

2024 Rocky Mountaineers Annual Gathering

Ft. Collins, Colorado

October 1-2

After visiting South Dakota for last year's Annual Gathering, the Rocky Mountaineers are heading west to the northern Front Range of Colorado in 2024.

This year's Annual Gathering will be held in Ft. Collins and surrounding areas on October 1-2, 2024. The theme of this year's Gathering will be "water".

Carl Chambers, former forest hydrologist on the Arapaho/Roosevelt N.F., will lead this year's program. Discussions will focus on the "plumbing" involved in providing water to Front Range communities and the impacts to the Colorado River.

We will begin registration in late June. The cost of registration will be \$40 per person to cover meal expenses.

We are still finalizing details, but here are our current plans.

October 1

1:00 p.m. – For our golfers, we will play 9 holes at Southridge Golf Course in Ft. Collins

1:00 p.m. – For non-golfers, we will lead a field trip a short way up the Poudre Canyon to Gateway Natural Area. This is the confluence of the North Fork and the main stem of the Poudre River. It is a flat one mile hike along the North Fork to Seaman Reservoir or you can hang out in the peaceful park or bring your fishing pole.

5:00 p.m. – Evening social at Mackenzie's Pub and Grill, located at the Southridge Golf Course in Fort Collins. Food will be served along with an open bar. There is a large patio to enjoy the evening sunset.

October 2

9:00 a.m. – Meet at Northern Water Headquarters in Berthoud. We will visit the recently remodeled visitor center and listen to a presentation by one of the staff members on the Colorado-Big Thompson project, as well as other current and planned projects.

10:30 a.m. – Drive past Carter Lake to an overview of the Chimney Hollow Reservoir which is currently under construction. We will then continue our drive through the "back country" to Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch outside of Loveland.

12:30 – Arrive at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch for lunch. The ranch is located along the Big Thompson River a few miles west of Loveland. After lunch we will conduct our annual business meeting and other presentations.

3:00 p.m. – Head for home or travel further upstream to Estes Park or other “leaf peeping” areas. Aspen should be showing their fall colors by then.

Accommodations

There are plenty of places to stay in the Ft. Collins area. We will not set up a room block, but we will include a list of recommendations when we begin registration.

We hope you can join us for this year’s Annual Gathering. Mark your calendar and save the dates!