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Community Weed Pulls

This summer Alta Environmental Center, Friends of Alta and Cottonwood Canyons Foundation will be hosting a monthly Community Weed Pull at Alta Ski Area. During these stewardship events, participants will be removing invasive plants and noxious invaders on the mountain. Once removed native plants can grow and thrive in their natural habitat. Join us during the monthly Weed Pulls to give back to the area we all love. For more information or if you are interested in a private/custom stewardship effort for your organization or business email: volunteer@cottonwoodcanyons.org



Take The Bus This Summer

Utah Transit Authority is offering a summer pass for children and teenagers ages 6 to 18 to ride FrontRunner, TRAX, the S-Line streetcar and buses this summer. The passes can be used from June 1 to August 31. The cost of the pass is \$99 and can be purchased online or at UTA service locations. Jump on the bus and come up the canyon to escape the heat this summer. We have stewardship and educational events through the summer. Here is the basic up and down schedule for the 953 Bus, you can check out the entire schedule of stops at rideuta.com.

BUS 953:

UP—Leaves Midvale Fort Union @ 6:43 AM and Arrives in Alta @ 7:53 AM

DOWN—Leaves Alta @ 5:05 PM and Arrives in Midvale @ 6:15 PM

HawkWatch Bird of Prey Show & Hike

This summer Alta Ski Area is hosting a HawkWatch Bird of Prey Show and hike at Alta on Friday afternoons in July and August. A short bird of prey show presentation will take place inside the Albion Grill followed by a hike led by a local naturalist or biologist. During the hike, we'll learn how birds use Alta's natural resources to survive in a mountainous environment. Each week the hike will focus on a different theme lead by TreeUtah, Tracy Aviary, Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, Friends of Alta and the Environmental Center.

The first HawkWatch Bird of Prey Show & Hike is Friday, July 6 from 1-3pm. More info [here](#) or at alta.com. Here are the other dates to come and enjoy an ice cream at Albion Grill and catch a show of birds:

- July 6—nature/ecology walk led by [Cottonwood Canyons Foundation](#)
- July 20—nature ecology walk led by [Friends of Alta](#)
- August 3—nature ecology walk led by [Alta Environmental Center](#)
- August 17—nature ecology walk led by [Tree Utah](#)
- August 31—nature ecology walk led by [Tracy Aviary](#)





The environment is everything that isn't me.

- Albert Einstein

Wildflowers of the Cottonwood Canyons

This book is a must have for avid or beginner hikers in the Wasatch. Learn about the wildflowers, forbs, shrubs and trees while hiking. Included in the book are native, non-native and invasive species of the Wasatch. You can pick up your copy at The Cottonwoods Canyon Foundation office at 2091 E Murray Holladay Rd, Holladay UT or you can order [online](#). For more information or questions about your order please email: business@cottonwoodcanyons.org



June and July Sustainability Events

- **Tuesday, June 26—TreeUtah Tuesday Harvest:** Join us and TreeUtah in digging seedlings out of the middle of ski runs. These trees will be placed in pots and cared for in Alta's tree nursery. When ready, the trees will be replanted in favorable areas. [Register with TreeUtah](#).
- **Saturday, June 30—Opening day for summer operations at Alta Ski Area.** Take a ride up the Sunnyside Lift, grab some food in the Albion Grill and enjoy hiking, music on the Albion Grill patio from 3-6pm.
- **Friday, July 6—HawkWatch Bird Prey Show & Hike.** Join us at Albion Grill for a short presentation followed by a naturalist hike on the mountain. No registration needed, just drop on in!
- **Saturday, July 7—Alta Ski Area Clean Up.** Join us for our annual mountain clean up this summer. Ride the lift up and walk down, picking up winter waste. [Register with Cottonwood Canyons Foundation](#).
- **Tuesday, July 17—Community Weed Pull:** Join Cottonwood Canyon Foundation, Friends of Alta and the Alta Environmental Center for the monthly weed pull. [Register with Cottonwood Canyons Foundation](#).
- **Friday, July 20—HawkWatch Bird Prey Show & Hike.** Join us at Albion Grill for a short presentation followed by a naturalist hike on the mountain. No registration needed, just drop on in!
- **Saturday, July 28—Wasatch Wildflower Festival:** Alta's day of the Wasatch Wildflower Festival. Join us for hikes among the wildflowers from 9am-1pm. No registration needed, just stop on by!
- **Tuesday, July 31—TreeUtah Tuesday Harvest:** Join us and TreeUtah in digging seedlings out of the middle of ski runs. These trees will be placed in pots and cared for in Alta's tree nursery. When ready, the trees will be replanted in favorable areas. [Register with TreeUtah!](#)

