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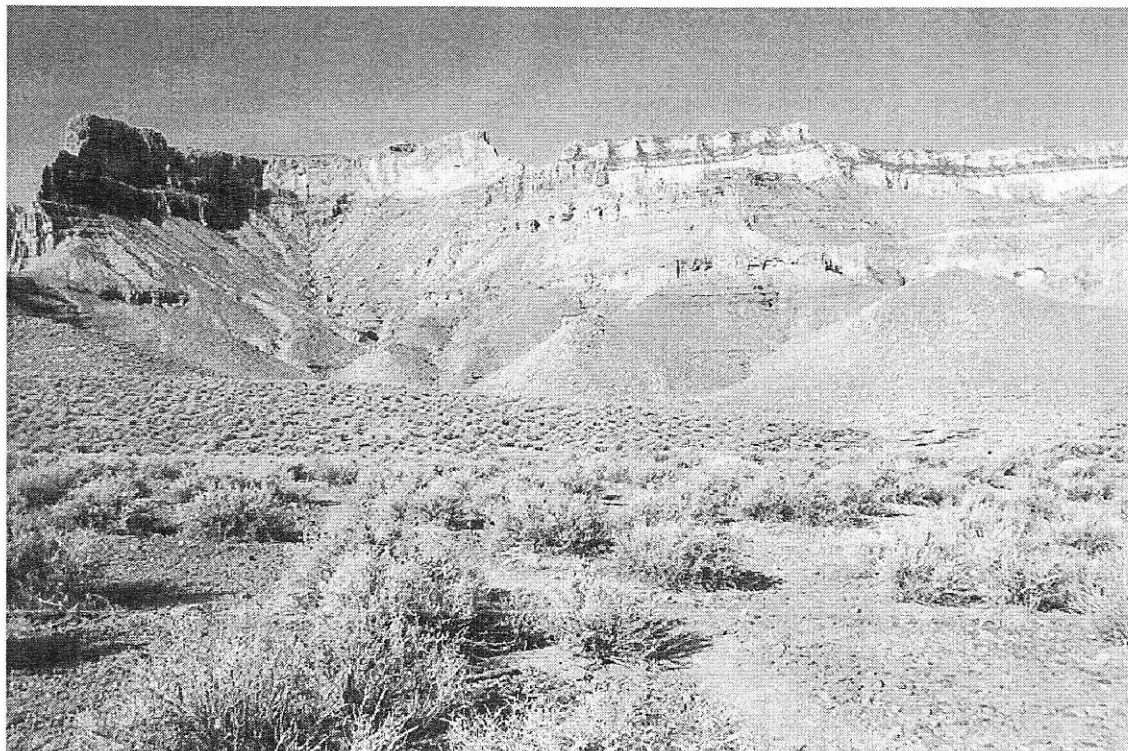
Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

## Grand Canyon

Monday, May 8, 7 pm

Presented by: Dave Boyde

Take another trip into the Grand Canyon. This year, we will revisit the central section of the Tonto Trail and spend two days at Clear Creek. During the trip we will explore Cave of the Domes, Horseshoe Mesa and Grapevine Canyon. After replenishing supplies at Bright Angel Campground, we will continue to Clear Creek Canyon, where we will spend two days exploring. We will visit some Anasazi ruins and Ariel Falls and take a trip down Clear Creek Canyon to the Colorado River. On the return to the South Rim, experience a late winter snow/rainstorm in the canyon.



## Relay for Life

We all know someone who has been touched by cancer. There are so many of us who are concerned about this disease and want to make a difference. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life® is a great way to take a stand against cancer. That's why we've started a PWC Relay team, and I'd love for you to join me.

At the event, we'll camp out overnight, walk around the track, and meet lots of new people. There is an incredible tribute to cancer survivors and caregivers to kick off the event and a moving ceremony honoring those who have fought the disease. I can say Relay is truly unlike anything else you'll ever do.

Donations can be made online this year! You can also see a picture of members from last year's PWC Team on the following link:

<http://www.acsevents.org/faf/r.asp?t=4&i=146933&u=146933-113724542&e=519986822>

For more information, contact Bethany Cecere, 360-243-8533, [bethany.cecere@comcast.net](mailto:bethany.cecere@comcast.net)

# Monthly

## MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, May 4, 7 pm

Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Jill's house in Belfair.

