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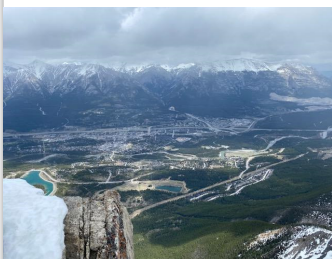
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CALGARY WEEKEND HIKERS

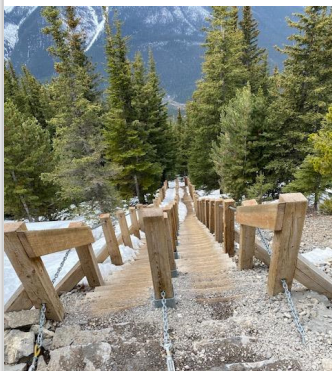
Winter 2024 Edition

From the Online Photo Gallery

- Canmore, from Ha Ling Peak



- higher up cable ladders



- Heart Mountain, this is getting "difficult"



From the President

-- by Pat Cooper --

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

This year, our club has experienced a noticeable decline in both memberships and the number of hikes offered. While I suspect that the prolonged periods of heat and air quality warnings over the summer have played a significant role, it's an area we should continue to explore.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on January 23, 2025, via Zoom, and I strongly encourage everyone to join. We are in need of volunteers to serve on the club's executive team for 2025. Specifically, the positions of Secretary, Social Coordinator, and Hike Planning Coordinator will be vacant at the end of this year. It is crucial that we fill these roles to ensure the continued viability of our club. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for any of these positions, please email me at CWH.Pat.Cooper@gmail.com or call me at **587-226-4453**.

I wish everyone a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year. Let's look forward to a fantastic 2025.

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Hikes Planning Committee

-- by Lorna Jurgens --

Another year of summer hiking has come to a close.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the hikes and to the twenty eight members including two new coordinators who stepped forward to coordinate hikes. Steve and Ruth Bodie lead the list at 25 hikes with Julia Tsang a close second with 16 hikes. Thank you to Stephen Thor who offered his compass course again this year. There were a total of 105 day hikes this year which was down by 59 hikes from last year. The day hikes include the hike from the multi day trips.

This year three multi day trips were organized as follows:

1. East Glacier, Montana, organized by Pati Roberts and Lorna Jurgens
2. Nordegg, organized by Laura Lee Billing's and Heather Blackwell
3. Campbell Icefield Lodge organized by Sigrid Wili.

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The 2024 Executive Committee

President:	Pat Cooper	Social Coordinator:	Sigrid Wili
Vice President:	Maureen Kelly	Communications Coordinator:	Fritz Kiessling
Secretary:	Jutta Shaw	Archiving:	by Secretary
Treasurer:	Terry Wilson	Newsletter:	Dorothy Whitson
Hike Planning Coordinator:	Lorna Jurgens	Webmaster:	Fritz Kiessling
Membership:	Julia Tsang		



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So far, for 2025, one multi day trip is planned for Icefall Lodge from August 4 to 8. Take a look at the lodge and its area online.

The multi day trips are always a success. Hopefully there will be more members interested in planning a trip or two for this coming summer. Our club has access to an amazing huge backyard!

Please remember that it is your volunteer work that keeps the club going and evolving, so please come forward to lead hikes. If you are interested in doing so, please contact me and I will be happy to help you get started.

Winter has arrived so get out your micro spikes and snowshoes and go and enjoy the snow trail that Mother Nature has to offer.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2025.

Happy Trails - Lorna Jurgens

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## East Glacier, Montana July 26-30, 2024

-- by Lorna Jurgens --

East Glacier is a hidden jewel in Glacier Park, Montana so it was wonderful that 23 members signed up for this trip. This side of the Park is not as busy as the west side and this year we did not have to book reservations to drive the roads into the Park.

We all met at the Mountain Pine Motel the first night for a Happy Hour social. It was great to meet new members and see old friends. The first day offered two hikes: Dawson Pitamakan and another one to Cobalt Lake. Dawson Pitamakan is the premium hike in the area. This included a boat ride across Two Medicine Lake which was an enjoyable start to the day as the boat operator entertained us with stories of the history of the area. The views from the top were spectacular in every direction. The only downside was the wind at the top.

Day 2 again saw two hikes going out - one to Cobalt Lake and Two Medicine Pass; the other was to Scenic Point.

On the third day two separate groups went to Firebrand Pass which was a new hike for everyone. The wild flowers were spectacular!

The east side the Park seems to be always windy as was experienced on all the hikes. Several people took the opportunity to take in a very early morning drive to the Going to the Sun Road to hike the Highline Trail from Logan Pass.

A big thanks to everyone for making this an enjoyable and memorable trip.

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Membership Coordinators

-- by Julia Tsang & Deb Steele --

Hello Fellow Hikers! Thanks to all our members who renewed. For those who have not yet sent in their forms, there is still plenty of time to do so. Renewals are being accepted until December 15, 2024.

Congratulations to Deb Kocay, CWH's newest Honorary Member. Deb joined in 2005. Well done Deb!

Here are the 2024 stats at press time – 313 individual members. 103 are Honorary Member and 17 New Members.

I would like to thank Deb Steele for being the New Members Coordinator for the last three years. Happy Travelling Deb!

Be sure to keep those renewal forms coming. And please do not hesitate to contact me for membership inquiries.

NB - For members who sent their forms via Canada Post:

If you haven't heard from Membership yet, please email me so that I know your forms are in the mail. Thank you.

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## All-Season Resort

We have received a request for action, and pass it on to CWH members to review and take action according to their own conscience.

Please follow the link below to access your actions: <https://cpaws-southernalberta.org/get-involved/take-action/>





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Highlights included Abraham Lake, Brazeau Collieries Mine National Heritage Site, and of course, a trip to Nordegg wouldn't be complete without a stop at Miners' Café for a piece of their amazing pie. Once again Nordegg did not disappoint!

The bruin aka the "Boss" has been seen again. But it is said that he is showing signs of becoming old. It was assumed from the fact that he is getting more cranky.

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**We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas Season!**

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