

DECEMBER
2006

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.

Alsek River Rafting Trip

Monday, December 11, 7 pm

Presented by: Don Paulson & Kathy Mahan

Don Paulson and Kathy Mahan will present a two-part travelogue of two of their adventures this year.

Don will show slides and tell about a 170-mile raft trip on the Alsek River through the Tatshenshini/Alsek World Heritage Site. The trip started in Kluane National Park in the Yukon, continued through Wrangell St. Elias National Park in British Columbia, and ended in Glacier Bay National Park in southeast Alaska. Together, these parks form the world's largest protected wilderness. Each year, only a small number of people venture into this region of unbroken wilderness and endless towering peaks – Don was lucky enough to be one of them, along with three other photographers and a guide who was also a professional photographer.

Kathy will host a slide presentation on hiking in the Lake O'Hara district – an area of jaw-dropping scenery in Yoho National Park in the Canadian Rockies. Last August, Don and Kathy joined a group of friends for a memorable camping and hiking trip and a celebration of Lynn Howat's birthday. Because of the area's popularity, a quota and reservation system is strictly enforced. Getting reservations was a challenge but well worth the effort for the privilege to wander in this amazing alpine wonderland.

Alsek River. Photo courtesy of Don Paulson.



Monthly

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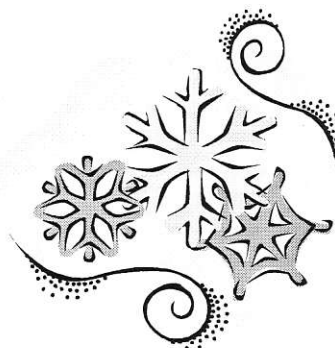
Thursday, December 7, 7 pm

Contact: Doug Savage & Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Doug & Venita's house in Bremerton.

December Potluck

There will not be a Potluck in December due to the Christmas holiday.



Date

Various

Outing / Meeting

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Contact

<http://www.banffcentre.ca/mountainculture/tour/>

12/2

Bike the Discovery Trail

Greg Myrick, gmyrick49@gmail.com,
360-649-1648

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Doug Savage & Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774

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General Meeting

Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

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Solstice at Fort Flagler

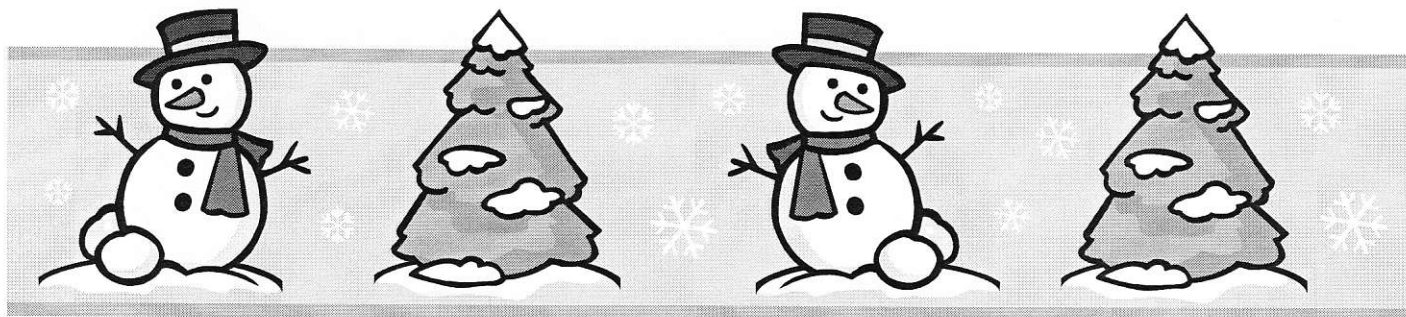
Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

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Learn to Turn: Stevens Pass

Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

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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.

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Various Dates

Contact: <http://www.banffcentre.ca/mountainculture/tour/>

Come for adventure, for excitement, for the inspiration of mountain stories. Experience the exhilarating beauty of mountain landscapes. Meet the world's top adventurers. Listen to their stories. Relive their challenges. Reconnect with adventure. The tour is in Tacoma on December 5, or in Seattle November 29 through December 1.

Bike the Discovery Trail

Saturday, December 2

Contact: Greg Myrick, gmyrick49@gmail.com, 360-649-1648

Ride the Olympic Discovery Trail from Railroad Bridge Park in Sequim to the Port Angeles waterfront. The trail is approximately 17.5 miles one way. We will ride to P.A. for lunch. Bus #30 can be ridden back, but there is a two-bike limit on each bus. They run every hour, with the last one leaving P.A. at 7:10 pm. The fare is \$1.50. Or... ride back! Trip is weather dependent. Trail info can be found at www.olympicdiscoverytrail.com. Call or email for more info.