## May Potluck

Friday, May 19, 6:30 pm

Contact: John and Ellen Knott, 360-792-2440

Visit with fellow PWCers at John and Ellen's home in Bremerton. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. As hosts, John and Ellen will provide the dessert.

### Date

Various

### Outing / Meeting

Climb at Mission Creek Canyon

5/4

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

5/6

Ebey's Landing Beach Hike

5/6-7

Ski/Snowshoe to Castle Rock

5/6-7

Ski Ruth Mountain

5/7

Climb Mt. Townsend

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General Meeting

5/13

Mt. Ellinor Ice Axe Refresher, Revisited

5/19

May Potluck

5/19-21

Camp at Dosewallips/Hike Mt. Walker

5/20-21

Kayak to Blake Island

5/20

Hike the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge

5/26-28

Snow Camp at Artist Point

5/27-29

Backpack Barnes Creek

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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.

### Pet Policy

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

### 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.

### Climb at Mission Creek Canyon

Various Dates

Contact: Dale Boyle, [dboyle@web-o.net](mailto:dboyle@web-o.net)

We will be climbing in Mission Creek Canyon (near Cashmere, WA) starting in early May and continuing until the rains start (late Sept - early Oct.) with the goal of finishing the field work necessary to begin producing a guide of the area. Naturally, we will be focused on new routes, but this does not exclude beginners or climbers of limited experience at all. Hiking to the routes usually is on the order of 10 minutes. This could be the last season before the first edition of the guide. I believe there will be more than one addition, but the next one will be quite a few years in the future.

Due to my somewhat irregular work schedule at the hospital, I generally notify climbers that want to play in the canyon via e-mail as much in advance as I can. If you want to be on this climbers e-mail list, please zap me a note. I encourage those that are not interested in the structured nature of the fieldwork to try out the Canyon on your own. It is roughly 8 miles long with something for everyone (including single track bike riders). Blueberry pancakes are usually provided for those camping near us on Sunday morning. We usually camp just across from Powder Monkey Slab on Friday night. Driving directions are on page 8.



### Ebey's Landing Beach Hike

Saturday, May 6 (*note date change*)

Contact: Vicki Fleming, 360-779-2275

Hike the beach on Whidbey Island for approximately 9 miles round trip. We'll walk on the ferry in Port Townsend to Keystone. The hike goes north through Fort Casey with options for both beach hiking and a scenic trail on the bluff above the beach.

### Ski/Snowshoe to Castle Rock

Saturday, May 6 – Sunday, May 7 (*note date change*)

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

This is a sleeper of a trip suitable for skis or snowshoes at 2.4 miles with only 1000 ft of elevation. We will spend the night in a sheltered saddle at the base of the Castle, a 6500-foot peak in the heart of the Tatoosh Range of Mount Rainier. The site is surrounded by 25 degree bowls with spectacular views of Rainier and the Tatoosh peaks. Bring your camera.

### Ski Ruth Mountain

Saturday, May 6 – Sunday, May 7 (*note date change*)

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Since this trip is no longer scheduled for Mother's Day, you can leave your dress at home! This will be a challenging bushwhack up a steep mountain, then a hair-raising descent down an icy slope that will make you wonder, why do I ski?

### Climb Mt. Townsend

Sunday, May 7

Contact: Rick McNicholas, 360-373-0130 or [rickmcnic98393@att.net](mailto:rickmcnic98393@att.net)

The Mt Townsend hike is somewhat strenuous, especially this time of year when much of the trail will be in snow. 2700 feet of elevation gain in about 4.3 miles. On a clear day, it is one of the best views in the Olympic Mountains. Gaiters and hiking poles required, snowshoes recommended. A National Forest Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. Limit 10 hikers.

### Mt. Ellinor Ice Axe Refresher, Revisited

Saturday, May 13

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Since our March attempt was foiled by deep snow, we're returning with hopes of reaching the summit so we can have fun glissading and practice our ice axe skills.

### Camp at Dosewallips/Hike Mt. Walker

Friday, May 19 - Sunday, May 21

Contact: Joe and Kathy Weigel, 360-479-5116

Car camp at Dosewallips State Park on Friday and Saturday nights, with a hike up Mt. Walker on Saturday. Join Joe & Kathy for all or part of the trip.

