

# News From the Hoodoos



Spring 2020

## From the President

With the weather changing so frequently, after all it is Colorado!, CoBA is still taking out hikes, but is avoiding taking groups out when the weather would indicate we might be tearing up the drive/parking area or when the conditions are such that it's less than enjoyable (gale force winds, or precipitation). Given that understanding, please realize that we now have more folks able to take groups out to see Corral Bluffs Open Space. The goal of our hike leaders is to offer the same hike experience for each these hikers - to that end we have a committee working on updating our hike leader notes to offer consistency in our hikes. The purchase of additional areas has opened up new routes for our standard outings. The area is an ever changing environment -- so if you have seen it once, it may easily look different at a different time of year or on a different route. So please take advantage of our Facebook page or email to sign up you group and come join us for the 2020 hike season.

**Note: All CoBA hikes and fund raising are on hold pending the outcome of the COVID-19 epidemic. We'll post updates on our Facebook page and website when we are open for hikes again.**



## Inside Story

Hey Everyone,

Giving a shout out to all who have helped us in the past with our fundraising and inviting those that haven't had the opportunity to yet. Without you what we do would not be possible, THANK YOU!

We have had some great success with our fundraising at local Brew Pubs. We have 2 more lined up for this year. The next one is April 22, at Red Leg Brewing, located at 4630 Forge Rd, Suite B. This is on the west side, off of Garden of the Gods Rd. After that there is July 7th, at Bristol Brewing, 1604 S Cascade Ave at the old Ivywild Elementary School. Both events start at 6:00. \$1 from every pint sold comes back to us which helps us with so many things on the table.

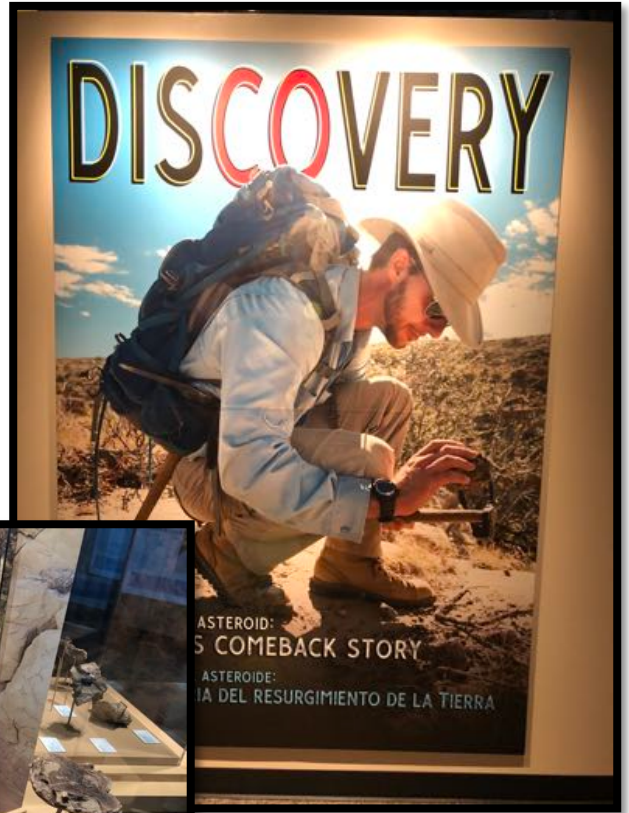
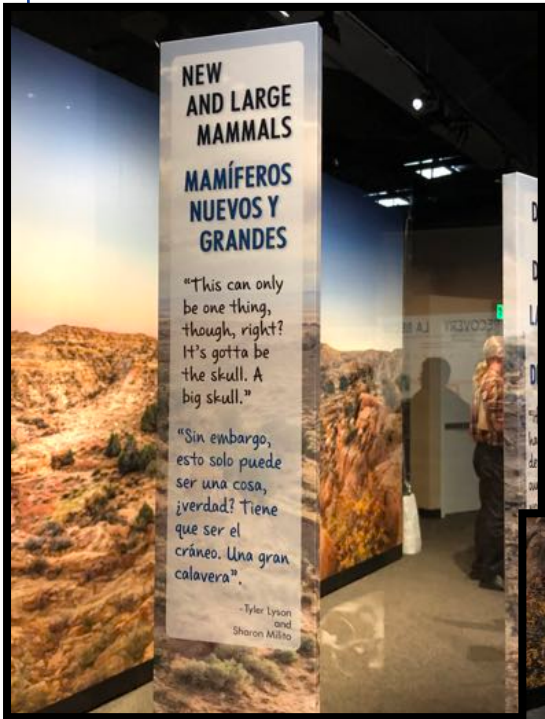
Without the support of the Local Breweries to all of us small 501 c 3 we would have a long way to go.

