

AUGUST
2010

PENINSULA

Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited

A Feast of the East: New England's Triple Crown

Monday, August 9, 7 pm
Presented by: Kel Rossiter

Almost two decades ago, PWCer Kel Rossiter set out for America's Northeast. There he discovered astounding summits adorned with rock and ice paths to their tops. Amazingly, he also found a lot of apologetic Northeasterners who seemed to find their mountains inferior to their western counterparts. Kel found those mountains to be just as equal; and in between climbing in over a dozen countries on four continents, Kel has continually returned to measure himself to those mountains. In this month's presentation, Kel will share some of the amazing array of images and stories that he has gathered during his time in America's original climbing range. Come and see what drew Kel to these ranges, and what might just draw you there as well!



Kel summited Mt. Adams in blue jeans and a CWU sweatshirt in the early 90's...after which he quickly determined that some further training was necessary!

Between Olympic College's program and many PWC trips, he finally learned that his Levi's were best left at low elevations. Since then he has climbed and guided rock and ice in 12 different countries on four continents. Now based in Vermont three seasons of the year, Kel owns and operates Adventure Spirit LLC, a rock, ice, and alpine guide service specializing in Northeastern climbing destinations. Kel is also active in higher education, serving as a faculty member in adventure recreation for Vermont State Colleges and recently completing his own doctoral studies



in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies. During the summer months, he guides here in the PNW with Rainier Mountaineering Incorporated. Alongside all of that, he is pursuing AMGA training, having completed the Advanced Rock Guide and Alpine Guide courses. You can find out more about Kel at www.adventurespiritguides.com/guides.

Bonus speaker, Jeff Rodin.

Jeff Rodin, an employee of EPA Region 10 Emergency Response Program, will share some of his experiences from his recent 3-week deployment to the Gulf oil spill. Jeff was tasked with oversight of clean-up operations on Dauphin Island, Mobile County, Alabama.

Jeff has managed response and clean-up efforts at over 80 hazardous waste sites and incidents, including Katrina, and 9/11.

Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Thursday, August 5, 7 pm
 Contact: Karla Piecuch, 206-313-3584

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Karla's house in Suquamish. All members are invited to attend.

August Potluck

Friday, August 27, 6:30 pm
 Contact: Kevin and Karen Kilbridge, 360-871-2537

Visit with fellow PWCers at the Kilbridges' home in Port Orchard. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. As hosts, Kevin and Karen will provide the dessert.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>	<u>Contact</u>
8/1	Climb Mt. Ellinor	Doug Terry, 360-550-7911
8/3	Climb Mt. Ellinor	Doug Terry, 360-550-7911
8/3	Hike to Silver Lakes	John & Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158
8/5	MAP Meeting	Karla Piecuch, 206-313-3584
8/6-7	Puget Sound Challenge: Paddle Kitsap	http://www.olympickayakclub.com/ ThePugetSoundChallenge
8/7-12	Hike the Olympic Coast	Sean Johnson, 360-550-4507
8/8	Hike Tunnel Creek Trail to 5050 Pass	Megan Thompson, 360-871-6014
8/9	General Meeting	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
8/12-15	Climb Mt. Olympus	Gary Stringer, 206-780-6760
8/13-15	Toleak Point Backpacking Trip	Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087
8/13-17	Backpack to Royal Basin	John and Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158
8/13-15	Heather, Deception and Royal Basins Traverse	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
8/14	Hike Mt. Walker	Irene Bach, 360-479-1309
8/20-22	Annual Recumbent Retreat	Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906
8/21-22	Climb Mesahchie Peak	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
8/21-22	Tubal Cain/Mt. Townsend Traverse	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
8/27	August Potluck	Kevin and Karen Kilbridge, 360-871-2537
8/27-28	Hike In the Goat Rocks Wilderness	Brian Steely/Cris Craig, 360-297-3825
8/28	Puget Sound Challenge: Baird Cove to Luhr Beach	http://www.olympickayakclub.com/ ThePugetSoundChallenge
8/28-29	Climb Sloan Peak	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
8/28-9/4	Duckabush to Dosewallips Traverse	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

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Outings

A Word About Outings

All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our company and what we do, we would like you to become a member. The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your abilities, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Always carry the 10 essentials.

Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing in which you are interested, please try to call at least two days before the trip for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make necessary arrangements, or alternate plans, should a trip be canceled for some reason. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Remember that trips can be listed on the website under Last Minute Trips. If you don't see something that interests you in the newsletter, check the website for additional trips. Or, if you are doing an outing that was planned after the deadline, use the website to post the information. This can now be done in THREE ways: you can fill out the form online, or you can call or email the info directly to the Webmaster, Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037 or pwadmin@pwckitsap.org. Alternatively, you can call or email Paul Dutky at 360-479-2683 or pdutky@gmail.com to get the outing listed on the PWC calendar online.