*Left: Erin Hennings climbing at Mission Creek Canyon, October 2005, photo courtesy of Dale Boyle*

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### Kayak to Blake Island

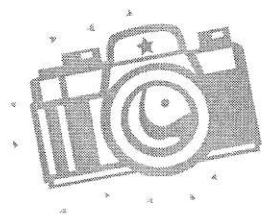
Saturday, May 20 – Sunday, May 21  
Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

Put in near Rod Henderson's house on Colvos Passage for a 4.5-mile paddle to the west end of Blake Island. There is reasonably secure parking at Rod's. Camp overnight at excellent beach sites at the western tip of the island. The salmon bake Saturday evening at the east end of the island is optional. Return to Rod's on Sunday. For those less ambitious, put in at Manchester dock for a 2-mile paddle to the island.

### Hike Nisqually Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, May 20  
Contact: Mark Jessel, 360-871-9417

Join Mark for a day hike and bird watching. Bring your binoculars and camera.



### Snow Camp at Artist Point

Friday, May 26 – Sunday, May 28  
Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Suitable for skiers and snowshoers, this is an easy 2.5-mile trip with 1100 ft of elevation. Artist Point is located on Shuksan Arm, just above the Mt Baker ski area. The views of Shuksan, Baker and the North Cascades are breathtaking and a side trip up Table Mountain is optional.

### Backpack Barnes Creek

Saturday, May 27 - Monday, May 29  
Contact: Joe Weigel, 360-479-5116

This is a low altitude trip along virgin old growth forest from the storm King Ranger Station (at Lake Crescent) to the summit of Lookout Dome. The trail is 9.4 miles (one way). Overnight camp will be @ Happy Lake Creek, by an old abandoned hunters cabin (only the foundation is left).

### Bivouac at Anvil Rock

Saturday, June 3 - Sunday, June 4  
Contact: John Knott, 360-792-2440

Bivouac at Anvil Rock below Camp Muir and ski or walk down the next day.

### Hike the Duckabush River Trail

Saturday, June 10  
Contact: Joyce Kimmel, 360-876-1497

A day hike, 5.3 miles each way, with 1200 ft elevation gain.

### Climb Mt. Baker

Saturday, June 17 - Sunday, June 18  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mt. Baker via the Easton Glacier Route. Crevasse rescue skills are required.

### Climb Black Peak

Saturday, June 17 – Sunday, June 18  
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Black Mountain is 8,970 feet. It is southwest of Rainy Pass on State Highway 20. As usual, I will leave Friday night. We will approach hike on Saturday, camp near a lake, and climb the mountain on Sunday, with the hike out also on Sunday. There is almost 4,000 feet of elevation gain in this trip. Ice axe is required; crampons may be handy. It is an impressive mountain. The views to the west should include Mt Logan and Mt. Goodie.

### Relay for Life

Saturday, June 24 – Sunday, June 25  
Contact: Bethany Cecere, 360-377-2408

Participate in Bremerton's 24-hour walking relay to raise money for the American Cancer Society. For information on making a donation, see page 1.

### Enchanted Valley

Thursday, June 29 - Tuesday, July 4  
Contact: Joan Edwards, 360-509-5297

A 24-mile roundtrip backpacking trip starting at Lake Quinalt. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the alternate plan is to bike Lake Coeur d'Alene.

### Climb Mt. Rainier

Thursday, July 13 - Saturday, July 15  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mt. Rainier via Disappointment Cleaver.



### Hayden Pass to Anderson Pass Traverse

Friday, July 28 - Wednesday, August 2  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774, or Gary Stringer, 206-780-6760

This is a major Kevin Koski-style traverse. The route goes from Hayden Pass (at the headwaters of the Dosewallips River), over Sentinel Peak and Sentinel's Sister, a major down-climb to Silt Creek, up the Eel Glacier to Anderson Pass, a climb of Mt. Anderson, and then over Flypaper Pass to Anderson Pass. Only the insane need apply. Space is limited only 2 more openings.

### Ride the Courage Classic

Saturday, August 5 - Monday, August 7  
Contact: Pam Sargent, 360-697-5545

A challenging bicycle tour to support the Rotary Endowment for the Intervention and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. [www.courageclassic.com](http://www.courageclassic.com)

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### Denali National Park

Contributed by Gerry Austin

The idea of “wilderness” is as varied as the terrain in which it exists. To the urban dweller, it might mean a park with an occasional squirrel. To the weekend warrior, it might mean a hike up a maintained trail to an alpine lake. To the adventurer, it might mean a week in the backcountry hiking remote peaks.

