



Indian Mountain Spring Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

2019 Events

Annual IMMD/IMPOA Open House ~ Sunday, May 26 ~ 1 - 3pm
Burn Pit Opening ~ June 2019 ~ as weather permits
Chipping Days - scheduled June through September - must register
Welcome Luncheon - June 15 - RSVP required
Ute Indian Prayer Tree Seminar - June 22
IM Annual Picnic ~ Saturday, Jul 6 ~ Noon - 3pm
Dumpster Day ~ Sunday, Jul 7 ~ 8am - 4pm (or until full)
IMPOA Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, Aug 11 ~ 1 - 3pm

NOTE: Regularly scheduled IMMD/IMPOA Board Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the IM Community Center. The IMMD Board Meeting begins at 9am, and the IMPOA Board Meeting begins at 11am.

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IMPOA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and neighbors.

Spring has sprung; the birdies are here; I wonder where the green grass is. We had us a Winter this year! Lots of snow, wind, and bad roads, but mud season is about over. I hope to see a lot of you at our Summer and Fall events. These include:

Indian Mountain Open House May 26, sponsored by IMMD and IMPOA.
Ute Indian Prayer Trees in Indian Mountain June 22, sponsored by IMPOA.
Annual July Picnic July 6, sponsored by IMMD and IMPOA.
Dumpster Day July 7, sponsored by IMPOA.
IMPOA Annual Meeting August 10 from 1 to 3pm.

When coming into Indian Mountain, please keep your speed down. The posted limits in Indian Mountain are 25 mph for a reason. We also have a leash law for our pets; please don't let them become cat or coyote food.

In this edition of the newsletter, we have highlighted some of the amenities and activities available in Indian Mountain. We hope you'll find a lot of fun and enjoyable things to do, including rest and relaxation.

On another matter, I don't know that I have lived in an area that has so many friendly, helpful people as I find here. Car won't start, stuck in a drift, need a ride to town, need volunteers to help at the burn pit, help set up or take down chairs and tables, help gather seven loads of slash for the burn pit. I could go on and on. What a great COMMUNITY!
~Article provided by: Larry Siverson, IMPOA President

IMMD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW...every season in Indian Mountain is better than the last, as every year in Indian Mountain is more beautiful than the previous! The beauty and the fun just keeps getting better. As is outlined in this newsletter, there are some great events being planned for the summer months. We can add to those events as community members make IMMD & IMPOA aware of what is important to them. We have a community center that is conducive to community events and we want to maximize the usage of the community center. All we need is ideas and people that want to take part in those ideas...

I reiterate my message from the last newsletter, attend monthly board meetings (the 2nd Saturday of each month). We can't read minds, so attend and let us know your thoughts. Support your community through your membership in IMPOA. Your membership helps support community initiatives. Help the community in supporting a clean community; don't rely on policies to be enforced. Meet your neighbors so that you can express your differences as well as your similarities.

Wishing a great summer season to all, and I hope that I have an opportunity to meet more of you through the volunteerism of the burn pit, attendance at board meetings and community events, and a perchance meeting on a walk through the neighborhood.

~Article provided by: Bev Bushaw, IMMD President



LODGE AND COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

Indian Mountain Lodge Rental: The Lodge located at 1996 Chief Trail has been renovated and can comfortably sleep six people. There is a kitchen, a great room/dining room, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a shower. The TV is set up with a DVD player. A telephone is available for local calls, as well as calls using a phone card. Rates are affordable. The Lodge is a great place for your friends, your wedding guests, etc. to stay when more room is needed.

Indian Mountain Community Center Rental: Planning a wedding, family reunion, or a fun afternoon with more folks than your cabin can manage? Look into renting the IM Community Center located at 31 Keneu Court. The views are beautiful, and the rates are very affordable.

The Lodge and the Community Center are booking up fast, so if you or your family need to rent either facility this year you are encouraged to go to www.indianmountain.info to the events calendar/lodge tab and check availability and then place your reservation with the business manager soon. The reservation form and information on lodge details are also available on the website under facilities/lodge. Call Samantha for any questions you may have at **719-836-9043**.

