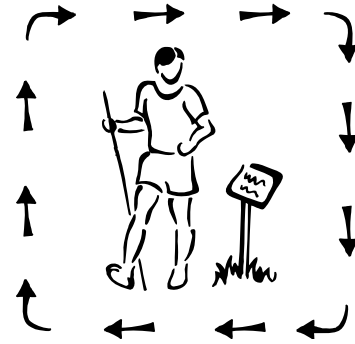


Bozeman Senior Center
807 North Tracy 586-2421
Walking Program 2009
June 4 – September 24



These feet were made for walking!

The following pages are an itinerary of each walk that is scheduled for the summer. Enclosed, you will find more detailed information about each particular trail. Walks will take place on **Thursdays** and the meeting place will be the Bozeman Senior Center. You may be required to drive your own vehicle to the start of the trail. Water bottles are required and please dress appropriately for the weather. Pay close attention to proper footwear and bring a walking stick if you'd like. **We will start at 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning.** We will always be back to the Senior Center by 12:00 Noon. This is a walking group developed for those of you who just like to walk at a slower pace, visit, and enjoy the scenery. All trails have been evaluated carefully to ensure a level elevation gain for pleasurable walking! Please call 586-2421 for further information. Adults only, please. Adult children, over the age of 20, may be guest walkers. No one under the age of 20 may go on the walks.

Note: Walks will be cancelled if the weather is uncooperative, i.e....rain, snow, wind, cold.

Walk 1

East Gallatin River Trail - Thursday, June 4

Walking Distance: 1.2 miles round trip

Walking Time: 30 minutes

Elevation: Level

Summary of Walk: The east Gallatin River Trail begins at the Bozeman Beach and Glen Lake, a man-made lake with a 300-foot beachfront in the East Gallatin Recreation Area. The

recreation area has picnic shelters and a fishing dock. The trail leaves the lake and crosses a field, an old abandoned landfill, along the East Gallatin River.

Driving Directions: From Main Street in downtown Bozeman, head north on North Rouse Avenue 1.4 miles to Griffin Drive. Turn left and drive .3 miles to Manley Road. Turn right and continue .6 miles to the signed East Gallatin Recreation Area. Turn right and drive a short distance to the parking lot on the east side of Glen Lake.

Walk 2

Story Mill Spur Trail - Thursday June 11

Walking Distance: 2 miles round trip

Walking Time: 1 hour

Elevation Gain: Level

Summary of Walk: The Story Mill Spur Trail is an interpretative trail along the railroad right-of-way. The trail crosses Rocky Creek, where benches have been placed in the shade of the cottonwood trees. The hike passes the Bozeman Livestock stockyards and the historic Story Mill to Bridger Canyon Drive.

Driving Directions: From Main Street in downtown Bozeman, take North Wallace Street .6 miles to East Tamarack Street. Turn right and park alongside the road. The trail is on the north side of the railroad tracks.

Walk 3

Gallagator Trail - Thursday June 18

Walking Distance: 2.2 miles round trip

Walking Time: 1 hour

Elevation Gain: Level

Summary of Walk: The Gallagator Trail follows the route of the Gallagator Railroad Line. The path begins at the corner of East Story and South Church. The trail heads south, crossing Sourdough Creek and several streets, reaching the corner of South 3rd and Kagy Boulevard. The Extension Trail crosses Kagy and circles around the Museum of the Rockies, then south to Morningstar School, finally running along the South 3rd to its terminus at Sacajawea Middle School.

Driving Directions: From Main Street at the east end of downtown Bozeman, drive south on South Church Avenue .4 miles to the parking area on the left, at the base of Peets' Hill across from Story Street.

Walk 4

Bozeman Ponds - Thursday, June 25

Walking Distance: 1 mile round trip

Walking Time: 45 minutes to an hour

Elevation Gain: Level

Summary of Walk: This spot is an ideal place to take a walk, bring your dog and have a picnic. This is an easy stroll and is convenient because it is located in town.

Driving Directions: Take Main Street out of town heading toward Four Corners, this street turns into Huffline Lane and you will take a right on Fowler Lane. Then take another right into the park area where parking will be.

Walk 5

East Gallatin River Trail – Thursday, July 2

Walking Distance: 1.2 miles round trip

Walking Time: 30 minutes

Elevation: Level

Summary of Walk: The east Gallatin River Trail begins at the Bozeman Beach and Glen Lake, a man-made lake with a 300-foot beachfront in the East Gallatin Recreation Area. The recreation area has picnic shelters and a fishing dock. The trail leaves the lake and crosses a field, an old abandoned landfill, along the East Gallatin River.

Driving Directions: From Main Street in downtown Bozeman, head north on North Rouse Avenue 1.4 miles to Griffin Drive. Turn left and drive .3 miles to Manley Road. Turn right and continue .6 miles to the signed East Gallatin Recreation Area. Turn right and drive a short distance to the parking lot on the east side of Glen Lake.

