



October 23, 2024

Dear Colleague,

Hope you can join us for one of our upcoming events!



Purchase a Bristol Brewery Growler and Support Wild Connections - Now until they are sold out!

When a patron buys a Give! branded growler for \$30, they will receive a full growler and a punch card for 10 half-price growler refills. When you receive your ballot make sure to choose Wild Connections with your growler purchase.

For every growler sold, Bristol will be making a \$25 donation to the nonprofit chosen by the patron!

Make your purchase at the [Bristol Brewery](#) at 1604 S. Cascade Ave in Colorado Springs.



Aiken Canyon Preserve, by The Nature Conservancy

[More Info Here!](#)

Aiken Canyon Preserve Hike **Saturday, October 26, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

This will be a moderate 5-1/2 mile hike with about 500 feet of elevation gain.

Aiken Canyon Preserve is a 1,621 acre state natural area about 12 miles south of Colorado Springs, managed by the Nature Conservancy under a long-term lease. It is a mixture of foothills, shrubland and woodland habitats, and continues to be an area particularly rich in wildlife and birdlife. We will learn about the history of the area and how it serves as a valuable wildlife corridor.

For details or to sign up, contact Jim Lockhart at [719-385-0045](tel:719-385-0045) or jlock@datawest.net.



2024 Pikes Peak Give! Campaign Kick-off! **Friday, November 1, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM** **Manitou Art Center, 513 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs**

Kick off the giving season with Wild Connections at the vibrant First Friday Manitou Art Walk and MAC Moonlight Market!

Here's what you can look forward to: • Meet the Wild Connections team and hear about our 2024 accomplishments • Discover how you can get involved and

support our mission to protect Colorado's wild spaces • Enjoy live music and support local artists • Explore the MAC Moonlight Market for unique finds • Connect with other Pike Peak Give! Campaign participants and local nonprofits



Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to Wild Connections, this event is the perfect opportunity to engage with our community and celebrate the spirit of giving.

Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of art, music, and conservation. Help us kick off the [2024 Give! Campaign](#) from November 1 through December 31.



MEDICINE WHEEL
TRAIL ADVOCATES

Cheers to Wilderness & Trails: Pint Night at Seven's Gate

Tuesday, November 12, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
[Seven's Gate Taproom](#), Old Colorado City

Mark your calendars for an evening of conservation, community, and craft beer!

Wild Connections and Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates are teaming up for a special Pint Night to celebrate the [2024 Pikes Peak Give! Campaign](#) season (November 1 - December 31)!

Why join us? • Support two local nonprofits making a big impact in our region • Connect with fellow outdoor enthusiasts • Enjoy great beer at a local taproom

Your attendance directly supports our missions and helps us keep the momentum going during our Give! campaign season. Plus, for every pint sold, Seven's Gate will donate \$1 to be split between our organizations!

Whether you're a hiker, cyclist, or just love our great outdoors, there's a place for you at this event. Come raise a glass to more wild and scenic adventures ahead!

Browns Canyon National Monument Climate Hike **Saturday, November 16, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



Browns Canyon National Monument's Middle Cottonwood Creek, by John Sztukowski.

[More Info Here!](#)

Join Wild Connections and [Friends of Browns Canyon](#) for a hike down middle Cottonwood Creek in [Browns Canyon National Monument](#), starting from Bassam Park.

This will be a moderate hike of about 6 miles round-trip and 1,000 feet total ascent, with scenic views of the Monument as well as the Sawatch Range/Collegiate Peaks across the valley.

We will also be retrieving data loggers that have been recording temperature, humidity and other data for the past few weeks. Browns Canyon National Monument was identified as being one of the "Best" areas for Climate Refugia in [Wild Connections Climate Corridor and Refugia Analysis](#). Learn more on the hike!

For details or to sign up, contact John Sztukowski at [\(817\) 939-4239](tel:8179394239) or john@wildconnections.org.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival Returns to Denver

Tuesday, November 19, 7 - 9:30 PM

[The Bug Theatre, 2654 Navajo St., Denver, CO](#)

Wild Connections is thrilled to announce our sponsorship of the upcoming Wild & Scenic Film Festival, presented by Rocky Mountain Wild. This inspiring event offers both in-person and virtual viewing options, allowing you to experience award-winning environmental films from the comfort of your home or at The Bug Theatre in Denver. The WSFF is more than entertainment—it's a call to action. Created by activists for activists, these films will inspire and motivate you to make a difference in your community and the world.

Don't miss this opportunity to participate in an evening that celebrates our planet and empowers us to protect it. Whether you join us in person or tune in virtually, you'll experience the power of environmental storytelling at its finest. Learn more and reserve your tickets now at <https://rockymountainwild.org/wsff>



Tickets: \$18 for Individual, \$6 for Economy (students, seniors, young professionals, or those needing a discounted option)

Virtual Showing:

Available on-demand from November 19 at 7:00 pm MT through November 23 at midnight

Tickets: \$12 for individual, \$45 for four or more people, \$100 for large group watch parties

This year's festival features an exciting array of films centered around four inspiring themes:

1. Kids or kids at heart: Stories of youth tackling today's challenges and adults rediscovering nature with childlike wonder.
2. Everyone can do something: Highlighting the diverse skills and perspectives that contribute to meaningful change.
3. Innovation and passion: Showcasing creative solutions born from dedication to environmental causes.
4. Indigenous ways of knowing and being: Exploring traditional cultural practices and their harmony with nature.

Reserve your tickets now at <https://rockymountainwild.org/wsff>

Join Wild Connections and fellow nature enthusiasts for an unforgettable celebration of our wild and scenic world!



**Join Wild Connections for 2024 Pikes Peak Give!
November 1 - December 31**

We're excited to once again participate in the annual Pikes Peak Give! Campaign, running November through December. Last year, our amazing supporters raised \$6,097.05. This year, we're aiming even higher and hope to double that – but we need your help!

Why It Matters: Amplifies our conservation message • Boosts our organizational capacity • Maximizes your impact through matching grants and we are excited to share that we currently have \$1000 in matching funds.

How to Help: Visit the Give! Campaign website givepikespeak.org/donate. Find Wild Connections and donate starting November 1 and enjoy perks from local businesses as a thank you!

Your support ensures Colorado's wild spaces thrive for generations. Every donation counts towards our ambitious goal.

Stay tuned for campaign events and more ways to get involved. Together, we can make a significant impact on the wilderness we love.

From all of us,
John, India, Jim, Alison, Claude and Kristin
Wild Connections Leadership Team

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We recognize our area as the ancestral lands of the Ute, Cheyenne, Jicarilla Apache, Arapaho and other indigenous peoples.