~Article provided by: Samantha Bertin and Bev Bushaw



BURN PIT 2019

The Indian Mountain burn pit has a tentative opening date of early - mid June. There is much to be done prior to the burn pit opening: clean up from the recent burn, waiting for a dry pit to return vs. the pond that exists now, and decisions on this season's policies and procedures. Stay tuned to the websites, as well as Nextdoor, for the specific opening date.

There was a successful burn March 29-31 of the 11 piles that were accumulated during the 2018 season. This was accomplished through a group of volunteers, the support of JCFPD, and cooperative winds and weather conditions. Thank you to all that made this happen. Now we need to assess what's involved in the post burn cleanup, any repairs that may be needed to the road entering the burn pit, as well as waiting for the water to dissipate.

There is also a major initiative being discussed amongst both boards as to how we manage to keep the burn pit open going forward; i.e. our current burn process wouldn't work unless the weather conditions are conducive to what we did this past March. With the alternative options that are being discussed there comes a cost as well as how we may need to stack the slash. The boards realize that the burn pit is one of the most significant amenities to this community, and we are very thoughtful in how we determine our next steps prior to the opening, as well as how we best manage our policies and procedures for the 2019 season.

As always, thank you to a community that is supportive of fire mitigation and working together to accomplish this goal! With any burn pit initiative, we will continue to look to our volunteer support group and the community to support them

and any policy and procedures that are put in place.

~Article provided by: Bev Bushaw



CHIPPING DAYS 2019

"Chipping Days" have been scheduled with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) for this summer and fall. However, if we do not have a minimum of 4 properties on each date we will have to cancel the date. Preferred dates have been scheduled for each area of IM for chipping. Generally, Zone 1 is the North area, Zone 2 is the Central Area, and Zone 3 is the southern area (See [MAP](#)). The dates are:

Zone 1	Friday, June 7
Zone 2	Saturday, June 15
Zone 3	Saturday, July 20
Zone 1	Friday, August 2
Zone 2	Saturday, August 17
Zone 3	Friday, September 6
All	Saturday, September 21

Most property owners use these days to clear their property of dead wood (slash) that is on their property. Some people also cut down trees to mitigate (lessen) the fire danger on their property. Under this chipping program, there are no minimum requirements for cleaning up your property. Most property can be chipped in less than 2 hours. **CUSP charges \$85 per hour for chipping. You will be billed when IMPOA receives an invoice from CUSP.**

The process for Chipping Days is as follows: schedule a chipping day (*indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for dates*); stack wood along your driveway or roadway in front of your house - wood should be a maximum of 8 feet in length and piles a maximum of 4 feet high (no root balls, nails, wire, or any metal). Contact John Thompson the week before your scheduled date. He will inspect your property and assign the approximate time

for chipping. On the day of chipping, you or someone you contract with will meet the work crew at the Community Center at 8 am. Bring gloves, safety goggles, hard hat, ear plugs, (back brace and safety vest also recommended), water and a sack lunch. CUSP will provide hard hats and ear plugs for those who need them. Workers from CUSP will meet with the crew to review the safety procedures and explain the equipment. The crew will then go to the first job site. CUSP workers feed the chipper. The work crew brings the wood to the chipper. Workers can take breaks as needed.

**CHIPPING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
 PICK YOUR DATE(S) AND REGISTER TODAY BEFORE ALL THE SLOTS ARE GONE!**

To sign up for Chipping Days, please fill out the form below. Forms may be dropped off at the IM Community Center or mailed to: John Thompson, P O Box 465, Como, CO 80432.

NOTICE: Later this summer, we will be announcing a chipping 'grant program' that will have minimum standards with oversight by forestry specialists.

Please direct any questions to IMPOA FIREWISE Committee Chair John Thompson at johnbeththompson@gmail.com or (903) 563-2513.