Walk 6

Chris Boyd/ Highland Ridge Trail - Thursday, July 9

Walking Distance: 4.2 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: about 100 feet

Summary of Walk: Beginning at Peet's Hill in Burke Park, the Highland Ridge Trail sits overlooking all of Bozeman, offering great views of the city, valley and the surrounding mountain ranges. The trail winds around a subdivision after crossing Highland Blvd. and eventually crosses Kagy Blvd. and ends at the beginning of the Painted Hills Trail.

Driving Directions: From Main Street at the east end of downtown Bozeman, drive South on Church Avenue 0.4 miles to the parking area in the left, at the base of Peets' Hill across from Story Street.

Walk 7

Sunset Hills Cemetery – Thursday, July 16

Walking Distance: 2.5 miles

Walking Time: 2 hours

Walking Elevation: Level

Summary of Walk: A stroll through the "Old Section" (Northwest side) of the cemetery will prove to be a living testament to Bozeman's and the Gallatin Valley's long and exciting past. It is here that one can find the graves of Bozeman, Story, Rouse, Mendenhall, and countless others who laid the groundwork for a City we can be proud to call home.

Driving Directions: Take Main Street East out of town, and turn right into Lindley Park.

Walk 8

Palisade Falls - Thursday, July 23

Walking Distance: 1.2 miles round trip

Walking Time: 30 minutes

Elevation Gain: 250 feet

Summary of Walk: The walk to Palisade Falls follows a paved wheelchair accessible trail. The forested trail parallels the East Fork of Hyalite Creek to a tall and beautiful waterfall on Palisade Mountain. The towering falls weaves a mosaic of white patterns cascading off the rocks below. At the trail head is a picnic area.

Driving Directions: From Main Street and 19th Avenue in Bozeman, drive south on 19th Avenue, which becomes south 19th Road, 7 miles to Hyalite Canyon on the left-turn left.

Continue 11.7 miles, crossing to the east side of Hyalite Reservoir, to a road fork. Take the left fork one mile to the Palisade Falls parking and picnic area on the left.

Walk 9

History Rock – Thursday, July 30

Walking Distance: 2.4 miles round trip

Walking Time: 1 hour

Elevation Gain: 300 feet

Summary of Walk: The trail to History Rock is a short uphill hike to an impressive rock formation carved by pioneers with names dating

Driving Directions: From Main Street and 19th Avenue in Bozeman, Drive south on 19th Avenue, which becomes South 19th Road, 7 miles to Hyalite Canyon Road on the left - turn left. Continue 8.8 miles to the History Rock turnoff on the right. Turn right and park 100 feet ahead in the trailhead parking area.

Walk 10

Grotto Falls – Thursday, August 6

Walking Distance: 2.5 miles round trip

Walking Time: 1:15 hour

Elevation Gain: 250 feet

Summary of Walk: Grotto Falls is a wide and magnificent waterfall that is easy to hike to. The forested trail to Grotto Falls is a wheelchair accessible, gravel path. The surrounding mountains tower above the trail throughout the hike. Log benches have been placed at beautiful stopping points alongside Hyalite Creek.

Driving Directions: From Main Street and 19th Avenue in Bozeman, drive south on 19th Avenue, which becomes South 19th Road, 7 miles to Hyalite Canyon Road on the left- turn left. Continue 11.7 miles, crossing to the east side of Hyalite Reservoir, to a road fork. Take the right fork two miles to the Grotto Falls parking area.

Walk 11

Sourdough Trail – Thursday, August 13

Walking Distance: 3.2 miles round trip

Walking Time: 1.5 hours

Elevation Gain: 100 feet

Summary of Walk: The Sourdough Trail parallels Sourdough Creek under the shade of aspen and cottonwoods. After crossing over the creek, the path breaks out into the grassy meadows and skirts the Valley View Golf Course. In the winter, the Sourdough Trail is a popular cross-country ski trail.

Driving Directions: From Main Street at the end of downtown Bozeman, drive south on South Church Avenue 3.2 miles to Goldenstein Lane. Turn right and drive .5 miles to the signed trail on the right, just after crossing the bridge over Sourdough Creek. Park in the small pullouts along either side of the road.

Walk 12

Willson Historic District – Thursday, August 20

Walking Distance: 2.5 miles round trip

Walking Time: 2 hours

Elevation Gain: Level

Summary of Walk: Begin at the Senior Center and start walking on Tracy Avenue to Peach/ Durston and take a right. Go one block and take a left on Willson Avenue. Walk on the right side of the street, the West side. Go past Main Street to Olive. Your first stop will be the United Methodist Church at 121 South Willson Avenue. From here you will continue with various stop of historic sites and a brief history of them. You will go as far as T. Bryron Story Mansion. You will then cross the street at College and come down the other side of Willson Avenue with a few more stops and then back to the Senior Center.

