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ROTARY CDT CHALLENGE, 2007-2010
Hiking & special event schedule
Updated 7/4/09, for 2009 Wyoming Trek
517 Miles, Colorado Border to Idaho Border

Note: This schedule should be considered *FINAL DRAFT*, even though a few of the dates are subject to change, and dependent upon approval by land management officials. Included are hiking days, and several non-hiking days of celebration, volunteer work, and rest.

Also, this narrative does little to explain the trail. Here are some hints:
~~ Segments 1 – 8 are between the Colorado border and I-80 at Rawlins.
~~ Segments 9 – 14 are the segments that cross the Great Divide Basin.
~~ Segments 17 – 23 incorporate the fabulous Wind River Range.
~~ Segment 28 in Yellowstone NP is the focus of the 9th Annual Rotary Trek.

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July 14, Tuesday –

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[Travel to Rawlins, WY.](#)
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Check in with BLM office.
Overnight in Rawlins.

On the Trail, Segment 1, Fireline Trail (FR 550) to Pipeline Trailhead, easy, 5 miles, 1 day.

July 15, Wednesday -

Travel 5.6 miles west of Encampment on paved WY 70. Turn south on graded FR 550 and drive 25.0 miles, crossing the signed Continental Divide just before reaching the trailhead. The Maps are incorrect: FR 550 actually swings around the north side of Hog Park reservoir. The trailhead is in a tall stand of lodgepole pine. The road may be rough during wet weather.

There is no designated parking at the trailhead, but there are spurs of old logging roads that branch off the main road and provide places to leave a vehicle.

Travel to Segment 1 trailhead.

Hike segment 1 and continue, camp near trail.

On the Trail, Segment 2, Pipeline Trailhead to Green Mountain Trailhead, moderate, 8 miles, part of 1 day.

July 16, Thursday -

Hike segment 2 and continue.

On the Trail, Segment 3, Green Mountain Trailhead to Battle Pass Trailhead, moderate, 9 miles, 1 day.

July 16, Thursday, continuing -

Hike segment 3, camp near trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 4, Battle Pass Trailhead to Deep Jack Trailhead, moderate, 13 miles, 1 day.

July 17, Friday –

Drive 11.9 miles west of Encampment on WY 70 to Battle Pass. There is a large parking lot on the east side of WY 70, 0.2 mile north of the Battle Pass parking area and 0.2 mile south of FR 412. A CDT marker on the south side of the road announces the continuation of the CDT north along FR 429. FR 429 is open to 4WD vehicles.

Hike segment 4, camp near trailhead.

**On the Trail, Segment 5, Deep Jack Trailhead to CR 401, moderate, 13 miles, 1 day.
Re-supply and shuttle needed. (here?)**

July 18, Saturday –

From Saratoga, drive 17.0 miles west on CR 500 to a Y intersection with CR 405, then proceed south. Follow the good gravel road entering the Medicine Bow national Forest at mile 21.5. After crossing the forest boundary, CR 405 is renamed FR 452. In another 4.0 miles, the road intersects FR 453 on the right (west). Continue south along FR 452. Cross McClain Creek at mile 23.2 and pass the Jack Creek Campground on the right at mile 25.8. Turn right onto FR 830 near mile 28.0 and follow the road signs another 5.4 miles to the Deep Jack Trailhead. This Trailhead does not appear on the map. There is a large parking area on the left, not visible from the road, at the trailhead.

Hike segment 5, camp near trailhead.

**On the Trail, Segment 6, CR 401 to BLM Road 3328, moderate, 7 miles, 1 day.
Re-supply and shuttle needed. (here?)**

July 19, Sunday –

Drive approximately 33.0 miles west from Saratoga on County Road 500. The road is rough in places but is generally passable to standard autos. CR 500 ends in a T at gravel CR 401. Turn south and drive approximately 4.5 miles to the intersection where a two-track intersects from the east, just south of Deep Gulch. A Trailhead will be developed by the BLM in the future to provide access to the CDT on the National Forest land.

Hike segment 6, camp near trailhead.

Rest Day.

**On the Trail, Segment 7, BLM Road 3328 to WY 71, moderate, 39 miles, 3 days.
Re-supply and shuttle needed. (here?)**

July 20, Monday -

Drive approximately 33.0 miles west from Saratoga on County Road 500. The road is rough in places, but is passable by standard autos. CR 500 T's into gravel CR401. Turn right (north) and drive 3.0 miles to the intersection with BLM 3422 (the Hydrology Road) from the east. There is no trailhead parking here. Head west on a faint two-track for 3.2 miles. **May be able to drive to the trailhead.**

Hike first third of segment, camp near trail.

July 21, Tuesday -

Hike second third of segment, camp near trail.

July 22, Wednesday -

Hike last third of segment, camp in Rawlins.