Click on link to view and print out registration form or see below.
[CHIPPING DAY REGISTRATION FORM](#)

CHIPPING DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Select the date (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice) you want to do chipping based on the Zone where your property is located. See [MAP](#).

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED JUN 1, JUL 1, AUG 1, AUG 15, OR SEP 1.

Stack wood along roadway or driveway – max. 8 ft lengths, pile max. 4 ft high.

You or someone you contract with will have to work all day.

The crew will meet at the Community Center at 8:00AM.

There is a break for lunch. The workday will end about 4:00PM.

You will be billed after we receive an invoice from CUSP.

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ZONE	DATE	DAY	CHECK DATE CHOICE LEVEL		
			1st	2nd	3rd
IM					
ZONE 1	7-JUN	FRIDAY			
ZONE 2	15-JUN	SATURDAY			
ZONE 3	20-JUL	SATURDAY			
ZONE 1	2-AUG	FRIDAY			
ZONE 2	17-AUG	SATURDAY			
ZONE 3	6-SEP	SATURDAY			
ANY ZONE	21-SEP	SATURDAY			

NAME:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL:	
INDIAN MOUNTAIN PROPERTY ADDRESS:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	

PICK YOUR DATE(S) AND REGISTER TODAY BEFORE ALL THE SLOTS ARE GONE! FORMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE IM COMMUNITY CENTER OR MAILED TO: JOHN THOMPSON, P O BOX 465, COMO, CO 80432.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN THOMPSON BY EMAIL:
johnbeththompson@gmail.com OR PHONE: (903) 563-2513.

~Article provided by: John Thompson



NEW OWNERS WELCOME LUNCHEON

Are you new to Indian Mountain? Are you curious about the LUR's in Indian Mountain? Do you understand the different fire ban flags? Are you aware that the speed limit throughout Indian Mountain is 25 mph? Are you looking for things to do? Do you need information on contract services? IMPOA is hosting a Welcome Luncheon at the IM Community Center, 31 Keneu Court, for all newcomers to Indian Mountain on Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 11 am-1 pm. This event will give you a glimpse into life in Indian Mountain with speakers covering a variety of topics. Space is limited to the first 100 people to RSVP. To reserve your spot, RSVP to Joy Hines at 719-836-1474. IMPOA would love to host two luncheons a year if the interest is there. Please join us!

~Article provided by: Joy Hines



THE SEQUEL: UTE INDIANS IN COLORADO

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Because of high interest from last year's presentation, author John Anderson will be presenting THE SEQUEL: UTE INDIANS IN COLORADO, THEIR CULTURE & TREES. He will speak about Ute Indian Prayer Trees and Ute cultural traditions, as well as insights included in his second book, *Native American Prayer Trees of Colorado*, released in 2018, with new pictures, research, and stories. An elder, several other Utes, and representatives from NASTaP (Native American Sacred Trees and Places) have been invited and may attend.

Sponsored by IMPOA and Jefferson Real Estate, the event will be Saturday, June 22, 2019, 10:00-Noon at the Indian Mountain Community Center, 31 Keneu Court, Como. Because of last year's positive response to John Anderson, we are going to take an expanded look at the Ute culture and their prayer trees. There will also be a drawing for a signed copy of one of Anderson's books.

The seminar is free and lunch will be provided courtesy of Kevin Copeland and Jefferson Real Estate. Please preregister

at <https://utetrees2.eventbrite.com> or Kevin Copeland at 719-836-2615. By signing up, attendees help JRE create a good count for the lunch order.

