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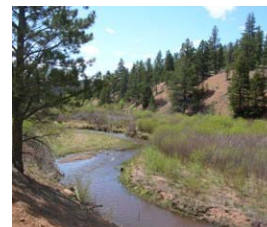
Dear Jean,

Conserving wildlands might mean protecting a 6,000 acre roadless area. But it also might mean picking up trash in the miniature wildland along your local creek or getting outdoors with your children to discover nature first hand. Here are some end-of-the-month things to do.

Family Hike Along Trout Creek
Celebrate a family weekend

A hike along Trout Creek with your family

Saturday, September 26 - 10 am to 2 pm
 At Trout Creek, 20 miles north of Woodland Park
 on Highway 67



This **No Child Left Inside** event is in the Reclaiming Wildways restoration project site.

Children grades 3 to 6 accompanied by their adult will explore along Trout Creek for about ½ mile, have lunch, and get a first-hand experience of the stream and surrounding willows and pine forests. The area is home for three threatened species: an owl, a tiny mouse and an elusive butterfly. We probably won't see them, but we will see where they live.



Wild Connections and Pikes Peak Sierra Club leaders will guide you on this exploration. You should bring lunch and water for your family, and be prepared for afternoon rain showers. Because of the sensitive nature of the area, please leave your dogs at home this time. All details and a map to the staging area on Highway 67 will be sent by email when you register.

Total group size is limited to 15 people. Pre-registration is required by 8 pm

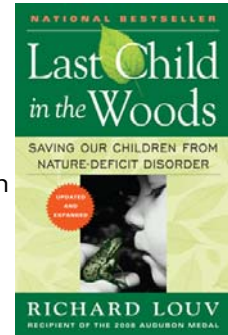
Thursday September 24th. [Click here to go to our web site for online registration.](#)

Upcoming Hikes & Events Come Join Us!

Pikes Peak Region No Child Left Inside Weekend

Friday, September 25 through Sunday September 27

Last year's No Child Left Inside Weekend following Rich Louv's presentation brought thousands of Pikes Peak Region children to outdoor events sponsored by a host of local organizations.



**The National Parks: America's Best Idea
A Ken Burns documentary film
Friday, September 25 - 5:30 to 8:30 pm**

Ute Pass Cultural Center, Woodland Park, on the north side of Highway 24 at Fairfield.

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is hosting this year's kick-off event in Woodland Park with a preview of Ken Burns' The National Parks: America's Best Idea. There will be refreshments and displays. This acclaimed series premieres on PBS on Sunday September 27 - don't miss it!

**Junior Ranger Day
Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
Saturday September 26 - 10:00 to 4:00**

Enjoy a day in nature with your family. Children (4 - 12 years recommended) can earn a badge and patch and become a Junior Ranger. A variety of hands-on activities will be led by rangers throughout the day. Each participant will receive a Junior Ranger Activity book, certificate, and a badge and patch. Regular Park admission will be waived for this day. Call Ranger Jeff Wolin at 719-748-3253 for more details or visit the Fossil Beds web site www.nps.gov/flfo/index.htm.

**National Public Lands Day
Saturday September 26**

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. In 2008, 120,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants, and planted over 1.6 million trees. Join in the 16th annual National Public Lands Day.

Many events are scheduled for our area, ranging from a South Platte River Sweep in Denver to cleaning up fire rings along the Arkansas River to chainsaw thinning and chipping on the Santa Fe Trail in El Paso County. Go to www.publiclandsday.org/involved/sites.htm and enter your zip code to find a volunteer event near you.

Each piece of nature, large or small, that you learn about or care for, fits into the larger picture of natural areas and wildlands for the mountain headwaters, the state and the nation.

In Closing:

Thank you for your passion for Colorado's public lands! If you have comments or questions about our new *E-News* or the topics above, please email Michael Rogers at Michael@WildConnections.org.

Sincerely,

Michael Rogers

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