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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

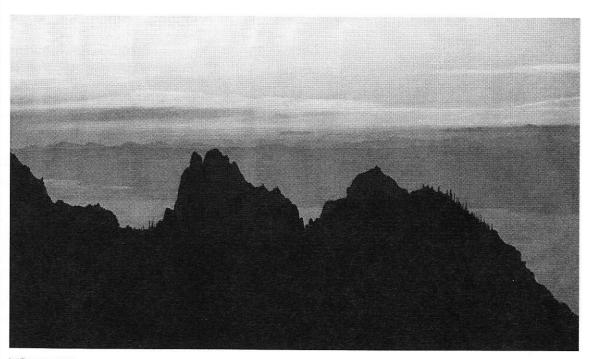
#### **Annual PWC Picnic**

Monday, July 9, 7 pm, at Raab Park in Poulsbo Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648, gmyrick49@gmail.com

At this year's picnic, the club will be providing barbecued meats, corn on the cob, salads and desserts. Please bring your beverage of choice. We'll start cooking at 6 pm, and you are welcome to come early to help set up or just socialize. There will also be a "Tall Tales" contest (the taller the better) and a "New Knot" contest (show us a new knot, and tell us what it's used for, i.e., "the Bagel Knot is used to tie bagels to my pack"). Prizes will be awarded. Be creative and convincing. Y'all come and see us at the picnic. We aim to have a lot of fun. The more the merrier... If you haven't had time to join us recently, come join us at the picnic. It's always a fun event.

To get to Raab Park from Highway 3:

Exit Highway 3 onto Highway 305 toward Poulsbo and Bainbridge Island. Take Highway 305 into Poulsbo. Turn left at NE Hostmark Street. Turn right at NE Caldart Street. Raab Park is on your right.





Last year's Klahhane Ridge Bivi trip in July 2006. Photos courtesy of www.pwckitsap. org This trip will be done again this year—see page 3 for details.

# **MAP: Monthly Activity Planning**

Thursday, July 5, 7 pm Contact: John & Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at John & Ellen's home in Bremerton.

# **July Potluck**

There is no July Potluck due to the Annual Picnic.

<u>Date</u> Various				Outing / Meeting Climb at Mission Creek Canyon						Contact Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714					
Various				Illahee Preserve Work Parties						Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714					
Fridays at 9 am				Mountain Bike at Pope & Talbot						Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648, or Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547					
7	/1			Bicycle the Olympic Discovery Trail						Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679					
7/5				MAP: Monthly Activity Planning						John & Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158					
7/7-8				Klahhane Ridge Bivi						John & Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158					
7/9				General Meeting and Annual Picnic						Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547					
7/14-15				Climb Mount Adams						Doug Savage, 360-698-9774					
7/15				Urban Bridge Hike						Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429					
7/20-22				Hike Summerland						Emily Grice, 206-842-7883					
7/21				Marmot Pass via Upper Dungeness & Big QuilceneTrails (Key Exchange)						Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679					
7/21 MTTA Work Party & Dinner								Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754							
7/21-22				Backpack Tubal Cain Trail						Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961					
7/26-29 Climb Mount Rainier					r				Doug Savage, 360-698-9774						
7	/28-29			Climb Mount Thompson					Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429						
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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, 360-792-1714

We will be climbing in Mission Creek Canyon (near Cashmere, WA) starting in May and continuing until the rains start 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, 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 Street 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.

#### Illahee Preserve Work Parties

Various

Contact: Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

Dale is looking for volunteers to participate in monthly work parties at Illahee Preserve. If you're interested in doing your part to beautify Bremerton, contact Dale.

## Mountain Bike at Pope & Talbot

Fridays at 9 am

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648, or Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

Join Greg and Tom for weekly mountain biking at the Pope & Talbot area in Port Gamble.

## **Bicycle the Olympic Discovery Trail**

Sunday, July 1

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

The Olympic Discovery Trail is a multi-use trail that connects Port Angeles to Sequim. The trail is at or near railroad grade. Distance and starting and ending points will be determined by interested cyclists.

#### Klahhane Ridge Bivi

Saturday, July 7 - Sunday, July 8 (note date change) Contact: John & Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158

Hike 1 mile with 1000 feet of elevation gain on the Switchback Trail. You'll be rewarded with a three-hour sunset on Klahhane Ridge. See pages 1 and 5 for photos from last year's trip.

#### Climb Mount Adams

Saturday, July 14 - Sunday, July 15 Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mount Adams via Lunch Counter on the South Spur Route.

# Urban Bridge Hike

Sunday, July 15

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Join the opening celebration of the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge and take a walk across the bridge before it opens to traffic. For more information, check http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ and click on "SR-16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge" under "Projects."

## **Hike Summerland**

Friday, July 20 - Sunday, July 22 Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Hike Summerland, on the east side of Mt. Rainier, with three choices. 1) Pick up reservation for Saturday night at White River Ranger Station around 2 pm on Friday, then hike up the Glacier Trail, camp at White River Friday night, hike to Summerland Saturday & spend the night, hike to Panhandle Gap on Sunday and return to cars after lunch. 2) Meet at Fryingpan Creek on Saturday and join me to spend the night at Summerland. 3) Day hike up to Summerland on Sunday, and meet for lunch. One campsite at Summerland will fit 3 to 4 backpacking tents. Call Emily to reserve a spot at Summerland or make meeting arrangements.

