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# 2022 Program Guide



Artwork by Nicholas Reti

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# 2022 Events

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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*

# 2021 Photo Contest



**Jake Welsh** ▲

First Place



**Austin Pedersen** ►

Second Place

## Pre-Festival Events

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### Monday, June 20

9am-12pm	Follow the Bloom	● H32	45
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### Monday, June 27

9am-12pm	Follow the Bloom	● H33	45
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### Tuesday, June 28

9am-12pm	Geobotany of Crested Butte	● R01	28
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### Tuesday, July 5

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### Thursday, July 7

4:30-6pm	Member Event: Wildflower & Wine Happy Hour	M01	29
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## Festival Events

### Friday, July 8

7-11 am	Wildflower Landscapes	P01	37
7:30-10:30am	Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light	● H34	50
8am-12:30pm	Walrod's Wildflowers & Caves	■ H37	55
8:30am-12:30pm	Wildflowers & Folklore	● H01	49
8:30am-1pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	■ H03	53
8:30am-1pm	Trail 403 to Viewpoint	● H35	48
9am-12pm	Member Event: A-Bee-Cs of Wildflower Pollination	● M02	30
9am-1pm	Geology of Paradise	● R03	28
9:30am-12pm	Butterflies of Brush Creek	● F01	21
9:30am-12:30pm	Wonderful Wildflower Connections	● H02	50
9:30am-1pm	Watercolor Workshop in the Garden	A01	18
10am-12pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H36	49
1-3pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	● G02	41
1-3:30pm	Butterflies of Brush Creek	● F02	21
3-4:30pm	Gardens to Glass	C01	25
4-8pm	Member Event: Evening of Wildflower Photography	M09	31

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### Saturday, July 9

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5-9am	Sunrise Photography at Peanut Lake	P03	35
7-11 am	Wildflower Close-Ups	P02	36
7am-4pm	Red Lady Summit	◆◆ H06	60
8am-12pm	Explore Emerald Lake Basin	● H39	44
8:30am-12:30pm	Splendor on Snodgrass	■ H05	55
8:30am-1pm	Beaver Ponds & Wetlands of Ohio Pass	● H40	44
9am-12:30pm	Plein Air Watercolor Along the Woods Walk	A02	16
9am-2pm	Medicinal Plants of the Mountains	●■ C05	26
9:30-11:30am	Wild Food Feasting & Foraging	C02	27
9:30-12:30am	Gothic Wildflowers	● H04	46
9:30am-1:30pm	What's in a Name?	●■ B01	24
9:30am-2pm	Alpine Butterflies of Mt. Crested Butte	●■ F03	20
10am-2pm	Geology & Wildflowers Van Tour	● R04	28
10:30am-12:30pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	● G03	41
1-3pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H38	49
1-4pm	Travel Journaling with Watercolor	● A03	17
5-7:30pm	Gardens and Ghosts	● G01	40

### Sunday, July 10

7:30am-12pm	iPhone Photography & Editing Workshop	P16	34
7:30am-2pm	Wildflowers & Waterfalls in the Oh-be-joyful Valley	■◆ H08	56
7:30am-4pm	Member Event: Exclusive Fairy Slipper Hike	◆ M06	30
8am-2pm	Wildflowers & Wetlands of Swampy Pass	■ H45	57
8:30am-12:30pm	Upper Loop to Tony's Trail	● H44	49
8:30am-1:30pm	Copley Lake Wildflowers	■◆ H43	52
8:30am-2pm	Beckwith Pass Amble	●■ H41	51
9:30am-1:30pm	Alpine Wildflowers of Mt. Crested Butte	■ H07	51
10am-12pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H42	49
10am-2pm	Butterflies of Lily Lake	●■ F04	22
10:30am-1pm	Historic Garden Tour	● G04	40
1-5pm	Purple Mountain Splendor in Watercolor	A04	16
3-4:30pm	Wild Crafted Cocktails	C07	27
4-8pm	Evening of Wildflower Photography	P04	33



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### Monday, July 11

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6:30 am-4:30 pm	Old Crystal Mill Photography Adventure	◆ P06	34
7-11 am	Wildflower Master Class	P05	37
7:30-11:30 am	Birding Among the Woods Walk	● F05	21
7:30 am-4:30 pm	Rustler Gulch	◆ H09	60
8 am-12 pm	Explore Judd Falls	● H50	44
8:30 am-1 pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	■ H11	53
9-11 am	Nicholas Reti Garden & Studio Tour	● A18	15
9 am-12 pm	A-Bee-Cs of Wildflower Pollination	● H71	43
9 am-1 pm	Member Event: Geology of Paradise	● M10	31
9:30-11:30 am	Flower Pressing Arts	A07	15
9:30 am-12 pm	Identifying Wildflowers Using Mobile Apps	● B02	23
9:30 am-12:30 pm	Gothic Wildflowers	● H10	46
9:30 am-1 pm	Westside Wildflowers at CBMR	■ H51	56
10 am-2 pm	Butterflies of Kebler Pass & Lake Irwin	● ■ F06	22
1-3 pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	● G05	41
1-5 pm	Wildflower Batik in Watercolor	A06	18
3-8 pm	Private Evening of Wildflower Photography	P07	33
5-7:30 pm	Member Event: Gardens and Ghosts	● M05	31

### Tuesday, July 12

6 am-10 pm	Hike to Aspen	◆◆ H57	59
7:30-10:30 am	RMBL Interpretive Wildflower Tours	● H14	48
7:30-11:30 am	Birding Among the Upper Loop Wildflowers	● ■ F07	20
7:30 am-12 pm	iPhone Photography & Editing Workshop	P17	34
7:30 am-2 pm	Scarp Ridge	◆ H12	60
8 am-12:30 pm	Walrod's Wildflowers & Caves	■ H54	55
8 am-1 pm	Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin	● ■ H55	57
8:30 am-1 pm	Trail 403 to Viewpoint	● H52	48
9 am-12 pm	Plant Defenses and Survival Strategies	● ■ B03	24
9:30-11:30 am	The Home Apothecary	C03	26

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9:30 am-12:30 pm	Wonderful Wildflower Connections	● H13	50
10 am-12 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H53	49
10 am-1 pm	Capturing Wildflowers with Colored Pencils	A10	14
10 am-2 pm	Butterflies of Copper Creek	● F08	21
10:30 am-1 pm	Historic Garden Tour	● G06	40
4:30-7 pm	Wildflower Watercolor & Wine	A09	19
4:30-7 pm	Member Event: Member Appreciation Party	M03	29