~Article provided by: jeri-Gene and Ted Bauman

DUMPSTER DAY

Please mark your calendars for *Sunday, July 7; from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm*. IMPOA will have **THREE 40-yard dumpster containers this year** in the parking area at the IM Community Center, 31 Keneu Court. IMPOA provides these dumpsters to Indian Mountain property owners for disposal of unwanted refuse. As always, there are some items not allowed in the containers, such as tires, paint, electrical items, light bulbs, oil, appliances with Freon (refrigerators), any type of slash or trees (take them to the burn pit), and any type of hazardous waste or garbage. These restrictions are those of the dumpster supplier, not IMPOA, so we cannot make exceptions. Items that are allowed include furniture, construction material, household items, and general nonhazardous refuse. This is a great way to clean up, clean out and spruce up our beautiful homes.

The dumpsters are free to IMPOA members in good standing (dues are current). For non-members the cost is \$45, which pays for your IMPOA membership and then the dumpsters are free! Monitors will be checking loads and will have a current members list for verification. Please, no early arrivals. We start at 8:00 am on the dot will close at 4:00 pm or when the dumpsters are full. With 3 dumpsters we expect to be open much longer than in previous years.

There will be a metal scrapper on site to take large and small metal items again this year.

~Article provided by: Jim Scherrer



EVACUATION FROM INDIAN MOUNTAIN

On May 4, the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District (IMMD) Board, the Indian Mountain Property Owners Association (IMPOA) Board, the Jefferson-Como (JEFFCO) Fire Protection District #6 Fire Personnel, representatives from surrounding subdivisions, and property owners from Indian Mountain met at the Indian Mountain Community Center to begin discussing plans related to evacuating Indian Mountain in case of natural disasters, especially a wildfire, and man-made emergency events. It will take weeks if not months to turn these discussions into a plan that will be adopted and

implemented by the leadership in Park County. but you can start your planning and get prepared NOW!

There are several things you need to do before you try to leave Indian Mountain. You can be preparing to leave “year round,” and the more prepared you are the easier it will be when you have to leave. A first step is to prepare your property so that the Fire Department can do what they can to protect and/or save your property from a wildfire. **Make sure your property has an approved driveway with an approved address marker.** You can get approved address markers from the Jefferson-Como Station #5 on Elkhorn Road. Fire protection personnel can evaluate your driveway and advise you if they can get a firetruck in and out of your property. Brochures to help you learn how to prepare your property to be FIREWISE are available on a display in the IM Community Center and dates for “Chipping Days” and registration are also available. FIREWISE USA describes Zones: 0-5 feet, 5 to 30 feet, and 30 to 100 feet that you should create around your residence.

There are several “little” steps you need to take related to “Evacuation Planning.” HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH PARK COUNTY FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS? Inside your residence, start with photographs of the inside (and outside of your residence) along with any documentation, especially receipts or cost documentation, of items you think you will want to be covered by insurance. You probably should verify what your insurance company will require. Also, digitize documents or have important documents in a readily available “go box” or suitcase. Another type of “Go Bag” includes medicines for family members and pets. Some people actually have an “Emergency Travel Bag” with at least a change of clothes for all family members.

When to leave is always an unknown: sometimes hours but sometimes only minutes! Before leaving, close and protect all house openings, including attic and basement doors, windows and vents, pet doors, and garage doors to prevent embers from blowing into the house. Turn off all electrical and gas appliances. If there is time, move all burnable items (outdoor furniture, wood piles, etc.) inside or at least 30 feet away from your structures.

Always have fuel in all vehicles. If you have more vehicles than drivers, and if there is time, have a designated place to take extra vehicles before your actual evacuation. There are limited gas stations in Park County and during emergencies, the fuel supply will be very limited. Be aware of evacuation routes out of Indian Mountain and realize that these routes may change depending on the location of the wildfire or emergency and the need for emergency vehicles to use these routes. There are nine evacuation routes out of Indian Mountain and all of these require crossing someone else’s property. The most common exits are Arrowhead/Albino to Elkhorn Road and Chief Trail to Stageshop Road to CR 77. But did you know there are exits on Persian Way into Stageshop to Stageshop Road to CR 77; Antler Ridge Road to Elkhorn Road; Pinto Trail into Elkhorn Ranches and then to Remington Road to Elkhorn Road; on Hawk Way from Warrior Circle into The Buffalo and Remington Road to Elkhorn Road; on Warrior Circle to The Buffalo on Carbine Road to Remington Road to Elkhorn Road; on Warrior Circle to The Buffalo on Cap Box Way to Remington Road to Elkhorn Road; on Ouray Trail to The Buffalo to Remington Road to Elkhorn Road. Have you ever travelled any of the other exits ... especially at night? Driving through smoke can be worse than driving at night.