Climb Mt. Ellinor

Sunday, August 1 and Tuesday, August 3
Contact: Doug Terry, 360-550-7911

Climb Mt. Ellinor with Doug Terry on August 1 or 3, or both!

Hike to Silver Lakes

Tuesday, August 3
Contact: John and Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158

Hike to these lovely alpine lakes via the south Mt. Townsend trail.

Puget Sound Challenge: Paddle Kitsap

Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7
Contact: <http://www.olympickayakclub.com/>
ThePugetSound Challenge

The Puget Sound Challenge consists of a series of paddle legs from Port Townsend to Olympia over the course of the summer (not all of these are in sequence, north to south). These are ideal training paddles. There is support, guidance, help with shuttles, and usually a large group of paddlers participating. The primary sponsor of this event is the Olympic Kayak Club (OKC). A one-time contribution of \$50 goes to the Cascadia Marine Trails, North Kitsap String of Pearls organizations, and overhead, such as insurance. The one payment qualifies you for all legs of the Challenge plus a raffle drawing. For more information, go to <http://www.olympickayakclub.com/ThePugetSoundChallenge> or contact David Fisher, 206-437-7646, fisher@sohalang.com

Hike the Olympic Coast

Saturday, August 7 - Thursday, August 12
Contact: Sean Johnson, 360-550-4507

Contact Sean for information.

Hike Tunnel Creek Trail to 5050 Pass

Sunday, August 8
Contact: Megan Thompson, 360-871-6014

This trail follows the Tunnel Creek Trail to 5050 Pass, where we will have views of Mount Jupiter, Mount Constance and The Brothers. Round trip is 9.5 miles with 2450 feet of elevation gain. This is a dog-friendly hike. For information about the trail, go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic/recreation-nu/TunnelCreekTrail841/pdf>

Climb Mt. Olympus

Thursday, August 12 - Sunday, August 15
Contact: Gary Stringer, 206-780-6760,
LGStringer@msn.com

This climb is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. The climb involves glacier travel as well as a short rock climb to reach the summit. The hike to the base of the Blue Glacier (Glacier Meadows camp) is 18 miles. Anyone with proper equipment and training is welcome to come.

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Toleak Point Backpacking Trip

Friday, August 13 - Sunday, August 15
Contact: Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087

Join me on my nearly annual backpacking trip to Toleak Point on the Olympic National Park ocean beach. It's about 6.5 miles each way and includes beach walking and going over headlands. We'll spend 2 nights camped at Toleak Point to give folks a chance to do a day hike down to Mosquito Creek or stay around camp and enjoy the tide pools and sea life. There are wonderful sea stacks and a great, long, sandy beach.

Backpack to Royal Basin

Friday, August 13 - Tuesday, August 17
Contact: John and Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158

Call John for details of this 5-day backpack.

Heather, Deception and Royal Basins Traverse

Friday, August 13 - Sunday, August 15
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037, jaythom1@hotmail.com

On day 1 we hike up Heather Creek to the end of the Heather Creek trail and bushwhack up into the Heather Creek Basin. Day 2 we will be traversing over into Deception Basin and will be exploring that area. We will either stay the night in Deception or traverse over into Royal and camp there. Day 3 we hike out the Royal Basin trail. The trip will be entirely off trail between the end of the Heather Creek trail and Royal Basin. Expect a bushwhack or two!

Hike Mt. Walker

Saturday, August 14
Contact: Irene Bach, 360-479-1309

Join Irene for a straight forward day hike up Mt Walker.

Annual Recumbent Retreat

Friday, August 20 - Sunday, August 22
Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

It's time to get bent at the 12th Annual Recumbent Retreat at Fort Stevens State Park near Astoria, Oregon. I'll be bringing my bent trike, but delta bikes, or even no bikes, are welcome, too. I've never been to this event, but it looks like great fun, with fun rides (ranging from 10 to 50 miles), a photo shoot, a nighttime bike parade, a potluck, and lots of fun socializing with other benders and non-benders alike. I'll be leaving around noon on Friday. I have reserved a campsite, which I'll be happy to share. Go to <http://www.recumbentretreat.org/> for more information on this event and to register.

Climb Mesahchie Peak

Saturday, August 21-Sunday August 22 (*note date change*)
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Mesahchie Peak is an 8795-foot peak near Easy Pass in the North Cascades National Park. It is the main peak of the Ragged Ridge. This will be a Class 3 trip.

