

WHAT WE DO

- Trail Inspections
- Trail Maintenance
- Trail Design & Construction
- Hiker & Trail Education
- Volunteer Coordination & Management
- Scout Consultation



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FRIENDS OF UTE PASS TRAILS

Building Trails, Building Community



WHO WE ARE

A volunteer-centered 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 volunteers dedicate their time and toil to improving our area's hiking trail network, making our community a better place to live and recreate.

Our Friends are committed to leaving things better than they find them, inspiring others to preserve and protect our natural resources, so vital to our well being.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Installed split rail fence to guide hikers and guard against erosion along Pittman Trail, the newest trail in Green Mountain Falls (GMF).
- Completed trail reroute on Mount Dewey, making the trail less steep and avoiding erosion-prone switchback. Reroute leads hikers through a scrub oak forest to provide shade and sol stability.
- Developed Trail Management Plan for 30-acre Red Butte parcel. Provides advice on signage, policies and safety standards, trail inspection schedule, and local environmental assessment, including geology, vegetation and wildlife.
- Educated hikers: provided 45 hours of trails guidance and trail behavior awareness for visitors to GMF.
- Conducted trail inspections for all major trails in and around GMF. Developed and submitted prioritized maintenance list to GMF's Park, Rec and Trail Advisory Board.
- Advised Mile High Youth Corps on the construction of a spur trail to GMF's newly created James Turrell art site.
- Provided tools, safety guidance, and technical trail building advice for Eagle Scout project. Also supported Boy Scout conservation project requirement: lopped and pruned vegetation, discussed trail building techniques and wildland fire hazards.

PEOPLE

- 22 different volunteers and 14 Scouts participated in trail work around GMF, in addition to over two weeks of contracted trail work performed by Mile High Youth Corps, with over 25 additional workers.
- The guiding light of our purpose and mission flickered and dimmed in February with the passing of trail leader Dick Bratton. Our 16 Directors are committed to preserving the local hiking trails legacy to honor the memory of Dick Bratton.
- Although we've lost Dick's decades of trail experience, our current Board boasts **150 years of trail building and maintenance experience**, with 7 certified crew leaders and 4 who have achieved technical advisor/ trail design certification.



Dick Bratton, community leader and trails visionary