

THE PACKRAT

ROCKY
MOUNTAIN



RAMBLERS
ASSOC.

December 1998 – January 1999

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, Backpacking, Skiing, Cycling, Climbing, Scrambling, Mountaineering, Educational and Awareness Programs, Social Functions.

MEETINGS: Every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.
Rosemont Community Hall, 2807 – 10 Street N.W.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

This will be my first issue of the Packrat and I hope to make it as interesting and appealing as the one that Danielle was producing. I will keep the same format and layout as I believe everyone was happy with it and there is no need to change something which is well done. Thanks to Danielle for all the work she did in the last year and for her recent advice and all the time she spent to get me started with your December issue.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have suggestions and/or questions concerning any of the issues presented in the Packrat.

The goal of the Newsletter is to provide information related to outdoor activities and safety and to share your stories on trips within Canada and other countries. Please submit articles on 3 ½ " computer disk, preferably in Word, WP. Also, please note the following:

"The Editor reserves the right to edit for clarity, brevity, and content, and is the sole judge of suitability for publication of all articles or advertisements. Opinions expressed in the PACKRAT are those of the author or contributor and not necessary shared by the Editor or Executives of the Rocky Mountain Ramblers Association".

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NOTE: Deadline for the next Packrat will be JANUARY 21, 1999

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



Welcome to the new members of the Social Committee: Jean Amatt, Silvia Gonzalez, Sharon Al, Colleen Taylor, Frank Stanley and Fred Appleyard. They are already hard at work preparing your next social event.

The **Christmas Pot Luck** will be held Wednesday evening at **7:00 p.m.** on **December 16** at the Rosemont Community Hall. It is open to **CURRENT MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES** only, so as not to exceed hall capacity.

Please bring a food item that serves about six people, plus \$1.00 and a Food Bank donation, if you wish. You will also need plates, utensils, a glass or mug and your favorite beverage. The Ramblers regular meeting will be held at some time during the evening.

The Social Committee will require help with the clean up after the meal and your cooperation will be appreciated.

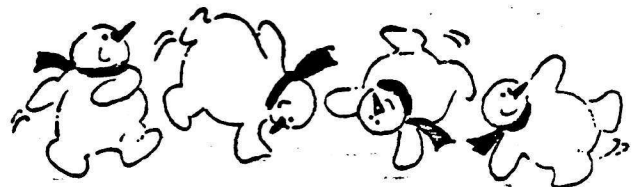
If you have any good ideas for further "socials" please talk to any member of the Committee.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

INVITATIONS

Dawn Jones has kindly offered to host a **Christmas brunch** starting at 10:30 a.m. on December 25th followed by afternoon skiing in one of the parks in town. Please call Dawn for further details at 289-2271.

Tom and Marianne Flanagan are offering to host **Christmas Dinner** at their home. Anyone interested in participating should call them at 239-6988.



AVALANCHE AND FIRST AID COURSES

By Garry Denman

CASC (Calgary Area Ski Clubs) has two avalanche awareness courses scheduled at this time.

Course #1: Dec. 1 and 8, 7:00 to 9:30 PM, Location: Bow Waters Clubhouse, and a field trip on Dec. 12 or 13, 1998.

Course #2: Jan. 20 and 27, 7:00 to 9:30 PM, and a field trip on Jan. 30 or 31, 1999.

These are available to RMRA members at a cost of \$60.00. The instructor is Keith Morton. I attended one of these courses last January and found it very informative, and well presented by Keith. Contact Garry Denman at 686-6596 or at a Wednesday meeting, if you wish to attend.

CASC is trying to arrange an Advanced Avalanche Course suitable for recreational users, but no news on this one yet.

First-Aid courses will not be offered until next spring as the ground is too cold at this time of year to participate in accident scenarios.

There is considerable interest from RMRA members to take courses this year. As courses become available I will telephone the people that are on my list as well as announce them at the Wednesday meetings.

The following people have volunteered (well, most volunteered) to participate on the RMRA Safety Committee for the up-coming year.