Tubal Cain/Mt. Townsend Traverse

Saturday, August 21-Sunday August 22
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug on this scenic, rewarding, overnight loop hike. We start on the Tubal Cain Mine Trail and hike about 3.2 miles to the Tull Canyon turn-off. We will head up to Tull City another 1 mile for lunch at the B-29 crash site. Next, we hike on a way trail to a hanging valley between Hawk Peak and Mount Worthington (about another mile). We camp here for the night and watch the sun set over the Olympics. The next morning, we climb Hawk Peak (it is mostly a way-trail), then descend another way-trail down to Silver Lake. We exit via the Silver Lake Way-Trail, or the Mount Townsend Trail (we will decide at the lake!) This is one spectacular loop, moderately strenuous, no climbing or mountaineering skills required.

Hike in the Goat Rocks Wilderness

Friday, August 27 - Sunday, August 29
Contact: Brian Steely & Cris Craig, 360-297-3825

Join Brian and Chris for a scenic backpacking trip in the Goat Rocks Wilderness. Exact destinations to be determined.

Puget Sound Challenge: Baird Cove to Luhr Beach

Saturday, August 28
Contact: <http://www.olympickayakclub.com/>
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Climb Sloan Peak

Saturday, August 28 - Sunday, August 29

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Contact Kevin for details.

Duckabush to Dosewallips Traverse

Saturday, August 28 - Saturday, Sept. 4

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug on an extended backpack into the scenic heart of the Olympics; hike in via the Duckabush, visit O'Neil Pass, and hike out via the Ranger Notch Traverse and Anderson Pass/Dosewallips.

Climb Jack Mountain

Friday, Sept. 3 - Sunday, Sept. 5

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Jack Mountain is a 9,066-foot peak by Ross Lake just east of North Cascades National Park. Class 3-4, and lots of elevation gain. When Fred Becky passes away, I want to start a movement to rename this peak Becky Peak!

Tuck and Robin Lakes

Saturday, Sept. 4

Contact: Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037

Tuck and Robin Lakes are near Mt. Daniel in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area. The hike is 14 miles, 3200 feet elevation gain. If there is enough interest, we can turn this into an overnight backpack. This is a very popular area, so if an overnight is in the works we would leave on Friday the 3rd and come home on the 4th. Probably will be really crowded if we go overnight on Saturday.

Bicycle the Black Hills and Coeur d'Alene

Saturday, Sept. 11 - Wednesday, Sept. 22 (tentative)

Contact: Bob Brown, 360-569-2878, or Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Join Bob and Tony for a cross-country adventure! They will be bicycling the Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills of South Dakota, visiting the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range in Montana, and bicycling the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes in Idaho. This trip promises beautiful scenery and wildlife viewing. Both bicycling trails are paved and have a gentle grade that anyone can do, and mileage will be 15-25 miles per day to allow time for hiking, photography, relaxation, and other pursuits. The Wild Horse Range is in a very remote area and requires a high clearance vehicle. If you are interested in going, let Bob or Tony know ASAP so they can reserve the right size of cabin for the group. For more information, including photos, see the flyer on the online Discussion Forum under General Discussion – News and Announcements.

Twin Sisters Backpack

Friday, Sept. 17 - Sunday, Sept. 19

Contact: Steve and Nancy Osburn, 360-697-5982

Twin Sisters Lakes — an easy backpack for beginners and those who like minimal elevation gain and nice meadows. We will leave on Friday, September 17th. It's a whopping 1.5 miles to the lake, with about 1000 feet of elevation gain on good trail. On Saturday we will day hike a loop that climbs Tumac Mountain (only another 1000 feet), and then over the mountain and down into meadows and more small lakes than you can count. This is a 10-mile loop trail that will land us back at the Twin Sisters Lakes. On Sunday we will head home.

I did this lake about 15 years ago and brought my very young daughters, so I can assure you it's even good for those who haven't backpacked in a while. Twin Sisters Lakes is in the Bumping Lake area, east of Mt. Rainier. The mosquitoes should be past their prime by this time. If the weather doesn't look nice, we won't go.

Puget Sound Challenge: Baird Cove to Boston Harbor

Saturday, Sept. 18

Contact: <http://www.olympickayakclub.com/>

ThePugetSound Challenge

See the link above for this leg's route and for more information.

