

**2019 FORT COLLINS WALKS ON MONDAYS – 970.495.8560**

- May (first) and October (last) we start at 8:00 a.m. June to September, start time - 7:30 a.m.
- Breakfast is enjoyed once per month at various restaurants – generally last walk of the month. These are denoted with a **(B)** on the schedule.
- Distances and trails are different each week. Walkers choose the distance and pace they are comfortable with. Walks are on sidewalks and/or dirt trails, dependent upon location.
- Walks may be subject to change due to numerous unexpected factors (mostly Mother Nature and/or construction woes). If you don't walk with the group on a regular basis, call the Aspen Club **prior** to the morning walk for confirmation.
- If it's just a little "wet" outside, we'll be there. If it's raining cats and dogs, walks are cancelled. Use your best judgment on these days.
- Speaking of dogs, bringing your dog along is okay and supported by the Aspen Club as long as the dog is well-behaved and walks on a non-retractable leash at a dog-approved walking area.
- Be smart when you walk: bring water, hats, sunglasses and bug spray if needed. Dress comfortably - wear sturdy shoes. We always have to be mindful about bikes using the same trails – be on the watch – sometimes they fly by quickly.
- Your walk leader will collect e-mails or preferred contacts to alert you if changes occur.

**May 6<sup>th</sup> / 8:00 a.m. ARAPAHOE BEND PONDS NATURE AREA & RESERVOIR (B)**

Head east on Horsetooth – continue east going around the round-a-bout at Ziegler. You'll continue for about ½ mile till you see the parking area. We will walk around several ponds and get a glimpse of the Poudre River.

**May 13<sup>th</sup> / 8:00 a.m. FISCHER & ROSS NATURAL AREA**

Go to the Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive. Park behind the building in the far west lot area. We'll zig zag throughout the natural areas, along a canal, through woods. This is a fun walk, you might be surprised. Dirt and sidewalk paths

**May 20<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. DIXON RESERVOIR / PINERIDGE OPEN SPACE (B)**

On Overland Trail road, turn on the south side of the CSU Sonny Lubick football stadium (Rd. 42C). As the road turns up towards Horsetooth Reservoir, you'll see the nature area parking lot on the left.

NOTE: All dirt paths with some up's & down's & some uneven surfaces. **(B) Breakfast to follow at First Watch Daytime Café (formerly Egg n' I), 2809 S. College Ave.**

**MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> – NO WALK TODAY DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION  
NOTE: WE START WALKING AT 7:30AM IN JUNE**



# Aspen Club Walking Club

## June 3<sup>rd</sup> / 7:30 a.m. BOBCAT RIDGE – SOUTH FROM MASONVILLE

**Bobcat Ridge's** address is 10184 West County Road 32C, Loveland. From **Fort Collins**, take Harmony Road west, it turns into CR 38 E. Follow CR 38 E up and around to the back side of Horsetooth Reservoir to Masonville. Go left (south) at the Masonville Mercantile onto CR 27. Follow CR 27 about 1 mile to CR 32 C, head west about 1 mile to the **Bobcat Ridge** parking lot.

## June 10<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. DISCOVERY MUSEUM & POUFRE RIVER TRAIL

Park at the Museum of Discovery, 408 Mason Ct (just west of College Ave, off of Cherry St.). Once we make our way down to the Poudre trail, river conditions will dictate if we head east or west – both directions offer many reasons why we love living in this area. Dirt and sidewalk.

## June 17<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. RIVERBEND PONDS – NW CORNER ENTRY

We will park in the lot for this natural area right off of Timberline, just south from Mulberry (Hwy 14). **Do not park in the lot off of Prospect.** We will enter the ponds from the northwest corner - take Cairnes Rd east off of Timberline to access the parking spot.

