

### **April Club Trip**

This month's trip is TBD.

We will be handing out the new numbers at the next 2 club meetings.

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# **March Trip Report**

Cherokee Park

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#### OLD POUDRE CITY

Located west of Rustic on the south side of the Poudre River, the site was named for the mining settlement where John and Mike Zimmerman built and started a stamp mill in 1890. On June 9, 1891, a flood caused by a break in the Chambers Lake Pam destroyed everything on the site except on cabin and the old chimney of the stamp mill. It was reported in later years by Stella Christianson, the then three-year-old daughter of John McNabb, that John Zimmerman rode his horse to death galloping a warning to the residents of Poudre City. Because of that warning, local residents made it safely to higher ground. Supposedly, thirteen families lived in Poudre City at the time.

The stamp mill chimney has been painted and repaired, and a historical marker approved by the State Historical Society has been placed on the chimney. A trail leads to the site from the Poudre Canyon Chapel parking lot. Besides the chapel, the Poudre Canyon School and the old Eggers Log School are also on the site. The school was moved up form its Eggers site to be used as a museum.

#### **OWL CANYON**

This area was settled in 1875 by Miss Sarah Ayres and family. Located south of Livermore and east of Highway 287, the canyon was named by the Ayres for the numerous owls that lived in the area.

#### PARVIN LAKE

The reservoir was named for a Colorado Game & Fish Commissioner, R.E. (Rolly) Parvin. The Reservoir is located next to the Red Feather Lakes.

#### PENNOCK CREEK PASS

Charles E. Pennock planned a road over the mountains to Walden, but ran out of money before the project could be completed. The stream and Pennock Pass along the Buckhorn road were named for him.

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#### PETERSON CREEK

Peterson Creek comes down a mountain and into the Cache la Poudre River on the north side of the road between the State Fish Hatchery and Kinikinik. It was named for Henry C. Peterson who homesteaded the area in 1882.

#### PINGREE HILL

George W. Pingree spent winters in the late 1860's in the upper reaches of the Poudre trapping beavers and hunting wild game. He built a camp at what is now Rustic and built the first trail up the gulch north of Rustic over which he packed his supplies, game, and furs. He went to work for Issac Coe and Levi Carter of Nebraska, the contractors for the UPRR. In 1970 he built a narrow gauge 3 foot road down the Pingree trail and up the Canyon to Cameron Pass. The cutters and haulers helped in the widening of his trail and gave it his name.

#### PINGREE PARK

George Pingree located trees for ties at the headwaters of the Little South Fork of the Poudre River and this park area was named for him.

#### POUDRE CITY

The name given to the area where the Zimmerman Brothers erected a five stamp mill following 1887 gold finds along the Poudre above Rustic. When Bob and Margaret Lewis started their resort and subdivision at the old U bar U Ranch. They chose this name over the objections of many old timers who felt that this would add confusion about the old historical site which now has been called "Old Poudre City". The name of Poudre City Resort has now been changed by new owners to Mountain Greenery, but the subdivision which is located 1 1/4 miles east of Old Poudre City still retains the name of Poudre City.

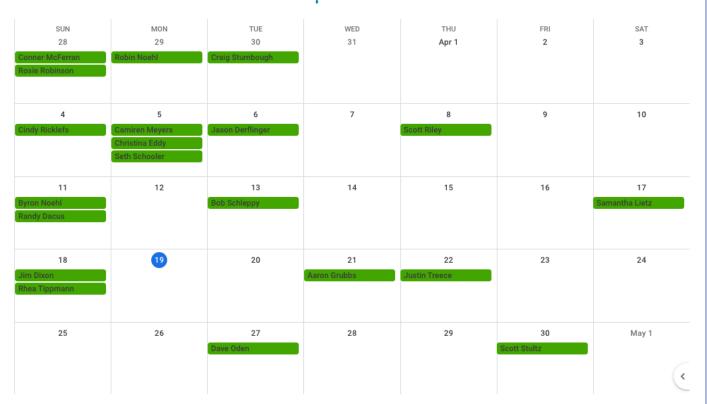
#### POUDRE PARK

Named for the river.

#### POUDRE PASS

Separated the Colorado River and Poudre River watersheds and

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is located on the Continental Divide south of Long Draw Reservoir. This was originally known as Mountain Meadow Pass.

#### PROFILE ROCK

(See Old Mans Face)

#### RAWAH

The name given to a peak, a wild area, and several lakes. It was the name given the area east of the Medicine Bow Mountains of northern Colorado by the Ute Indians long before the coming of the white man. It means "wilderness".

#### RED FEATHER

The lakes making up /red Feather were developed by Jake Mitchell and know as Mitchell Lakes until later changed. Prior to that they were referred to as West Lake.

In 1923 Princes Chinena, a professional singer from the Cherokee Indian Nation, came to the area for a promotional celebration. Her costume included a red feather which she wore in her hair denoting the meaning of her name. The community took the name ager her visit. Red Feather Lakes Pays celebrated on the 4th of July week-end usually includes the choosing and crowing of Princess Red Feather.

A second story states that Red Feather Lakes was named for Chief Red Feather, hero of an American Indian legend, by a Mr. Princell who funded the resort in the summer of 1923.

In a dream, the young Red Feather saw the Great Spirit who revealed the location of a fishing and hinting paradise toward the north start. Red Feather found the place, claimed it for the Cherokees and was made a chief.

#### **RIST CANYON**

Augustine Mason bought the Rist Canyon road from Joe Rist in 1866 for \$75. Joseph Mason owned the bridge over the Poudre River in Pleasant Valley at the time. The two men found the bridge and road too expensive to maintain and turned them over to the county.

#### ROCK HOLE LAKE

A small lake in the Rawahs that is located in solid rock was named by Red Vernon, an early guide in the Rawah area.

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Established in 1915 through the efforts of local conservationist Enos Mills, it was named for the Rocky Mountains.

#### ROOSEVELT NATIONAL FOREST

In 1891, the Forest Reserve Act was passed, enabling the President to establish reserves on national lands. A petition filed by the Colorado State Forestry Association resulted in the formation of the Medicine Bow National Forest Preserve in 1902, and included lands in Wyoming and Colorado. The Colorado portion became the Colorado National Forest in 1910 and was named for President Theodore Roosevelt in 1932. The headquarters were first located in Wyoming, then moved to Estes Park Colorado, and finally to Fort Collins in 1908 when given space in the post office building in 1911.

#### RUSTIC

Samuel B. Stewart, foreman of the "tie boys" homesteaded the area and in 1891, built the Rustic Hotel. The origin of the mane is unknown, but was possibly named for the type of accommodations. The hotel had its ups and downs and was demolished.

#### SAWTOOTH/MOUNT RICHTHOFEN/NOKHU CRAGS

Early postcards list this area as Sawtooth. Ansel Watrous' Larimer Country History - 1911 shows a picture labeled as Sawtooth. Some maps show it as Mount Richthofen. Other maps show Nokhu Crags, supposedly named by the Indians. The meaning is unknown. Some believe Nokhu to mean "seven Utes", but Seven Utes is the name also given to the peaks surrounding the next basin to the west, and closer to the 7 Utes Lodge. The basin is also the site of the proposed 7 Utes Ski Area.

#### SEVEN MILE CREEK

The stream that is seven miles long empties into the Poudre River at Rustic.