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OF WESTERN MONTANA



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 \* NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 9, 1980 at 7:30 pm.  
 \* LOCATION: Double Front Cafe basement meeting room, 122 W. Alder  
 \* PROGRAM: Bill Thomas of the Fish and Game will show their new  
 \* movie, "Spirits on Wings." Refreshments.  
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NEW MEMBERS: Joe Kipphut, 930 Johnson, 728-4572; Andy Snyder, PO Box 9235, 59807  
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## ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE:

- Dec. 30-Jan. 1 Sun.-Tues. HOLIDAY FEAST at the club cabin on Little St. Joe.  
Call Myra Bair for a last minute reservation, 728-3616.
- Jan. 2 Wed. Trailhead's FULL MOON SKI TOUR. Meet at the Trailhead 6:30 pm.
- Jan. 5 Sat. Easy to moderate skiing at LUBRECHT with Charles Hama.  
Meet at the Eastgate/Tempo parking lot 8:30 am. 549-0563.
- Jan. 5-6 Sat.-Sun. Kate Peterson is going up to BIG MOUNTAIN to downhill ski.  
Let her know RIGHT AWAY if you would like to go along.  
721-5200 work or 549-7864 home.
- Jan. 9 Wed. Monthly meeting at the Double Front basement meeting room.  
"Spirits on Wings" film by the Fish and Game. Refreshments.
- Jan. 12-13 Sat.-Sun. OVERNIGHT SKI TRIP with Jerry Kogan through the  
Rattlesnake or else in the Bitterroots. Probably difficult.  
721-3286.
- Jan. 19 Sat. SNOWSHOE OR SKI UP THE BACK OF MT. SENTINEL with Jim Schultz.  
549-0523. Easy.
- Jan. 20 Sun. LOLO PASS OVER WAGEN MTN. TO LEE CREEK with Rob Holden.  
Bring your swimsuit for a dip at Lolo Hot Springs afterwards.  
543-5545. Moderate.
- Jan. 26-27 Sat.-Sun. Les Ojala invites to join him for a high time at  
the JERRY JOHNSON HOT SPRINGS in Idaho. Call Les at 549-5263  
to get an idea of what to expect. Easy.
- Feb. 2-3 Sat.-Sun. Raelen Williard invites us to meet her at FAIRMONT  
HOT SPRINGS for a weekend of skiing, either cross-country  
or downhill at Discovery Basin. Write Raelen NOW at  
1901 Florida, Butte, MT. 59701.
- Sun. Feb. 10 Explore MARSHALL BOWL with Bill Morgan. Moderate. Meet  
8:00 am at the Eastgate/Tempo parking lot. Call Bill at  
1-363-5339 or Myra at 728-3616.
- Feb. 25-Mar. 2 THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL at the  
University. Major showings Friday and Saturday evenings.
- March 8-9 Sat.-Sun. LOST TRAIL HOT SPRINGS AND SKI, both downhill and  
cross-country through the burn. Overnight at the resort.  
They have a skating rink, too. Myra Bair, 728-3616.  
Reservations deadline will be February 1.
- April 5-6 Sat.-Sun. EASTER WEEKEND at the club cabin. Myra, 728-3616.
- April 19-? AFTER-TAX-SEASON-LONG-TRIP maybe to the Wind Rivers. Myra.
- July 4 Five days SAILING THROUGH THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS on a 30 foot  
Catalina sailboat with Ben Engelking. The boat sleeps 7,  
has a galley, head, etc. and costs about \$90/day. Write  
Ben at 14956 NE 31st Circle, Redmond, WA. 98052.

Ten skiers bludgeoned their way up Wishard Ridge Sunday morning, December 16 after a two mile savings owing to driveable road (Twin Creek). Perfect new-fallen snow allowed the stronger people to trade the lead breaking trail. Three pin afficiandos were in the minority, one of whom borrowed Bill Morgan's rope climbers.

The downhill run was through copious quantites of powder the density of which "snowballed" at least one skier who was accustomed to that light Utah powder. The run down the road was fast back to the trailhead by 2:00 pm. Over refreshments at the Press Box, future tours were honed to perfection?

Rob Holden

REMINDERS: The Mountaineers own some equipment that is available to members including a tool to make spare ski binding cables and a four-person tent which can be rented by members for a small fee. Myra Bair is presently in possession of these items. 728-3616.

