

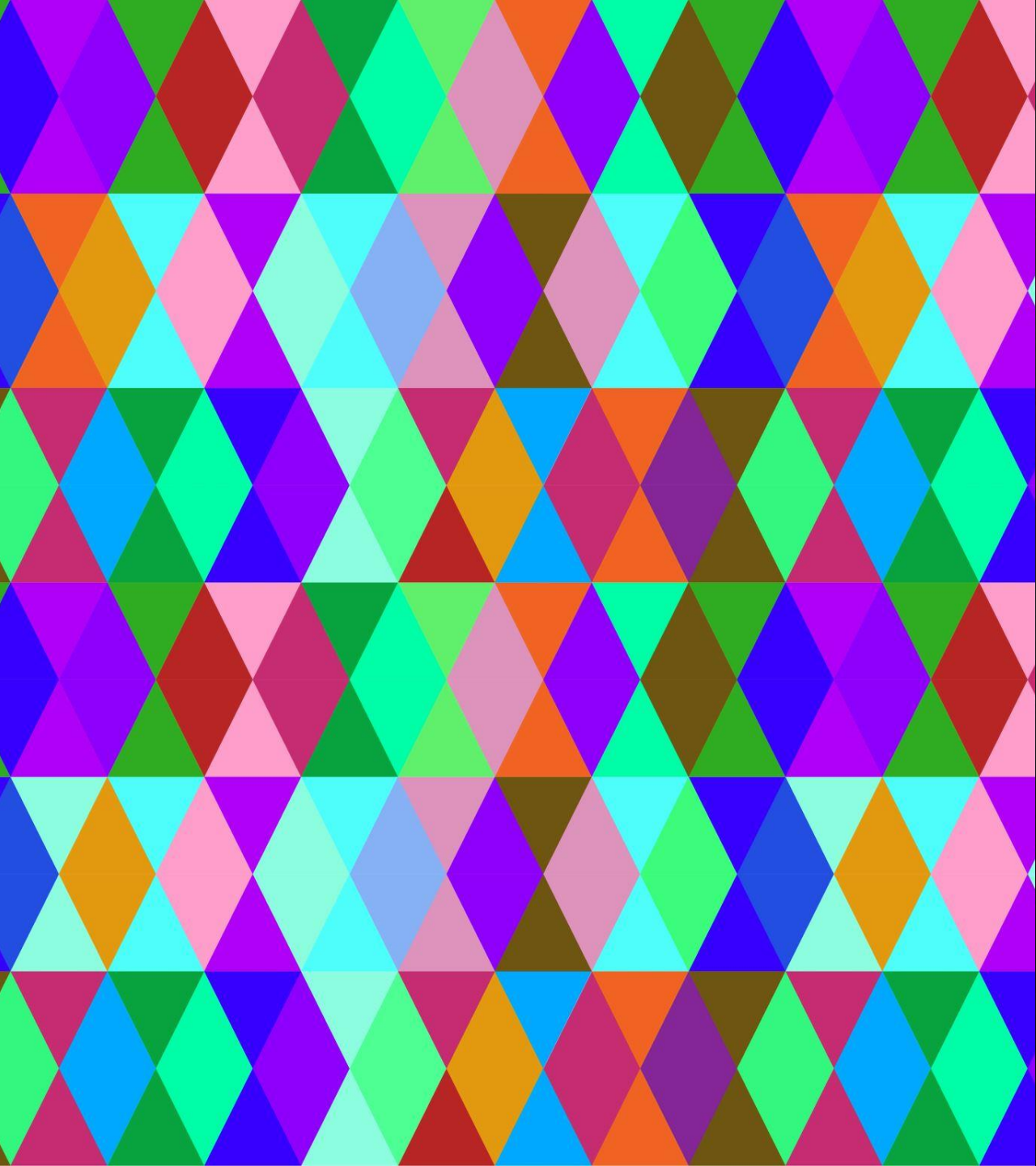
February Newsletter, 2023

Our quarterly community newsletter, highlighting all the wonderful things about Crowley Ranch Reserve.









Hello February!!!

The happy hustle-bustle of the Nov & Dec holidays has morphed in to "Dry-January", and finally there is February!

In February we receive an average of snow 15.8 days and approximately 12.2" of snow during that time. (Chromo averages 86 inches of snow per year.)

Meanwhile, further south, no snow will be found where Mardi Gras is kicking off in LA, AL, & TX (February 17–21). There, carnival, is celebrated with music, parades, picnics, floats and grand balls in a much milder climate.

So, whether you are hip deep in snow or celebrating in a warmer climate, have an amazing time this month and *Laissez les bons temps rouler !*



wildlife

Tracks, footprints, & impressions...

Making Tracks

Bobcat?



Red Fox??



Bella???