### Wednesday, July 13

4:30-7 pm	Member Event: Wildflower Watercolor & Wine	M04	32
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### Thursday, July 14

5-9 am	Sunrise Photography on Snodgrass Mountain	P09	36
7-11 am	Wildflower Close-Ups	P08	36
7:30-10:30 am	RMBL Interpretive Wildflower Tours	● H19	48
7:30-11:30 am	Birding Among the Woods Walk	● F09	21
7:30 am-3:30 pm	Poverty Gulch & Daisy Pass	◆◆ H60	59
8 am-12 pm	Explore Emerald Lake Basin	● H59	44
8:30 am-1 pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	■ H16	53
8:30 am-1:30 pm	Discoveries Along the Dyke Trail	■ ◆ H17	52
9-11 am	Lavender Fest	A12	15
9 am-1 pm	Geology of Paradise	● R05	28
9 am-1 pm	Lower Deer Creek	■ H15	54
9 am-1 pm	Mindfulness in the Meadow	● H56	47
9:30 am-12:30 pm	Gothic Wildflowers	● H18	46
9:30 am-1 pm	Watercolor Workshop in the Garden	A08	18
10 am-12 pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	● G07	41
10 am-12 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H58	49
4-8 pm	Evening of Wildflower Photography	P10	33
4:30-7 pm	Wildflower Painting & Prosecco	A11	19
5-7:30 pm	Gardens and Ghosts	● G08	40

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### Friday, July 15

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7-11 am	Wildflower Master Class	P11	37
7:30-10:30 am	Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light	● H61	50
7:30-11:30 am	Birding Among the Upper Loop Wildflowers	● ■ F10	20
7:30 am-2 pm	Wildflowers & Waterfalls in the Oh-be-joyful Valley	■ ◆ H24	56
8 am-12 pm	Explore Judd Falls	● H64	44
8 am-12:30 pm	Trail 403 to Viewpoint	● H62	48
8 am-1 pm	Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin	● ■ H65	57
8 am-2 pm	Lost Lake and Beckwith Pass	■ ◆ H22	53
8:30 am-1 pm	Member Event: Lily Lake Wildflowers	■ M07	32
9 am-2 pm	Medicinal Plants of the Mountains	● ■ C06	26
9:30 am-12:30 pm	Wonderful Wildflower Connections	● H23	50
10 am-12 pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	● G09	41
10 am-1 pm	Photography Editing Workshop	P12	35
10 am-1 pm	Wildflowers Fit for a Garden	● H20	50
1-3 pm	Felted Wool Wildflowers	A14	14
1-3 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H63	49
4-5:30 pm	Gardens to Glass	C04	25
4:30-7 pm	Wildflower Watercolor & Wine	A13	19

### Saturday, July 16

7-11 am	Wildflower Landscapes	P13	37
7:30-11:30 am	Birding Among the Woods Walk	● F11	21
7:30-11:30 am	RMBL Interpretive Wildflower Tours	● ■ H28	54
7:30 am-2 pm	Scarp Ridge	◆ H27	60
7:30 am-4:30 pm	Rustler Gulch	◆ H25	60
8 am-12:30 pm	Trail 403 to Viewpoint	● H68	48
8:30 am-12:30 pm	Wildflowers & Folklore	● H21	49
8:30 am-1 pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	■ H26	53
9 am-12 pm	A-Bee-Cs of Wildflower Pollination	● H72	43
9 am-2 pm	Ruby of the Rockies	■ H66	55
9:30 am-1:30 pm	Aquatic & Carnivorous Plants of Crested Butte	● B04	23
10 am-12 pm	Felted Wool Wildflowers	A16	14

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10 am-12 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H67	49
10 am-2 pm	Geology & Wildflowers Van Tour	● R06	28
1-3 pm	Member Event: Wildflower ID Walk	● M08	32
1-3:30 pm	Historic Garden Tour	● G10	40
1-4 pm	Watercolor in the Garden	A15	17
4-8 pm	Evening of Wildflower Photography	P14	33

### Sunday, July 17

5-9 am	Sunrise Photography at Peanut Lake	P15	35
8 am-12 pm	Splendor on Snodgrass	■ H29	55
8:30 am-1 pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	■ H31	53
9 am-1 pm	Geology of Paradise	● R07	28
9:30 am-12:30 pm	Gothic Wildflowers	● H30	46
9:30 am-1:30 pm	Alpine Wildflowers at CBMR	■ H70	51
9:30 am-1 pm	Plein Air Watercolor Along the Woods Walk	● A17	16
10 am-12 pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	● G11	41
10 am-12 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	● H69	49





## Events & Exhibitions During the 2022 Wildflower Festival

### **Nicholas Reti Garden & Studio Tour** by RSVP only

*Monday, July 11, 9am - 11am*

Join us at Nicholas Reti's studio and home garden for a morning of art, flowers, and poster signing. See the artist's studio and have first look at several of his newest wildflower pieces. Coffee, orange juice, and pastries will be provided. This is a private, limited capacity event, so please RSVP early to the gallery at (970) 349-5936 or [cb@ohbejoyfulgallery.com](mailto:cb@ohbejoyfulgallery.com).

### **Bramble & Bloom Collaboration** July 8-15, 10am - 8pm daily

Join us for a collaboration between Oh Be Joyful Gallery and local florist Bramble & Bloom for a one-of-a-kind immersive installation of art and flowers. Gallery Artists will be present, making demonstration paintings of the floral installation throughout the week. Come see it early while the flowers are at their freshest! To celebrate the 36th annual Crested Butte Wildflower Festival, the gallery will also be hosting an exhibition of wildflower themed artwork.

