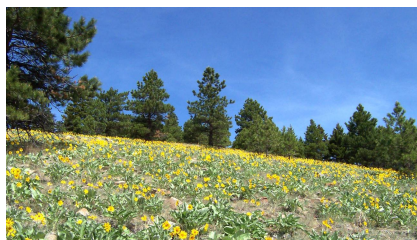




# June 2014 Newsletter



Arrowleaf Balsamroot along Helena Ridge Trail,  
photo by Monique M.

## June Program

In lieu of our regular program, the Helena Outdoor Club invites you to show your support of and celebrate **50 years of the Wilderness Act** with the **Wild Divide Chapter of the Montana Wilderness Association**.

### Wilderness Film Festival

*Celebrating 50 years of American Wilderness*  
Tuesdays in June: 7:00PM at the Helena High School Theatre  
**Free and Open to the Public**

**JOIN US**  
IN CELEBRATING  
**50 YEARS**  
OF THE  
**WILDERNESS ACT**



Visit <http://www.wilderness50th.org/> to learn more!  
Questions: 495-3716

This celebration is *free and open to the public* and takes place on four consecutive Tuesdays at the Helena High School Theater (7:00 pm). Enjoy!

**Tuesday, June 3: *Untrammeled & The Meaning of Wild*** Hellgate, Sentinel, and Salish-Kootanai high school and UM students discover Scapegoat and Bob Marshall Wildernesses, 30 minutes, & stunning stories of people and place from the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. 27 minutes.

**Tuesday, June 10: *Green Fire*** Emmy Award-winning *Green Fire* traces Aldo Leopold's journey to leading conservationist and founding contributor to the wilderness system. 73 minutes.

### **Tuesday, June 17: *Trashed***

In this award-winning movie, Jeremy Irons discovers the extent and effects of our global waste problem. This brave investigative journey takes Irons (and us) from skepticism to sorrow and from horror to hope, vividly propelled by an original score created by Academy Award-winning composer Vangelis. 97 minutes.

### **Tuesday, June 24: *Wild By Law & Trail Riders of the Wilderness***

This Academy Award-nominated movie chronicles Aldo Leopold, Bob Marshall, and Howard Zahniser in developing the Wilderness Act. 53 minutes. In addition, famed photographer K.D. Swan captures the iconic Western Montana landscape. 10 minutes.

## June Day Trips

All trips are weather-dependent and subject to last minute cancellation. Please check with the leader to make sure the trip is a go.

**Show & Go Tuesday evening hikes:** Meet at 5:30 pm in the parking lot across from the L&C Library. Hike on Mt. Helena or Ascension trails. Call JoAnne (461-7421) for details.

**Show & Go Thursday hikes:** join Barb on short hikes in the Helena area. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot next to Ben Franklin on Euclid. We're usually back by mid-afternoon. Call Barb (443-1159) or read about each trip via the HOC Yahoo group.

**Show and Go Tuesday evening flatwater paddling:** Join an easy-going group of kayakers and canoeists who paddle on lakes somewhere close to Helena on Tuesday evenings. Bring your own boat & lifejacket. Call Susan (443-5980) or email [snimick14@gmail.com](mailto:snimick14@gmail.com) for details and to get on the email list for locations. You can also check the Basecamp and Capital Sports websites for weekly details.

**Saturday, June 7: Upper Dearborn River kayak trip.** A 16-mile float starting at the Dearborn Canyon Road bridge, including a short portage around a waterfall. For intermediate kayakers. Leaving at 8:00 am. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for meeting place.

**Saturday, June 14: Middle Dearborn River kayak trip.** For intermediate kayakers. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for details, meeting place & time.

**Thursday, June 19: hike Homestake Pass to Pipestone Pass (near Butte).** An intermediate hike in beautiful country, about 8.5 miles round trip. This hike is in conjunction with Barb's Show & Go. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot next to Ben Franklin on Euclid. If questions, call Jan or Tim (442-1619).

**Saturday, June 21: Lower Dearborn River kayak trip.** A 19-mile float starting at Hwy 287 to the Missouri River. For intermediate kayakers. Leaving at 7:00 am. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for details and meeting place.

