Bobcats Newsletter

April 2026



Bobcats Section Chair Musings

The strong La Niña pattern may be breaking up, but not before delivering a tough season- warmer temperatures, dry conditions, and one of the poorest snowpacks on record. As of April 1, statewide water availability sits at just 22% of normal, with impacts likely to linger through increased wildfire risk and potential water restrictions.

A shift toward El Niño is expected later this year, but for now, staying informed is key. Staying informed is more important than ever. Here are a few helpful resources.

- **InciWeb** - A centralized source for updates on wildfires and other incidents nationwide.
- **AirNow Fire and Smoke Map** - Tracks fine particle pollution (PM2.5), including wildfire smoke. The AirNow mobile app is especially useful when you're in the field.
- **CMC Wildfire Tips for Leaders** - Available on the CMC Trip Leader Resources page, this guide offers practical tools and links for assessing wildfire risk. While designed for trip leaders, it's valuable for all members.

Links to these, along with a shared folder of **Bobcats GPX files** (from Rich McAdams, uploaded by Ed Cotgageorge), are available on the Bobcats Section page.

You can also connect with fellow members via the **Colorado Mountain Club Bobcats Facebook group.**

As we head into the warmer summer season, **let's stay Safety Aware** and look out for one another.

Jim Guerra
Bobcats Section Chair

Upcoming Bobcat Trips- Sign up for the waitlist if full

https://www.cmc.org/education-adventure/trips/find-trips#b_start=0&c2=Bobcats+Section



Hike



Scramble



Snowshoe



Participants of the first official Improved Hiking Form and Performance Clinic. Taught and picture by Ed Cotgageorge.

Lots of fun and new information to become even better hikers. Looking forward to future clinics.



Bergen Pk led and pic by MIchael Rees



Chicago Lk led and pic by Rachel Dobrotin



Forest Lk led by Wayne Howell and pic by Jan Brady



Forest Lk pic by Jan Brady



Lake Isabelle by Jeff Hogan



Lake Isabelle by Neil Purrett



Lake Isabelle led by Wayne Howell pic by Phil Straffin



Lake Isabelle pic by Neil Purrett



Beaver Brook Chavez Loop led by Michael Rees



Leland Creek, Fool Creek, King Creek Loop led and pic by Wayne Howell



Walker Ranch led by Michael Rees pic by Deb English



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The Bobcats' mission is to ensure a variety of adventurous CMC trips, mostly on weekdays, all year long. Our trips tend to be faster-paced, on more challenging routes, and with fewer stops. We foster a strong community of hikers seeking challenge, discovery and camaraderie.

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