July 23, Thursday -

Travel to Winfield, CO.

July 24, Friday -

CDTA Volunteer Project #11, Clear Creek I, day 1.

July 25, Saturday -

CDTA Volunteer Project #11, Clear Creek I, day 2.

July 26, Sunday -

CDTA Volunteer Project #11, Clear Creek I, day 3.

Travel HOME.

July 27, Monday -

Rest Day.

July 28, Tuesday -

Rotary Club of Conifer.

Rest Day.

July 29, Wednesday -

Travel to Segment 17 Trailhead, with Bruce and Paula, camp at trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 17, Big Sandy Trailhead to Scab Creek Trailhead, moderate, 18 miles, 2 days.

July 30, Thursday -

From the intersection of US 287 to WY 28, follow WY 28 34.7 miles west to Road 446. A sign directs you north to the Sweetwater Gap Ranch and the Big Sandy Opening. Turn right onto graveled Road 446. Travel North for 26.1 miles to the Big Sandy Campground. When it is wet, the Big Sandy Road can be difficult for standard autos.

Hike first part of segment, camp near trail.

July 31, Friday -

Hike last part of segment, camp near trailhead.



August 1, Saturday -

11.5 mile hike to parking lot, Segment 18.

Hike to parking lot, rest day.

Shuttle Yukon.

Travel to Segment 24 Trailhead, camp near trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 24, Sheridan Pass (FR 538) Brooks Lake Trailhead, strenuous, 21 miles, 2 days.

August 2, Sunday –

Return home. (Bruce and Paula.)

Drive 16 miles northwest from Dubois along 26/287 to the Tie Hack Memorial on the left (south) side of the road. A gravel road (FR 532) angles sharply back east, running almost parallel to US 287 for a short distance. Turn left and follow FR 532 (Warm Spring Creek Road) approximately 0.5 mile to the Sheridan Guard Station. Ample parking is available here. Continue generally south and west along FR 532 for another 5.5 miles to a Y intersection with FR 538 (Trout Creek Road). Follow gravel FR 538 west, passing just to the north of Trout Creek Lake near mile 8.0. Just beyond mile 10.0, the road swings north and crosses Sheridan Creek. Watch carefully for the unmarked intersection with the faint Sheridan Trail (the CDT) near mile 10.5. Currently the only indicators are snowmobile markers on the trees, which can be difficult to spy. No trailhead parking is available, but there are side roads and out of the way places where a vehicle can be left

Hike first half of segment, camp near trail.

August 3, Monday –

Hike last half of segment, camp near trailhead.

Re-supply needed, Segment 25 Trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 25, Brooks Lake Trailhead to North Buffalo Fork, moderate, 23 miles, 2 days.

August 4, Tuesday -

Drive northwest from Dubois on US 287 for 22.4 miles to reach gravel FR515, which heads north toward Brooks Lake. Turn right and follow this road 5.2 miles toward Brooks Lake Campground. Pass the entrance to Brooks Lake Lodge and turn right into the Brooks Lake Campground. You can leave your vehicle in the parking area by the lake.

Hike first half of segment, camp near trail.

August 5, Wednesday –

Hike last half of segment, camp near trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 26, North Buffalo Fork to Fox Park, moderate, 23 miles, 2 days.

August 6, Thursday -

(8.6 Mile Hike to CDT)

Hike first half of segment, camp near trail.

August 7, Friday –

Hike last half of segment, camp near trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 27, Fox Park to Heart Lake Trailhead, easy, 27 miles, 2 days.

August 8, Saturday -

(23.0 Mile Hike to CDT)

Hike first half of segment, camp near trail.

August 9, Sunday –

Hike last half of segment,
Camp in Yellowstone NP.

August 10, Monday –

Rest day, camp in park.

Shuttle vehicle, re-supply.

August 11, Tuesday –

**On the Trail, Segment 28, Heart Lake Trailhead
Howard Eaton Trailhead, easy, 24 miles,
3 days.**

Hike first part of segment, camp near trail.

August 12, Wednesday–

Hike middle part of segment, camp near trail.

August 13, Thursday –

Hike last part of segment, camp in park.

On the Trail, Segment 18, Scab Creek Trailhead to North Fork Lake, Moderate, 8 miles, 1 day.

August 14, Friday –

Travel to Segment 18 parking lot, hike to trailhead, camp near trailhead.
(directions to Trailhead parking lot in Guidebook)

August 15, Saturday –

Hike the segment, camp near trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 19, North Fork Lake to Little Seneca Lake, strenuous, 14 miles, 2 days.

August 16, Sunday -

Hike first half of segment, camp near trailhead.

August 17, Monday –

Hike last part of segment and continue, camp near trail.