### **Wildflower Gallery Walk** July 8-17

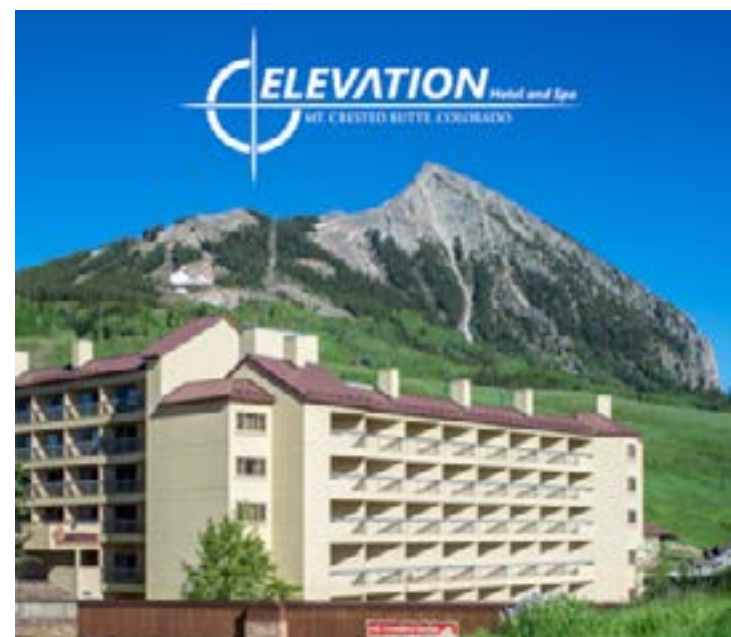
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Join participating art galleries in Crested Butte as they display floral themed works in celebration of this year's Crested Butte Wildflower Festival! This will be a self-guided tour, welcome throughout the duration of the Festival. Learn about our local art scene, artists, and what the Festival means to them by visiting each gallery on the map! Map and participating gallery information is available at the Wildflower Festival Headquarters (716 Elk Ave) and at Oh Be Joyful Gallery (409 3rd Street) in Crested Butte.

### **Wildflower Exhibition at Oh Be Joyful Gallery**

*July 8-17, 10am - 8pm daily*

Oh Be Joyful Gallery will be hosting its second annual exhibition of floral artwork to coincide with the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival. Featured Artists include Charleston painter Marissa Vogl who captures the ethereal essence and fleeting, wild beauty of a composition of flowers. Her work speaks of a simple, whimsical pleasure brought about by all things floral – whether wild and free or perfectly posed. We're excited to announce that Marissa will be present for the early days of the Festival, painting an in-gallery floral installation – stop by to see for yourself during the Festival! Santa Fe artist Douglas Atwill has been painting gardens since his arrival on the fine art scene in 1969. A vision all his own, Doug's florals are full of movement, pattern and energy. His expression of a love for flowers is perfectly unique, and beautifully rendered on each colorful canvas. This exhibition will also feature works by Festival poster artist Nicholas Reti, Ivy Kim, Clive Tyler, Peggy Morgan Stenmark, and more!



### **ELEVATION HOTEL & SPA**

**BIKE RENTALS // SPA // SLOPE-SIDE DINING**

Elevation Hotel and Spa is the only full service slopes-side resort in Crested Butte. After a long day of hiking or biking through Crested Butte's beautiful wildflowers beautiful wildflowers, enjoy an array of spa treatments and scenic dining just steps away from the chairlifts.



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A scenic landscape photograph featuring a vibrant rainbow arching across a blue sky with soft clouds. Below the rainbow, a range of rugged mountains is visible, with the foreground dominated by tall green stalks bearing clusters of bright purple flowers.

# *Workshops*

Background photo: Eric Phillips

**Art**

**Birding & Butterflies**

**Botany**

**Culinary & Medicinal**

**Geology & Geobotany**

**Members Only**

**Photography**

## Art

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

### Capturing Wildflowers with Colored Pencils

Peggy Stenmark

*New!*

\$70

Join Peggy, our 2015 poster artist, 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 on paper, using reference photos (provided by the instructor, or bring your own), to sketch, and color, wildflowers endemic to the Crested Butte area. After getting these basics, you'll be ready to draw any flower you see!



Peggy Stenmark

**Please bring the following supplies:** Small sketch book (roughly 5" x 8"), graphite pencil (2B), small box of colored pencils, and eraser. These materials are available for purchase at Pfister's Handworks, 302 Elk Ave., Crested Butte.

A10 Tuesday, 7/12

10am-1pm

### Felted Wool Wildflowers

Megan Hammer

\$75

Learn the art of needle-felting! You'll create a beautiful Crested Butte mountain landscape and your favorite wildflowers using only wool and a needle! Registration includes step-by-step and individual creative guidance, as well as a kit (yours to keep)



Megan Hammer

with tools to continue felting at home! Artist Megan Hammer will guide you in creating your mountain landscape with your choice of wildflowers using a wide selection of colors. Your finished work of art will be framed in a 4" embroidery hoop, ready to display! Learn more about Megan and her botanical-inspired felted wool fiber art at [meganhammer.com](http://meganhammer.com).

A14 Friday, 7/15

1-3pm

A16 Saturday, 7/16

10am-12pm

### Flower Pressing Arts

Susan Evans

\$70

Spend an enjoyable morning creating your own masterpieces with gorgeous, pressed flowers from the garden. Discover the best flowers to grow, best procedures for collecting, and how to press for optimal color, durability, and long life. Participants will make beautiful bookmarks, botanical gift cards, and a dipped floral candle to take home. Handout and all materials provided. Great for gift giving!

A07 Monday, 7/11

9:30-11:30am

### Lavender Fest

Susan Evans

\$75

Come and learn all the many health and wellness benefits of this beautiful, fragrant, and easy to grow plant. Discover how to use lavender for everything from insomnia and anxiety to cooking and skin care. We'll make Herbes-de-Provence seasoning blend, soothing lavender/calendula lip balm, conditioning herbal hair rinse, fragrant lavender sachets to scent drawers or to use in the dryer, and a refreshing, herbal facial toner. Handout with recipes and take-home samples included.

A12 Thursday, 7/14

9-11am

### Nicholas Reti Garden & Studio Tour

*New!*

Nicholas Reti

Free/by RSVP only

Join us at Nicholas Reti's studio and home garden for a morning of art, flowers, and poster signing. See the artist's studio and have first look at several of his newest wildflower pieces. Coffee, orange juice, and pastries will be provided. This is a private, limited capacity event, so please RSVP early to the gallery at (970) 349-5936 or [cb@ohbejoyfulgallery.com](mailto:cb@ohbejoyfulgallery.com).



A18 Monday, 7/11

9-11am



## Plein Air Watercolor Along the Woods Walk

Annie Starr

\$95

Aspens, daisies and sage! Saunter through the cool aspens and paint in a sunny wildflower meadow. In this workshop participants will have time for a short walk, flower identification, and watercolor painting. This landscape painting workshop will include instruction in the use of liquid watercolors on aqua board, all materials are provided.

Be prepared to walk 1+ miles to and from the meadow. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a sun hat, camp chair and a snack and water.