Where are you going to meet family and/or friends when you get out of Indian Mountain? Where will you eat while you wait to come back to Indian Mountain? And where are you going to stay if you can’t go back to your residence for more than 12 hours. Just because your residence isn’t damaged does not mean that roads will be open or areas around your residence will be accessible.

There are many questions YOU must answer and plans YOU must make. Your community leaders are developing plans and will try to help you find the answers.

~Article provided by: John Thompson



JCFPD NOTES

The Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District (JCFPD) covers 525 square miles of private, state and federal land,

including Indian Mountain. They are a combination of paid and volunteer members, and they are our first defense against structural and wildland fires. They also provide Medical 1st Responder and EMT-Basic Level Care. Visit their website at <https://www.jcfd.org/> for Burn Ban information, and to download forms for an Address Sign or a Burn Permit.

REMINDER: An Open Burn Permit is required to burn slash on your property, and you must call JCFPD at (719) 836-2082 prior to initiating any burn. This year the Campfire Permit is being reinstated as well. You must have a Campfire Permit in order to have a campfire on your property. However, you do not have to call JCFPD prior to igniting a campfire. Fines for failure to obtain a permit are substantial. Open Burn Permits and Campfire Permits can be obtained at the JCFPD Station 5, 20200 County Rd 15. Forms are also available online.

Fire Chief Gene Nagle has asked us to clarify a couple of issues:

1. There have been several cases where owners who rent out their cabins tell the renters that if they get stuck in the snow to call the fire department. **Please DO NOT do this.** JCFPD does not have time to come dig out stuck cars.
2. The Fire Station is having the same problem that the IM Community Center has with people leaving trash next to the dumpsters. Renters of cabins have stated that the owners told them to drop the trash by the firehouse. **Again, please DO NOT do this.** These dumpsters are NOT public dumpsters. (See related article on trash service.)

~Article provided by: Rhonda Cates

TRASH SERVICE

As noted in the article above, dumpsters located in the Indian Mountain area - such as at the Indian Mountain Community Center and at the JCFPD fire station - are not for public use. These dumpsters are closed and locked to prevent unauthorized use and to keep the bears out. Leaving bags of trash beside the dumpsters is not okay! It invites bear activity. Indian Mountain property owners have several options for trash disposal:

1. Mountain View Waste offers an every other week residential trash pick up service. Visit their website for details: <http://www.mountainviewwaste.com/>.
2. Drop off your trash at the Fairplay Transfer Station operated by Mountain View Waste. Visit this page for days and hours of operation: <http://mountainviewwaste.com/transfer-stations.html>.
3. Pack your trash up and take it home with you.

~Article provided by: Rhonda Cates



HIGH ELEVATION FITNESS IN IM

When you're up in these mountains, do you feel like it's impossible to draw enough air into your lungs? Lack of oxygen as the elevation increases isn't actually the reason. Even at 10,000 feet there is still 29% oxygen in the air and you only take in 10% of the oxygen you breathe. In higher elevations your ability to extract oxygen and get it into your bloodstream is your body's biggest challenge. This will make working out harder the higher in elevation you go.

Let's look at atmospheric pressure, also known as the weight of the air or Barometric pressure, and to why this affects your ability to oxygenate your blood and affects your breathing. Barometric pressure is the key to allowing air to be pressed into your bloodstream. At sea level there is higher barometric pressure and your body does not have to do all the work. The opposite is true the higher in elevation you go. The body will eventually produce more red blood cells to help ease the struggle of getting oxygen through the body. Over time you will find that it becomes easier to breathe.