Wally Drew, Dorothy-Ann Reimer, Ron Mason, Ken Park, Bob St. John, Louise Richard, Sandra Newell, Ron Hunter, Maria Nemethy, Anita O'Reilly

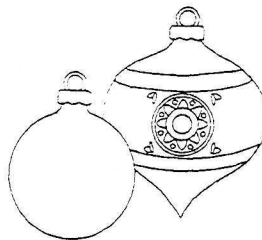


If you have any safety concerns, please address them to myself or one of these committee members.

Think safety and have fun!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Anita O'Reilly



I would like to welcome the newly elected members of the Executive Council: Garry Denman, Ron Mason, Louise Richard and Bernie Fritz. Also, many thanks to those who have agreed to continue on for another term: Bob St. John, Past President (not like he had a choice!), Ron Hunter, Chris Saunders and Maria Nemethy. I look forward to an exciting year of working together. If you didn't have the time or the inclination to take on one of the executive positions, I encourage you to contribute in whatever manner best suits you. There are many different ways to make a contribution and involvement frequently increases enjoyment. Please consider becoming a member of a committee, offering your assistance with the mailing of the Packrat or taking your turn at cleaning the hall after the meeting.

Please continue to pass on your ideas and recommendations to the appropriate member of the Executive Council. The Rocky Mountain Ramblers have experienced some exciting changes as a result of sharing ideas. This is your club and your feedback is always welcome.

The Annual Dinner and Dance was a wonderful evening – great food, great music, great door prizes, and great jokes. Thanks Terry Kaufman for all your planning and hard work. Also, thanks to the donors of the door prizes. Linda Eastwood, thank you for the time commitment you made to compile the nominations for the fun awards and for choosing such appropriate awards. Thanks to all of you who contributed jokes and stories throughout the evening. It was certainly worth the bottle of wine to be an "entertained" M.C. rather than trying to be an entertaining one.

Have a happy and safe ski season. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and healthy New Year.

See you at the Christmas Pot Luck.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

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(NOTE: Re-printed original letter that was delivered to Praxis with the K-Country survey).

October 29, 1998

Praxis, Inc.
2215 – 19 Street S.W.
Calgary, Alberta
T2T 4X1

Re: Kananaskis Country Recreation Development Policy Review

Dear Sirs:

We enclose our completed copy of the Workbook for the above Review, submitted on behalf of our club. Rocky Mountain Ramblers Assoc. is an active outdoor activity club founded in 1954. Current membership is approximately 300. Our activities include hiking, biking, backpacking, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowshoeing; at least 70% of it in K-country. Every week, winter or summer, we have between 50 and 100 members participating in these activities. Obviously we are very concerned about the future of a region we have come to know and enjoy so much.

In addition to the Workbook information, we wish to offer some further comments and recommendations.

We Recommend:

1. A new vision for K-country. The vision that created the previous policies is inadequate and outdated. With today's environmental knowledge and the evidence of past damage, we must recognize the importance of creating a longer-term and less commercial management plan for the region.
2. A long moratorium (years, not months) on all development to allow time to adequately evaluate the region, particularly with reference to the impact of human activity.
3. Sponsorship of further in-depth studies on wildlife and habitat which are long term. Animal movement and behaviour patterns can only be understood if they are monitored over a period of several years.
4. Protect key areas by giving them the legal status of Parks such as exist for the National Parks.
5. Discourage privatization. Where human recreation is allowed, it must be accessible and available to all Albertans, not just those who can pay the most. Another Whistler-style resort is not compatible with a wilderness environment.

In addition, we wish to state the following:

1. Present policies are inconsistent, a point we refer to in our Workbook answers. They are inadequate and are frequently ignored in the face of commercial development. There is no penalty when they have been abrogated.
2. The wording of the Workbook questions is very often unclear and deceptive. Our members called it 'wishy-washy' and 'weasel' talk. In other words, we felt that the policies as stated said very little of value and were highly interpretable – not at all what we would wish as operative principles for such an important region.