We are also looking to do a silent auction, we are currently collecting items that we think would be fun, if you have something to donate we will gladly take it off your hands. You can call me Paula, at 719-761-1746.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next event.  
Paula

# Check out the Corral Bluffs exhibit before it's too late! **DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE\***

**\*Check to see if museum is open for business before heading to Denver**



# Nature Notes



## Watch For:



- Mountain and Western Bluebirds
- Mourning Cloak Butterflies
- Easter Daisies
- Sand Lillies
- Locoweed

Did you know? Mourning Cloak butterflies live through the winter as adults and appear as the weather warms in early spring.

## Stewardship

Corral Bluffs is a Leave No Trace site. All board members have been trained and will support these 7 stewardship principles of Leave No Trace:

- Plan Ahead & Prepare
- Travel on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife



Please see the Leave No Trace website for more information:

<https://lnt.org>

## Meet our hike leaders:

- Jackie
- Paula
- Rose
- Sharon



## Upcoming Events

1.

### FUND RAISERS:

-April 22- Corral Bluffs night at Red Leg Brewery- 4630 Forge Rd., Suite B

-July 2- Corral Bluffs night at Bristol Brewery- 1604 S. Cascade Ave.

2.

PIKES PEAK BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL- May 15-17. Two birding hikes and a wildflower hike will take place at Corral Bluffs and Jimmy Camp Creek Park. Register at [Pikespeakbirdingandnaturefestival.org](http://Pikespeakbirdingandnaturefestival.org)

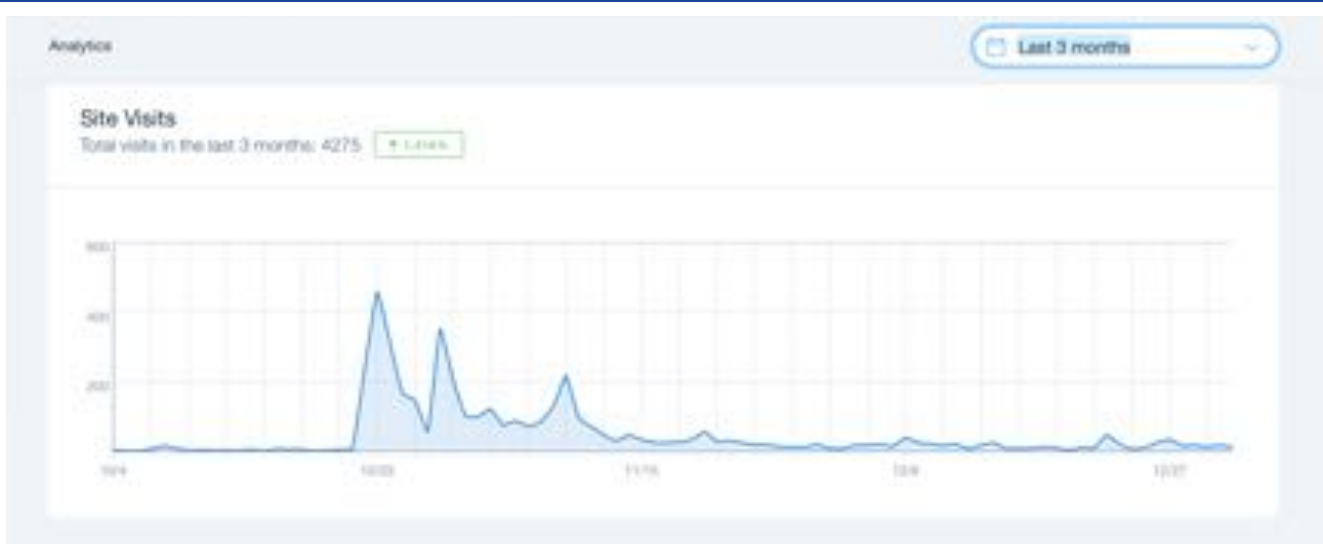
3.

Corral Bluffs website: Sign up for ongoing hikes, read past newsletters and brush up on your knowledge: [www.corralbluffs.org](http://www.corralbluffs.org)

4.

We are accepting donations to help cover expenses for insurance and for our new website. Please see our website to donate: [www.corralbluffs.org](http://www.corralbluffs.org)





Data showing the jump in visits to our website immediately after release of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science paper and NOVA video describing the fossil discoveries at Corral Bluffs. 4,275 visits in three months; an increase of 1,416%.

Visit our website at [www.corralbluffs.org](http://www.corralbluffs.org)  
 Sign up for a hike, learn about the history, enjoy nature and wildlife through our photos.



Contact us at [corralbluffs@aol.com](mailto:corralbluffs@aol.com)  
[www.corralbluffs.org](http://www.corralbluffs.org)

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*Join us for a guided hike! Two ways to do it: Go to the Corral Bluffs Facebook page. Click on "more," click on "events." Look for a hike to join, and message us to schedule your own. Or go to our website, [www.corralbluffs.org](http://www.corralbluffs.org) to request a hike.*



The following groups and institutions have conducted research and/or spent extended time at Corral Bluffs Open Space/Jimmy Camp Creek Park.

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Smithsonian Institution

Colorado College

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Natural Areas Program

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Aiken Audubon Society

Mile High Bug Club

Colorado Native Plant Society



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