There’s wilderness... and then there’s Denali. In August of 2005, a great friend of mine, Dave Kirkbride, and myself set out for the adventure that we’d spent years talking about doing, and will spend many more years talking about having done.

I’d heard all kinds of horror stories about Alaska: mosquitoes the size of birds, that Treadwell guy getting eaten by bears, and hiking for days through brush only to go a few miles. But the moment our plane began the descent into Fairbanks, I knew we were in for a real adventure.

The spongy tundra below looked impossible to walk across, and the temperature on the ground was only 46 degrees—in the middle of August. Acrid smoke filled the air from fires burning throughout the state, and the town of Fairbanks barely looked like a suburb; yet, this was the largest city for hundreds of miles.

We spent the night at a hostel in Fairbanks where you can put your tent in the backyard for a few bucks. Not the most comfortable accommodations, but it was nice being able to check our gear one more time to make sure we had everything we would need before heading out, as well as save a few bucks on lodging. The next morning we took the train to the park entrance... and the air was even smokier than the day before.

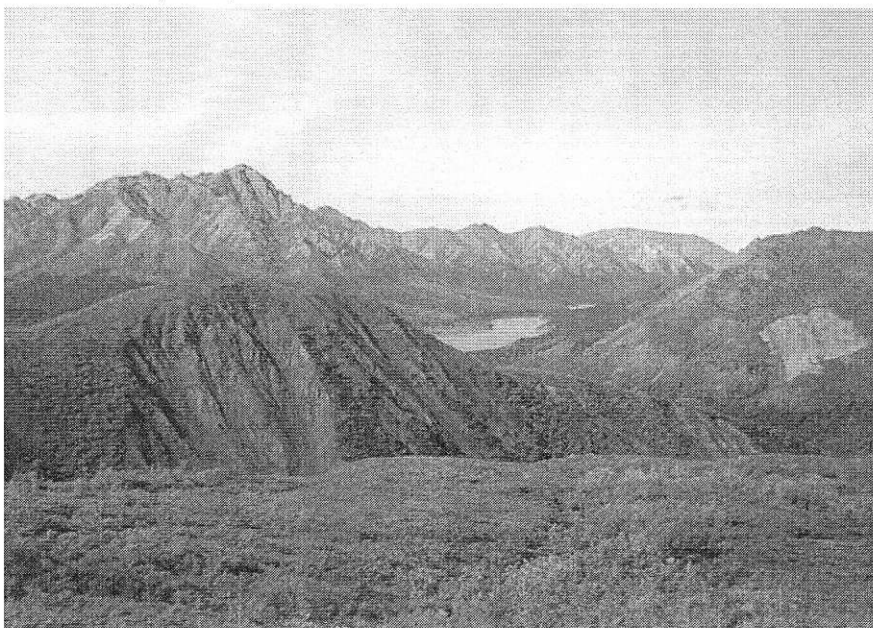
There are no trails in Denali, only backcountry zones, which are managed so only a few people are allowed in each night. Although it makes it tough to plan out an itinerary ahead of time, the challenge of hiking cross country and the solitude of not seeing another soul for days makes up for the minor inconvenience. We got our permit and watched the video of ‘what not to do’ in the backcountry... which basically just says... if you get hurt, you’re screwed, and don’t run from bears. We got our tickets for the last backcountry bus, and waited for our departure as cruise ship passengers milled around the gift shop and museums. It felt a bit weird to be going so deep into the same backcountry that was a cruise destination for so many people, but soon our 4x4 green bus pulled up, and we waved goodbye to the last remnants of civilization.

There is only one road in the entire park, a small dirt road that is constantly maintained to keep it passable to the fleet of busses that travel the 83 miles to Wonder Lake, ferrying tourists, campers, and cruise ship passengers. There’s a kind of caste system built into the park’s transportation system... cruise and private tour passengers ride the fancy white busses, while the general public rides the green busses that aren’t quite as fancy. Backpackers get their own bus that runs a few times a day, but can hitch a ride on other green busses if there’s room... kind of like flying standby. So being a backpacker, you only really have a guaranteed ride in, and never really know when you’ll catch a bus back out.