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ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

By Terry Kaufman

The Ramblers Annual Dinner and Dance was held on October 30, 1998 at the Calgary Winter Club, with sixty-one people in attendance. I would like to acknowledge the people who made this a successful event.

Thank you to Frank Stanley who took the tickets at the door.

Thank you to Linda Eastwood for printing the tickets for this event and also for purchasing the prizes for the fun awards, which were very appropriately chosen.

Many thanks to Marianne & Tom Flanagan for once again helping us through with our line dancing steps. Marianne & Tom were also the presenters of the fun awards and they did a marvelous job, I am sure this will not be the last time they will be asked to be presenters for the club. Well done!!

The winners of our fun awards were:

Carolyn Croasdale	Most Creative Outfit
Garry Denman	Most Improved Hiker/Skier
Sylvia Gonzalas	Interesting item in a pack (Inflatable sink)
Sid Horowitz	Best Joke
Jean Amatt	Interesting Saying
Barb Fischer	Congeniality
Alastair Sinclair	Romeo Award

We were very fortunate to receive some very nice door prizes for the evening, please support these retailers as they have very generously supported our club.

Valhalla Pure	Blue Tilley Like Hat
Mountain Equipment Co-op	\$30.00 Gift Certificate
Ski Cellar	Ski Tune up—Value of \$35.00
	Family Ski Rental—Value of \$70.00
The Hostel Shop	White Tilley like Hat
	2 Platypus water bottles
Canadian Airlines (Linda Paquette)	2 Ski Totes
	2 Fanny Pack
Alberta Wilderness Association	Book

The following club coordinators received gold and silver pins in recognition of their contributions to our club. To receive a Gold or Silver Pin coordinators must be actively taking trips out. For a coordinator to receive a Gold Pin a coordinator must have been a full coordinator for two seasons and a member of the club for five consecutive years. A Silver Pin is awarded to a coordinator who has been a full coordinator for a term of at least one-year and a member of the club for three consecutive years.

Ron Hunter	Gold Pin
Dave Mulligan	Gold-Pin
Dawn Jones	Gold Pin
Anita O'Reilly	Silver Pin

As this was my final event for the Ramblers as Social Director, I would like to take this time to thank Anita O'Reilly for her support, and that she very often made announcements on my behalf, when I was unable to attend the regular Wednesday meetings. At this time I would also like to extend my best wishes to Bernie Fritz for much success in his term as Social Coordinator.

SOME LESSER KNOWN ASPECTS OF THE WORLD'S HIGHEST MOUNTAINS

by Wally Drew

South Central Asia has the world's highest mountains. On my October trip there, mainly to Yunnan and Tibet in S.W. China, I saw some lesser known aspects of these magnificent peaks.

The first high one I saw was 5596m (18,360ft) Yulongxue Shan – the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. I had a great view of it from my hotel room in the nice little city of Lijiang in N.W. Yunnan, 16 km away and 10,000 feet lower. Our Chinese Guide told us that the jagged summits have never been climbed. There's a chance for some of our most "gung ho" Ramblers to make a first ascent! We got a closer view of it by walking to a subalpine meadow at 10,400 ft. on its flank. The only ski area in S. China is being built on the high slopes. It is near the Myamar, Burma, border.

Flying from Chengdu in Sichuan to Tibet's Gonggar Airport south of Lhasa, we flew over the snowy glacier peaks around 7756 m (25,450') Namjagbarwa Feng just north of the Assam in N.E. India. As always, I had a window seat to enjoy the view.

Enroute from Lhasa to Gyangze we viewed more 7,000+m (21,335') mountains from Kamba La Pass 4734m (15,530'), looking south across the blue waters of large Yamdrok Tso lake. Then we had a picnic lunch on the beach of that lake at 4480 m (14,700').