Making Tracks

Oro Kangaroo
Rat?



Martin??



Black-Billed
Magpie???



Making Tracks

Cottontail
Rabbit?



Cottontail
Slipper??



Elk Calf???



Making Tracks

Pine Squirrel?



Porcupine??



Black Bear???



Making Tracks



Owl
Wings???

Techwear

With all the great outdoor activities we have available at Crowley, technical fabrics like, GORE-TEX, Primaloft nylon, Polartec fleece, wool and even Cashmere are terrific for water-resistance, breathability, wind proofing and comfort in our winter months.

What's your cold weather wear?



Darn Tough -Men's
Midnight Ski &
Snowboard Socks

Smartwool -Ski Zero
Cushion Over the Calf
Socks

Women's Arctic Ice
Vibram Arctic Grip All-
Terrain Mid Boot

Marmot - Warmcube
Unisex West Rib Parka

moshi - Digits
Touchscreen Gloves

Kuhl - Spyfire® Hooded
Vest

Backcountry -
Cottonwoods GORE-
TEX Jacket

Black Diamond -Men's
M Liquid Point Shell

Powder Puff Collection
-The Pullover

Kahtoola - Microspikes

Darn Tough -Women's
Thermolite® RFL Ultra-
Lightweight Ski &
Snowboard Sock

Outdoor Research -
Men's Cirque II Pants

Techwear

(Thanks to all that contributed their favorites!)



Salomon - X Ultra 4
Mid Winter TS CSWP
Hiking Boots

Voormi - ACCESS
NXT VEST

Icebreaker - Men's
ZoneKnit™ Merino
Long Sleeve Zip
Hoodie

Smartwool - Merino
250 Reversible
Pattern Neck Gaiter

Filson - 280G
Merino Wool
Bottoms

Voormi - ACCESS
NXT PULLOVER

Icebreaker -
Women's Merino
250 Vertex Thermal
Leggings Fractured
Landscapes

Zeal - Hangfire
Backwoods
Collective Polarized
Snow Goggles

Arc'teryx - Venta
Gloves

Backcountry - Black
Crows Ferus
Mechanical Pant

Outdoor Research -
Women's Snowcrew
Pants

Filson - Down
Cruiser Jacket



Stuck in a Rut?

Who hasn't been here...Thank goodness for friendly faces!

FAVORITE MOVIE QOUTES

What inspires, makes you giggle, or makes you think?

Favorite Movie Quotes

Thelma: "Now if nobody loses their head, nobody will lose their head." **Thelma & Louise**

Del: "They'll be able to buff this out, no problem." **Planes, Trains, and Automobiles**

Older Woman Customer: "I'll have what she's having." **When Harry Met Sally**

Dumbledore: "It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." **Harry Potter**

Miranda Priestly: "...And then cerulean quickly showed up in the collections of eight different designers. And then it, uh, filtered down through the department stores, and then trickled on down into some tragic Casual Corner where you, no doubt, fished it out of some clearance bin. However, that blue represents millions of dollars and countless jobs. And its sort of comical how you think that you've made a choice that exempts you from the fashion industry when, in fact, you're wearing the sweater that was selected for you by the people in this room... from a pile of "stuff". **The Devil Wears Prada**

Dave Garver: "Hi, what'll it be? Evelyn: "Play Misty for me." **Play Misty For Me**

Favorite Movie Quotes

Miracle Max: "You rush a miracle man; you get rotten miracles." **The Princess Bride**

Noah: The best love is the kind that awakens the soul, and makes us reach for more, that, plants a fire in our hearts and brings peace to our minds. And that's what you've given me. That's what I hope to give to you forever." **The Notebook**

Donkey: "Blue flower, red thorns. Blue flower, red thorns. Blue flower, red thorns. Man, this would be so much easier if I wasn't COLOR-BLIND!" **Shrek**

Dorothy Boyd: "You had me at hello." **Jerry Maguire**

Rameses: "His god - IS God." **The Ten Commandments**

Stella: "Intelligence. Nothing has caused the human race so much trouble as intelligence." **Rear Window**

Blondie: "You see, in this world there's two kinds of people, my friend: Those with loaded guns and those who dig. You dig." **The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**

Favorite Movie Quotes

Butch Cassidy: "Who ARE those guys?" **Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid**

Mary Poppins: "First of all, I would like to make one thing quite clear: I never explain anything." **Mary Poppins**

Will Munny: "It's a hell of a thing, killing a man. Take away all he's got and all he's ever gonna have." **Unforgiven**

Andy Dufresne: "Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies." **The Shawshank Redemption.**

Fanny Brice : (looking in the mirror) "Hello, gorgeous!" **Funny Girl**

Mark Thackeray: "I believe one should fight for what one believes. Provided one is absolutely sure one is absolutely right." **To Sir With Love**

Kermit: "Here's some simple advice, always be yourself. Never take yourself too seriously. And beware of advice from experts, pigs, and members of Parliament." **It's Not Easy Being Green**

Tropical Ideas...