A few hours later, at about 8:00pm, we reached our starting point at the Polychrome rest area. We’d planned to hike about a mile or so north to get out of sight of the road, and camp for the evening. There was plenty of light still, but the smoky air was making me sick. After fighting through the slide alder and brush, we eventually emerged on a nice level plateau and found a good spot to camp for the night. Judging from the struggle that was the first mile, we knew we had quite a journey ahead of us.

We awoke the next morning to the sound of rain; thankfully the smoke was gone... but the rain wasn’t much better. It reminded us of a cool late November rain in the Northwest... about 40 degrees, and the heavy drizzle that managed to soak everything. We plowed through brush for hours, forded a river a few times, all the while being paranoid about bears. When hiking in grizzly country, especially in high brush, it’s best to be loud... to have a loud conversation, or to just shout, “Hey bear,” every now and then. I’d become so accustomed to just cruising when hiking that the struggle of having to keep up a conversation while fighting brush was quite a challenge.

We finished the day where we wanted to make it to, and huddled in our tent playing cribbage until the rain subsided just enough to make dinner. “Wet” wasn’t really an appropriate word for how we felt, so we came up with the “six levels of wetness” to accurately describe just how wet something was... damp, moist, wet, soggy, soaked, and saturated. My base layer was moist, my socks were soaked. We optimistically told ourselves that we’d wake up to blue skies and warm temperatures, all the while trying to coax ourselves into believing that we could manage a week of cold rain. (continued on page 6)

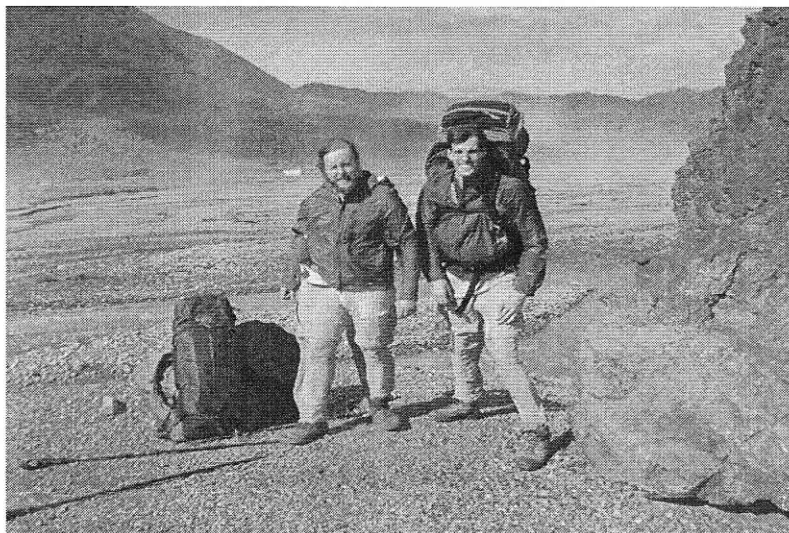


## Trip Reports

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I thought it was just my imagination that they rain had stopped when Dave got up in the morning, but then he said, "Gerry, you wouldn't believe this, it's clear!" Just then, the sun peeked out from behind the lifting fog. Our prayers had been answered. We rushed to get everything hung up to dry out, and spent the morning drinking coffee and soaking up the sun.

Even though we were hiking in late August, the long Alaskan day was still a factor. It never really got dark at night until the end of our trip. Most of the time, I like to hike without a watch. I can always turn on my GPS if I really want to know what time it is, but I rarely do as I can usually sense the time fairly well. But Alaska is different; we would think it was 3-4:00, but it would only be 1:00. Or it would feel like it's only 6:00 when it's really 9:00. And without the luxury of trails, four hours of hiking would feel more like eight, as we found out the day when we crossed the divide to the Toklat River. We'd only gone five miles in about four hours and were exhausted. Then, after camping on the river for the night, we awoke to strong winds, about 50 MPH, roaring down the valley. Remember, everything in Denali is "big"... the rain, the smoke, and now, the wind... it was a struggle in itself just to hike the four miles of riverbank upwind back to the road.



As we boarded a green tourist bus to get a ride to Stony Point, we asked the driver if he had heard a weather forecast, to which he replied, "It's windy today. Don't know about tomorrow," which pretty well summed up weather in Denali... Denali makes its own weather, and there are few weather stations, so forecasts are useless. You're much better to rely on your own observations and knowledge of mountain weather.