A02 Saturday, 7/9

9am-12:30pm

A17 Sunday, 7/17

9:30am-1pm

## Purple Mountain Splendor in Watercolor

Paula Moore

*New!*

\$95

Capture the mountain's essence by painting Paula Moore's rendition of the oil painting by artist, Dorothy Dent. Her design is used by permission. All supplies, use of materials & written instructions are included to paint this idyllic scene. You'll also make a valuable technique guide as we explore art theories and tips to create the cool hues of atmospheric perspective and the babbling brook & foliage textures. Confident Beginners to Advanced painters will enjoy the process! You'll leave with a beautiful 11 x 14 watercolor painting.



Paula Moore

A04 Sunday, 7/10

1-5pm

## Travel Journaling with Watercolor

Paula Moore

*New!*

\$85



Paula Moore

Join us for this fun workshop where you will make & create a personal travel journal. All quality materials & supplies are included to make a 6"x9"

watercolor journal using your own set of quality watercolor pencils. Paula Moore will share several of her tips, techniques, & original designs inspiring you to capture your own fond travel memories. Elementary students to adults will enjoy this workshop!

A03 Saturday, 7/9

1-4pm

## Watercolor in the Garden

Denise Liebl

*New!*

\$85

Surround yourself with unbelievable wildflowers and the guidance of an encouraging instructor in this outdoor course focusing on the basics of watercolor, using wildflowers as our subjects. Set up in the shade of a local garden 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 layer 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. Painting supplies provided. Bring camp chair, hat, sunscreen, water.

A15 Saturday, 7/16

1-4pm

## Watercolor Workshop in the Garden

Annie Starr

\$95

In this plein air watercolor painting workshop participants will be inspired by mountains and flowers in the Three Ladies Park. This location has it all with beautiful views of Paradise Divide and a stunning wildflower garden. All materials are provided, we will be creating with liquid watercolors on Aqua board. Please wear comfortable clothing, bring a camp chair, hat, sunscreen, and water.

A01 Friday, 7/8

9:30am-1pm

A08 Thursday, 7/14

9:30am-1pm

## Wildflower Batik in Watercolor

Paula Moore

*New!*

\$95

Want to explore an innovative painting style in watercolor batik? Paula Moore will lead you step-by-step through the process where you will apply paint & then melted paraffin wax on rice paper. The use of all materials and supplies are included to make this treasured souvenir of your visit to the Wildflower Festival 2022. Every piece will be uniquely different as we literally iron out the wax leaving you with a treasured 11 x 14 painting you will roll up to safely take home. Confident beginners to advanced crafters will enjoy this workshop!



Paula Moore

A06 Monday, 7/11

1-5pm

## Wildflower Painting & Prosecco

Mary Tuck

\$80

Join in an evening of creativity and fun with a guided painting session to paint local wildflowers in vibrant hues. If you have always wanted to paint, but don't know where to begin, OR if you are looking to brush up on your creative skills, this is the workshop for you! The instructor guides the class, step-by-step through a painting, demonstrating skills and showing painting techniques as she goes, proving that ANYONE can create a beautiful painting. No painting or drawing experience is required, so RELAX, sip on a cocktail, and enjoy getting creative in a low-stress environment. Participants 12 and up are welcome, but you must be 21 or older to enjoy the wine!



Mary Tuck

A11 Thursday, 7/14

4:30-7pm

## Wildflower Watercolor & Wine

Karen Hill

\$80

Join local watercolor artist, Karen Hill, for a step-by-step watercolor painting class with wildflowers as the subject. Karen guides 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!

A09 Tuesday, 7/12

4:30-7pm

A13 Friday, 7/15

4:30-7pm

M04 Wednesday, 7/13 reserved for our \$250+ members

4:30-7pm



# Birding & Butterflies



Stephen Barton

## Alpine Butterflies of Mt. Crested Butte

Sara Simonson

\$85

Level: ■ ■ Advanced Beginner – Intermediate

Length: 3-4 miles with rocky and steep terrain

We'll ride the lift up Mt. Crested Butte for this alpine butterfly tour. Enjoy expansive mountain views, lush wildflowers, and numerous aspen groves on this moderate hike. Some of the best views of Gothic Mountain can be seen from the lift and along the trail. Lift ticket included, bring your own sack lunch. Kids 13+ with supervision.

F03 Saturday, 7/9

9:30am-2pm

## Birding Among the Upper Loop Wildflowers

Jacque Fisher

\$75

Level: ■ ■ Advanced 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.

F07 Tuesday, 7/12

7:30-11:30am

F10 Friday, 7/15

7:30-11:30am



Kathleen Zemaitis

## Birding Among the Woods Walk

Jacque Fisher

\$75

Level: ■ Beginner

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

Birds abound! We'll meander the nearby Woods Walk 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.

F05 Monday, 7/11

7:30-11:30am

F09 Thursday, 7/14

7:30-11:30am

F11 Saturday, 7/16

7:30-11:30am

## Butterflies of Brush Creek

Sara Simonson

\$55

Level: ■ Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on level and rolling 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.

F01 Friday, 7/8

9:30am-12pm

F02 Friday, 7/8

1-3:30pm

## Butterflies of Copper Creek

Sara Simonson

\$75

Level: ■ ■ Advanced Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 4+ miles with rocky and steep terrain



Jennifer Nicholas

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 Tuesday, 7/12

10am-2pm



## Butterflies of Kebler Pass & Lake Irwin

Sara Simonson

\$75

Level: ■ ■ Advanced 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

F06 Monday, 7/11

10am-2pm

## 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 break for lunch at a lovely, lily-covered pond that supports rare dragonflies and other unique wetland animals. Kids 12+ with supervision.

F04 Sunday, 7/10

10am-2pm



Neal Bringe

## Botany

### Aquatic & Carnivorous Plants of Crested Butte

Luke Tembrock

*New!*

\$70

Level: ■ Beginner

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

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B04 Saturday, 7/16

9:30am-1:30pm

### Identifying Wildflowers Using Mobile Apps

Jennifer Ackerfield

*New!*

\$60

Level: ■ Advanced 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!

B02 Monday, 7/11

9:30am-12pm



Lily McCarthy

## 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!

B03 Tuesday, 7/12

9am-12pm

## What's in a Name?

Jennifer Ackerfield

\$70

Level: ●■ Adv. Beg.-Int. 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.

B01 Saturday, 7/9

9:30am-1:30pm



Chris Kasser & Ryan Kempfer

## Culinary & Medicinal

### Gardens to Glass

Susan Evans

\$65

Discover how easy it is to create fresh, artisanal beverages from the garden with minimal effort and delicious results. Make captivating cocktails, infused liquors, simple syrups, non-alcoholic refreshers, flavorful herbal concentrates, healthy fruit shrubs, and more. Skip the chemicals, dyes, and corn syrup and bring in the nourishing clean tastes of fresh produce and herbs to create your own unique libations. Enjoy drink sampling and some tasty tapas for the perfect happy hour. Detailed handout included. Class is taught by Susan Evans, herbalist and author of *The Herbalist's Happy Hour*, *Crafted Cocktails and Tapas from the Garden*. Must be 21+.