On the Trail, Segment 20, Little Seneca Lake to Summit Lake, strenuous, 12 miles, 1 day.

August 18, Tuesday -

Hike the segment, camp near trail.

On the Trail, Segment 21, Summit Lake to Green River Lakes Trailhead, moderate, 17 miles, 2 days.

August 19, Wednesday –

Hike first part of segment, camp near trail.



August 20, Thursday -

Hike last part of trail and continue, camp near trail.

On the Trail, Segment 22, Green River Lakes Trailhead to Union Pass Road, moderate, 16 miles, 1 day.

August 21, Friday -

Drive 6.0 miles west from Pinedale on US 191 to its intersection with WY 352 (Green River Lakes Road). Follow this road north, passing the small town of Cora at 10.7 miles. The pavement ends at mile 26.3, and the next 19.4 miles follow along a pothole marked gravel road. A large sign directs hikers to a parking area.

Hike the segment, camp near trail.

On the Trail, Segment 23, Union Pass Road to Sheridan Pass (FR 538), moderate, 25 miles, 2 days.

August 22, Saturday -

From Dubois, drive 8.0 miles northwest on US 26/287 to the Union Pass Road. Turn left (southwest) onto the good gravel road just before the DuNoir Station (combination convenience store and gas station). Follow the Union Pass Road 5.4 miles to the intersection with FR 532 (Warm Springs Road). An informational kiosk and restrooms just south of the intersection mark your entry into the Shoshone National Forest. Continue another 10.9 miles along the Union Pass Road (FR600) to its intersection with FR 693. There is no established trailhead or trailhead parking, but there are places where you can leave a vehicle.

Hike first part of segment, camp near trail.

August 23, Sunday -

Hike last half of segment, camp near trailhead.

August 24, Monday -

Travel to Segment 29 Trailhead, camp in Park.

On the Trail, Segment 29, Howard Eaton Trailhead to Idaho Trailhead, easy, 19 miles, 2 days.

August 25, Tuesday -

The Howard Eaton Trail parking area is on the south side of the Grand Loop, just south of the Old Faithful Lodge and Inn.

Hike first half of segment, camp near trail.

August 26, Wednesday –

Hike last half of segment.

Shuttle needed at Idaho border trailhead.

From the intersection of ID 87 and US 20 just east of Henry's Lake, ID follow US 20, 17 miles south to Island Park. Continue another 2 miles south of Island Park to gravel FR 291 (Chick Creek Road). Follow FR 291 east, ignoring any turnoffs, for 15 miles to FR 082 (Park Line Road). This road is gated and there are parking spaces. WALK north along FR 082 for .25 mile to a signed intersection with FR 078. From the intersection it's 11 miles north to Big Springs and 30 miles south to Warm River. Follow FR 078 for 6.6 miles as it climbs toward the Divide, heading east, then south. Within the first 2 miles, approximately 1 mile before turning south, the road intersects FR 079 coming from the north, then crosses the dry drainage of the North Fork of Split Creek. Shortly thereafter, a large blue and white CDT sign marks the trail as it heads north toward Montana. Continue another 4 miles east and south to the Yellowstone Park boundary.

Travel to Old Faithful.

Camp in park.

August 27, Thursday –

Travel to Segment 15 trailhead.

Camp near trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 15, South Pass City to Sweetwater Bridge Campground, 22 miles, strenuous, 2 days.

August 25, Tuesday -

From the junction of US 287 and WY 28, follow WY 28 as it winds and climbs through rolling sagebrush country. At mile 19.2, turn left(south) on to a well marked paved road. There is a Wyoming Department of Transportation highway maintenance building directly across from the intersection on the north side of WY 28. The road drops 3.0 miles to Atlantic City. There are two developed BLM campgrounds along this road. At Atlantic City follow the signs and continue another 4.5 miles along the improved gravel road to South Pass City.

Hike first half of segment, camp near trail.

August 29, Saturday –

Hike last half of segment, camp near trailhead.

August 30, Sunday -

On the Trail, Segment 16, Sweetwater Bridge Campground to Big Sandy Trailhead, 24 miles, strenuous, 3 days.

From the junction of WY 28 and US 287, head southwest on WY 28. After 43.7 miles, turn right (north) on Road 446, the road to Big Sandy. After about 15.1 miles turn right on BLM Road 4105. Drive north and east toward the Sweetwater Bridge Campground, 8.0 miles ahead along a road usually passable by standard autos.

Hike first third of segment, camp near trail.

August 31, Monday –

Hike second third of segment, camp near trail.

September 1, Tuesday –

Hike last third of segment, camp near trailhead.

Shuttle needed.



September 2, Wednesday –

Travel to Jackson,
Camp in Jackson.