It was worth days of bouncing around in our bus on the rough, dusty roads over four passes above 4940 m (16,200') to get the climax views of the trip. The first view of Everest and its mighty neighbors was from 4570 m (15,100'). All of our views of the Himalayas from the Tibetan or north side were with completely clear blue skies and very clear air, without the intervening foothills they have on the Nepal side. These spectacular views were from about 30 to 100 km away.

Our highest pass was 5220 m (17,127') Jia Tsuo La, but the best view was from Lalung Leh Pass 5060 m (16,200'). There we got our closest panoramic view of the glistening white Himalayas stretching east and northwest of Xixabangma Feng 8012 m (26,287'), six highest in the world. It is W-NW of Everest or *Qomolangma Feng*, as the Tibetans call it.

I felt pleased and lucky that unlike most of the others I felt great, my first time at such high altitudes since becoming a senior. Ramblers' lifestyle pays off. It was an anticlimax to drop way down into touristy Nepal.

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(Praxis letter from Page 4)

3. The Background booklet has useful information but there is much more that isn't mentioned. For example, flagrant violations of policy are not mentioned nor is information on contamination from chemical run-off from golf courses, cattle feces, or sewage from condominium development.

Finally, we wish to thank you for giving us the opportunity to make known our views and concerns. We love this region, from the Trans-Canada Highway all the way to the Windy Peak Hills in the south, and we want to see it protected so that it will still be there for many future generations, both human and wildlife, to enjoy just as we do today.

Yours truly,

Ms. A. O'Reilly
President

Ms. D. Reimer
Vice-President

Committee Members

Ms. S. Al	Ms. S. Tajner
Mr. P. Spaulding	Ms. D. Tardif
Mr. A. Fathi	Ms. B. Fischer
Mr. F. Appleyard	

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES

Year ended September 30, 1998

INCOME	1998	1997
MEMBERSHIPS	5,430	3,600
SOCIAL EVENTS – Net of expenses	(153)	14
REFRESHMENTS – Net of expenses	47	63
PRODUCT SALES – Net of expenses	10	12
INTEREST INCOME	<u>206</u>	<u>129</u>
	5,541	3,818
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EXPENSES		
RENT	1,600	1,600
PACKRAT EXP. – Net of advertizing revenue	1,971	588
SEMINARS & COURSES – Net of recoveries	116	674
TELEPHONE	500	505
PRINTING, POSTAGE & STATIONERY	286	277
MISCELLANEOUS	296	217
BANK CHARGES	<u>98</u>	<u>33</u>
	4,867	3,894
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	674	(76)
	===	===
BALANCE SHEET		
CASH AT BANK	140	449
MUTUAL FUND	5,335	5,129
ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE	<u>653</u>	<u>267</u>
	6,128	5,844
	=====	=====
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	82	472
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
OPENING BALANCE	5,372	5,448
INCOME(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<u>674</u>	<u>(76)</u>
	\$6,128	\$5,844
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Prepared by Chris Saunders, Treasurer

We have examined the accounting records of the Rocky Mountain Ramblers Association for the year ended September 30, 1998 and in our opinion the financial statements express fairly the financial position of the Association as of September 30, 1998 as recorded in the records and are on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

B. Westcott

S. Costachuk

On the lighter side

How logic applies to the Stress Free Diet

You should all remember your science class from Jr. of High School where we were taught that:

A "calorie" is a unit of heat. Therefore, cold foods have no calories!! Ice cream is frozen and that is why it is an excellent diet food.

GHOST RIVER EXPLORATION

by David Ladouceur

I saw a herd of fifteen horses grazing edible patches of vegetation on the main valley floor. They had thick furry coats and were amazingly robust looking. My dog Sable attempted to initiate a game of tag, but was ignored. It was December 4, 1997, with cold clear skies and a noticeable absence of snow. I had thrown some groceries, the Coleman lantern, a saw, winter sleeping bag and bike into the back of the truck and driven to the Black Rock Mountain trailhead.