Tank Lakes and the Necklace Valley of the East Fork Foss River Trail

Saturday, Sept. 18 - Sunday, Sept. 19

Contact: Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037,

jaythom1@hotmail.com

We will leave Saturday morning the 18th and drive to the East Fork Foss River trailhead which is located about 4 miles up the Foss River Rd off of Hwy 2 near Skykomish. Will be taking the ferry from Kingston in the morning to get across the water.

The trail up the East Fork Foss River looks to be about 8 miles to the end. Once at the end of the trail, it's an off-trail journey of about a mile and another 1,000 feet of elevation to get to Tank Lakes. Total 9 miles and about 4200' elevation gain for the day. Staying the night at Tank Lakes and returning to the trail and home on Sunday. For those not feeling up to the extra thousand feet of gain to get to Tank Lakes, there are established campsites down by Jade Lake a thousand feet below. The entire Necklace Valley is supposed to be amazingly beautiful, and there are lots of lakes to explore. Bring plenty of bug juice. For more info, you can see this WTA report of the Necklace Valley which includes some references to Tank Lakes. <http://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/necklace-valley>

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Mount Zion Loop

Sunday, Sept. 19

Contact: Megan Thompson, 360-871-6014

We will hike up the Deadfall Trail to Mount Zion, down the main trail #836 and back along roads to our cars. Total distance is estimated to be 6.5 miles with 1380 feet of elevation gain. You can double your elevation by reversing the hike instead of following the road back to the car. This is a dog-friendly hike. For more information about the trail, go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic/recreation-nu/Mt.ZionTrail836.pdf>.

Lake of the Angels, Hagen Lakes, Mt. Hopper and Staircase.

Saturday, Sept. 25 - Tuesday, Sept. 28

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug on a 4-day backpack into the Olympics. There will be a car shuttle beforehand to enable entry via the Hamma Hamma watershed, and exit via the North Fork of the Skokomish.

Trip Reports

Bob Brown submitted a trip report about the PWC Canyonlands outing which took place over a few weeks in April. In the interest of keeping the integrity of the report and so that we would not have to break it up significantly, those members who receive their Penwicle electronically will also be receiving this complete report with their newsletter. Those who receive their Penwicles via mail may request a copy of this trip report to be emailed to them. Just notify us via email (penwicle@hotmail.com), and you will be sent an electronic copy. Thanks so much to Bob Brown and the other trip members who contributed to the making of this report.



Seabeck Sea Kayak, July 4, 2010



Mt. Rainier Summit (Gino, Tom H., Paul, Tom R.) July, 2010



Camping on Mt. Townsend, June 2010



Glissading on Mt. St. Helens, June 2010

PWC Welcomes New Members...

Todd and Donna Hale of Allyn, and Jennifer Horner of Bainbridge Island.

PWC Host

Are you a new member or guest? Look for the PWC Host, identified by a Host nametag, 15 minutes before the General Meeting and during the break. The Host can answer questions and point out PWC trip sponsors that share your interests. Emily Grice will be the August Host.

PWC Online... www.pwckitsap.org

Go to the website to find upcoming trips, trip reports, photos, a discussion forum, and more.

Jon's Minute

The July picnic replaced our general meeting.

Door Prize

At the July picnic, prizes were award in the Tall Tales contest. Tom Rogers was the big winner, receiving a tent by MSR.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who have brought snacks to meetings. Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774 if you would like to bring snacks to the next meeting.

We Need You!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner are in need of volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Emily Grice, at 206-842-7883.

Sponsor an Outing

If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting to discuss your trip, or submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Karla Piecuch at penwicle@hotmail.com or 206-313-3584. Planning a last-minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website under Last Minute Trips, or on the PWC Calendar.

Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip, and people and places in the pictures. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Sue at 360-697-1352 or dearmans@comcast.net

Update Your Email Address

Contact Venita Goodrich to update your email address and other contact information. Contact Venita by email at vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-698-9774.

Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Erin is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Please send trip reports & photos to Karla at penwicle@hotmail.com

Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal

The PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Bremerton. To join or renew, please see form on back of newsletter. Receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership, but check with vendor for details:

- ◆ Olympic Outdoor Center, Port Gamble (NEW location!)
- ◆ Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- ◆ Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- ◆ Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- ◆ Ajax Café, Port Hadlock
- ◆ Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- ◆ Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo

New members will receive a membership card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

Address changes should be sent to Venita Goodrich at Peninsula Wilderness Club
P.O. Box 323
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070,
or email vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-698-9774.
Members should also contact Venita if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue. Contact Karla Piecuch at penwicle@hotmail.com or 206-313-3584.

Officers and Staff

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and skiing. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.

Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:
Peninsula Wilderness Club
P.O. Box 323
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

Please check if: New Member(s) Renewing Member(s) Change of Address

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