When the days are cold and overcast, thoughts turn to warm water islands and fun-in-the-sun vacations!















SOCIAL

The joy we have in group fun!





























What we are reading!

BOOKS! Tax documents, periodicals, Instagram, emails
& texts...

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The Heaven Tree Trilogy, by Edith Pargeter. Savored by Edith Blake and Christine Einerson for winter reading.

The Passenger, by Cormac McCarthy. Endorsed by Ron Schell "The book also has insights from his work at the Santa Fe Institute: complexity, the beauty of math, and the craziness of quantum physics."

Demon Copperhead, by Barbara Kingsolver. Enjoyed and finished recently by Jim Averbeck, this book deals with the opioid crisis in Appalachia.

Less is Lost, by Andrew Sean. Jim Averbeck has also just begun this book, "a sequel to his Pulitzer winner, LESS, about a novelist who lives in San Francisco."

Life Ascending, by Nick Lane. A good book Ron Schell finished a few weeks ago, "this is a deep dive into evolution and the creativity of nature."

Between Two Kingdoms, by Suleika Jaouad. Another winter memoir enjoyed by Christine Einerson.

Meditations, by Marcus Aurelius. A stoic and one of the 'Good' Roman emperors, this is a philosophical and literary classic currently being read by Gianna Marino.

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The Flight Portfolio, by Julie Orringer. "A novel for an indolent winter evening", endorsed by Deborah Joost

Cloud Cucko Land, by Pulitzer Prize author, Anthony Doerr. "A tale of survival against the odds, woven into 3 vignettes that are connected by a single thread" read by Chris Olson

Horse, by Geraldine Brooks. Recommended Deborah Joost.

The Endless Practice, by Mark Nepo. Relished by Helen Dillow, "He writes reflectively and poetically about the lifelong spiritual journey. It is a poetic, marvelous invitation into presence and love."

And There Was Light, Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle, by Jon Meacham. Savored by Dawn Olson, the Pulitzer Prize winning author "illuminates not only Lincoln, but a sweeping view of history."

The Night Watchman, by Louise Erdich. Enjoyed by Melanie Bellamore, this novel covers a Tribal chairman's efforts to fight against the push for Indian termination in 1953, which would have ignored prior U.S.-Native American treaties.

All The Powerful Invisible Things, by Gretchen Legler. "An eloquent memoir of self-discovery and a chronicle of outdoor life." Being reread by Kerry Howard

Brave Companions, by David McCullough. Currently being read by Gale Kohlhausen, "He was such an extraordinary historian, writer and speaker."

Owls of Colorado

Colorado has fourteen very different species of owls. They can be found in all parts of the state, & in all of the state's ecosystems.

Boreal Owl –

this bird has a wingspan of 1-2.5 feet, an average lifespan of sixteen years, a weight of 4.2 ounces, and its diet consists of small animals and insects.





The Eastern Screech Owl

These birds have successfully bred in city parks, farmland, and suburban areas. They also appear to be content with man-made bird boxes, despite preferring to stay in dense forest areas.

The Eastern Screech Owl spends the entire year in Colorado.



The Long-Eared Owl

—When they breed, these owls prefer to roost within dense forests. When the breeding season is no longer in session, they tend to roost in sparingly organized groups consisting of up to 100 owls. These colonies will nest close to one other throughout the breeding season, but they will not roost together.



The Northern Saw- Whet Owl

Their breeding season lasts from the end of January to the start of May, during which time you can hear their distinguishing "too-too-too" mating song.

The most common prey that is gifted to the female by the male is a rodent, such as a lemming or a mouse.



Great Horned Owls - the largest owl in Colorado, and the largest of the "tufted" owls in North America. The males usually begin calling for a mate as early as December and January. They use abandoned nests of other species such as red-tailed hawks, bald eagles, herons, crows or old leaf nests of squirrels.

Celestial Events

Possible naked-eye comet
(C/2022 E3 (ZTF))
will visit Earth for 1st time in 2023
since Neanderthals!!!

That means the last humans that could have spotted C/2022 E3 (ZTF) were early homo sapiens alive during the last glacial period or "ice age."

According to NASA, observers in the Northern Hemisphere will be able to find the comet in the morning sky, as it moves in the direction of the northwest during January.

C/2022 E3 (ZTF) will become visible for observers in the Southern Hemisphere in early February 2023.



Show us what you got!

Send in your best 3 pictures, per quarter, for any category, so at least one may be included.

Pictures are due by the middle of each month listed:

➤ February ➤ May ➤ August ➤ November

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