In August 1985 I did a mountain bike trip from this point, to the border of the "Ghost Wilderness Area" with Ramblers Marg and Dick Lowndes, Mary Fletcher and Diane Kroeger. We had crossed the river three times, picking up pieces of an old exploration road, during our 15 km journey to camp near the shadow of Devil's Head Mountain.

In the December '97 trip I had crossed four times and got wet feet four times, making only one half the distance. The river channel had cut off old routes, and freshly graveled others on its way to the Bow. I returned to camp, making a warm fire, and planned other areas to explore in this beautiful valley.

This October, I found a spectacular side valley in Devil's Gap with hoodoos, one-hundred meter cliffs, and also a short cut into the South Ghost drainage via the slopes of Orient Peak. If you are not discouraged with some rough car travel or the odd weekend 4 X 4 this area has a lot to offer. I met up with the British Army doing training exercises up Black Rock Mountain – they have a tent camp near Devil's Gap. They say the horses are feral. It all adds up to the wildness of the Ghost Valley.



MULTI-DAY SKI TRIPS STATUS Winter 1998/1999

SLOCAN CHIEF CABIN – cancelled (we did not get in the lottery)

ROGERS PASS ACC WHEELER HUT – cancelled (hut full)

WAPTA Traverse, Easter 1999

April 01-04, 1999, 3 nights, 4 days stay in Peyto, Balfour and Scott-Duncan ACC Huts.
Rated MN 7 with probable side trips to south Rhonda (MN 7) and Mt. Balfour (MN 9).

Cost \$70.00, max. 8 persons

For information: Dave Mulligan 282-7194

Reference: Chic Scott's Summits and Icefields

FREE SLIDE SHOWS Monday evenings @ 8:00 PM PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ROOM B132, U OF C.

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| January 18 | Vancouver Island Sea Kayaking
by Cal MacDonald |
| February 1 | Bella Bella
by Cal MacDonald |
| February 22 | Ski Traverses in the Rockies
by Albi Sole |

for information call 220-5038

Items for Sale

Skis for sale Fishcher = E99
210 cm with cable bindings

\$85.00 (skins extra)

call Gert @ 242-5315

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS

October 21, 1998

Minutes of the 1997 Annual General Meeting were read. There were no errors or omissions.
No business arising from the Minutes.

President's Report; read, copy attached to the Minutes

Treasurer's Report; read, copy distributed (incl. in Newsletter)

MOTION: that the financial statements for the year ending September 30, 1998 be accepted. Moved: Ken Park,
Seconded: Dorothy-Ann Reimer **PASSED**

Trips Director; Report read, copy attached to the Minutes

New Business:

MOTION: that the membership dues remain at \$20.00 per year. Moved: Chris Saunders, Seconded: Darlene Weger **PASSED**

Anita thanked Frank Stanley for his dedication behind the coffee counter.

Election of Officers: rules of election reviewed. Quorum present. Counters appointed: Denis Longuepée, Brian Wescott.

President: Anita O'Reilly (acclamation)
Vice President: Garry Denman (acclamation)
Secretary: Ron Mason (acclamation)
Treasurer: Chris Saunders (acclamation)
PackRat Editor: Louise Richard (acclamation)
Social: Bernie Fritz
Program Director: Maria Nemethy (acclamation)
** Jean Amatt has offered to assist Chris with memberships at meetings.

Bob St. John thanked the executive

MOTION: adjournment.
Moved: Brian Westcott,
Seconded: Garry Denman

December-January

KEN'S QUOTABLE QUOTES

"There is not only a right thing to do, there is a right time to do it."
— MACKENZIE KING

"It's a rare person who wants to hear what he doesn't want to hear."
— DICK CAVETT

"Too many people expect wonders from democracy, when the most wonderful thing of all is just having it."
— WALTER WINCHELL

"Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even though you wish they were."
— UNKNOWN

"Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds us down or polishes us up depends on you."
— L. THOMAS HOLDCROFT

"To be happy, drop the words 'if only' and substitute instead the words 'next time.'"
— SMILEY BLANTON



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING President's Report

By Anita O'Reilly

1997/98 has been a great year to be President of the Rocky Mountain Ramblers. Our membership has soared to an all time record of 289 people! Fortunately, an increased number of new coordinators and trips scheduled has made it possible to adjust to this growth spurt without serious growing pains occurring.