In the meantime, watch out for these symptoms: nausea, headaches, nose bleeds, swelling, rapid heart rates, insomnia, drowsiness, and in children, vomiting. To help prevent and treat these affects: rest, get to a lower elevation for a day or two, eat lightly, drink 6-8 glasses of water every day to stay hydrated, avoid alcohol and smoking.

Once you feel that you're ready to start exercising, start slow. Once your body feels comfortable exercising at a high elevation, feel free to join the fitness classes at the Indian Mountain Community Center on Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am - 10 am.

~Article provided by: Joy Hines





GOLD PAN PARK

There's Gold in Them Thar Hills!

Most of modern Park County was settled for one of two reasons – ranching or mining. Minerals from A (arsenic) to Z (Zinc) were mined in the County, and gold was the top prospect. We don't have to look too far to see the impacts of gold mining in the Indian Mountain area. In fact, every one of us has probably driven over/past the Wilson Placer, which was mined from 1934 to 1938. During these five years, somewhere between 3,000 and 3,500 ounces of gold were recovered from the deposit!

Although the Wilson Placer is privately owned and off-limits, there is a place nearby for those Indian Mountain property owners that want to try their hand at gold panning - Gold Pan Park. This IMMD property is located at the end of Breton Circle off of Arrowhead and includes a gravel parking area, plenty of room for a picnic, and approximately 75 yards of Tarryall Creek access. The stream bank is a little steep, so be careful, particularly during spring runoff.

If you plan on panning – please observe the basic gold panning rules: 1) Avoid digging around the roots of trees and bushes; 2) DO NOT undercut the banks; 3) fill in your holes when you are done digging; and 4) pack out your trash.

Also, the area is surrounded by private land, so please be respectful and do not venture beyond the fence. Finally, for those of you who are wondering, there is gold in the creek, and it is a great place to learn how to pan for fine 'micro' gold. You won't get rich, but you will have fun!

To learn more about gold panning in Colorado, I highly recommend "Finding Gold in Colorado", written by Kevin A. Singel, and available on Amazon and at local prospecting businesses.

~Article provided by: Jeff Mason



INDIAN MOUNTAIN PARK

The Indian Mountain development began with the lofty intention of having something for everybody, including equestrian lots, an executive airport, a nine-hole golf course, and a ski hill. Unfortunately, many of those plans didn't work out exactly as intended, but the legacy of the ski hill is with us in the form of Indian Mountain Park.

A surprising number of our neighbors don't know about the facilities available to all Indian Mountain property owners (and their guests) at 1996 Chief Trail. The park has two entrances; at the main entrance, there's the lodge, which is available for rent, as described in the "Lodge and Community Center Rentals" article included in this newsletter. The second entrance leads to a large parking area.

PLAYGROUND, BASKETBALL GOAL, HORSESHOE PIT

At the main entrance, immediately behind the lodge is the playground, which has a variety of playground equipment, a basketball goal, and a horseshoe pit. A metal box at the foot of the basketball goal contains equipment, such as basketballs, horseshoes, and discs for use on the adjacent disc golf course.

DISC GOLF COURSE

The 18-hole par 3 disc golf course is an amenity for Indian Mountain property owners and their guests. It is a fun and challenging course that goes halfway up the mountain. Be aware that mountain lions, bears and deer are in the area. Smoking on the course is prohibited and if you bring your dogs with you, they must be on a leash. Maps for the course are available on the first hole or you can [click here](#) for a copy. Used playing discs are available in the Sports Equipment metal box at the foot of the basketball goal near the playground. Disc golf playing discs are also available for purchase at the IM Community Center.

COMFORT STATION

Continuing up the road, there's another parking area adjacent to the Comfort Station which has toilet and shower facilities and a hydrant where campers can obtain potable water. An electronic card key, which property owners can obtain at the Community Center, is required to access the Comfort Station. For more information and rules on Comfort Station use, [click here](#).