## June 24<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. SODERBURG OPEN SPACE – BLUE SKY TRAIL (B)

From Taft Rd, turn west on Harmony Road. Harmony Road turns into 38E as it heads around the south end of the reservoir, then over to the west side. Right after you pass the Blue Sky Trail Head parking on the right (and the Canyon Grill Restaurant on the left), look for Shoreline Road – turn right. Go about 1.3 miles till you see the parking lot on the west (left). This walk has steady elevation gains and is a bit more challenging, but a beautiful walk and view of a reservoir inlet. There is a “per-car” parking fee for this area, so if you want to car pool and share that fee, we’ll determine a place to meet. **(B) Breakfast to follow at Sammy’s Breakfast bar, 4613 S. Mason.** This is by the south Walmart - intersection of Harmony and College – look in the strip mall on the west side.

## July 1<sup>st</sup> / 7:30 a.m. SOFT GOLD PARK / MAGPIE MEANDER NATURAL AREA

North on College. Just when you get past Jax Surplus, turn west on Hickory. Go about 1/2 mile till the road ends at the Soft Gold Park parking area. We will do a nature stroll through Magpie Meander which gets us near ponds, the Poudre river and McMurray Natural area.

## July 8<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. REDTAIL GROVE NATURAL AREA / SOUTH TRANSIT CENTER

Heading south on College Ave., go 4/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile past the Harmony intersection. Turn right on Fairway Lane, then right on Fossil Blvd. into the south transit parking lot. We will head south on the trail, to the newest section of the Redtail Grove Nature Area, where we eventually head west.

## July 15<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. CACHE LA POUFRE SCHOOL, LIONS PARK & POUFRE RIVER

This junior high school is on Hwy 287, through the city of LaPorte (actual address is 3511 W. Cty Rd 54). Once you get into the school’s parking lot, turn right and park by the tennis courts. We’ll enjoy Poudre River trail, through Lyons Park and over a beautiful bridge. Dirt and sidewalk walking.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> / 7:30 a.m. COLORADO WELCOME CENTER**

Go east on Prospect. Just before you reach I-25, look on the south side of the street and you'll see the Colorado Welcome Center (actual address is 3745 E. Prospect). Head into the Welcome Center's parking lot and we'll enter Running Deer Natural area from there (**this is different from the entrance off of Prospect**). Scenic ponds, birds and Poudre River sites unfold as we enjoy this walk.

**July 29<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. NORTHSIDE ATZLAN CENTER – POUDBRE RIVER WALK (B)**

From north College Ave, this community center is at 112 E. Willow Street. Park on the back or east side of the center and we'll walk east on the Poudre River trail. **(B) Breakfast to follow at Ginger and Baker, 359 Linden St.**

**August 5<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. EDORA PARK – PARK BY THE BASEBALL FIELDS**

From Lemay, go east on Stuart Street. Go past the intersection at Stuart and Welch (where Riffenburgh Elementary is) and continue about a block. Turn north, going down to the baseball diamond parking lot. We'll walk along the beautiful Spring Creek Trail.

**August 12<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. COTTONWOOD GLEN PARK**

Take Drake as far west as it goes – turn south on Overland Trail. Go about ¼ mile till you see the parking lot. We'll walk through Cottonwood Glen and Spring Canyon parks. You can choose sidewalk or dirt path walking. This park is quite beautiful with many surprising features.

**August 19<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. POUDBRE RIVER NEAR THE TIMNATH WALMART**

Head east on Harmony Blvd, go over I-25. Once you pass over the interstate, turn left at the light and head into the Timnath Walmart parking lot. You'll soon pass a Wendy's on your right - go just past it and turn right into a small parking area down below it. The actual address of this small park is 4580 Weitzel St. We'll walk around the pond and then over to Swetsville Zoo for added fun.

**August 26<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 a.m. MANY NATURAL AREAS - PARK AT NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (B)**

Going north on Lemay, just past the Riverside intersection, turn east on Poudre River Rd. There is a skin care clinic there and urgent care center in that area. In one block, turn right on Hoffman Mill Rd and follow this for about .7 miles into the parking area at the Natural Resources Building/Office. We'll walk down along the Poudre trail from there crossing through King Fisher, Springer and Nix natural areas. **(B) Breakfast after will be at the Back Porch Café, 1101 E. Lincoln Ave.**

**SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – NO WALK TODAY DUE TO LABOR DAY RECOGNITION**