



Fall 2018 Trip Descriptions

****All return times are approximate and depend on group pace, traffic, and weather. We do our best to return on time but sometimes things happen****

Registration for trips will open on August 25th

Ultralight Backpacking

September 22nd - 23rd

Registration ends September 19th

Do you want to learn how to travel lighter and go farther? Our ultralight backpacking trips are designed to teach you the skills you need to comfortably spend multiple days in the backcountry with packs of a similar size and weight to many people's typical daypack load. We will explore not only how to bring less stuff, but how to use the gear you do bring more efficiently and weighs to consider dropping your pack weight further. We will spend time figuring out what works for you and in what conditions it does.

Cost: \$45 which covers transportation, group gear (tents, stoves, etc.), dinner Saturday, breakfast Sunday, and Sunday lunch for each trip.

What to wear: weather appropriate clothing and good walking/running/hiking shoes (closed-toed sneakers)

What to bring:

Any personal backpacking gear you feel like bringing

Water storage (2+ liters)

Headlamp or flashlight*

Wool or synthetic socks plus a spare pair (avoid cotton)

Rain gear* (no umbrellas)

Eating utensil (spoons are generally best)

Clothing appropriate for the weather (synthetics are best, *cotton is strongly discouraged* except for t-shirts/underwear)

Sneakers/running shoes

Sunscreen

VERY minimal necessary toiletries (contact solution, toothbrush etc.)

Lunch/snacks for the first day

Optional small knife

*These items are available to rent individually or you can rent all of them by paying the additional \$10 gear fee

When/Where: Meet at Skyline Fitness Center at 7:30am on the 22nd. We will go over equipment and pack up here and then drive out to the trail. We will spend the day hiking and camp for the evening. In the morning we will eat breakfast and continue on our way eventually looping back to the van. We should return to campus around 5pm.