

SEPTEMBER
2010

Peninsula Wilderness Club

Backcountry Photography in the Cascade Mountains and Beyond

Monday, September 13, 7 pm
Presented by: Jason Hummel

For the young Jason Hummel, mountains were explored from the vantage of his parents' shoulders before he could walk. This exploration has continued on trail, water, snow, mountainside, bike and whatever other means he can take to reach the places he adores. He usually seeks out-of-the-way reaches of the Cascade Mountains near Tacoma, the city he now calls home.

No matter where he may be, Jason takes his camera along to share the spectacular imagery he has captured in rugged regions such as the Picket Range in winter, the Bailey Range, the North Cascades, and other tantalizing locations throughout Washington state.



The Pickets Traverse, February



A flood of clouds. Kyle holding back the tide. Alpine Lakes Traverse, 2010

Jason will share many of the comical, sad, laughable and scary stories from childhood climbs and hikes, like Mount Rainer and Olympus, and also his more recent ski traverses and descents on the Alpine Lakes Traverse and the northeast face of Mount Fury. Come join him for this wonderful show during our September PWC meeting.



Forrest skiing down into Luna Cirque

More about Jason Hummel can be found on his web pages: <http://www.cascadecrusades.org> and <http://www.alpinestateofmind.com>

If you have further interest in Jason's photography, please contact him at cascadecrusades@yahoo.com

PENNSYLVANIA

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.

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 7 pm
 Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

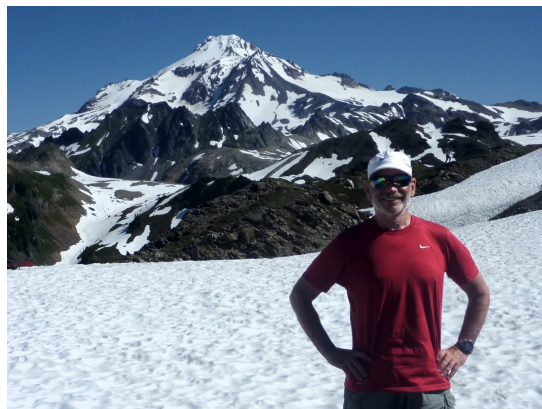
Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Tom's house in Keyport. All members are invited to attend.

September Potluck

Friday, September 24, 6:30 pm - 9 pm
 Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Visit with fellow PWCers at Emily's pond on Bainbridge Island. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. As hostess, Emily will provide the dessert.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>	<u>Contact</u>
9/3-5	Climb Jack Mountain	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
9/4	Tuck and Robin Lakes	Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037
9/9	MAP Meeting	Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547
9/11	Sea Kayak Cape Flattery, Point of Arches, & Tatoosh Island	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
9/11-12	Mt. Baldy and Surroundings	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
9/11-22	Bicycle the Black Hills and Coeur d'Alene	Bob Brown, 360-569-2878 or Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754
9/13	General Meeting	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
9/15	Mt. Walker	Doug Terry, 360-550-7911 or doug@dougterry.net
9/17-19	Twin Sisters Backpack	Steve and Nancy Osburn, 360-697-5982
9/18	Lower or Upper Lena Lake	Doug Terry, 360-550-7911 or doug@dougterry.net
9/18	Puget Sound Challenge: Baird Cove to Boston Harbor	http://www.olympickayakclub.com/ ThePugetSoundChallenge
9/18-19	Tank Lakes and the Necklace Valley of the East Fork Foss River Trail	Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037
9/19	Mount Zion Loop	Megan Thompson, 360-871-6014
9/21	Deer Park/Obstruction Peak Key Swap	Doug Terry, 360-550-7911 or doug@dougterry.net
9/24	September Potluck	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883
9/25-28	Lake of the Angels, Hagen Lakes, Mt. Hopper and Staircase	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
9/26	Marmot Pass/Tubal Cain Key Swap	Doug Terry, 360-550-7911 or doug@dougterry.net



Photos from the recent PWC climb of Glacier Peak:

*Right: Mack Johnson
 Left: Tom Rogers*

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 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.

