen sunflower, and lupine. A decent to the creek marks the turn-around point, or if time permits, ascend the wooded slopes on the other side and search for the elusive fairy slipper.

H52 Monday, 7/10

9am-1pm

Botany Bounty in the Slate River Valley

Jennifer Ackerfield

Level: ■♦ Intermediate-Advanced

Length: 4-5 miles with steep and rocky terrain

New!

\$80

The Oh Be Joyful trail is one of the most scenic trails in Crested Butte. On this trip, we will begin at Slate River, winding our way up the trail through a glacial valley on the east side of Ruby Range. Wildflower filled meadows await! Along the way we will also encounter waterfalls as well as some uncommon wildflowers.

B02 Sunday, 7/9

8:30am-2:30pm

Discoveries Along the Dyke Trail

Luke Tembrock

Level: ■♦ Intermediate-Advanced

Length: 6 miles with steep and rocky terrain

\$75

This trip will begin with a focus on the higher altitude flora such as lupines, various sunflower family species, and buttercup family species. As the trail progresses downwards in elevation we will examine the plants and flowers associated with the several south facing parks and the scree plants found adjacent to the trail's namesake – an intrusive igneous dyke. Thereafter the focus will be on the plants associated with aspen forests (this is one of the largest in North America) as the trail winds down to a glacial bench. The trip will conclude with a final look around the large open meadow that is Horse Ranch Park.

Please note: we will drop cars at Horse Ranch Park and car-pool to the start, then reverse at the end. Please plan on using your vehicle.

H51 Monday, 7/10

8:30am-1pm



Lisa Manning

Hike to Aspen

Colorado Backcountry

Level: ♦♦ Expert/Extreme

Length: 11-13 miles with very steep, rocky, uneven terrain and exposed areas

Please note: there may be avalanche debris preventing the shuttle from accessing the trailhead which increases the distance of the hike by 2 miles. Be prepared to hike 13 miles

Creek crossings required-- bring sandals/river shoes!

Join us for our signature event on a trip over Colorado's most scenic mountain pass! From the Crested Butte side of the Elk Range, we'll ascend West Maroon Pass, cross the Elk Mountain Divide, then descend beneath the dramatic flanks of Maroon Bells and Pyramid Peak. This hike is easily Colorado's most spectacular wildflower adventure – the combination of lush vegetation, alpine tundra, and colorful geology are unrivaled. We'll enjoy dinner in Aspen (meal not included) and return to Crested Butte via shuttle. Transportation to the trailhead and from Aspen back to Crested Butte included.

H24 Tuesday, 7/11

6am-10pm

Lost Lake and Beckwith Pass

Luke Tembrock

Level: ♦ Advanced

Length: Approximately 8 miles with steep and rocky terrain

\$90

This scenic adventure travels through one of the largest aspen forests in North America and meanders through open parks of wildflowers before descending on the Cliff Creek trail to Horse Ranch Park. The meadows between Lost Lake and Beckwith Pass are filled with prime examples of Case's Corydalis, Oshá, and Corn Lily, wildflowers said to be emblematic of the West Elk mountains. Enjoy these species along with numerous other montane flowers along with excellent views of Marcelina Mountain, the Beckwith Mountains, the Ruby Range, and the Dyke Trail.

Please note: we will drop cars at Horse Ranch Park and car-pool to Lost Lake, then reverse at the end. Please plan on using your vehicle.

H16 Sunday, 7/9

8am-2pm

Point Lookout

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

Level: ♦ *Advanced-Expert*

Length: 8.5 miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain, 2,000 feet of elevation gain

You'll explore two different wildflower environments, aspen groves and meadows on our ascent, and a shaded environment and its vastly contrasting wildflower species on our descent. We will climb up the #409 trail to Point Lookout through stands of quaking aspen and meadows of wildflowers that typically include vast fields of sunflowers and lupine. We then leave the open meadows and their glorious wildflowers and aspen groves and descend into conifers with the shade loving wildflowers in their understory. These species include louseworts and heart shaped arnica and columbine, among many others. This hike requires a car shuttle, as we will hike one-way. Please plan on driving your vehicle.