GENTLE HINT: If you think one article is a little slim for a newsletter, have a heart and help out. Write up or call in a story from your January trips or cut out articles you come across elsewhere that might be of interest to others. Poetry or art work is also welcome. The fine cover on this issue was contributed by non-member, Peggy Moore. February trip leaders are also needed. Thanks.

Myra Bair



## THE FINE PRINT a bookstore

YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR BOOKS ON THE OUTDOORS

Featuring This Month:

BRAND NEW !

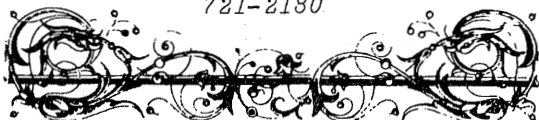
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THE HIKERS GUIDE TO MONTANA	\$6.95
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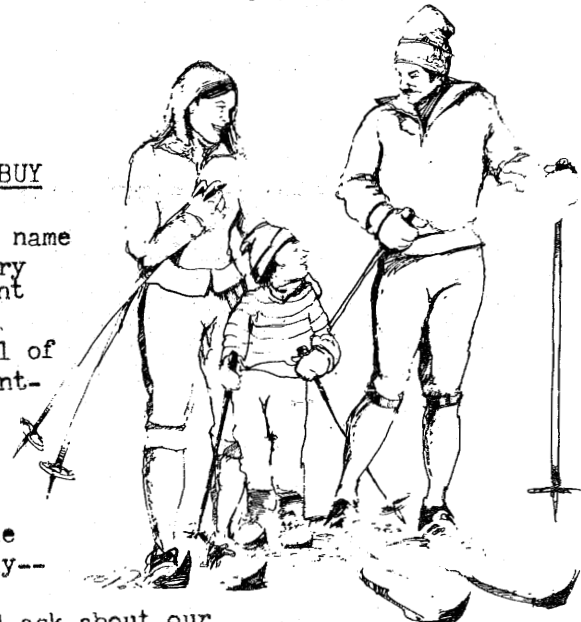


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# TRAILHEAD Winter travelers checklist

Always travel with these 10 essentials.....

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Map of the area | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Water (1 Gal./liters) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass         | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Clothing               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight      | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof matches          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra food      | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid kit               |



Which can easily be carried in a small day pack or a fanny pack.

For longer outings and one day ski tours you will also need :

## To wear :

- ☐ Poly/Olefin underwear
- ☐ Wool t-neck
- ☐ Jacket or vest
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Liner socks
- ☐ Knicker socks
- ☐ Knickers
- ☐ Boots

## To carry:

- ☐ Wind/rain jacket
- ☐ Wind/rain pants
- ☐ Extra socks
- ☐ Extra hat
- ☐ Extra wool mittens
- ☐ Gaitors

## Repair/Wax

- ☐ Wax
- ☐ Cork
- ☐ Scraper
- ☐ Screwdriver
- ☐ Extra tip
- ☐ Extra basket
- ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ Spare bale

## Emergency:

- ☐ 10 essentials
- ☐ Bivvy sack
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Scarf/bandana
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Avalanche cord
- ☐ Shovel

... and something to carry it in.

For overnight trips in winter weather you should include all of the day tour equipment plus —

## Clothing:

- ☐ Pile jacket
- ☐ Polarquard booties
- ☐ Overmitts
- ☐ Spare underwear
- ☐ Extra socks
- ☐

## Other goodies:

- ☐ Soap
- ☐ toothbrush
- ☐ toilet paper
- ☐ towel

## Sleeping gear:

- ☐ Tent
- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Foam pad
- ☐ V.B. liner
- ☐
- ☐

- ☐ Handcream
- ☐ Chapstick
- ☐
- ☐

## Cooking gear:

- ☐ Pots
- ☐ Stove
- ☐ Fuel
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Knife
- ☐ Spoon
- ☐ H<sub>2</sub>O bottle
- ☐ Cup
- ☐ Bowl
- ☐ Trash bag

## Emergency/Avalanche

- ☐ Probe/Probe poles
- ☐ Skins/rope climbers
- ☐ Flashlight batteries
- ☐ Flashlight bulb
- ☐ Utility cord
- ☐ More matches
- ☐ More duct tape
- ☐ Binding parts
- ☐ Goggles
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

this can best be carried in a soft or internal frame pack .

