Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

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

Summer Picnic

Monday, July 10, 6:30-9:30 pm Raab Park, Poulsbo Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-297-2775

There will not be a General Meeting in July. Instead, we are having our annual Summer Picnic. Bring something to Bar-B-Q and a side dish to share. Briquettes will be provided, along with drinks, flatware and napkins. There will be a relay, a tug-of-war, and a Tall Tale Contest, with prizes. We will also have a campfire and provide makin's for s'mores. If you have any suggestions or would like to help, please call Greg.

Relay for Life Results

Our team has raised over \$1000 so far, and money is still coming in. PWC members who participated: Cathy Palzkill, Tom Rogers, Lesley Busch, Mike Doyle, Gail Gross, Kevin Gross, Irene Bach, Kathy Weigel, Ann Richey, Barbara Hager, John Hager, Andrew Higgins, Madelynne Higgins, Liz Higgins, and Bethany Cecere (Captain). Highlights of the event included: dancing the Macarena three times, milkshakes during the 88-degree weather, clapping for the survivors (including family and caretakers), the Mr. Relay contest, the 50-Milers' final lap, and one 24-hour walker's final lap.



Announcements

At the June General Meeting, PWC members voted to make donations of \$200 each to American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Olympic Mountain Rescue and Mount Tahoma Trails Association.

Dale Boyle will be providing windsurfing instruction through the Bremerton Parks and Recreation Department this summer. Dale offered free lessons to PWC members last summer, and those of us who took advantage of his offer had a blast! If you are interested in taking one of Dale's classes, contact him at dboyle@web-o.net to learn how to enroll.

The Department of the Interior has announced that the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Olympic National Park is available for public review and comment. If anyone is interested, the draft can be reviewed at the National Park Services planning website http://parkplanning.nps.gov. Public comments will be taken until September 15. There are also copies of the draft in certain libraries, and some Open Houses planned. If you would like to read a copy of the draft, talk to Jill Hawes at the Summer Picnic, or call her at 360-275-5402.

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Thursday, July 6, 7 pm Contact: Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Lynn's house in Suquamish.

July Potluck

In July, our monthly potluck is replaced by the Summer Picnic. See the front page for details.

<u>Date</u> Various				Outing / Meeting Climb at Mission Creek Canyon							<u>Contact</u> Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net					
6/	29-7/4			Enchanted Valley						Joan Edwards, 360-509-5297						
7/	6			MAP: Monthly Activity Planning							Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087					
7/	8-9			Little River Trail Maintenance							Doug Savage, 360-698-9774					
7/	10			Summer Picnic							Greg Myrick, 360-297-2775					
7/13-15 Climb Mt. Rainier								Doug Savage, 360-698-9774								
7/	15			Three Forks at Deer Park							Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906					
7/	22-27(?)			Backpack the Trail-less Lillian River							Dave Cossa, 360-871-5577					
7/	23			Marmot Pass via Upper Dungeness & Big Quilcene Trails (Key Exchange)							Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679					
7/	23-24			Backpack Cataract Valley							Emily Grice, 206-842-7883					
7/28-8/2 Hayden Pass to Anderson Pass Traverse										Doug Savage, 360-698-9774, or Gary Stringer, 206-780-6760						
7/	7/29-30 Columbia Peak									Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429						
7/30 Fort Flagler Beach and Forest Rom							ıp		Emily Grice, 206-842-7883							
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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

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. 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 edition, 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.

Getting to Mission Creek Canyon:

Drive to Cashmere, WA, 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). Contact Dale for a detailed description of the climbing area.

Enchanted Valley

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

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

Little River Trail Maintenance

Saturday, July 8 – Sunday, July 9 Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Do trail maintenance on the Little River trail Saturday, then spend the night car camping at Heart O' the Hills.

Climb Mt. Rainier

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

Climb Mt. Rainier via Disappointment Cleaver.

Three Forks at Deer Park

Saturday, July 15

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

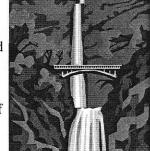
This is a very scenic hike down the valley from Deer Park. This "reverse hike" first descends 3250 feet for 4.2 miles. Then it's time to turn around and work our way back up!

Backpack the Trail-less Lillian River

Saturday, July 22 - Thursday, July 27(?) Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

Why should the Press Party have all the bushwhacking fun! At least we will be going downhill most of the wussie way through near rain forest as primeval as it gets. Who knows, we might even find the Devils Club mother lode! And sunshine! Sure, we'll have to hope there aren't numerous steep waterfalls blocking passage, but as far as I can tell from the topos... That's what makes it an adventure! Trip will start at Obstruction Point, go down to and up Grand Valley.

Just before Grand Pass, we pop over the ridge and down a very steep but do-able slope to the headwaters of the Lillian River and camp. McCartney Peak is on the agenda. Then it's down we go through the unknown to the Elwha River and out to Whiskey Bend. If this one works, maybe the Hayes River will be next. Allow 6 days.



