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August 2025

### Get Sends

Back in June, you asked for more climbs. Well you are in luck, we have a ton of new climbs posted on the website. There are climbs nearly every weekend now through October at all of our favorite local crags. We also have a few climbs further afield, check them out:

- 9/6-7: Great Falls (TR)
- 9/14: Thurmont Water Shed (TR)
- 9/25-28: Gunks (Trad)
- 9/27-28: Sugarloaf/Annapolis Rocks/Thurmont Watershed (TR)
- 10/4-5: Great Falls (TR)
- 10/17-19: Seneca Rocks Chili Cookoff (Trad) [yes this a climbing event]
- 10/18-19: Sugarloaf/Annapolis Rocks/Thurmont Watershed (TR)
- 11/1: Old Rag (Trad)
- 11/1: Vaso Island (TR)
- 11/7-11: Red River Gorge (Sport/Trad)

We are going back to the future with leaderless trips for local crag trips. During COVID, we saw a surge of new and inexperienced climbers overwhelming trips and more experienced members being asked to go above and beyond the call of duty. As a result, the club instituted tighter controls on trips. While this can still happen, the problem has significantly subsided. Going forward we will keep a watchful eye on who is signing up. If no one wants to climb or if the signups indicate a poor match of skill for the the trip, it doesn't happen.

Our next new leaders training is on 10/11 and our quarterly club meeting on 10/25.

### Had sends?

As our summer climbing starts to wrap up, we are collecting your adventure stories. If you want to share your stories, please send them to [secretary@patcms.org](mailto:secretary@patcms.org).

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Six PATC-MS (one former) members visit the Grand Tetons in early August. Ernesto Moreira, Jess O'Neill, Jon Watson, Tudor Dumitras, Joel Calahan, and Mike Jones. Ernesto, Jess, Jon, and Joel successfully summited via Exum Ridge, and Mike and Tudor made it via Owen-Spalding. Conditions were most clear but windy, but the two member summit team narrowly missed being stuck in a hail and wind storm. The team stayed at the AAC Climber's Ranch when not on the mountain. The consensus of the team is that the Tetons are the most beautiful mountains in the United States.

### Do More

The PATC-MS grants program allows the club to do more by building a better club. If you've been thinking about taking some classes, now might be a good time. Applications are due by the end of September!

Details can be found at the links below:

- [Women's leadership](#)
- [Professional outdoor skills](#)
- [Expeditions](#)

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