Solstice at Fort Flagler

Friday, December 22 - Saturday, December 23

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Join a small group at the NCO houses at Fort Flagler for a Friday night celebration of lights and Saturday hikes, bikes or beach walks. Maximum 8 persons. \$20 to \$30 each, depending on turnout. We will potluck the meals. Both units are available at writing. Call Emily ASAP if interested.

Learn to Turn: Stevens Pass

Tuesday, December 26 - Friday, December 29

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Learn to Turn those new Alpina skis you bought last spring. Whether you want to Telemark or Parallel, remember: it's *only a turn, not a way of life*. I will assist members in learning various turning techniques to safely come down what you have already climbed up. The best place to learn these skills is a downhill ski area so you do not waste energy. Then you can practice on the groomed slopes or enjoy Mill Valley's 7+ miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, along with individual assistance in honing your cross-country skills. We will end the day with hot toddies at the Bull's Tooth Bar, followed by a relaxing evening by the fire at the Mountaineers' Cabin. Call me early if you plan to overnight at the cabin (\$25 Mountaineers / \$38 non-Mountaineers).

Methow Valley Cross-Country Ski Trip

Friday, January 12 - Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Explore 200 km of groomed cross-country ski trails in the beautiful Methow Valley. We are trying to stay at the Chewuch Inn or at the Rio Vista in Winthrop. Please let me know if you are going, where you are staying, and if you have room in your vehicle.

Winterfest at Stevens Pass

Friday, February 16 - Monday, February 19

Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

Join us for downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at Stevens Pass. We'll stay at the Mountaineers' Lodge, where you can ski directly from the cabin to the lift line!



Cross-Country Ski or Snowshoe to Copper Creek Hut

Saturday, March 3 - Sunday, March 4

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe into Copper Creek Hut on the MTTA trails. This will be our only overnight trip to the MTTA huts, since the Nisqually Bridge allowing access to the other huts was washed-out in November (see page 4 for more information and a photo of the washed out bridge).

Announcements

MTTA Flood Update

Due to flooding of the Nisqually River, MTTA's South District is closed. The bridge over the Nisqually washed out (see photo below) and is not expected to be replaced until Fall 2007 at the earliest. MTTA is sending refunds to all parties with hut reservations in the South District (High Hut, Snowbowl and the Yurt). Fortunately, the North District—with access to Copper Creek Hut—will enjoy expanded operations to accommodate the winter recreationists that typically use the South District and nearby Mount Rainier National Park. To learn what you can do to speed up the bridge replacement or for more information about the MTTA trail system, go to <http://www.skimtta.com>

Mount Rainier National Park Closed

In early November, Mount Rainier National Park received 18 inches of rain in 36 hours. Flooding caused severe damage to roads, bridges, trails, buildings, utilities, picnic areas and campgrounds. The Park is closed until further notice. To see pictures of the flood damage, go to <http://home.nps.gov/mora/parknews/images-of-the-flood-of-2006.htm>

Ski Shopping Tip

The Alpina package is a better deal at Marmot Mountain Works (<http://www.marmotmountain.com/>) than at REI, and doesn't require buying poles. (Courtesy of Emily Grice and Nancy Merson.)

Illahee Preserve Work Parties

Submitted by Dale Boyle

Illahee Preserve is an approximately 700-acre wildlife park located in the most populated part of Kitsap County. It is bounded on the north by McWilliams Road, on the south by Riddell Road, on the west by Almira, and on the east by Puget Sound. This treasure of a county park is managed and maintained almost entirely by volunteers. It is some of this maintenance that I hope to accomplish with work parties of PWCers. These will be short (half day or evenings when the days get longer), focused and low tech. I would expect them to occur about once a month. Examples would include: spreading wood chips on the trails, draining certain puddles, minor trail repair and trash patrol. If you are interested, please email me at dboyle@web-o.net, or if you don't have email, call me at 360-792-1714. I will notify everyone who responds with date, time and project to be accomplished.



Washed-out bridge over the Nisqually River on 1 Road. This road is the only public access to the MTTA South District. Photo courtesy of MTTA.

Club News

Door Prize Winner

At the November meeting, Joe Weigel won an MSR Pack Towel Ultra Light.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to everyone who brought treats to the November meeting! Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774 if you would like to bring snacks to the next meeting.

Jon's Minute

At the November meeting, Jon talked about selecting the right cross-country skis for outings in western Washington.

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, Barbara Hager, at 360-692-5121.



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 Barbara Hager, Membership Coordinator, to update your email address and other contact information. Barbara can be reached at 360-692-5121 or greenthumb@telebyte.com

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 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 Barbara Hager at Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070, or email greenthumb@telebyte.com, or call 360-692-5121.

Members should also contact Barbara 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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PWC

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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