Marmot Pass via Upper Dungeness & Big Quilcene Trails (Key Exchange)

Sunday, July 23

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

This hike begins in the forested NE Olympics and traverses above the tree line offering stupendous views of the snow covered interior Olympic Mountain Peaks. This will be a strenuous 13.0-mile hike with 3500 feet of elevation gain. Exchanging vehicle keys offers the hiker a scenic one way, "no retracing," hiking opportunity. Note - We have the option of hiking the Tubal Cain Mine Trail verses the Upper Dungeness Trail due to a bridge washout.

Backpack Cataract Valley

Sunday, July 23 - Monday, July 24 Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

One night backpack on the NW slope of Mt. Rainier. Leave from Mowich Lake campground Sunday morning around 9 am – we can drive up that day or spend the previous night there. We'll hike six fairly strenuous miles to Cataract Valley via Spray Park, but we will be stopping for pictures and lunch. I have reservations for eight, but more can squeeze in. To make it a day hike is possible, if some want it that way.

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 two more openings.

Columbia Peak

Saturday, July 29 – Sunday, July 30 Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Hike in 10 miles. Climb peak on Sunday and hike out. With the summit at 7172 feet, we will gain about 4500 feet of elevation. Glacier skills required. Five-mile bike approach possible.

Fort Flagler Beach and Forest Romp

Sunday, July 30

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

A Slacker day: meet somewhere around 10:30 am for brunch. Then roam around Fort Flagler on beaches and in the woods.



Tour de Kitsap

Sunday, July 30

Contact: Frank Lane, 360-779-1819, or Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

Scenic courses of 12, 30, 65 and 100 miles. Visit Seabeck, Port Gamble, Poulsbo, Keyport, Illahee, and Manette, ending in charming Old Town Silverdale. The 12-mile family route investigates scenic Erlands Point and NAD Park, then returns to Silverdale. Theme refreshment stops provide free drinks, water, fruit and food on each route. For more information, go to www.westsoundcycling.com

Heather Park via Lake Angeles Loop

Saturday, August 5

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

This hike gets five stars for its beautiful scenery. You'll pay for it with 13 miles and 4100 feet of elevation gain.

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

Backpack the Dosewallips River to Lake of the Angels

Sunday, August 6 – Saturday August 12 Contact: Rod Henderson, rod_henderson98367@yahoo.com or 360-871-4420, e-mail is best

Hike to Anderson Pass and Anderson Glacier, then take the O'Neil 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 through St. Peter's Gate to Upper Lena Lake. Use of bearproof food container and ONP permit required.

Climb Mt. Saint Helens

Friday, August 11 - Saturday, August 12 Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325

If opened for climbing, I have permits for seven to climb on Saturday, August 12. Until the latest activity, the anticipated opening date for climbing was sometime between mid-July and early August. We will meet at the Climber's Bivouac Friday afternoon or evening, and begin the ascent EARLY on Saturday. Once the sun comes over the ridge, there is no shade. No special climbing skills are required, just be prepared for a 4500-foot gain in about 4.5 miles. Enjoy a hike through a cool forest, boulder hopping on Monitor Ridge and especially enjoy the last 1300 feet up the giant cinder dune. Beautiful views from the top include Mts. Rainier, Adams and Hood, along with the interior of the crater with its new fin and the blast zone.

Outings

Moonlight Hike Blue Mountain

Saturday, August 12 - Sunday, August 13 Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

Hike the Grand Ridge trail near Blue Mountain by moonlight.

Manning Park

Sunday, August 13 - ? (date and location subject to change) Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Help me shuttle friends from North Cascades up to Manning Park, BC, to send them off on the Pacific Crest Trail. We'll have a long day of driving, but car camp when we arrive. Hike the next day, and then...? I would like to spend several days car camping and hiking, continuing on to the Kootenays and then down into NE WA. Let's talk.

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.

Hike Around Mt. Adams

Friday, August 18 - Monday, August 21 Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325

This is a very strenuous 35-mile hike around Mt. Adams with an elevation gain/loss of 8,000 feet. There is a 5-mile section on the Yakama Indian Reservation that is cross-country, with no trail. This section is extremely rugged and requires descending into Hellroaring Valley, fording several glacial streams, climbing the Ridge of Wonders, descending into Avalanche Valley, fording several more glacial streams along with the Big Muddy River, and then climbing again to meet the trail. (And this is all in the first day!) Plan on spending Friday night car-camping at or near Trout Lake in order to get an early start on Saturday. If people are so inclined (no pun intended), we could also set up a climb for immediately after the trip. This would be Lunch Counter on August 22 and summit on August 23.

Sloan Peak

Sunday, August 20

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

A 15-hour day climb via the Corkscrew route. The route will entail fording a river, steep forest, glacier travel and steep class 3 rock. Approximately 12 miles and 6000 feet of elevation gain to the summit at 7835 feet.