**Saturday, June 21: wildflower photography hike close to Helena.** The exact location will be determined the week before. We'll divide into 2 groups, one for people who want to take their time to take pictures of all the wonderful wildflowers, and a second group for those who prefer to hike faster. Leaving at 8:00 am. Call Connie (202-2534) for a meeting place.

**Saturday, June 28: Roger's Pass hike.** This easy, 5-6 mile MWA-sponsored hike is co-led by MaryAlice. We'll hike the Continental Divide Trail to a high point overlooking Cadotte Pass with a view of the Scapegoat Wilderness. Leaving at 8:00 am. Sign up at [www.wildmontana.org](http://www.wildmontana.org) or call MaryAlice (495-8787) for details.

**Note:** This hike is currently full. You may sign up on the wait list at [www.wildmontana.org](http://www.wildmontana.org) or call MaryAlice to join an earlier hike to check out trail conditions. This date will be determined by participants.

## June Multi-Day events

**NOTE:** weekend events are open to the public but we give priority to members of the HOC. If you want to invite a friend who is not a member we'll put them on the waiting list (or ask them to become a member to secure their spot). HOC's cancellation policy applies. Contact leaders for details.

**Thursday & Friday, June 12-13: a road & hiking trip to Valier** organized by the Horans. We'll visit the City of Rocks, awesome geological sandstone "hoodoo's". If time permits, we may also visit a Lewis & Clark history marker on the Two Medicine River. On Friday we will hike a portion of Blackleaf Canyon and go to Muddy Creek Falls, both in the Rocky Mountain Front. Call Jan & Tim (442-1619) for trip details and lodging information in Valier.

**Tuesday-Thursday, June 24, 25 & 26: a road, hiking and soaking adventure near Lewistown.** On Tuesday we'll drive to Crystal Lake in the Big Snowies and set up camp. We'll hike to Crystal Springs where the wild flowers should be great. The next day we'll hike up to the Ice Cave, an all-day, moderately strenuous hike. After we break up camps on Thursday, we'll drive to the Bear Gulch Pictographs (23 miles SE of Lewistown) for a guided 2-hr. tour (\$15/person). There are around 5,000 pictographs in the area. If we have time, we'll go to the "Giga" gigantic warm springs (about 15 miles NW of Lewistown) to relax and soak before our trip back to Helena. For details, call Jan & Tim (442-1619).

**Saturday & Sunday, June 28-29: Blackfoot River kayak adventures** with JoAnne. The group will camp at Russell Gates campground.

**Saturday** is for *beginners* who want to experience some whitewater kayaking as JoAnne guides us from Raymond Bridge to Scotty Brown.

**Sunday** is for *intermediate* kayakers through a more challenging stretch of the Blackfoot River from Russell Gates to Nine Mile Prairie campground.

Participants may join JoAnne for Saturday and/or Sunday trips. Contact her (449-7971) for details, departure time and meeting place.

**Reminders, additional and last-minute trips will be posted on our YAHOO e-list**, a growing network of over 100 local outdoorsy folks. You can find us here: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hoc\\_members/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hoc_members/). **If you aren't already on this list and don't know how to sign up for the HOC YAHOO e-group**, email Monique Mandali ([monique@mandali.com](mailto:monique@mandali.com)) and she'll send you instructions. It's FREE to members and a super way to read about those spontaneous trips!

**THE HELENA OUTDOOR CLUB** is for everyone, regardless of age. Our outdoor activities vary with the seasons and include hiking, backpacking, canoeing and kayaking, bicycling, snow shoeing, XC and downhill skiing. Most activities are free. Members organize and guide trips for the casual recreationist. No experience necessary. We also offer free public presentations on adventure travel in Montana and around the world.

**Yearly memberships are only \$10/family.** Mail check to PO Box 135, Helena, MT 59624.  
[www.helenaoutdoorclub.org](http://www.helenaoutdoorclub.org)

**A club for non-motorized recreation since 1972**

### **Steering Committee:**

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Weekend Event Coordinator	Jan Horan	442-1619
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Refreshments Coordinator	MaryAlice Chester	495-8787

And many more volunteers. Thank you!



Hike on CDT north of Rogers Pass,  
photo by MaryAlice C.