

PARTNERSHIPS

- Staffed over half of the 40 **GMF Trail Ambassador** weekend volunteer shifts, greeting 700 hikers and visitors
- Hosted **Green Box Arts** hikes for 36 participants on **Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation** land
- Held breakfast fundraiser for **GMF Bronc Day** celebration; 350 diners served in 3 hours. Provided \$1,200 proceeds to **Building Ute Pass Community** non-profit
- Guided **Ute Pass Elementary School** hike, led Leave No Trace activity, and provided auction fundraiser prizes
- Advised **Mile High Youth Corps** during 2-week Bratton Trail improvements
- Provided logistics support for **Friends of the Peak** benefit hike
- Coordinated \$3,000 grant funding for **City of Woodland Park** Avenger Claim Open Space
- We are grateful to our grant sponsors: **Kirkpatrick Family Fund, Bratton Trails Fund, D.A. Davidson, and Thrivent Financial**

WHAT WE DO

- Trail Inspections
- Trail Maintenance
- Trail Design and Construction
- Hiker and Trail Education
- Volunteer Coordination and Management
- Trails Advocacy



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

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Volunteers gather at start of work day to discuss trail work and catch up on life

FRIENDS OF UTE PASS TRAILS

Building Trails, Building Community



WHO WE ARE

An all-volunteer non-profit advocating for and supporting a system of safe and sustainable hiking trails for public use in the Ute Pass area, promoting stewardship for trails and education for responsible trails use.

Our 11-member Board and 17 Associates boast **over 230 years** of trail building and maintenance experience, with 14 certified crew leaders and 8 trail designers.

Our volunteers dedicate their time and effort to improving our area's hiking trails, the legacy of one of our Friends founders and community leader, Dick Bratton.

Our Friends are committed to making our community a better place to live and recreate, inspiring others to preserve and protect our natural resources, so vital to our well being.

2024 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Coordinated over 1,900 trail volunteer hours, **\$63,000 in community impact!**
- Designed and constructed new 600 foot Kirkpatrick Connector Trail which will lead to future bridge crossing at Crystal Creek
- Improved trail across fire mitigated erosion-prone hillside. Built drainage diverts, rock walls, and relocated trail in several sections
- Chiseled rock along cliff face to aid hiker traction and wayfinding
- Continued work preserving iconic Garden of Eden meadow: removed invasive weeds
- All 14 Crew Leaders completed National Park Service 'Trail Safe!' online risk awareness and safety training
- 1 Director certified as Crew Leader, 1 as Trail Designer, 2 received Chainsaw cert, and 1 received Wilderness First Aid training



FOCUS: ROCK SKILLS

Built rock wall to prevent erosion on Kirkpatrick Trail, before (L) and after (R)



Constructed stone steps to aid climb on Catamount Trail, before (L) and after (R)