(Edit: This is now going to be a day-hike. People have expressed interest in going but can only do a day-hike. As of Aug 18 there are 4 of us going.)



Tuck and Robin Lakes

Sea Kayak Cape Flattery, Point of Arches, & Tatoosh Island

Saturday, Sept. 11
Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683 or email:
pdutky@gmail.com

Cape Flattery may be the premiere paddling destination in Washington, if not the entire West Coast. Wildlife abounds, the scenery is spectacular, and the rock fingers that extend out into the Strait have caves that interconnect the successive beaches which are kayakable at high tide (you need a head lamp).

Steve Morse and I will leave Bremerton Friday night and plan on camping at Hobuck Beach on the Makah reservation. Saturday we plan to launch from the breakwater at Neah Bay and paddle out to Tatoosh Island, about 6 miles. If the seas are flat, we can shuttle cars and paddle all the way around the Cape to Hobuck Beach. That rarely happens, so we will probably leave from and return to Neah Bay. The walk out to the break water is about 1/2 mile, so a kayak dolly of some sort is needed. Those without wheels will have options, including paddling around the breakwater, or paddling to it and carrying the boats over the top to the other side.

A tide above 5 to 6 feet is needed for caving, and we should have that between noon and 6 pm, the tide Saturday reaching 8.9 feet at 3:15 pm.

Day Two is a paddle from Hobuck Beach south to Point of Arches and Willard Cove, paddling outside the crashing surf along Shi Shi Beach. The distance is again about 12 miles round trip. At high tide, most of the arches have navigable channels underneath them, and a few of the sea stacks have large sheltered caverns beneath.

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Adverse sea conditions and restricted visibility will alter these plans. Paddlers should have some comfort paddling in ocean swells and around reef, rock, and wave. Conditions can vary from intimidating to pond-like. If conditions are rough, we'll limit ourselves to more sheltered stretches: Neah Bay to the first third of the Cape, or paddle east from Neah Bay.

Camping and paddling will require the purchase of a Makah recreation permit for each car.

Mt. Baldy and Surroundings

Saturday, Sept. 11 - Sunday, Sept. 12

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mt. Baldy (6797 ft) and possibly Graywolf Peak (7218 ft).

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.

Mt. Walker

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Contact: Doug Terry, 360-550-7911 or email:
doug@dougterry.net

Depart Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 9 am.

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.

Lower or Upper Lena Lake

Saturday, Sept. 18

Contact: Doug Terry, 360-550-7911 or email:
doug@dougterry.net

Upper Lena is a strenuous 16 miles round trip with 3900 feet of elevation gain.

If you elect to go only as far as Lower Lena Lake, the hike is of moderate intensity, 7.2 miles round trip and 1300 feet elevation gain.

Depart the Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 7:30 am.

Puget Sound Challenge: Baird Cove to Boston Harbor

Saturday, Sept. 18

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. Prizes include three different new sea kayaks.

The PWC and the OKC both schedule sea kayak outings. Each club welcomes participation by the other. Between the two, we hope to have enough weekly offerings to foster interest and participation, and grow the sport in Kitsap and Jefferson counties.

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

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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 or email:
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 feet of elevation gain for the day. We stay the night at Tank Lakes and return 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>

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>.

Deer Park/Obstruction Peak Key Swap

Tuesday, Sept. 21
Contact: Doug Terry, 360-550-7911 or email:
doug@dougterry.net

Depart Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 8 am.

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.

Marmot Pass/Tubal Cain Key Swap

Sunday, Sept. 26
Contact: Doug Terry, 360-550-7911 or email:
doug@dougterry.net

Depart Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 8 am.

Bike, Hike, Steam Train and Art Festival in Ashford, WA

Friday, Oct. 1
Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Spend the weekend at a luxury house or cozy cabin. Potluck on Saturday night. Bike to 1 pm steam train on Saturday or hike in National Park. Also, take in the Ashford Art Festival on the way, or instead of. Main house has room for 8 and will cost about \$50.00 a night, depending on numbers. We can spill over into another house or cabin if need be.