H03 Friday, 7/7

7:30am-2:30pm

Poverty Gulch & Daisy Pass

Molly Murfee

Level: ♦♦ *Expert*

Length: 6-8+ miles with very steep, rocky, uneven and exposed terrain

Bring sandals/river shoes for creek crossings.

This adventure has it all! Waterfalls around every corner. Wildflowers of every variety blanketing steep hillsides. Dramatic mountain views extending for miles from the Maroon Bells to Scarp Ridge. We'll travel from Poverty Gulch to the top of Daisy Pass and take in the views of the mountains surrounding the Oh-be-joyful valley. It's a hiking experience you won't forget.

H12 Saturday, 7/8

7:30am-3:30pm

New!

\$90



John Zemaitis

The Ruby of the Rockies

Krista Hildebrandt

Level: ■♦ *Intermediate-Advanced*

Length: 3-5 miles with rocky, steep and uneven terrain

This hike is referred to in the trail guide as "classic and unique," and for good reason. It skirts the grandiose rock "Dyke" outcrop of the Ruby Range as it weaves and winds through one of North America's largest aspen forests. A wonderful selection of flowers can be seen here, including a few not present in other areas around Crested Butte.

H63 Friday, 7/14

8:30am-2pm

Rustler's Gulch

Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney/Molly Murfee

Level: ♦ *Advanced-Expert*

Length: 5-6 miles with steep, rocky terrain, mud, and creek crossings.

River shoes/sandals required.

One of our favorite hikes through meadows and pine forest to a beautiful alpine basin. A plethora of waist-high flowers and elusive beauties abound, including monkey flower, parry's primrose, & bog orchid. A variety of rushing water distinguishes this trail and establishes a habitat rich with riparian flora. Be prepared for water crossings!

H17 Monday, 7/10

7:30am-4pm

Molly Murfee

H36 Saturday, 7/15

7:30am-4pm

Tom Zeiner
& Jeff Delaney



Patricia Zishka

Scarp Ridge

Leanne Benton/Molly Murfee \$95
Level: ♦ Advanced-Expert
Length: 4 miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

Join us for this incredible hike above Lake Irwin. You'll traverse across wildflower-covered hillsides and climb above treeline to reach one of the most spectacular ridges in the Elk Mountains. The views include six 14,000 ft. peaks and one of the most abundant and diverse displays of wildflowers in the Gunnison Valley, often including masses of alpine sunflowers.

H46 Sunday, 7/9 7:30am-2pm Leanne Benton
H59 Friday, 7/14 7:30am-2pm Molly Murfee

Wildflowers & Waterfalls in the Oh-Be-Joyful Valley

Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney /Molly Murfee \$95
Level: ♦ Advanced
Length: 6+ miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

Join this spectacular hike through the Oh Be Joyful valley! You'll encounter gorgeous wildflower filled fields, beaver ponds, and waterfalls as we make our way towards the high alpine meadows and basins below Blue Lake. Multiple water crossings along the way. River shoes/sandals required.

H55 Tuesday, 7/11 7:30am-2:30pm Molly Murfee
H58 Thursday, 7/13 7:30am-2:30pm Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney



Jackie Bludworth

Wildflowers of West Maroon Pass

New! \$150

Colorado Backcountry
Level: ♦♦ Expert
Length: 6-8 miles with very steep, rocky, uneven, and exposed terrain

Colorado Backcountry is currently the only guide/outfitter permitted to lead hikes in this incredible wilderness area. Join them on an exciting adventure in the stunning valley beneath West Maroon Pass. We'll explore this amazing valley using a collection of trails and then head up to the summit of West Maroon Pass. You can expect amazing wildflowers, challenging hiking, extraordinary views, and an unforgettable experience. Ages 16+. High clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required.

H28 Thursday, 7/13 7am-4pm



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