

Public Agenda

Roaring Fork Valley Peer Learning Network Field Trip

August 26-27, 2026

Basalt, CO

Roaring Fork Conservancy, 22800 Two Rivers Rd, Basalt, CO 81621

Anticipated Outcomes

- Understand strategies for moving from watershed planning to project implementation through lessons learned from Roaring Fork Conservancy.
- Explore drought management and flows projects in the Roaring Fork Valley.
- Develop skills in community outreach during watershed planning.
- Build a community of practice among watershed planning leaders, develop relationships, and collectively enhance work on watershed planning throughout the state.

Agenda

Tuesday, August 25

4:00 pm	Check In at Lodging (see lodging booking information on Page 3)
6:00 pm 2 hours	Happy Hour and Dinner at Topsy Trout on the Fryingpan River 181 Basalt Center Cir, Basalt, CO 81621 <i>Join us at Topsy Trout for happy hour and dinner. Individuals are responsible for their own food and drink.</i>

Wednesday, August 26: Crystal River

Roaring Fork Conservancy, 22800 Two Rivers Rd, Basalt, CO 81621

8:30 am 30 mins	Coffee/Tea, Pastries, Light Breakfast, and Networking <i>Coffee and pastries by Mountain Heart Brewing Co.</i>	
9:00 am 30 mins	Welcome, Introduction to Peer Learning Network, and Housekeeping <i>Chelsea Silva, River Network</i>	
9:30 am 55 mins	Presentation: Roaring Fork Conservancy and Crystal River Management Plan <i>Heather Lewin, Roaring Fork Conservancy</i> • Who is RFC and what is the Crystal River Management Plan? • What strategies did RFC use to take it from planning to implementation (both planning strategies and organizational fit and capacity)?	
10:25 am 35 mins	Break (15 mins) and Carpool (20 mins) to Site on the Crystal River	



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11:00 am 1 hr, 25 mins	Carbondale Riverfront Park <i>Steve Wenning, Town of Carbondale Utilities; Sabra Dewey, DHM Design; Alex Heller, River Restoration</i> - Half-mile round trip walk on trail to discuss: - Ditch improvements - Riparian work and interpretive signs - Instream work	Crystal Bridge Dr, Carbondale, CO 81623  No restrooms
12:25 pm 5 mins	Carpool to Sopris Park for lunch	
12:30 pm 1 hr	Lunch in the Field at Sopris Park (lunch by Plosky's Deli)	Restrooms available
1:30 pm 25 mins	Carpool back to Roaring Fork Conservancy (25 mins)	22800 Two Rivers Rd, Basalt, CO 81621
2:00 pm 15 mins	Break	
2:15 pm 2 hrs, 10 mins	Workshop: Community Outreach and Evaluation Design for Projects and Planning - Guidance and discussion on designing community outreach plans for more effective planning and project implementation and maintenance - Case study: RFC's Crystal Riverfront Park Restoration Project Snapshot Report	
4:25 pm 5 mins	Wrap Up & Adjourn at 4:30pm <i>Important: If you are staying in Carbondale, we strongly recommend sticking around Basalt until dinner (if you hope to attend dinner). Rush hour traffic between Carbondale and Basalt is wicked.</i>	
5:00 pm 2 hrs	Dinner at Ryno's Pizza <i>Everyone will be responsible for their own food/drinks.</i>	



Thursday, August 27: Fryingpan

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8:30 am 30 mins	Coffee, Pastries, Light Breakfast, and Networking <i>Coffee and pastries by Mountain Heart Brewing Co.</i>
9:00 am 15 mins	Day 1 Overview and Agenda <i>Chelsea Silva, River Network</i>
9:15 am 30 mins	Presentation: Management and Flows on the Fryingpan River <i>Heather Lewin, Roaring Fork Conservancy</i>
9:45 am 10 mins	Break
9:55 am 1 hr, 50 mins	Walking Tour: Roaring Fork and Fryingpan Rivers <i>Heather Lewin and Rick Lofaro, RFC; Lisa McDonald, Pitkin County Healthy Rivers; Catherine Cristoff, Town of Basalt</i> • White water park and Recreational In-Channel Diversion • Riparian redesign • Open park space • Development against the river
11:45 am 30 mins	Evaluation, Application, and Adjourn <i>River Network</i>
12:15 pm	Adjourn
12:30 pm	Optional: Lunch before drive home

Field Trip Contact

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Please call with any questions or concerns. Note that service may be spotty during the field trip, but we will do our best to respond as quickly as possible.

Suggested Pack List

- Clipboard
- Notebook
- Camp chair (for lunch, breaks)
- Water bottle, coffee mug
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Sturdy shoes for walking on uneven surfaces
- Layers in case of weather
- Raingear



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Lodging Booking Information: Checking in August 25 and checking out August 27

The courtesy blocks listed below are only guaranteed until July 25 so plan accordingly!

Option 1: Aspenalt Lodge in Basalt

Rate: \$235/night

rooms available: 10

Breakfast: cold

More information: This lodge is within walking distance to the field trip venue (Roaring Fork Conservancy). Rooms face the river. The rate is a bit higher than Option 2, but you will save on gas!

Address: 157 Basalt Center Cir, Basalt, CO 81621

Booking link: call (970) 927-3191 and reference "River Network group"

Option 2: Comfort Inn & Suites in Carbondale

Rate: \$189/night

rooms available: 20

Breakfast: hot and cold

More information: This hotel is in Carbondale which is a 15-minute drive from the field trip venue (Roaring Fork Conservancy in Basalt). Morning traffic can cause delays so please plan ahead.

Booking link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/wt13h8> or call at (970) 963-8880 and reference "River Network group" to make your reservation.

Address: 920 Cowen Dr, Carbondale, CO 81623

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