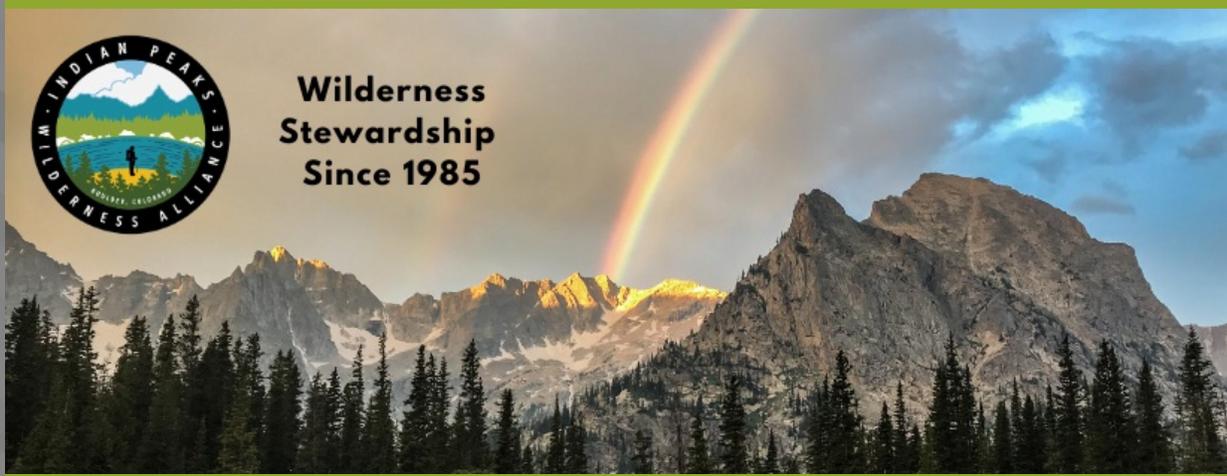


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July 2021 Newsletter

IPWA News

Thank You, Mentors!

We want to give a big thank you to our wonderful mentors this year! Mentors take new volunteers on two patrol hikes to show them the ropes, and they are always available to answer questions and provide guidance. They are essential to ensure the growth and sustainability of the IPWA's Summer Patrol program. We couldn't do it without them!



Photos provided by Emily Herrington (left) and Leslie Brodhead (right)

GAIA Map Software

IPWA Volunteers now have access to a free year of Gaia GPS Premium Membership through their Team Account program until July 6, 2022.

You can join the IPWA Team Page at GAIA by clicking this [GAIA link](#) and follow the instructions provided. Once you have downloaded the app please send an email to hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org and we will send you the password. Enjoy!

No Summer Picnic This Year

The IPWA was hoping to be able to host our annual summer volunteer picnic this year - we miss seeing all of you! However, due to the multiple COVID-19 variants circulating the country, the Board has decided to not host the in-person picnic this year. We are hopeful that we can continue this tradition next summer.

In the meantime, thank you all for the amazing work you are doing this season!

Program Updates

South Boulder Creek Trail Project

On July 24th, volunteers worked on replacing a single span bog bridge just inside the wilderness boundary on the South Boulder Creek Trail.

Thank you to everyone who came out!

We have two other trail projects scheduled this summer:
Saturday, August 28th - East Portal Crater Lakes Trail
Saturday, September 25th - East Portal

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to ipwatrailcrew@gmail.com.





Photos provided by Bryon Lawrence

2021 Summer Patrols Update

Our Summer Patrol season is in full swing!

Interesting Statistics:

- **Most miles hiked on a patrol:** 30 miles by Patrick Lienin (overnight)
- **Most people seen on one patrol:** 320 people by Leslie Brodhead, Erica Churgin, Peter Fellenz and Levi Reisinger on a mentor hike.

Trail Reports:

- "The wildflowers were very profuse along the trail...We saw bistort, paint brush, heart-leaf arnica, mountain aster, parry's primrose, chiming bells and a few columbine."
- "Lots of wildflowers starting to bloom: Indian paintbrush, Colorado Columbine, penstemon, etc .. trail clear to lake Isabelle, minimal snow. Saw bull elk at turn around point, swam across lake Isabelle."
- "Buchanan and Pawnee Pass trail loop with a variation. On day one I hiked to Coney Lake starting at Mitchell Lake Trailhead. There were two fire rings close to the lake. Otherwise an almost unspoiled area. On day two, I followed game trails towards upper Coney lake. I saw a male moose and multiple deer halfway. Upper Coney Lake is a gem with marvelous views. No signs of campfires, established campsites or trails."

Check Summer Trail Conditions Here!



Sawyer Updates

Our certified sawyers continue to work with the USFS to clear trails of downed trees.

Thank you for your hard work to make sure our trails are clear!



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