Driving Directions: Please meet at the Senior Center. You will walk from here.

Walk 13

Rat Lake – Thursday, August 27

Walking Distance: 1.5 miles round trip

Walking Time: 1 hour

Elevation Gain: 160 feet

Summary of Hike: Rat Lake is a beautiful lake that deserves a more attractive name. The lake, surrounded by forest, sits at 6,600 feet and is an ideal fishing, picnicking, and strolling area with an accessible shoreline. The hike is short and easy, ideal for children and

seniors. The beginning of the hike uses the same trail that leads 1,500 feet up to the Garnet Mountain Lookout Tower.

Driving Directions: From Four Corners, 9 miles west of Bozeman, take Highway 191 south towards the Gallatin Canyon. Drive 16.6 miles to Squaw Creek Road (and Spire Rock Campground) on the left. Turn left, cross Squaw Creek Bridge over the Gallatin River, and curve to the right. Continue 6.7 miles to the Rat Lake trailhead parking area. Along the way are two road forks – take the right fork both times.

Walk 14

Painted Hills Trail – Thursday, September 3

Walking Distance: 2.5 miles round trip

Walking Time: 1 hour

Elevation Gain: Level

Summary of Hike: The Painted Hills Trail begins near the south end of the Highland Ridge Trail. The Kagy Connector Trail links these two trails together. The Kagy Connector Trail links these two trails together. The Painted Hills Trail passes through dedicated parkland along a gully near the Painted Hills subdivision. The path heads south, crossing a small meandering stream. The trail currently ends at a private property fence line.

Driving Directions: Go south on Church Street, left on Kagy. Go 7/10 mile and turn right into a small parking area. Begin hiking here. The trail crosses several creeks and roads until it dead-ends at a fence line. When landowner permission is obtained, this trail will allow hikers to reach the Hyalite Mountains.

Walk 15

West Shore Loop Trail (not the Crescent Lake Trail) – Thursday, September 10

Walking Distance: 2.5 mile loop

Walking Time: 1.5 hours

Elevation Gain: 240 feet

Summary of Hike: The trail to Crescent Lake is an easy meander through the forest to a small crescent shaped lake. The return trail follows the shoreline of Hyalite Reservoir. This is a large recreational area surrounded by picturesque mountains in every direction.

Driving Directions: From Main Street and 19th Avenue in Bozeman, drive south on 19th Avenue, which becomes South 19th Road, 7 miles to Hyalite Canyon Road on the left – turn left. Continue 9.9 miles to the trailhead parking area on the right. Hyalite Reservoir is to the left.

Walk 16

Bozeman Creek Trail – Thursday, September 17

Walking Distance: 0.5 to 22 miles round trip

Walking Time: 30 minutes and up

Elevation Gain: Approximately 200 feet per mile

Summary of Hike: The Bozeman Creek Trail is located in Sourdough Canyon directly south of Bozeman. The trail is an old logging road with gradual ascent that follows the creek through a spruce and fir forest. The trail leads eleven miles up canyon to Mystic Lake

Driving Directions: From the east end of downtown Bozeman, drive south on South Church Avenue 5.2 miles to Nash Road. Turn right on Nash Road, and continue 0.2 miles to Sourdough Canyon Road on the left. Turn left and drive 0.9 miles to the trailhead parking area at road's end.

Walk 17

Bozeman Fish Technology Center Nature Trail – Thursday, September 24

Walking Distance: .5 mile loop

Walking Time: 30 minutes

Elevation Gain: 50 feet

Summary of Hike: The Bozeman Fish Technology Center is a hatchery and research area with charming nature loop along Bridger Creek. The hatchery includes fish runs with observation walkways, a pond and picnic area. Also, there is a new trail hike located along a low ridge behind the Fish Technology Center. This trail is called Drinking Horse Mountain Trail and it has an elevation gain of 700 feet. It also has moderate switchbacks through pine forest and meadows to the summit.

Driving Directions: From Main Street in downtown Bozeman, head north on North Rouse Avenue 4.1 miles to the signed Bozeman Fish technology Center on the right, across the

road from the M trail. En route, the road curves right and becomes Bridger Canyon Drive. Turn right and park in the visitor's parking lot on the right.

Walk 18

Odessa Eddie's House - Corbly Gulch Road, *TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29*

Walking Distance: 4 miles round trip

Walking Time: 2 hours

Elevation Gain: level

Summary of Walk: This is the annual hike that we look forward to throughout the season. We will go on a beautiful walk behind Odessa's house looking up at the mountains and over the incredible Gallatin Valley. Please bring a potluck dish for dinner after the hike. More information will be given out as the time approaches.

Driving Directions: TBA