Regretfully, two of our members were involved in serious accidents this year. Happily both had favourable outcomes, and Marianne and Christine are fully recovered and back on the trails. Although these incidents did not occur on RMRA trips, the Safety Committee and the Coordinator's Council were motivated to review our policies and procedures.

An important new policy adopted by the Coordinators' Council is that all Ramblers' trips must have at least 4 adult participants (as Ron explains in more detail in his Report, elsewhere in this Newsletter).

As with most change, new policies are sometimes difficult to accept. Some decisions made during this year have been unpopular; they have also been difficult to make. The easier road is to turn a blind eye and do nothing in the hope that a situation will resolve itself, go away or be left to someone else to deal with. The goal has continued to be to allow each participant on a trip as much individuality as possible without compromising the safety or enjoyment of the group.

I salute the members of the Executive Council, the Safety Committee and the Coordinators' Council for a job well done throughout the year!

It has been my privilege and my pleasure to be President of the Rocky Mountain Ramblers this term.

ASSINIBOINE SKI TRIP

"FLY-IN - SKI OUT"
March 3 - 7, 1999

COST: approx \$175.00 4 nights, 5 days

This trip can be handled by intermediate to advanced skiers. We will be enjoying some of the most beautiful scenery in Canada! A destination that many people from around the world come to experience. The terrain ranges from flat to gentle hills to steep slopes, and telemark skiing abounds. This will be my 3rd winter trip to Assiniboine and I can hardly wait!! Hopefully you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to visit this fabulous area.

We'll be staying in the rustic, cozy, warm (if you keep the stove going!) Naiset Cabins: 6 people per cabin, max. 12 and min. of 6 can participate. He/she who deposits first gets on the reservation list. We take in all our own supplies including firewood to a maximum of 40-50 lb. per person. If we have clear skies, a moonlight ski will be in order as there is a full moon, March 1st.



Our gear will be flown out (approx. \$2.00/lb) so we can ski out with only a day pack, stopping at the Bryant Creek Hut for lunch. Avalanche transceivers required on this trip.

DEPOSIT: \$50.00 A.S.A.P
FINAL PAYMENT DATE: to be announced
TRIP COORDINATOR: Ken Park 244-6809



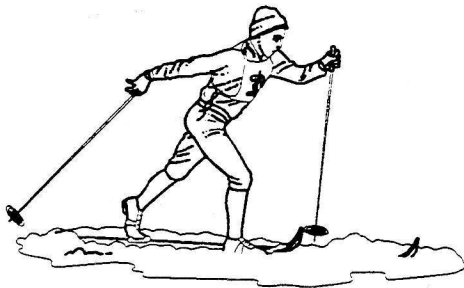
COORDINATORS' FALL MEETING SEPTEMBER 29

By Ron Hunter

A few items were covered at the fall meeting:

- The information prompting cards "Cue cards" are ready and members can buy a set for \$2.00. They cover a variety of safety and information situations. All coordinators will be given a set to carry along on trips.
- Course subsidies: paid out \$300 of a budgeted \$360, a good sign that coordinators and members are taking first aid & avalanche courses.
- Congratulations to three of our Probationary coordinators who were approved to become Full Coordinators: Garry Denman, Barbara Fischer, Dorothy-Ann Reimer
- Five applications for new Probationary Coordinators were approved: Louise Richard, Jim Ross, Linda Eastwood, Gary Sargent, Carolyn Croasdale
- **The Winter Car Rate was set to \$.04/km, it will be in effect by the time you read this.**
- A motion was passed requiring a minimum of 4 adult persons on all RMRA trips. The trip sheets will be amended to show this policy.