September 3, Thursday –

**Gather for 8th Annual Rotary CDT Trek,
Community Celebration,**
Camp in Jackson.

On the Trail, Segment 28, Heart Lake Trailhead Howard Eaton Trailhead, easy, 24 miles, 3 days.

September 4, Friday -

Drive 75.0 miles north from Jackson on US 191. Northbound hikers will continue on a short distance to the Dogshead trailhead on the west side. Parking is available.

**Day 1, Annual Rotary CDT Trek,
Travel to Segment Trailhead.**
Hiking on the CDT in Yellowstone NP.

September 5, Saturday –

Day 2, Annual Rotary CDT Trek,
Hiking on the CDT in Yellowstone NP.

September 6, Sunday –

Day 3, Annual Rotary CDT Trek,
Hiking on the CDT in Yellowstone NP.
**Drive to Jackson, participants go home.
Travel to Segment 8 trailhead.** (Challenge hikers)



On the Trail, Segment 8, WY 71 to Rawlins, easy, 13 miles, 1 day.

September 7, Monday -

Drive 13.0 miles south of Rawlins on paved WY 71. Trail follows WY 71 to Rawlins.

Hike the segment,
**Camp in Rawlins,
Community Celebration.**

On the Trail, Segment 9, Rawlins to CR 63, (Mineral X Road), moderate, 18 miles, 2 days.

September 8, Tuesday -

CDT follows US 287 on this segment.

Hike first part of trail, camp near trail.

September 9, Wednesday –
Hike last part of trail and continue, camp near trail.

On the Trail, Segment 10, CR 63, (Mineral X Road) to A & M Reservoir, moderate, 32 miles, 3 days.

September 10, Thursday -

From the intersection of CR 63 and US 287, drive approximately 17.0 miles north of Rawlins along US 287. Watch carefully for a paved road that angles off to the left (northwest).

Hike first part of trail, camp near trail.

September 11, Friday –
Hike second part of trail, camp near trail.

September 12, Saturday –
Hike last part of trail, camp near trailhead.

September 13, Sunday –
Travel Home.



Dates to be Determined

On the Trail, Segment 11, A & M Reservoir to Crooks Gap Road, easy, 12 miles, 1 day.

From US 287, approximately 33.0 miles north of Rawlins, turn left at Lamont on to CR 73. Drive west 4.8 miles to a stop sign (Antelope Drive) in the center of the town of Bairoil. Turn left on Antelope Drive and head south. You will pass a set of horse corrals on the right. At this point the road becomes impassible to standard autos. It is approximately 9 miles to A&M Reservoir.

TBD –
Hike the segment, camp near trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 12, Crooks Gap Road to Bison Basin Road, Moderate, 24 miles, 2 days.

Drive 67 miles northwest of Rawlins on US 287 to the small town of Jeffrey City. From Jeffrey City, follow graded and well-maintained Crooks Gap Road south. Five miles south of Jeffrey City a fork appears in the road. Take the left fork and continue south. A second fork at mile 8.5 is less obvious. Follow the narrower road to the right. A sign says Wamsutter 52 miles, Sweetwater Mill 31. There is also a large sign for the Jackpot uranium mine on the side of Sheep Mountain. At mile 12.0 the road crosses a cattle guard. There is no trailhead here but you can park south of the cattle guard on BLM administered land. The CDT follows just to the south of a fence, following a faint two-track heading west.

TBD –
Hike first half of trail, camp near trail.

TBD –
Hike last half of trail, camp near trailhead.

On the Trail, Segment 13, Bison Basin Road Sweetwater River at Phelps-Dodge Bridge, moderate, 28 miles, 3 days.

From Sweetwater Station on US 287, head south for 11.8 miles on the good, graded Bison Basin Road. At mile 11.8, the terrain dips into a two-track that heads off to the east around a low rise. If you miss this intersection, you will know before long. The road deteriorates and crosses East Alkali Creek in 2.0 miles.

TBD –

Hike first part of trail, camp near trail.

TBD –

Hike second part of trail, camp near trail.

TBD -

Hike last part of trail and continue, camp near trail.

On the Trail, Segment 14, Sweetwater River (Phelps-Dodge Bridge) to South Pass City, easy, 15 miles, 1 day.

From the junction of WY 28, follow WY 28 as it winds and climbs through rolling sagebrush country. At mile 19.2, turn left (south) on to a well marked paved road. There is a Wyoming Department of Transportation highway maintenance building directly across from the intersection on the north side of WY 28. The road drops 3.0 miles to Atlantic City. There are two developed BLM campgrounds along this road. From Atlantic City follow the signs that direct you south of town toward South Park City. However, do not turn left (west) onto South Pass Road 0.2 mile south of town. Instead, continue south on graveled CR 512 (three Forks-Atlantic City Road) for 11.0 miles to the Sweetwater River at the Phelps-Dodge Bridge.

TBD –

Hike the segment,