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

Saturday, July 21

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

This is a strenuous 13-mile hike with 3500 feet of elevation gain.

## MTTA Work Party and Dinner

Saturday, July 21

Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

See MTTA News on page 6.

## Backpack Tubal Cain Trail

Saturday, July 21 - Sunday, July 22 (note date change) Contact: Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961

Enjoy second growth forest and alpine meadows. Visit the historic Tubal Cain Mine site, the remains of Tull City, and the wreckage of a World War II bomber that crashed in 1952. This hike is 7 miles round trip with 1000 feet of elevation gain.

#### **Climb Mount Rainier**

Thursday, July 26 - Sunday, July 29 Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mount Rainier via the Emmons Glacier on the Schurman Route.

#### **Climb Mount Thompson**

Saturday, July 28 - Sunday, July 29

Contact: Kevin Koski & Maria McGuire, 360-373-7429

Hike in via the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) from Snoqualmie Pass. This trip will be 18 miles round trip with 4000 feet of elevation gain. Either do a west ridge low class 5 rock climb, or climb via the class 3 east ridge. This trip can be done as a day hike, but we will make a weekend out of it to keep it simple. We plan to leave Friday night, hike in on Saturday, climb the peak either Saturday or Sunday, and hike out on Sunday.

#### **Glacier National Park**

Late July (exact dates TBA) Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

A six-day trip to Glacier National Park to Gunsight Lake and ascend Mount Jackson. It'll be 7 miles to base camp.

#### **Duckabush to Dose Traverse**

Saturday, August 4 - Wednesday, August 8 Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Traverse the Olympics from the head of the Duckabush to Dosewallips. Details to be determined closer to the date of the trip.

#### **Hike Mount Stuart**

Saturday, August 11 - Monday, August 13 Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, brianandcris@centurytel.net

Mount Stuart is not a volcano. It is a lovely, huge chunk of granite. We'll meet at the parking lot Saturday morning at the end of Teanaway Road out of Cle Elum. There are two options: (1) Climb it via Cascadian Couloir. We'll climb the ridge and then head down to our base camp on Ingalls Creek. We climb Sunday morning after breakfast. It is about a 4000-foot ascent. Although the route is non-technical, it is a steep grunt and being in shape is strongly advised. The views from the summit (9400 feet) are breathtaking. I know I will be tired at the end of it, so I intend to spend Sunday night in base camp again. (2) Don't climb it. You don't have to climb Mount Stuart to enjoy it. A second group could join us on the hike up the ridge, then turn left and camp at a spectacular meadow just before Ingalls Lake. Spend the next day hiking around Ingalls Lake and venture as far as your comfort zone takes you on the west side of the mountain. If you paint, bring your water colors.

# **Backpack Home Lake/Secret Basin**

Sunday, August 12 - Friday, August 17 Contact: John & Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158

Camp in a scenic secret basin west of Home Lake and explore the area.

# MTTA Work Party and Dinner

Saturday, August 18 Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

See MTTA News on page 6.

#### Climb Snowfield Peak

Saturday, August 18 - Sunday, August 19 Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Climb via Ladder Creek route, up the Ladder Creek arm of the Neve Glacier. The estimated time is 17 hours up from the Gorge Dam Powerhouse with 7800 feet of elevation gain to the summit at 8347 feet. Descend via Pyramid Peak approach. Expect extensive glacier travel. The entire route is 14 miles. Drive up Friday night.

## Repeat of the Press Party Mistake

Late August (exact dates TBA) Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

We'll go up the Elwha and Goldie Rivers and to the summit of Mount Dana. Then we'll go down to the Elwha at Chicago Camp and back out. This will be a six-day trip.

## MTTA Work Party and Dinner

Saturday, September 15

Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

See MTTA News on page 6.

## Backpack/Climb the High Sierra

Mid/Late September (exact dates TBA) Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

Six-day Sierra trip. Backpack in 7 miles from Tioga Pass in Yosemite to base camp at upper Marie Lake below Mount Lyell. Ascend Mount Lyell, fish, or read a book. The choice is yours!

# New England Leaf Peeping/High Points Trip

October (exact dates TBA) Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

Fly to Boston and drive around New England bagging state high points and ogling leaves.