C01 Friday, 7/8

3-4:30pm

C04 Friday, 7/15

4-5:30pm

### Lavender Fest

Susan Evans

\$75

Come and learn all the many health and wellness benefits of this beautiful, fragrant, and easy to grow plant. Discover how to use lavender for everything from insomnia and anxiety to cooking and skin care. We'll make Herbes-de-Provence seasoning blend, soothing lavender/calendula lip balm, conditioning herbal hair rinse, fragrant lavender sachets to scent drawers or to use in the dryer, and a refreshing, herbal facial toner. Handout with recipes and take-home samples included.

A12 Thursday, 7/14

9-11am



## Medicinal Plants of the Mountains

Leanne Benton

\$85

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!

C05 Saturday, 7/9

9am-2pm

C06 Friday, 7/15

9am-2pm

## The Home Apothecary

Susan Evans

*New!*

\$75

Learn how to create your own home apothecary from herbs and spices readily available from the kitchen and garden. Discover how to use herbal allies to support your health, immunity, and resilience, and help alleviate common ailments. We'll learn how to make a soothing lavender/calendula oil and healing salve, boost heart health with delicious hibiscus tea, concoct a potent fire cider to boost our immune system, and more. Discover the secrets of the home apothecary and the joy of creating your own! Take home a full-size salve, herbal tea, and fire cider. Extensive handout with recipes included.

C03 Tuesday, 7/12

9:30-11:30am



## Wild Crafted Cocktails

Paige Prouty

*New!*

\$80

Learn to craft (and sip!) wild cocktails infused with nature's finest ingredients (pansy, butterfly pea, etc.) to create delicious concoctions that are on the wild side! No experiences needed, all supplies provided. Must be 21+.



C07 Sunday, 7/10

3-4:30pm

## Wild Food Feasting & Foraging

Susan Evans

\$60

Come outdoors and explore the fascinating world of wild edibles. Discover the optimum nutrition and delicious tastes provided by plants you usually weed and throw in the compost pile. We'll start with an herb walk to identify common tasty plants. Use



these plants to create refreshing teas, nutritious salads, savory soups, and delicious additions to pasta, veggies and side dishes. Discover how to locate, identify, harvest, and prepare wild edibles. Enjoy a wild foods lunch which will include refreshing tea, wild foods salad, creamy nettle pesto with Manchego cheese and sun-dried tomato, and a delicious nopales salsa with cojita cheese and chips. We will finish up with lavender and dandelion petal shortbread. Experience the fun, health benefits, and self-reliance of eating on the wild side! Lunch, handout with plant information, resources, and recipes included.

C02 Saturday, 7/9

9:30-11:30am



## Geology & Geobotany

### Geobotany of Crested Butte

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

Level: • Beginner Length: up to 2 miles on well packed trail



John Zemaitis

\$70

Would you like to learn about geology and plants and how geology influences the distribution of plants around Crested Butte? Join Wildflower Festival Geologists for a walking tour that focuses on plant identification, how plants adapt to their environment, and how they are distributed with geology and topography.

R01 Tuesday, 6/28 9am-12pm  
R02 Tuesday, 7/5 9am-12pm

### Geology & Wildflowers Van & Walking Tour

Amy Ellwein

*New!*

\$115

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.

R04 Saturday, 7/9 10am-2pm  
R06 Saturday, 7/16 10am-2pm

### Geology of Paradise

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

\$75

Level: • Beginner

Length: 2-3 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 Friday, 7/8 9am-1pm  
R05 Thursday, 7/14 9am-1pm  
R07 Sunday, 7/17 9am-1pm  
M10 Monday, 7/11 reserved for our \$250+ members 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!

### Member Appreciation Party

Lupine (\$50) Members & Above

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.



Neal Bringe

Tuesday, 7/12 4:30-7pm

Reservations required - please call our office at 970-349-2571 or email us at [info@cbwildflower.com](mailto:info@cbwildflower.com) to reserve your spot.

### Wildflower & Wine Happy Hour

Hosted by CBWF Board Member, Bill Peatross

Our Mariposa Lily Members (\$500) and above are invited to join the Wildflower Festival Board of Directors and Executive Director for appetizers and beverages at Bill's home in Mt. Crested Butte, which has beautiful views of Washington Gulch and surrounding wildflower filled meadows. RSVP by contacting the Wildflower Festival office at 970-349-2571.

Thursday, 7/7 4:30-6pm

## Exclusive Fairy Slipper Hike

Rick Reavis

Our Fairy Slipper Members (\$1,000) and their guests are invited to join Rick on an exclusive hike to an undisclosed, remote location not included in our regular event line-up. As you explore, Rick will share the area's history, relevance to Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, and his wildflower expertise (of course!). This hike is categorized as Advanced – Expert. Expect an all-day adventure, with 6+ miles with steep and rocky terrain. Reservations will be handled through the Wildflower Festival office at 970-349-2571.

Sunday, 7/10

7:30am-4pm

## Members Only Events

Scarlet Gilia (\$250) level and above may choose to attend one of the following events free of charge. Register by contacting the Wildflower Festival Office at 970-349-2571.

## A-Bee-Cs of Wildflower Pollination

Paul CaraDonna

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.

M02 Friday, 7/8 reserved for our \$250+ members 9am-12pm



Patricia Zishka

## 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. Kids 12+ with supervision.

M09 Friday, 7/8 reserved for our \$250+ members 4-8pm

## Gardens & Ghosts

Glo Cunningham

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 Glo's stories about the antics of old timers whose spirits remain.

M05 Monday, 7/11 reserved for our \$250+ members 5-7:30pm

## Geology of Paradise

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

Level: • Beginner

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



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M10 Monday, 7/11 reserved for our \$250+ members 9am-1pm

## Lily Lake Wildflowers

Dawn Cairns

Level: ■ ■ Advanced Beginner – 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!

M07 Friday, 7/15 reserved for our \$250+ members 8:30am-1pm

## Wildflower ID Walk

Festival Staff

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.

M08 Saturday, 7/16 reserved for our \$250+ members 1-3pm

## Wildflower Watercolor & Wine

Karen Hill

Join local watercolor artist, Karen Hill, for a step-by-step watercolor painting class with wildflowers as the subject. Karen guides 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!