SLEDDING HILL

The treeless slope above the parking area is the 'sledding hill.' When covered with snow, this is a fun place to bring sleds and tubes.

PICNIC PAVILION

Next to the Comfort Station is the Picnic Pavilion. This is a covered area with picnic tables and a propane grill. This is a great place for holding picnics, and holiday or family events. This is, for example, where the community 4th of July picnic is hosted every year. The Pavilion is available on a first come, first served basis. Remember, you are responsible for removing all trash and ensuring the propane grill is thoroughly cleaned. There's plenty of wildlife in the area, including bears, and we don't want to create conditions that will draw them to the Pavilion.

IM PARK TRAILS

A short distance uphill from the Pavilion is the trailhead. The network of trails leading to the summit of Indian Mountain were once ski runs, but the ski lift was removed years ago, though traces of it, such as concrete pads, are visible along some of the trails. These trails are great for hiking in the summer, and snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in winter.

At the trailhead, there's a box containing trail maps and guides. You can also [click here](#) for a copy. Trails are identified by letters that correspond to signs along the routes. There are also numbered stops that identify plants and trees. At the trailhead, there are signs warning of the presence of bears and mountain lions; heed them! Moose are occasionally seen in the area too, and it's a good idea to give them a wide berth as well. A few simple precautions make for a safe trip.

Pets are welcome in the Park, so long as they're on leash (as required by Park County). Be sure to have supplies to clean up after your pets! And don't leave little plastic bags lying along the trail. Anything that goes in with you should come out with you as well.

Some of the hikes can be fairly strenuous, especially if you're not acclimated to the elevation, so select hikes that are suitable to your fitness level. Also, use sunscreen – you can burn quickly, and badly, in a short time at 10,000 feet! And of course, carry lots of water and snacks to fortify you along the way. If you do persevere and make it to the top, you'll be rewarded with magnificent views of South Park!

Always remember, smoking is not allowed anywhere in the park area, and motor vehicles are prohibited on the trails. Indian Mountain Park is a great resource for all property owners and their guests, so help us care for it. As is often said...when exploring the outdoors, take only pictures, and leave only footprints.

For more information about Indian Mountain Park, visit the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District website at <http://www.indianmountain.info/indianmountainpark.html>. Enjoy!

~Article provided by: Dwight Cates and Susan Stoval



Photos courtesy of Dwight Cates



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INDIAN MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE

If you are patient, observant, willing to get out and explore, or just look out your window, Indian Mountain offers a marvelous abundance of wildlife for your viewing pleasure! All of the pictures surrounding this article - and a whole lot more! - were taken right here in Indian Mountain. We share this beautiful community with the wildlife, and we should remember that WE are the ones who moved into THEIR habitat. It is our responsibility to peacefully coexist with the wildlife. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has a lot of valuable information about [living with wildlife](#). There are a number of articles that can answer your specific questions.

While viewing wildlife, the main thing to remember is to keep your distance. Use binoculars or a camera with a telephoto lens for up close views. Remember that it is unlawful to harass wildlife, and besides that, it can be extremely dangerous. You can download CPW's [Wildlife Viewing Tips](#) to take with you on your adventures.

CPW states that "Intentional or inadvertent feeding is the major cause of most wildlife problems..." Here in IM dealing with the native black bears during their active months from mid-March to early November is our biggest challenge. The bears are hungry, in search of food, and trying to pack on the fat for the next hibernation period. We must do our part to try to keep bears from associating our homes with food by not providing easy access to trash, bird food, pet food, or other food sources. CPW says, "Get in the habit of being bear-responsible. It's like recycling - at first it's a little extra

effort, but soon it becomes a better way to live. And you can be proud you're helping to make Colorado a better place for people and bears.