#### **Christmas in the Caribbean**

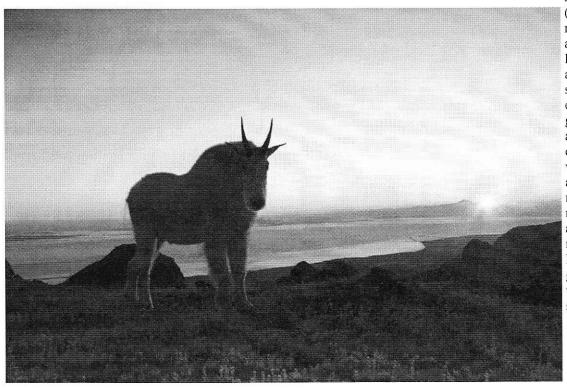
Monday, December 17 - Friday, December 28 Contact: Tom Banks, RangerTWB@aol.com, 907-336-2521 or 508-579-2521

Join us on an adventurous winter trip to the warm, sunny Caribbean. Participants will fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico on Monday, December 17, transfer to the Royal Caribbean ship, Empress of the Seas, and meet Tom on board. On the island of Antigua, Tom (PWC president, 1998-2000) will facilitate a strenuous all-day hike up to the top of a volcano, the island's highest point. Other muscle-powered adventure travel, as well as easy sightseeing, will occur on an ad-hoc basis during this 11-day cruise. Our group will have dinner together each night to share stories from our day and develop plans on what excursions we might take together, at lowest cost, often using local bus transportation putting us in contact with the island residents and allowing cross-cultural learning. Participants will fly back to their home cities on Friday, December 28, or, at their option, extend their stay in Puerto Rico for an additional day or more. This trip is appropriate for any age, as activities can be selected from a wide range. We will visit St. Maarten, Antigua, St. Kitts, St. Vincent, Barbados, Grenada, Venezuela, Aruba, and Puerto Rico.

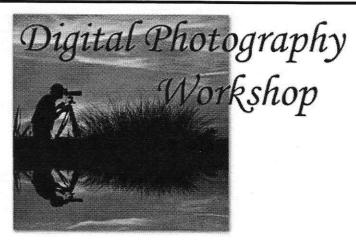
#### Trip cost:

Plan on \$1,500, plus \$200 spending money, per person for an all-inclusive two-week trip from Seattle. Details: \$979 per person, double occupancy, for the 11-night cruise (inside

room) or \$1.049 PP DO (ocean view room). Cruise prices are all-inclusive (meals, lodging and other amenities); only alcohol, soft drinks, shore excursions, souvenirs and gratuities are extra. Low airfare from Seattle is currently \$523 per person via United or Delta. airlines. Participants will make their own reservations for the flight and cruise. There is no minimum or maximum limit to the number in the group; up to eight of us will request dinner seating together.



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#### Friday afternoon, July 20th, through Sunday, July 22nd, 2007

Join nature photographers Don Paulson and Laurie Usher for an exciting three-day exploration of *Nature Photography in a Digital Age*. This special workshop will be based at the Olympic Park Institute's historic Rosemary Inn on the shores of Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park.

Whether you are a beginner or intermediate photographer, these classroom presentations and in-the-field instructions are designed to help you become a better photographer. Classroom time will include presentations on landscape and macro photography, as well as digital workflow techniques from image capture to computer processing. In the field, Don will share his passion for landscape and macro photography. Don and Laurie will discuss composition, guide you through difficult exposure problems, and demonstrate digital photographic techniques.

Don and Laurie are passionate about sharing their knowledge with you. To register and learn more about the instructors and this workshop, please visit http://www.donpaulson.com or call Don at 360-830-2212.

Course cost with meals and lodging: \$275 Course cost for commuters: \$165

#### MTTA News

## MTTA Needs Your Support!

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association (MTTA) provides 50 miles of winter trails for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and strives to keep 20 miles groomed on weekends. By the end of last season, all of the MTTA snow cats were broken down and only a few miles of trails were groomed, and that with snowmobiles. MTTA desperately needs a new snow cat, and the fundraising effort to obtain one for the next season is nearing success. The \$151,500 goal actually looks within reach, given a bit more effort.

There are two sources of funds: donations and grants. Donations are still VERY welcome. But the "heavy lifter" is grants. \$75,000 is available from a grant PROVIDED THAT volunteers generate 7,000 hours of labor. Volunteer hours are now within 1,400 hours of that goal, with 250 hours generated by the June 16<sup>th</sup> work party. Volunteer hours must be earned by the end of September, so these summer work parties are essential to secure this grant money.

Where YOU can really help is by participating in the work parties, which are FUN, by the way! Just meet at the Ashford Fire Hall at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month July through September (July 21, August 18 and September 15). Show up with as many friends as possible! The work that we will be doing is not hard and is very important to the operation of the trails. We will provide tools, but if you have pruning tools, bring them. In addition to work time, all of your travel time to and from the project counts toward our grant! To top it all off, dinner is provided Saturday night and you can spend the night at the Copper Creek hut! Come on out, bring your friends and have a great time.

#### Special Work Parties!

Do you know of a group, i.e. church, or scouts, etc., looking for time in the woods and a hut? We will make special arrangements for people or groups that would like to come out at any time. Call Bob Brown (Trail Operations Coordinator) in the evenings at 360-569-2878. We will make arrangements for you to have access and necessary tools. For scout troops and other larger groups that come out we will provide dinner.

#### **Door Prize Winner**

At the June meeting, Steve Osburn won a water bottle holder.

## **Meeting Refreshments**

Thanks to everyone who brought treats 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, 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 lastminute 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@gmail.com

## **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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## Join or Renew Membership

**PWC** 

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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