

BRHC CLUB HIKE PHOTO GUIDELINES

We love seeing photos from our hikes and sharing them with all our members! A few simple guidelines will help make the submission process easy and enjoyable for everyone.

There also is a visual example of the Gmail screen at the end of this document,

1. Who should take photos?

Anyone who would like to! We enjoy seeing a variety of photos and perspectives from each hike. You don't need to be a professional photographer—just capture whatever catches your eye.

2. Please take a group photo

Hike leaders are responsible for making sure a group photo is taken. A “lineup” is usually best so everyone can be seen.

3. How many photos should I send?

There is no exact number. It depends on the hike and the number of good photo opportunities. As a general guideline, 1–2 photos is probably too few, while more than 20 is probably too many. We've found over the years that people tend to lose interest when an album contains too many photos. The goal is quality and variety rather than quantity.

4. What should I photograph?

There are no hard-and-fast rules. Your fellow hikers are usually #1—we love seeing who was out on the trail! Action photos are especially welcome.

Other great subjects include:

- Flowers and plants
- Wildlife
- Scenic vistas
- Interesting trail features
- Unusual or unexpected discoveries
- Anything else that makes the hike memorable

5. What about videos?

Please send photos only—no videos. Photos are easier for us to organize and share.

6. Can I send every picture I took?

Please take a few minutes to review your photos before sending them. Remove duplicates, blurry shots, photos that are very dark, and any images that seem less interesting upon review. We do

some cleanup before publication, but a little editing on your end makes a big difference and helps us share the best moments from each hike.

7. Where and how should I send my photos?

Send photos by email, not by text message. **Send them to:** blueridgehikingclub@gmail.com

Please use this address only, unless specifically been asked to include an additional address.

- If you are sending just a few photos, you can attach them directly to the email.
- If you have a larger number of photos, please create an album using Apple Photos, Google Photos, Dropbox, or a similar service and send us the album link.

8. Hike leaders: A few additional items

Along with at least the group photo, hike leaders should send:

- A list of the hikers, in left-to-right order in the group photo
- Hike distance
- Elevation gain
- Duration (Total elapsed time, and moving time if available)
- Any comments such as explanations of photos, or interesting events, etc. are welcome

These details help us properly document and share each hike.

9. When should I submit my photos?

Remember, the club offers **four hikes each week**, so we try to turn around the hike photo collections quickly and get them published while the hike is still fresh in everyone's minds.

To help us do this, please submit your photos **by noon the following day**.

Photos received after noon will usually still be added to the hike album. However, they may not be seen by as many club members because the hike photo email may have already been sent.

The earlier you submit, the better!

Thanks to everyone for helping us capture and share the wonderful experiences we have on the trail!

Send Photos Instructions

