



Colorado Chapter

The Adventure Begins Where
the Roads End

Colorado Backcountry Hunters & Anglers Annual Rendezvous June 11-13, 2010

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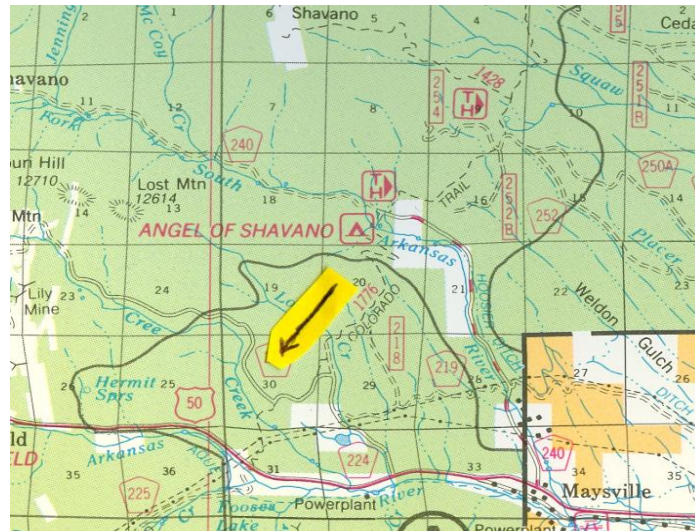
The annual Colorado Backcountry Hunters & Anglers rendezvous is scheduled for June 11-13, 2010. We'll be setting up camp in the San Isabel National Forest west of Salida/Poncha Springs (see Maps 1 & 2 below for detailed directions):



[MAP 1]

[Directions (also see more detailed **MAP 2** below): From the East, drive towards Monarch Pass, past Salida. Go through Poncha Springs and head toward Maysville. You will see a yellow house on the right and River Suites cabins. Go another 1.5 to 2 miles down the highway and watch for a dirt road on the right near a curve. That is County Road 224. Follow that for around 1.5 miles, past the ranch on the left, and the Rendezvous site will be on the right.]

We have reserved a backcountry site for Friday the 11th and Saturday the 12th. The event will begin as folks drift in Friday afternoon and evening, with an extended social hour and, weather permitting, a group campfire. We will begin breaking camp Sunday morning/afternoon.



[MAP 2]

Overall, we envision a relaxed, mostly unstructured “get acquainted” weekend, with a Saturday evening get-together and general membership meeting, where we can exchange ideas, congrats, frustrations, etc. The “campground” has no improvements: no power, water, or toilets, but we’ll have a Port-a-Potty (or two) available for the weekend. We’ll also be hauling in a load of community firewood, but you might want to bring some along too.

Camp will be located in an open, level, high-mountain meadow covering about 6 acres at around 10,000 feet in the Sawatch Range west of Salida and south of the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness. This is a beautiful in-timber setting (i.e., plenty of shade) next to the Colorado Trail with endless hiking opportunities. The nearest fishing locales (Arkansas River, lakes, reservoirs, etc.), however, are all a drive from camp.

The Collegiate Peaks Wilderness to the north contains eight summits exceeding 14,000 feet and five peaks over 13,800 feet. Some of America’s most picturesque rock, ice, and timberline wildlands are found there. The Collegiate Peak’s 167,414 wilderness acres were protected by Congress in 1980 and it’s the fifth largest wilderness area in Colorado.

We expect most people will be in tents, but modest-sized pop-up camper trailers and truck campers are also welcome. Feel free to bring along family,

canine friends (however, please keep 'em close, as there's lots of game scents around), and any other friends who may be interested in BHA.

Please email me if you think you will probably come so we know how many to plan for, or if you have any questions. We'll send out another announcement or two as the rendezvous date nears, and will post this announcement on the CO BHA website. We look forward to seeing you in camp!

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