After finding some seats on the bus, we realized we hadn't seen a single person since we left Polychrome, and now we were on a bus with tourists from all over the world. It was a bit intense... We were asked all sorts of questions, from, "Aren't you afraid of bears," to, "What do ya'll eat out there?" which I answered, "Well, berries are in season, and usually we can forage some roots or insects, but it's really a treat if we can chase down a deer, which we did last night." That got some good laughs, but of

course, my friend Dave set them straight on what we actually ate as we snacked on crackers and cheese. My favorite exchange involved being asked what we actually do for a living. I explained that I was an engineer for the Department of Defense, and Dave explained that he was a software developer for an investment banking firm, to which one tourist proclaimed, "You mean you guys have normal lives and you come out here to do this just for the heck of it?"... Well, yeah, I guess we do, if you put it that way.

The winds were still howling, but the skies were clear and the sun was out, so we got off the bus, and waved to our tourist friends who were snapping pictures of us as we headed out over the creek bed. We both agreed this was a great detour, as we wound up in the correct zone for the night without having to trudge ten miles through high winds. After a brief hike over Stony Point, we found a great place on the leeward side of Stony Point, where we relaxed in the blueberries and sunshine, nipping the scotch we'd brought along, watching the clouds race by overhead.

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As we were just beginning to discuss dinner, my eye caught a glimpse of a brown bear making his way down to the creek drainage about 500 yards away, downwind from us. He quickly disappeared out of view, but we took it as a cue to finish setting up our camp and to get our bear cans the proper distance away from our camp. A short time later, we saw the bear again, a big grizzly, on our side of the creek drainage, now about 300 yards away. We moved higher up the hill to get a better view of him, and made some loud noise to make sure that he knew that we were there. He sniffed the air after our shouts and looked our way, then went back to eating blueberries. He was obviously having as great of an afternoon as we were, and was in no hurry to leave this piece of paradise. We were getting hungry, but had no choice but to wait until the bear left, so we sat high on the hill above our tent, watching the bear. He slowly lumbered closer to us, now about 150 yards away, nibbling berries, so we took some pictures of each other with the bear in the background, then we decided that it was time to get downwind and out of his path. So we grabbed our water bottles and filter, and headed down to the river, about ¼ mile away to get water.

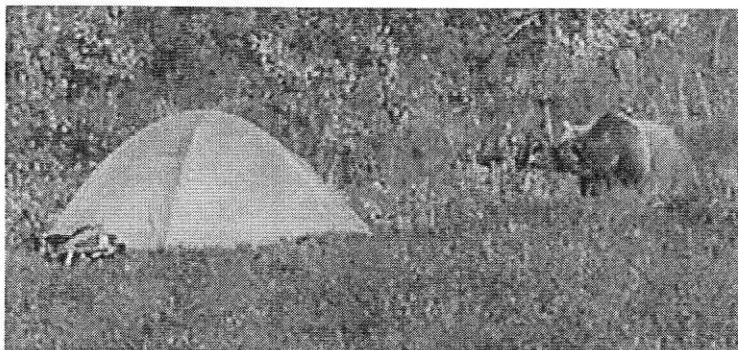
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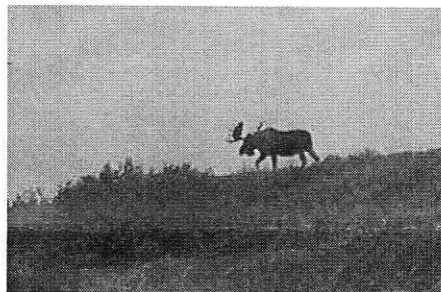
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As soon as we left, the bear looked up, and began walking straight over to our camp. We were about 100 yards away from our camp when the bear arrived, stuck his head into our tent, and sniffed our packs and my boots, which I'd left on my trekking poles to dry out. "Please bear, don't eat my boots," was all that I could think as I imagined hiking out in my sandals. He left my boots alone, sat down and rolled around a bit in our camp, then started walking directly towards us.