This motion generated a lot of discussion and the background is that wilderness first aid courses recommend this trip size as a minimum. The reasoning is that an accident situation would allow one person to stay with an injured party while two went for help. While many trips would seem to not require this safety margin (eg. city pathway cycles, Lake Agnes teahouse hike, trackset skiing at Peter Lougheed Park), this is not always the case if such trips are midweek or off-season. Rather than try to take on the nebulous task of trying to rate specific trips for minimum trip size, the majority felt that a blanket policy would be the cleanest way to go. Wally pointed out that the Colorado Mountain Club has this minimum and so does the Norsemen Ski Club.



PRAIRIE PARKS PRINCE ALBERT AND FURTHER NORTH

By Alistair DesMoulins

June 27-28, 1998

The weather forecast announced rain, rain and more rain but as the wind was from the east or southeast, I thought it would be best to go north rather than west. Gail and I left Regina on Saturday morning and after 80 km on the Saskatoon highway, turned north on Highway #2. We stopped at an excellent bakery in Watrous then continued on to St Louis where there is a bridge over the South Saskatchewan River. Rather than crossing the bridge, we went east and then north from Weldon to one of the thirteen cable ferries that are in use in the province. Our destination was the junction of the North and South Saskatchewan Rivers. I wanted to visit this point as all water that feeds most of the creeks on the east side of the mountains between the U.S. border and the Columbia Icefields passes through this area.

When we got there we found out it is a Parks Canada Recreation Area (no park fees!) of historical interest as there was a fort located there at one time. We used another cable ferry (all are free) this time across the North Saskatchewan and headed towards Prince Albert National Park.

Wasquesu, like Wasagaming in Manitoba is still a fairly appropriate National Park town. We stayed in the Narrows campground and did a few short hikes to a lookout tower to view some ridges formed by ice on the lake during winter. We saw many beautiful tiger lilies. The area is forested with mixed coniferous and deciduous trees and there are many lakes and good moose habitat. We decided the best way to appreciate this area would be by canoe – there is a two-day circuit and potential for longer trips as well. On the way back to Regina, we decided we would come back on Labour Day weekend. The weather had been generally bright and sunny apart from half an hour rain on Saturday and about an hour of rain on Sunday – meanwhile Cypress Hills got 14 inches of rain – yes, inches!

More on our exciting canoe trip to Prince Albert National Park in an upcoming Newsletter.

Rocky Mountain Ramblers Trips: October 1/97 - September 30/98

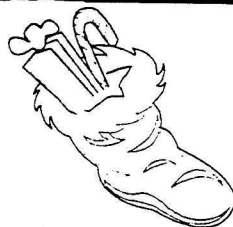
Coordinator	cycle	downhill	hikes					X-C ski				Total	Person-days
			mntn	off-trail	scram	trail	s.shoe	track	trail	off-trail	mntn		
Campbell	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	49
Davis	0	0	0	4	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	17	158
Denman	3	0	0	4	3	4	0	1	2	1	1	19	168
Des Moulins	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	18
Drew	0	0	0	4	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	12	136
Fischer,B.	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	35
Fischer,P.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	15
Fritz	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	29
Fryling	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Gali	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14
Hradowy	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	45
Hunter	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	82
Jones	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	7	54
Kittle	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	26
Lavallee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Logos	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	24
Mason	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	15
Moran	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Mulligan	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	3	4	12	119
Newell	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	13
Noer	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	12	67
O'Reilly	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	10	104
Park	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	24
Polt	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	17
Potter	0	0	0	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	9	81
Powley	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
Reid	0	0	0	5	1	9	0	1	3	0	0	19	250
Reimer	1	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	10	81
Safety Comm	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	53
Saunders	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13
Schleinich	0	0	0	2	2	11	0	6	0	0	0	21	201
Sinclair	0	0	0	3	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	23	256
St.John	0	0	2	6	4	4	0	2	2	3	2	25	311
Stopford	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Tardif	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	12
Watson	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	32
Weger	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Westcott	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	19
Wolters	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	9	71
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