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Puget Sound Challenge: Boston Harbor to Olympia

Saturday, Oct. 2

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

ThePugetSound Challenge

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

Moose Lake

Saturday, Oct. 9

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906 or email: tribi@hotmail.com

Moose Lake is reached by climbing down from the Obstruction Point Road, near Hurricane Ridge. About 8 miles, and 1500 feet vertical loss, then gain back.

Puget Sound Challenge: Fair Harbor to Allyn/Short Paddle

Saturday, Oct. 9

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

ThePugetSound Challenge

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

Golden Lakes Loop

Saturday, Oct. 16 - Sunday, Oct. 17

Contact: Maria McGuire, 360-876-1639

Call Maria for details about this weekend loop hike.

Trip Reports

Tunnel Creek/5050 Pass by Isaac Sun

This was my first hike with the PWC. I joined the Kitsap Outdoors about 3 weeks ago. I generally enjoy outdoor activities but immediately fell in love with day-hiking after a family hike (my wife, son (17 yrs old), daughter (15), Golden Retriever (2), and me) to Mt. Townsend on a beautiful day a month ago. Since then, I have been day-hiking with the Kitsap Outdoors every weekend (Flapjack Lakes (16 miles) & Mt Ellinor (7.3 miles)). Thanks to Megan, who organized this hike, and to Doug Savage for leading us to the ridgetop; also thanks to Doug Terry (Kitsap Outdoor organizer) for coordinating between the Kitsap Outdoors and the PWC. I was excited about this outing because it was my first experience with the Buckhorn Wilderness. The ecosystem was indeed different from both the Flapjack Lake (Mt. Skokomish Wilderness) and Mt. Townsend (Olympic National Forest) trails: it had some salal brush unlike Mt Townsend; it had taller and more maple trees than the Flapjack trail. Mt

Townsend did not have any salal brush or maples, but had lots of beautiful wild rhododendrons in the lower trail area. There were very little wild rhododendron along the Tunnel Creek Trail. Flapjack Trail did not have any wild rhododendron. Probably, there are some unique plants in each wilderness, but I did not have enough knowledge of those plants. As I continue to hike, I am planning to learn the major plants and trees in this beautiful Olympic Mountain wilderness.

The weather was foggy and overcast all day. Clouds started clearing up later in the morning, but then huge clouds covered the ridges and mountains quickly. Well, at least it did not down-pour. So, hiking conditions with little breeze were nearly perfect. We were fogged out at the ridgetop but still felt good after intense hiking (steep hills) of about a mile. At the ridgetop, we had a good lunch and chat. Then, just past the ridgetop, Doug showed us a path to the Dosewallips River Road. A couple of young hikers and I wanted to go down to Dosewallips, but we restrained ourselves. We talked about doing the 16-miler round trip next time. Descending to the trailhead in the beginning was a little dicey since the trail was steep for a mile, and one could easily step on the slippery tree roots. Some of us slipped, but nobody got hurt. A couple of recommendations for this hike: First, a hiking pole(s) or stick due to steep hills on this trail. Second, if one wants the breathtaking views (Mt. Constance, Jupiter, the Brothers, and Hood Canal), I recommend hiking on a nice sunny day.

Still have some snow left at the Harrison Lake. Did not see any fish at the lake though.



Having a lunch at the Ridgetop. No views due to overcast and foggy condition.



PWC Welcomes New Members...

Jacqueline Lovely of Poulsbo, and the return of old-time members Valerie Swinnerton and Stephanie Satter.

PWC Host

Are you a new member or guest? Look for the PWC Host, identified by a Host name tag 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. Tom Leurquin will be the September Host.

PWC Online... www.pwckitsap.org

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

John's Minute

John Knott spoke about (and modeled!) his method for quick 'n easy rain gear using large black trash bags.

Door Prize

At the August meeting, Jay Thompson won the door prize, a set of camp cooking pots.

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? Karla 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.

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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

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