

GRAND VALLEY HIKERS - 2018 HIKING SCHEDULE					
DATE	HIKE NAME	AREA	RATING	LEADER	CAR POOL \$
21-Mar	Hikers Meeting	6:30 pm GVRC			
5-Apr	Highline Lake Loop	Loma	1/1	Betsy L.	8
12-Apr	Kodels Canyon	Fruita	2/2	Al	7
19-Apr	Main Canyon	Cameo	2/1	Ron	5
26-Apr	Mary's Loop	Kokopelli	2/2	Dick B.	7
3-May	Palisade Rim	Palisade	2/2	Dick B.	5
10-May	Liberty Cap	CNM	2/3	J.C.	7
17-May	Big Dominguez Canyon	Whitewater	2/2	Pat C.	9
24-May	Tellerico Trail	Grand Junction	3/3		8
31-May	Tabeguache Trail	Whitewater	2/2	Ron	6
7-Jun	Monument Canyon	Fruita	2/2	Pat C.	7
14-Jun	West Elk	New Castle	2/2		7
21-Jun	Three Forks	Rifle	2/2	Al	6
28-Jun	Avalanche Creek	Redstone	2/2		9
5-Jul	Babbish Gulch	Sunlight	2/2	Al	8
12-Jul	Red Hill Area	Carbondale	2/2		8
19-Jul	Grizzly Creek	Glenwood Canyon	3/2	Pat C.	6
26-Jul	Broderick Creek	Redstone	2/2		9
2-Aug					
9-Aug	Battlement Reservoir	Battlement Mesa	3/3	Tom N.	4
16-Aug	Hay Park/Thomas Lakes	Carbondale	2/2,3/3	/Pat O.	8
23-Aug	Sawyer Lake Trail	Ruedi Reservoir	2/2	J.C./Pat O.	8
30-Aug	Solom Springs	Dotsero	2/2	Betsy L.	9
6-Sep	West Bench Trail	Grand Mesa	2/2		7
13-Sep	Rim View/Deep Creek	Grand Mesa	2/2		7
20-Sep					
27-Sep	Crag Crest (Picnic)	Grand Mesa	2/3		7
4-Oct	Mt. Garfield	Grand Junction	2/3	Tom N.	6
11-Oct					
18-Oct	Black Ridge Trail	CNM	2/2		7
25-Oct	Pollock Bench Loop	Fruita	3/2	Pat C.	7
1-Nov	Ribbon Trail	Bangs Canyon	2/2+		7
8-Nov	McDonald Creek Canyon	Rabbit Valley	2/2		9
15-Nov	Rabbit's Ear Trail	Rabbit Valley	2/2	Betsy L.	9
22-Nov	Thanksgiving	No Hike			
29-Nov	Commence snowshoe/x-country ski schedule				

**Hiking Rating** (ratings are subjective and may be inaccurate due to weather, changed conditions or interpretation)

**Distance**

- 1 = Less than 4 miles
- 2 = 4 to 7 miles
- 3 = 7+ miles

**Difficulty**

- 1= easy
- 2 = moderate
- 3 = more

Meet every Thursday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level of the Grand Valley Recreation Center parking lot at 8:15 a.m. to assemble and car pool and for a prompt 8:30 departure. For some, particularly down-valley hikers, it is not practical to meet us at the Rec Center parking lot. We will meet you at the trailhead (let us know if you plan to be there) or at the Colorado Welcome Center in Fruita if we are going to the Fruita area or points west. We join up there at 9:30 a.m. We can make similar type arrangements for up-valley hikers. The money for car pooling is for gas and applies to the hikers car pooling from the Rec Center parking lot and is paid to your driver.

The Grand Valley Hikers is a totally volunteer group. The leader, the hiking group, nor the Recreation Center is responsible for your safety or comfort. You hike and travel at your own risk.

Hikes may be changed or cancelled due to weather or other circumstances. Call the designated hike leader if you are in doubt. Also check your email as we will try to notify everyone by email if we know of a change prior to Thursday.

Always bring water, lunch, hat sunscreen, insect repellent, a basic first aid kit, and rain gear. Be prepared for possible foul weather as it can change quickly. Wear good hiking boots that are well broken in.

All hike leaders should scout the hike a few days in advance of the hike, unless the trail and conditions are well known. If the designated leader has a conflict and is unable to lead, it is their responsibility to find a substitute leader familiar with the hike.

We try to hike as a group, but some folks' paces are faster than others. We discourage one hiker splitting off or going ahead of the leader. If two or three wish to go ahead, they should clear it with the leader. If someone is having trouble keeping up or wishes to turn back early, notify the leader so that someone can accompany you. This is a matter of courtesy to the leader and is for your own safety. It also gives the rest of the group peace of mind that all are accounted for.

It is recommended that all hikers purchase a Colorado Outdoor Search and Rescue card. The cost is nominal and it covers you to costs incurred by volunteer search and rescue teams authorized by local sheriffs in the event you need their help. It is also a worthwhile group to support. Hunters and anglers are covered by a fee added to their license purchase. For more information contact the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (970-248-7310) or [www.state.con.us/searchandrescue](http://www.state.con.us/searchandrescue) or your local merchant that sells hunting and fishing licenses.