Silver Lake Hike

Sunday, August 27

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-297-2775

This is a moderate hike, easy most of the way, with steepness ascending the ridge. We will hike 6.5 miles and gain 2200 feet of elevation. There are nice views from the ridge, including Mt. Townsend, Mt. Buckhorn, and Iron Mountain. If you're a real Spartan, go for a swim in the lake.

Goat Rocks Wilderness

Friday, September 1 - Monday, September 4 Contact: Joan Edwards, 360-509-5297, and Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Hike a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail. Enjoy alpine scenery in the Cascades, and see if you can spot any mountain goats!

Moose Lake/Grant Pass

Saturday, October 7

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

The fall colors should be out for this beautiful hike that has something for everyone: ridgeline hiking, alpine lakes, and forest. I may turn this into a backpack, since this is such a beautiful area and the full moon is on Saturday. The Moose Lake hike is 8.2 miles roundtrip and 1500 feet of elevation gain. Extending this to Grand Pass would make it 11 miles and 3000 feet of elevation gain.

Klahhane Ridge/PJ Lake

Saturday, October 21

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

This is a double header hike--it's World Series time, so "let's hike two!" Klahhane Ridge is 4.6 miles and 2050 feet of elevation gain and PJ Lake is 1.8 miles and 900 feet of elevation gain. Come for one or both.

Announcements

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Poulsbo Running

Bethany Cecere brought news of a new PWC business supporter, Poulsbo Running:

Poulsbo Running, a new (opened in April 2006) shop carrying all things running/walking/duathlon/etc. next to Central Market, has asked to be one of our supporting businesses. They even gave me a 10% discount on my already on sale sneakers today! I gave them the one copy of the Penwicle I had...if we have more, they may want some. They were going to make some photocopies so they had some for their patrons. Their website is still in process, but has the address and hours: www.poulsborunning.com They have a North Kitsap Relay for Life team and will be visiting us at the CK event to see how it all works. Super nice and knowledgeable! I really feel like I have the best running shoes I could get - and not the most expensive in the store!

Bay Street Books

Jill Hawes announced the opening of a new used book store in Port Orchard: Bay Street Books. Jill reports the store has an excellent selection of mountaineering books.

50-50 Pass

Courtesy of Maureen Kelly

On June 17, six people took a wet hike up Tunnel Creek to 50-50 Pass. It was also a dog-friendly hike, so three dogs came along to keep everyone company. The hikers were Nancy Meyer, Sue DeArman, Karla Piecuch, Tom Broszeit, Irene Bach, and Maureen Kelly. Irene brought her two dogs, Jade and Micha, and Maureen brought her little dog, Molly. Tom volunteered to take one of Irene's dogs to make hiking easier on Irene. The hike started out with a cloudy but dry day. As the hike progressed up the Tunnel Creek trail, it started to rain, lightly at first, but progressively heavier as we went farther and higher into the Olympics. At the 2.5-mile mark there is a nice shelter, where we had lunch and put on our raincoats and ponchos. The dogs shared a small amount of our lunches, but we did bring treats for them. We all decided to continue up the trail to the pass. Further up the trail, there were large snow patches and many downed trees. We had to climb and traverse around the trees and, of course, the dogs either went under the trees or over them, leaving the person on the other end of the leash to struggle and figure out how to get over or around the tree without four legs.

As we climbed farther up the trail, the snow patches became bigger and deeper. There was a rather large snowfield with about one foot of snow on the ground just before Harrison Lake. The lake was still frozen with several inches of snow on it. The clouds were low and we could not see 50-50 Pass. We were rather wet by this time, so we all decided not to go any further as there would not have been any view at the top of the pass. The lake's elevation is over 4900 feet, so it would have been easy to go to the pass, but the weather was not cooperating. Molly was cold and wet by this time, but Micha thought the snow was great and rolled in it several times.

We all had a good time, but it would be nice if the month of June had more sunny days and not so much rain.



Above: Irene with Micha, Tom with Jade, Nancy, Karla, and Maureen (in white poncho) with little Jack Russell dog Molly. Photo by Sue DeArman.

Below: Harrison Lake. Photo by Maureen Kelly.



PWC Welcomes New Members...

John & Dorothy Tenero, Paul Williams, Carolyn Perkins, Kirsten Wayne, Lois & Paul Andrews, Rob Whitacre, and Mabel May.

June Door Prize Winner

At the June meeting, Maureen Kelly won a water purifier.

Thanks for the Treats!

Thanks to everyone that brought goodies to the June 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 & Photos 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. Trip reports can be all text, all photos, or any combination of the two. There are no length requirements. Please send trip reports and photos 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, 360-243-8533, 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

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
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo (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

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 website, unless requested otherwise.

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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

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