



2017 COSA Field Trips *(capacity noted in parenthesis)*

All trips will leave from Beaver Run Resort at 12:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Wheels and Water with the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (12)

Join the BOEC for a walking, wheeling, hiking, and paddling tour of our Wilderness Site and get a better understanding of hiking and paddling with a disability and the necessities for making trails and water accessible. Participants will get to experience using wheelchairs and other assistive devices on the accessible trail around the reservoir. We will also have a variety of boats and adaptive devices to try out for a paddle on the reservoir.

Historical Walk through Mining Country (25)

The trails of French Gulch east of Breckenridge pass through Breckenridge's fabled "Golden Horseshoe," one of Colorado's most fertile mining regions. The initial strikes here in 1859 gave birth to Breckenridge and contributed to the town's fortunes over the next century. In partnership with the Breckenridge Heritage Alliance, numerous mine structures have been preserved and interpreted. Hike to visit several mining remains, including a gold dredge boat, and hear about local historic preservation efforts in French Gulch. Bring water and wear comfortable hiking shoes.

Blue River and Swan River Restoration Projects (25)

Summit County and Breckenridge staff will lead a tour of the nearby Swan and Blue River restoration sites showcasing the value in restoring mine-scarred landscapes to functional open space, techniques and challenges faced during the restoration process, and the importance of strong partnerships to realize common goals. Participants have the option to conclude at Broken Compass Brewery in Breckenridge, or return to the conference site. The Breckenridge 'Free Ride' bus service is available for transport back to town from the brewery. Trip difficulty: easy.

Summit County Recpath Tour (40)

Summit County Open Space & Trails staff will lead a tour of the Recpath highlighting the diverse management issues of this 55+ mile network of off-highway pathways that connects the towns, resorts, trailheads, and other attractions around the county. Participants have the option to conclude at Broken Compass Brewery in Breckenridge, or return to the conference site. The Breckenridge 'Free Ride' bus service is available for transport back to town from the brewery. Mileage: 32. Trip difficulty: Strenuous.

Fly Fishing on the Blue River (16 total - 2 groups of 8)

Come join the Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission for fly-fishing on the Blue River! We will be accessing the river and navigating it via the River Trail and recpath just outside of town. Fly-fishing experience is highly recommended to maximize your enjoyment of this trip. Please be equipped with your fly-rod, flies, waders, and drinking water. We look forward to hitting the water with you!

River Trail Mountain Bike Ride (Easy 15)

Breckenridge staff will lead an easy 6.5 mile loop that combines The Town of Breckenridge Gold Level Bicycle Friendly roads, recreation path and the River trail paralleling the scenic Blue River. Highlights of tour include Oxbow Park, a nature based park adjacent to new workforce housing project to be completed in 2018, the recently completed reconstruction of the Blue River north of Coyne Valley Road and an optional stop at one of the Town's favorite local breweries Broken Compass.

Stats: 3 Miles Paved Surfaces, 3.5 Miles Easy Singletrack, Elevation Gain 400 Feet

Sallie Barber Mountain Bike Ride (Intermediate 15)

Breckenridge staff will lead a 12 mile historic mountain bike tour traversing through French Gulch up to Sallie Barber Mine and descending back to town on the Barney Ford trail. Highlights of the tour include the recently completed Wellington Trail, Wellington Bike Park and multiple interpretative sites highlighting the rich mining history of Breckenridge and Breckenridge Brewery.

Stats: 3 Miles Paved Surfaces, 2.5 Miles Dirt Road, 8.5 Miles Moderate Singletrack, Elevation Gain 1,500 Feet

Aspen Alley Mountain Bike Ride (Advanced 15)

Breckenridge Open Space staff will lead a 16 mile advanced mountain bike tour crossing through the historic French Gulch and climbing to tree line on Baldy Mountain before descending into Town. This strenuous ride will cross over Town, County and USFS properties highlighting their partnerships. Other highlights include the new Wellington Trail, Wellington Bike Park and descending the recently completed Aspen Alley Trail and Breckenridge Brewery.

Stats: 2 Miles Paved Surface, 1.5 Miles Dirt Road, 12.5 Miles Moderate Singletrack, Elevation Gain 2,000 Feet

Black Powder Pass Hike (20)

The hike to Black Powder Pass starts with a 6-mile scenic auto tour along Boreas Pass Road, formerly the South Park and Pacific Railroad bed, to the top of Boreas Pass on the Continental Divide at 11,499 feet. From the trailhead on Boreas Pass Road, the hike begins with an easy grade passing through high alpine forest and above treeline to an elevation of 12,159 feet, with spectacular views of the Blue River Valley and majestic Tenmile Range. Paul Semmer, White River National Forest Dillon Ranger District, will discuss challenges with complex landownership patterns and partnerships with local and national open

space and trail groups. The 2-mile round trip hike will end back at Boreas Pass and continue the auto tour back down to Breckenridge with an optional stop for a cold one at the Breckenridge Brewery.

Mohawk Lakes Hike (30)

Join the Friends of the Dillon Ranger District for a 6.8-mile hike to Mohawk Lakes. The lakes sit at and slightly above treeline along Mt Helen with spectacular views of the Ten Mile Range. This out-and-back moderate-strenuous hike has an elevation gain of approximately 1,680 feet and passes through rich fields of wildflowers, waterfalls, and relics of the mining era. Bring water, sunscreen, and wear hiking boots.

Wetlands and Wildlife of Cucumber Gulch (14 total - 2 groups of 7)

Cucumber Gulch Preserve, the crown jewel of the Town of Breckenridge's open space program, is the site of an extensive preservation and wetland restoration project. Located at the base of the popular Breckenridge Ski Resort and surrounded by mountain home and resort construction, the Gulch is experiencing challenges from water quality to trespassing during trail closures. This easy walking tour will highlight the Town's adaptive management techniques to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, and the numerous wildlife that live and breed in the Gulch.

Trail Mix: Art and Open Space (15)

Join "Breck Create" for a Trail Mix tour, a series of art installations along Town of Breckenridge open spaces and trails. In celebrating mountain culture and the environment, this annual art and open space installation kicks off during the Breckenridge International Festival of Arts and features unique exhibits throughout the local trail system, providing bikers and hikers with an unexpected arts experience. Highlighting its recognition as the #1 arts vibrant small town in America, this tour will also take in several of the art installations throughout downtown Breckenridge and its arts district.