Please remember

- ... your best piece of safety gear is your brain - bring it with you ; and use it!
- ... most people killed in avalanches start them themselves.
- ... your first aid and CPR.
- ... to travel with a buddy.
- ... to tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back.
- ... not to litter, trespass or destroy.
- ... to enjoy the freedom of the mountains as much as we do.

The Trailheaders



# Rental Rates Winter 1979-80

phone 543-6966

Cross Country Skis	One day	One day Sat. or Sun.	Weekend	Week	Deposit
Skis - boots - poles	5 <sup>00</sup>	7 <sup>00</sup>	12 <sup>00</sup>	35 <sup>00</sup>	75 <sup>00</sup>
Skis - only	4 <sup>00</sup>	5 <sup>00</sup>	9 <sup>00</sup>	28 <sup>00</sup>	40 <sup>00</sup>
Boots - only	2 <sup>00</sup>	3 <sup>00</sup>	5 <sup>00</sup>	14 <sup>00</sup>	30 <sup>00</sup>
Poles - only	1 <sup>00</sup>	1 <sup>00</sup>	2 <sup>00</sup>	7 <sup>00</sup>	5 <sup>00</sup>
Wax kit	2 <sup>00</sup>	2 <sup>00</sup>	4 <sup>00</sup>	10 <sup>00</sup>	5 <sup>00</sup>
Ski rack	2 <sup>00</sup>	2 <sup>00</sup>	4 <sup>00</sup>	10 <sup>00</sup>	10 <sup>00</sup>
Snow shoes	3 <sup>50</sup>	4 <sup>00</sup>	7 <sup>00</sup>	22 <sup>00</sup>	40 <sup>00</sup>
Ice axe	1 <sup>50</sup>	2 <sup>00</sup>	4 <sup>00</sup>	9 <sup>00</sup>	25 <sup>00</sup>
Avalanche probe	1 <sup>00</sup>	1 <sup>00</sup>	2 <sup>00</sup>	6 <sup>00</sup>	10 <sup>00</sup>
Shovel	1 <sup>00</sup>	1 <sup>00</sup>	2 <sup>00</sup>	6 <sup>00</sup>	10 <sup>00</sup>
Other Outdoor Gear					
Frame Packs	3 <sup>00</sup>	3 <sup>00</sup>	6 <sup>00</sup>	15 <sup>00</sup>	30 <sup>00</sup>
Soft Packs	3 <sup>50</sup>	3 <sup>50</sup>	7 <sup>00</sup>	17 <sup>00</sup>	30 <sup>00</sup>
Sleeping Bags	4 <sup>00</sup>	4 <sup>00</sup>	8 <sup>00</sup>	20 <sup>00</sup>	30 <sup>00</sup>
2 person tent	4 <sup>50</sup>	4 <sup>50</sup>	9 <sup>00</sup>	28 <sup>00</sup>	50 <sup>00</sup>
3 person tent	6 <sup>00</sup>	6 <sup>00</sup>	12 <sup>00</sup>	35 <sup>00</sup>	75 <sup>00</sup>
Sleeping pads	50	50	1 <sup>00</sup>	3 <sup>00</sup>	5 <sup>00</sup>
Peak 1 stove + fuel	2 <sup>00</sup>	2 <sup>00</sup>	4 <sup>00</sup>	10 <sup>00</sup>	15 <sup>00</sup>
Gaitors	1 <sup>00</sup>	1 <sup>50</sup>	3 <sup>00</sup>	7 <sup>00</sup>	10 <sup>00</sup>

1. You must appear in person to make rental reservations - no phone reservations!
2. Rental fees are due when reservations are made - Deposits (cash, check, VISA, MC) are due when equipment is picked up.
3. Daily rental = 5:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Weekend rental = 6 p.m. Friday - 10 a.m. Monday
4. You will be charged for late returns. Read your rental agreement.
5. Equipment must be returned clean and dry. 4<sup>00</sup> charge for skis returned waxed.
6. Please treat this equipment as though it were your own.  
YOU are responsible for lost or damaged equipment.
7. Enjoy yourself.

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