M04 Wednesday, 7/13 reserved for our \$250+ members 4:30-7pm

## Photography



## Evening of Wildflower Photography

Jan Runge

\$95

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.

P04 Sunday, 7/10 4-8pm

P10 Thursday, 7/14 4-8pm

P14 Saturday, 7/16 4-8pm

M09 Friday, 7/8 reserved for our \$250+ members 4-8pm

## Private Evening of Wildflower Photography

Jan Runge

\$650

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

Spend an evening photographing the gorgeous wildflowers and receive individualized instruction from Jan. This session will be tailored to a group of up to four people and Jan will teach you how to use your digital camera settings, how to control exposure, sharpness, and speed, as well as point-and-shoot options and limitations. You'll understand the difference between beautiful and photogenic and find out how to make the most of low, medium, and high contrast, and how to work with the direction and intensity of light.

P07 Monday, 7/11 3-8pm



## iPhone Photography & Editing Workshop

*New!*

Kate Roberts

\$175

*Level: Beginner-Advanced Need: iPhone and pre-loaded Hipstamatic Classic App with packs. Instructor will provide App downloading & set-up directions prior to class.*

Join award-winning artist and photographer Kate Roberts for this iPhone photography and editing workshop. You'll begin by spending a few hours photographing glorious wildflowers, mountain vistas, and the quaint town of Crested Butte. Afterwards, you'll head to a classroom and use the Hipstamatic editing App to turn your images into masterpieces.



Kate Roberts

P16 Sunday, 7/10

7:30am-12pm

P17 Tuesday, 7/12

7:30am-12pm

## Old Crystal Mill Photography Adventure

Eric Phillips

\$275

*Level: Photography - Intermediate/Advanced  
Hiking - ♦ Advanced/Expert*

*New!*

*Length: 8 miles, 1400 ft elevation loss/gain with rocky, steep terrain  
Need: Photography gear - DSLR Camera with Lenses and knowledge of basic functions/how to adjust aperture, ISO, & shutter speed, sturdy tripod & head, camera backpack with rain cover, extra batteries, SD cards & ND/Polariser filters. PhotoPills cell phone app helpful, but not required.*

*Hiking gear - sturdy hiking boots, rain jacket and pants, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, 2-3 liters of water, lunch & snacks.*

Enjoy a scenic hike to one of the most photographed places in Colorado, the historic Crystal Mill, constructed in 1893. You'll follow the Crystal River from the historic townsite of Schofield past the infamous Devil's Punchbowl, where incredible waterfalls and a plethora of alpine wildflowers line the road, to the historic townsite of Crystal and the Mill. Trip includes transportation to and from the trailhead and access fees. Bring your own money to spend in the tiny town of Crystal. This adventure, while strenuous, is extremely rewarding. Please note the route to the Crystal Mill is downhill, and the return is uphill.

P06 Monday, 7/11

6:30am-4:30pm

## Photography Editing Workshop

*New!*

Eric Phillips

\$65

*Level: Advanced Beginner & Up Need: Laptop computer with adobe lightroom and photoshop installed (you can sign up for a 30 day free trial) and basic understanding of how to use them; 10-20 photos you'd like to edit imported onto your computer.*

Take your photo editing to the next level. Learn tips and tricks in Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop to make your landscape and wildflower photos POP. This will be an indoor based editing course where you can edit photos in real time with the instructor.

P12 Friday, 7/15

10am-1pm

## Sunrise Photography At Peanut Lake

*New!*

Eric Phillips

\$95

*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).*

Photography 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.

P03 Saturday, 7/9

5-9am

P15 Sunday, 7/17

5-9am

Eric Phillips	<i>New!</i>	\$95
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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.

P09 Thursday, 7/14 5-9am

Dusty Demerson	\$110
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Capture “intimate landscapes”, incorporating wildflowers in their immediate surroundings, rather than in extreme close-ups. This type of photography involves more complex composition and gives the subject a heightened sense of “place”. Plan on being on and off trail with up to 100 ft of elevation gain in forest and meadows.

P02 Saturday, 7/9 7-11am

P08 Thursday, 7/14 7-11am



Dusty Demerson	\$110
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Learn how to create stunning compositions using fore-, middle-, and background concepts in larger landscape photos. Camera placement, focus, aperture choice, and other techniques will be explained to help you create stronger and more compelling wildflower photographs. Must understand basic camera operations and how to use a tripod & lenses.



*Dusty Demerson*

P01 Friday, 7/8 7-11am

P13 Saturday, 7/16 7-11am

Dusty Demerson	\$175
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Dusty will coach a small group on the finer points of composition, exposure, lighting, and lens choice. We'll discuss and practice critical exposure, manual focus, white balance, composition, and other techniques needed to create images you'll want on your walls.

P05 Monday, 7/11 7-11am

P11 Friday, 7/15 7-11am

# Hikes & Tours

## Garden 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



# Garden Tours

## Gardens & Ghosts

Glo Cunningham

Level: • Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

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G01	Saturday, 7/9	5-7:30pm
G08	Thursday, 7/14	5-7:30pm
M05	Monday, 7/11 reserved for our \$250+ members	5-7:30pm

## 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. Kids 10+ with supervision.

G04	Sunday, 7/10	10:30am-1pm
G06	Tuesday, 7/12	10:30am-1pm
G10	Saturday, 7/16	1-3:30pm

*New!*

\$45

## Tour of Crested Butte Gardens

Roxie Lypys/Festival Staff

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	Friday, 7/8	1-3pm
G03	Saturday, 7/9	10:30am-12:30pm
G05	Monday, 7/11	1-3pm
G07	Thursday, 7/14	10am-12pm
G09	Friday, 7/15	10am-12pm
G11	Sunday, 7/17	10am-12pm



Mary Carley

## Hikes by Level of Difficulty

### Beginner

A-Bee-Cs of Wildflower Pollination  
 Aquatic & Carnivorous Plants of Crested Butte  
 Beaver Ponds & Wetlands of Ohio Pass  
 Explore Emerald Lake Basin  
 Follow the Bloom  
 Geobotany of Crested Butte  
 Geology & Wildflowers Van Tour  
 Geology of Paradise  
 Gothic Wildflowers  
 Mindfulness in the Meadow  
 Plant Defenses and Survival Strategies  
 RMBL Interpretive Wildflower Tours (Tue/Thur)  
 Wildflower ID Walk  
 Wildflowers & Folklore  
 Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light  
 Wildflowers Fit for a Garden  
 Wonderful Wildflower Connections

