

## **Two Field Trips Added: Wood's Quarry, and Sugarloaf Mountain – Boulder**

The Flatirons Mineral Club has added two local field trips:

### **Wood's Quarry Loop Saturday, May 17, 9:00 AM**

Hike with the geology of the Flatirons' history, commentary, and great views across the plains. Casual+ paced, less busy 3.5 mile loop hike, >50% in the shade. Ascend from Skunk Creek trailhead, paralleling the Boulder fault, to Mesa trail, east to Wood's Quarry loop, then via Third Flatiron overlook & Kohler Mesa back to Skunk Creek. Crosses several views of the Flatirons' geological strata.

From the base of 6390 ft., the trail rises continuously to the Mesa trail, briefly steep to the Quarry, and a narrow trail to the 3rd Flatiron overlook. The descent is mostly gradual and rocky in places. It takes 3 to 3.5 hours. The total elevation gain is 678 ft. 8 is the maximum group due to the narrow trails and weekend timing.

### **Sugarloaf Mountain Sunday, June 8, 9:00 AM**

Join us for a field trip to Sugarloaf Mountain, just a short drive from Boulder. This area holds historical significance as a hub of tungsten mining during the early 20th century, when Boulder County played a critical role in U.S. wartime resource production. We'll visit tailings piles from old Tungsten mines and then take a short scenic hike. You'll have a chance to collect Ferberite, Fluorite, Druzy Quartz (known locally as horn), low-grade epidote, and fluorescent microcline.

Using the Field Trip tab, you can sign up for these trips on the FMC Website.