We were walking away at a brisk pace, but now the bear was coming our way! Maybe he decided that he liked the smell of my boots and that I was food? Although there has never been a fatality due to bear attack in Denali, we were sure that they'd find our mangled corpses with our digital cameras, look at the pictures we'd taken of ourselves with the bear in the background, and think, "what a couple of idiots." We turned around to face the bear and stood side by side. With the bear about 100 yards away from us, he turned left and went on his way into the next drainage, not to be seen again. After getting water, we went back to our tent, to find everything intact, and we realized that the bear wasn't following us at all, but that that was the natural way to get from our tent to the creek drainage. Needless to say, we were extra vigilant when cooking our potato soup that night.

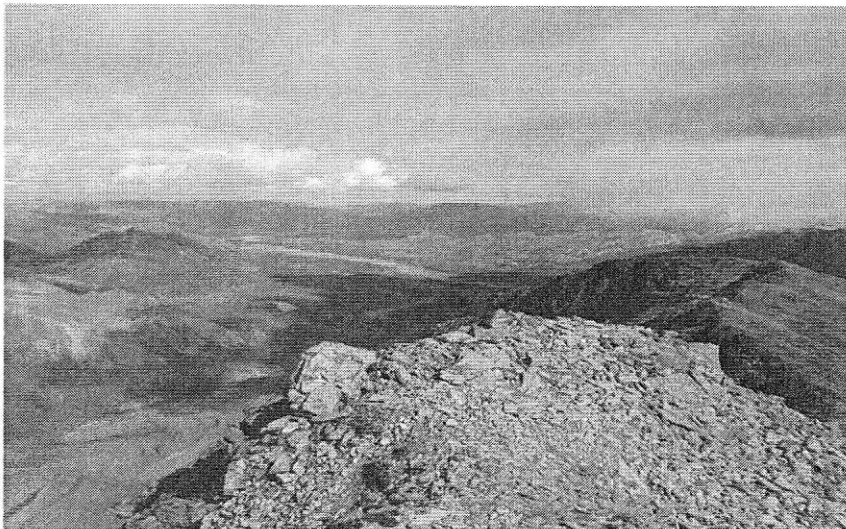
The next day, we hiked out over the top of Stony Point, and rode a tourist bus out towards Wonder Lake to see the rest of the park, before riding it back towards the entrance where we would get off to spend a few nights in the Teklaneka River valley. We got the luxury of spending a few hours waiting for a bus at Eilson gazing at the beautiful Alaska range, and again waiting for a few hours at the Muldrow glacier overlook munching blueberries with a moose, until finally a bus came that had room to take us to our next area. After being dropped off at Igloo Creek, we hiked for a few hours over spongy peat to the Teklaneka riverbank. It had been a long day, and it was getting dusky when we found a nice sheltered spot along the river that looked like a good place to make camp. But soon a bear appeared on the other side of the river, and we decided that since it looked like the bear was going to stay there, that we'd be best to keep moving. Another half hour and we found a great spot upriver.



We spent the next day exploring the valley, taking a six-mile trip upriver to view the massive glaciers tucked into the mountains. On the way back, we found fresh wolf and cub tracks, along with some bear tracks, and a huge beaver dam along the river. Whereas it was summer when we started a week ago, the fall colors were now out, and the weather was damp and cool. It was definitely autumn now, and it actually got dark that night. We hiked out the next morning with a climb up Cathedral Mountain, which gave a beautiful panorama of the area.

The view included scattered rainstorms, beautiful peaks, fall colors and fresh snow along the Alaska Range. After a tough traverse and descent through rocky drainages, spongy peat and dense stands of alder, we came out on the park road. We killed the last swig of scotch waiting for the bus to take us to the front country, where we spent our last night regaining our bearings before beginning the long trip home. We had spent an entire week in the Alaskan wilderness, and we had not seen a single mosquito... so much for the head net I brought along.

Denali is the kind of place that tests your will more than your skills. There was nothing extraordinarily challenging about the terrain or the environment. But the combination of the extreme wildlife, having to find your own route, weather, vastness of terrain, and isolation are enough to test even the most seasoned and prepared backcountry traveler.





Dale Boyle teaching telemark at Stevens Pass closing weekend

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## Announcements

### April Presentation Follow-up

Thanks to Paul Lutus, who spoke to the PWC about grizzly bears in Alaska at the April General Meeting. If you are interested in reading Paul's novel about sailing solo around the world or learning more about Paul's trips to Alaska, check out his website: [www.arachnoid.com](http://www.arachnoid.com)

### Last Minute Trips

If you have a trip you would like to post, or if you want to see upcoming trips that aren't in the newsletter, check it out at [www.pwckitsap.org](http://www.pwckitsap.org). Several great trips have recently been posted in the "Last Minute Trips" section of the website.