### Advanced Beginner

Explore Judd Falls  
 Identifying Wildflowers Using Mobile Apps  
 Trail 403 to Viewpoint  
 Upper Loop to Tony's Trail

### Advanced Beginner - Intermediate

Beckwith Pass Amble  
 Lily Lake Wildflowers  
 Medicinal Plants of the Mountains  
 RMBL Interpretive Wildflower Tours (Sat)  
 What's in a Name?  
 Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin

### Intermediate

Alpine Wildflowers of Mt. Crested Butte  
 Lower Deer Creek  
 Splendor on Snodgrass  
 Walrod's Wildflowers & Caves  
 Westside Wildflowers at CBMR  
 Wildflowers & Wetlands of Swampy Pass

### Intermediate - Advanced

Copley Lake Wildflowers  
 Discoveries Along the Dyke Trail  
 Lost Lake & Beckwith Pass  
 Ruby of the Rockies  
 Wildflowers & Waterfalls in the Oh-Be-Joyful Valley

### Advanced - Expert

Rustler Gulch  
 Scarp Ridge

### Expert - Extreme

Hike to Aspen  
 Poverty Gulch & Daisy Pass  
 Red Lady Summit

## 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.

### A-Bee-Cs of Wildflower Pollination

Paul CaraDonna & Jackie Fitzgerald *New!* \$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.

H71 Monday, 7/11 9am-12pm  
 H72 Saturday, 7/16 9am-12pm  
 M02 Friday, 7/8 reserved for our \$250+ members 9am-12pm

### Aquatic & Carnivorous Plants of Crested Butte

Luke Tembrock *New!* \$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.

B04 Saturday, 7/16 9:30am-1:30pm

## Beaver Ponds & Wetlands of Ohio Pass

Lynn Cudlip \$75

Level: ● Beginner Length: 2-3 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.

H40 Saturday, 7/9 8:30am-1pm

## Explore Emerald Lake Basin

Ken Collins \$70

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.

H39 Saturday, 7/9 8am-12pm

H59 Thursday, 7/14 8am-12pm

## Explore Judd Falls

Ken Collins \$70

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.

H50 Monday, 7/11 8am-12pm

H64 Friday, 7/15 8am-12pm



Kathleen Zemaitis

## Follow the Bloom

Rick Reavis \$65

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



Chris Kassar & Ryan Kempfer

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!

H32 Monday, 6/20 9am-12pm

H33 Monday, 6/27 9am-12pm

## Geobotany of Crested Butte

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney \$70

Level: ● Beginner Length: up to 2 miles on well packed trail

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R01 Tuesday, 6/28 9am-12pm

R02 Tuesday, 7/5 9am-12pm

## Geology & Wildflowers Van & Walking Tour

Amy Ellwein *New!* \$115

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.

R04 Saturday, 7/9 10am-2pm

R06 Saturday, 7/16 10am-2pm



## Geology of Paradise

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

\$75

Level: • Beginner

Length: 2-3 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.

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R05	Thursday, 7/14	9am-1pm
R07	Sunday, 7/17	9am-1pm
M10	Monday, 7/11 reserved for our \$250+ members	9am-1pm

## Gothic Wildflowers

Mel Harte

\$65

Level: • Beg. 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!

H04	Saturday, 7/9	9:30am-12:30pm
H10	Monday, 7/11	9:30am-12:30pm
H18	Thursday, 7/14	9:30am-12:30pm
H30	Sunday, 7/17	9:30am-12:30pm



Esther Kim

## Identifying Wildflowers Using Mobile Apps

Jennifer Ackerfield

\$60

Level: • Advanced 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!

B02 Monday, 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.

H56 Thursday, 7/14 9am-1pm

## 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!

B03 Tuesday, 7/12 9am-12pm

## RMBL Interpretive Wildflower Tour

Rick Reavis/RMBL Staff

*New!*

\$75

Level: • Beginner Length: 2-3 mile, some rocky, steep terrain

Discover and identify a variety of wildflowers and learn about our area's natural history while discussing relevant research taking place at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL). Tour will explore Gothic townsite and the surrounding meadows and forests. A visit to the RMBL Visitor Center will wrap up the tour where you will have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs and ice cream.

H14 Tuesday, 7/12 7:30-10:30am

H19 Thursday, 7/14 7:30-10:30am

## Trail 403 to Viewpoint

Dawn Cairns/Molly Murfee/Ken Collins

\$75

Level: • Advanced Beginner

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. **Hi-clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required.**

H35 Friday, 7/8 8:30am-1pm

H52 Tuesday, 7/12 8:30am-1pm

H62 Friday, 7/15 8am-12:30pm

H68 Saturday, 7/16 8am-12:30pm



Tess Peterson

## Upper Loop to Tony's Trail

Ken Collins

\$70

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.

H44 Sunday, 7/10

8:30am-12:30pm

## Wildflower ID Walk

Festival Staff

\$35

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.

H36 Friday, 7/8 10am-12pm

H38 Saturday, 7/9 1-3pm

H42 Sunday, 7/10 10am-12pm

H53 Tuesday, 7/12 10am-12pm

H58 Thursday, 7/14 10am-12pm

H63 Friday, 7/15 1-3pm

H67 Saturday, 7/16 10am-12pm

H69 Sunday, 7/17 10am-12pm

M08 Saturday, 7/16 reserved for our \$250+ members 1-3pm

## Wildflowers & Folklore

Leanne Benton

\$70

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!

H01 Friday, 7/8 8:30am-12:30pm

H21 Saturday, 7/16 8:30am-12:30pm

## Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light

Alex Lambro

\$70

*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.

H34 Friday, 7/8 7:30-10:30am  
H61 Friday, 7/15 7:30-10:30am

## Wildflowers Fit for a Garden

Eva Montane

\$60

*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.

H20 Friday, 7/15 10am-1pm

## Wonderful Wildflower Connections

Mel Harte

\$65

*Level: ● Beg. 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+

H02 Friday, 7/8 9:30am-12:30pm  
H13 Tuesday, 7/12 9:30am-12:30pm  
H23 Friday, 7/15 9:30am-12:30pm

## 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.



Maya Hunt

## Alpine Wildflowers of Mt. Crested Butte

Leanne Benton/Rick Reavis

\$85

*Level: ■ Intermediate*

*Length: 2+ miles with rocky, steep and uneven terrain*

This is a wonderful opportunity to see alpine and sub-alpine wildflowers without having to hike up! We'll ride up the Silver Queen lift and do some hiking on Mt. Crested Butte to around 11,500 ft. You'll learn the significant features of gorgeous alpine wildflowers and enjoy the spectacular views of the valley, especially on the lift ride down.