- Don't feed bears, and don't put out food for other wildlife that attracts bears.
- Be responsible about trash and bird feeders.
- Burn food off barbeque grills and clean after each use.
- Keep all bear-accessible windows and doors closed and locked, including home, garage and vehicle doors.
- Don't leave food, trash, coolers, air fresheners or anything that smells in your vehicle.
- Pick fruit before it ripens, and clean up fallen fruit.
- Talk to your neighbors about doing their part to be bear-responsible.

If You See a Bear: If a bear comes near your home, do your best to chase it away. Yell, blow a whistle, clap your hands and make other loud noises. But never approach or corner a bear."

For more information, download CPW's [Living With Bears](#) brochure. Let's all do our part to Keep our Wildlife Wild!

~Article provided by: Rhonda Cates





INDIAN MOUNTAIN MERCHANDISE

Did you know that you can get your Indian Mountain bling right here at the IM Community Center?! Oh, yeah! IMPOA has a number of items available for sale emblazoned with a variety of Indian Mountain logos so you can rep your community wherever you go. You can find beanies, caps, short and long sleeved t-shirts in several different styles, polo shirts, fleece vests, sweatshirts, hoodies, coffee mugs, travel mugs, even discs for Disc Golf, and probably some other stuff I forgot! Items are available in Men's sizes, Women's sizes, and there are also some items in Kid's sizes. Stop by the IM Community Center at 31 Keneu Court to get your IM merchandise during regular business hours Wednesday through Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm.

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The busy summer months are fast approaching. With the summer comes a number of events in Indian Mountain that need volunteers to make them happen. Now is your chance to become involved, make new friends, and see what Indian Mountain has to offer! We have put together a Google form titled Volunteer Interest Form that you can fill out to indicate your areas of interest. We will gather the information collected and make sure it gets to the appropriate people who can

then contact you to help and/or participate in the events/activities you choose. You will also have the opportunity to give us your suggestions or ideas of activities/events that you would like to see your IMMD/IMPOA Boards sponsor. Click on the link below to fill out your Volunteer Interest Form online today! You can also download the pdf version to fill out and mail in or drop off at the Community Center! Hard copies are also available at the Indian Mountain Community Center.

To fill out your Volunteer Interest Form online, click on the button below.

To download the pdf version of the Volunteer Interest Form to fill out and mail in or drop off at the IM Community Center, click [here](#).

If mailing in your Volunteer Interest Form, send to:
 IMPOA
 Volunteers
 P O Box 196
 Jefferson, CO 80456

If you have questions or need further information, please contact IMPOA Director Rhonda Cates at rgcates54@gmail.com.

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VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

IMMD AND IMPOA RESPONSIBILITIES

The IMMD and IMPOA Boards have separate and joint responsibilities. The responsibilities of the IMPOA and IMMD Boards are often confused by property owners. Here is a chart that might help you decide where to go to get information or help.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IMMD AND IMPOA?		
IMMD	Joint Activities	IMPOA
Indian Mountain Metropolitan District		Indian Mountain Property Owners Association
Public, non-profit special district of the State of Colorado funded by property taxes paid by all property owners (~2000)		Voluntary Association, no enforcement authority, not HOA, funded by voluntary payment of annual dues by about 750 property owners
Five board members are property owners elected by property owners for staggered 3-year terms		Seven board members are property owners elected by members in good standing for staggered 3-year terms
Meets 2 nd Saturday of month 9:00 a.m. at Community Center		Meets 2 nd Saturday of month 11:00 a.m. at Community Center
Amenities		Activities
Community Center	Annual Picnic	Wildfire mitigation efforts
Ski Lodge	Annual Community Meeting	Fencing cattle out
Comfort Station	Annual Chili Cook-off	Dumpster Day
Indian Mountain Park Lodge, Comfort Station	Water Litigation	Facilitate compliance with covenants & LURs
Administer Water Service Program (WSP)	Finance WSP	Represent IM before government entities
Pasture Golf	Newsletter	Maintain owner data base
Gold Pan Park		Road signs
Burn Pit		Speed control

RV Dump Station		
RV Storage Lot at Burn Pit		
Disc Golf & Trails at IM Park		

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