### Getting to Mission Creek Canyon

*(see page 3 for trip description; contact Dale for details)*

Drive to Cashmere, Washington, which is located off Highway 2 between Leavenworth and Wenatchee. Cashmere has three exits from the highway, two of which have traffic lights. You want the middle exit, which is controlled by the west light: Aplets Way. (The east-most exit and traffic light has services; gas, groceries, fast food & etc.) Follow Aplets Way straight through town until it turns right (Note: just south of the RR tracks the name changes to Division St. on the signs). Follow the right turn. On your right is Vale Elementary school. At the end of the school (before the bridge), find Mission Creek Road on the left (south). Follow Mission Creek Road until it "T"s with Binder Road. Go right (west) and find Mission Creek Road again on your left (south) in about a block. Follow Mission Creek Road until the "T" at the end of the blacktop (7.2 miles from Highway 2). Turn left (east) on dirt road. Forest Service controlled land begins in 0.4 miles (sign on right about care with campfires).

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## Outings

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### Backpack the Dosewallips River to Lake of the Angels

Sunday, August 6 – Saturday August 12

Contact: Rod Henderson, [rod\\_henderson98367@yahoo.com](mailto:rod_henderson98367@yahoo.com) or 360-871-4420, e-mail is best

Hike to Anderson Pass, Anderson Glacier, then take the O'Neill Pass trail to the Marmot Lake area for a day of exploring. Then down the upper Duckabush and over the First Divide to the Hopper Way trail and on to Lake of the Angels past Hagen Lakes and Stone Arrow Pass. Optional side trip thru St. Peters Gate to Upper Lena Lake. Use of bear-proof food container and ONP permit required.

### Backpack Upper Lena Lake to First Divide

Sunday, August 13 - Saturday, August 19

Contact: John Knott, 360-792-2440

Traverse from Upper Lena Lake to First Divide via St. Peter's Gate, Lake of the Angels, Hagen Lakes and Elk Basin.

### Tweedsmuir Provincial Park Adventure

Saturday, August 26 - Sunday, September 10

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Kayak, canoe, hike, and climb in Tweedsmuir Provincial Park in British Columbia.

### Goat Rock Wilderness

Friday, September 1 - Monday, September 4

Contact: Joan Edwards, 360-509-5297, and Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Hike the Goat Rocks Wilderness.



## Club News

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### PWC Welcomes New Members...

Jerry Gaudette, Michelle McLean, Stephanie VonTacky, Jeff Shryer, and Michael & Lynn Prey.

### April Door Prize Winner

At the April meeting, Barney Bernhard won a set of titanium eating utensils.

### Thanks for the Treats!

Thanks to everyone that brought goodies to the April meeting. 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, Gayla Perini, at 360-830-3553.

### Sponsor an Outing

We are always looking for people to sponsor outings for the PWC. If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting the Thursday before the General Meeting to discuss your plan for a trip. You can submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961. Planning a last minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website by filling out the form at <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>

### Trip Reports Wanted

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

### Recipes Wanted

Send your favorite recipes for backpacking, day trips and après ski to Erin at penwicle@hotmail.com

### Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Bethany Cecere, our Scrapbook Editor, is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip (date and location), people and places in the pictures and whether you need the pictures back. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Bethany Cecere, 360-377-2408, bethany.cecere@comcast.net

### Update Your Email Address

Does the PWC have your current email address? If not, contact Vicki Fleming, Membership Coordinator, to update your email address and other contact information. Vicki can be reached at 360-779-2275 or two.marmots@comcast.net

## Club Business

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### 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, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale (NEW!)

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 Vicki Fleming at Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070, email or two.marmots@comcast.net, or call 360-779-2275. Members should also contact Vicki 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 Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961.

### PWC Online...[www.pwckitsap.org](http://www.pwckitsap.org)

Please contact Venita Goodrich at 360-698-9774 for inquiries regarding the PWC website. Submissions to the editor of the PENWICLE will be sent to the

## Officers & Staff

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President:	Tom Rogers.....360-692-2547
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## Join or Renew Membership

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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 ☐

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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