H07 Sunday, 7/10 9:30am-1:30pm  
H70 Sunday, 7/17 9:30am-1:30pm

## Beckwith Pass Amble

Dawn Kairns

\$85

*Level: ●■ Advanced Beginner-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.

H41 Sunday, 7/10 8:30am-2pm



# Copley Lake Wildflowers

Jennifer Ackerfield \$75  
Level: ■◆ Intermediate – Advanced  
Length: 4 miles with rocky, steep and uneven terrain

We will hike to Copley Lake traversing through a spruce/fir forest and wildflower packed hillsides. This trail is short but moderately steep at the beginning, ending at a beautiful lake with phenomenal views and wildflowers. Along the hike, we will discuss how to recognize the major plant families.



Amber Scott

H43 Sunday, 7/10 8:30am-1:30pm

# Discoveries Along the Dyke Trail

Luke Tembrock \$75  
Level: ■◆ Intermediate – Advanced  
Length: 6 miles with steep and rocky terrain

New!

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.

H17 Thursday, 7/14 8:30am-1:30pm

# Lily Lake Wildflowers

Molly Murfee/Leanne Benton/Lynn Cudlip \$75  
Level: ■■ Advanced Beginner – 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!



Jackie Nixon

H03 Friday, 7/8 8:30am-1pm  
H11 Monday, 7/11 8:30am-1pm  
H16 Thursday, 7/14 8:30am-1pm  
H26 Saturday, 7/16 8:30am-1pm  
H31 Sunday, 7/17 8:30am-1pm  
M07 Friday, 7/15 reserved for our \$250+ members 8:30am-1pm

# Lost Lake and Beckwith Pass

Luke Tembrock \$85  
Level: ■◆ Intermediate – Advanced  
Length: Approximately 8 miles with steep and rocky terrain

New!

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.

H22 Friday, 7/15 8am-2pm

## Lower Deer Creek Trail

Jane Ogilvie \$70

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.



H15 Thursday, 7/14 9am-1pm

## Medicinal Plants of the Mountains

Leanne Benton \$85

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!

C05 Saturday, 7/9 9am-2pm

C06 Friday, 7/15 9am-2pm

## RMBL Interpretive Wildflower Tour

Rick Reavis/RMBL Staff \$85

Level: ●■ Advanced Beginner-Intermediate

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

Discover and identify a variety of wildflowers and learn about our area's natural history while discussing relevant research taking place at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL). Tour will explore Gothic townsite and then head to Judd Falls. A visit to the RMBL Visitor Center will wrap up the tour where you will have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs and ice cream.

H28 Saturday, 7/16 7:30-11:30am

## The Ruby of the Rockies

Eva Montane \$75

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.

H66 Saturday, 7/16 9am-2pm

## Splendor on Snodgrass

Molly Murfee/Eva Montane \$70

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.

H05 Saturday, 7/9 8:30am-12:30pm

H29 Sunday, 7/17 8am-12pm

## Walrod's Wildflowers & Caves

Laura Johnston \$75

Level: ■ Intermediate

Length: 4 miles with rocky, **very steep**, and uneven terrain

Walrod Gulch meanders across a southern-facing slope in the Cement Creek Valley and is home to one of the most impressive displays of mules ear sunflowers and lupine in the valley! Incredible views of Cement, Red, and Whetstone Mountains. Explore hidden caves as you meander among the wildflower meadows.

H37 Friday, 7/8 8am-12:30pm

H54 Tuesday, 7/12 8am-12:30pm

### Westside Wildflowers at CBMR

Rick Reavis \$65

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.

H51 Monday, 7/11 9:30am-1pm

### What's in a Name?

Jennifer Ackerfield \$70

Level: ■ Adv. Beg.-Int. 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.

B01 Saturday, 7/9 9:30am-1:30pm

### Wildflowers & Waterfalls in the Oh-Be-Joyful Valley

Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney /Molly Murfee \$90

Level: ■♦ Intermediate – 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.

H08 Sunday, 7/10 7:30am-2pm

H24 Friday, 7/15 7:30am-2pm

### Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin

Lynn Cudlip \$75

Level: ■■ Advanced 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.

H55 Tuesday, 7/12 8am-1pm

H65 Friday, 7/15 8am-1pm

### Wildflowers & Wetlands of Swampy Pass

Lynn Cudlip \$85

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.

H45 Sunday, 7/10 8am-2pm



Madison Spialek



## 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 include traveling across areas that are narrow and exposed to cliffs/drop-offs. Elevation gain/loss can exceed 1500 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.



Maya Hunt



Hike to Aspen

### Hike to Aspen

Colorado Backcountry

\$365

Level: ♦♦ Expert/Extreme Length: 11-13 miles with very steep, rocky, uneven terrain and exposed areas

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.

H57 Tuesday, 7/12

6am-10pm

### Poverty Gulch & Daisy Pass

*New!*

Molly Murfee

\$95

Level: ♦♦ Expert

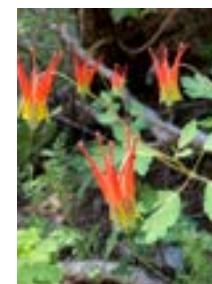
Length: 6-8+ miles with very steep, rocky, uneven and exposed terrain

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.

H60 Thursday, 7/14

7:30am-3:30pm



Lynn Stout

## Red Lady Summit

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

\$110

Level: ♦♦ Expert

Length: 10+ miles with very steep, rocky, uneven and exposed terrain

This route from the Scarp Ridge trailhead offers spectacular 360-degree views and an unparalleled hiking experience. We'll walk through wildflower covered hillsides and past dramatic ridge exposure on our trek to the prayer flags at the summit of Red Lady (Mt. Emmons), one of the most recognizable peaks in the Crested Butte area.

H06 Saturday, 7/9

7am-4pm

## Rustler's Gulch

Jane Ogilvie

\$95

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!

H09 Monday, 7/11

7:30am-4:30pm

H25 Saturday, 7/16

7:30am-4:30pm

## Scarp Ridge

Leanne Benton/Molly Murfee

\$90

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.

H12 Tuesday, 7/12

7:30am-2pm

H27 Saturday, 7/16

7:30am-2pm

## 2021 Photo Contest



**Marilyn Rodman** ▲

Third Place



◀ **David Kish**  
Fourth Place

**Marilyn Rodman** ►

Fifth Place





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