

PARTNERSHIPS

- Hosted 8 **Green Box Arts** hikes/nature walks (60+ hours) on **Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation** land
- Contributed 64 hours to GMF **Trail Ambassador** program; welcomed and educated over 1,100 hikers
- Hosted breakfast fundraiser for **GMF Bronc Day** celebration; 325 diners served in 3 hours
- Guided **Ute Pass Elementary School** hike, led Leave No Trace activity, and provided auction fundraiser prizes
- Advised **Mile High Youth Corps** during extensive trails maintenance project on Bratton Trail
- **Trails and Open Space Coalition's** Conservation Partner of the Year!
- Generous grant sponsors: **Kirkpatrick Family Fund, Bratton Trails Fund, D.A. Davidson, and Thrivent**



WHAT WE DO

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

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

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Our Crew Leaders will teach you how to safely use these tools



**2023 FRIENDS
GROUP OF THE YEAR!**



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 15-member Board boasts **over 180 years** of trail building and maintenance experience, with 12 certified crew leaders and 5 trail designers.

Our volunteers dedicate their time and effort to improving our area's hiking trail network, 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.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coordinated over 1,900 trail volunteer hours, **over \$60,000 community impact!**
- Named Trails and Open Space Coalition "Friends Group of the Year" for "high level of work, education and community involvement"
- Preserved iconic Garden of Eden meadow: removed invasive Salsify and Canada Thistle
- Constructed multiple drainage diverts on 2 trails to reduce erosion
- Cleared and beautified Catamount Falls at trailhead and reclaimed creek area
- Chiseled rock along cliff face to aid hiker traction and wayfinding
- Built multiple rock walls and emplaced stone steps to ease transition for hikers
- 3 Directors certified as Crew Leaders and 3 Directors certified as Trail Designers



FOCUS: FIXING CATAMOUNT TRAIL EROSION



Eroded trail, May



Designed re-route and emplaced rock



Built sustainable re-route for area's busiest trail