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2007

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.

## Climate Change in the Pacific Northwest

Monday, October 8, 7 pm

Presented by: Bill Purdy

What is the science behind climate change, and what are the implications? Will global warming affect the Pacific Northwest? What are the dangers and opportunities in the coming decades? Come watch a slide presentation on climate change and join in a lively conversation about our future.



### PWC Board of Directors Elections

At the September General Meeting, nominations were accepted for PWC Officers and Board Members-at-Large. The following nominations were made:

President:	Greg Myrick
Vice President:	Erin Hennings
Secretary:	Barbara Hager
Treasurer:	Jill Hawes
Board Members-at-Large:	Dale Boyle
	Venita Goodrich
	Kevin Kilbridge
	Kevin Koski
	Brian Steely

Elections will be held at the October General Meeting. Nominations will be accepted up until the election takes place. Nominees do not need to be present, but they do need to agree to the nomination. For the Board Members-at-Large, there are three positions, and each voting member may vote for up to three nominees.

# Monthly

## MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, October 4, 7 pm

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

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

## October Potluck

Friday, October 19, 7 pm

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

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

### Date

Various

### Outing / Meeting

Illahee Preserve Work Parties

### Contact

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

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MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Doug Savage & Venita Goodrich,  
360-698-9774

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Backpack Spider Gap

Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

10/5-8

Climb Chiwawa Mountain

Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

10/6

Bicycle Back Roads of Port Orchard

Brenda McCormick, 360-871-2142

10/8

General Meeting

Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

10/18

Mountaineers' Gear Grab

Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

10/19

October Potluck

Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

10/20-21

Backpack Royal Basin

Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

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Hike Pyramid Mountain

Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

October (TBA)

New England Leaf Peeping/High Points Trip

David Cossa, 360-871-5577

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## Outings

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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.

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### 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. Illahee Preserve is a 400-acre preserve in Bremerton, bordered by the streets Riddell, McWilliams, Fuson and Almira and by the Puget Sound. The goal of the work parties is to restore Illahee Creek as a salmon creek. If you are interested in doing some volunteer work close to home, 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. Call ahead to confirm meeting time and location.

### Backpack Spider Gap

Friday, October 5 - Monday, October 8

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Backpack to Spider Gap in the Glacier Peak Wilderness to photograph the larch's fall colors.

### Climb Chiwawa Mountain

Friday, October 5 - Monday, October 8

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

This will be the same trip as the Spider Gap trip listed above, but Kevin will add a climb of Chiwawa Mountain on Sunday. This is a Class 3 climb with glacier travel and 8600 feet of elevation gain.

### Bicycle the Back Roads of Port Orchard

Saturday, October 6

Contact: Brenda McCormick, 360-871-2142

Enjoy a scenic bike ride of the back roads of Port Orchard. The trip will be tailored to the abilities and interests of those who participate. One possible route will take the group to Starbucks in Gig Harbor, where they will stop for a break and a cup of joe.

### Mountaineers' Gear Grab

Thursday, October 18

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Pick up good used gear for pennies on the dollar! This will be the last Gear Grab at the Mountaineers' Club House in Seattle before they move to their new location.

### Backpack Royal Basin

Saturday, October 20 - Sunday, October 21

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Hike along Royal Creek, view the scenic Royal Lake, then enjoy a campsite fit for kings! This trip is 7 miles each way with 2600 feet of elevation gain.

### Hike Pyramid Mountain

Saturday, October 27

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Hike Pyramid Mountain on the north side of Lake Crescent. Check out the World War II aircraft spotting cabin at the top of the peak, and admire Doug's handiwork from last spring's trail maintenance. This hike is 7 miles roundtrip with 2400 feet of elevation gain.

### 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.

### MTTA Gala

Saturday, November 3, 2-6 pm

Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Join the PWC at the MTTA Gala at the Seattle REI to help secure reservations for the MTTA huts.

### Snowshoe and Cross-Country Ski

Saturday, December 1

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Come join the fun, snowshoeing and skiing in this year's early season snowfall amid the beauty of Washington's alpine country. This is a beginner through intermediate outing. The exact location of this event will be determined at a later date.

### 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. We will visit St. Maarten, Antigua, St. Kitts, St. Vincent, Barbados, Grenada, Venezuela, Aruba and Puerto Rico.

### Green Mountain Hike and Breakfast Feed

Tuesday, January 1

Contact: Ellen Schroeder, 360-479-7855

Join the Monday Hikers for their annual New Year's Day hike and breakfast feed. Hike Green Mountain, then dig in on all-you-can-eat pancakes for breakfast.

### Whitefish Ski Trip

Early to Mid March (exact dates TBA)

Contact: Pat Gleason, 360-377-0987, pgzyzz@comcast.net

Pat Gleason is seeking input to revive the annual Big Mountain Whitefish Resort ski trip. Traditionally, this trip travels to Whitefish, MT, in early to mid March via Amtrak sleeper car, with four days of skiing (alpine, cross-country or both) and three nights at the slope-side Alpenglow Inn. Opportunities exist for side trips to Glacier National Park and the Flathead Lake cross-country trail system. Contact Pat to express any preferences about dates, hotel rooms, etc. Final planning needs to take place soon in order to assure group rates and block accommodations at the Alpenglow and Amtrak.



These are events that are open to the public and may be of interest to PWCers. If you are interested in getting a group of PWCers together for any of these events, please contact Erin at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com) or 360-621-6961. Let me know if you are interested in carpooling, or you plan to go out for dinner or drinks before or after, or any other relevant information, and I will include that in the Penwicle.

### Warren Miller's *Playground*

Wednesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 15

For many skiers, the annual showing of Warren Miller's latest movie celebrates the fact that ski season is just around the corner. *Playground* will be at the Admiral Theatre in downtown Bremerton. Go to [www.admiraltheatre.org](http://www.admiraltheatre.org) or [www.warrenmiller.com](http://www.warrenmiller.com) for more information or to buy tickets.

### Banff Film Festival World Tour

Date varies by location

The Banff Film Festival World Tour brings the best films from Banff to your neighborhood. Films may range from just a few minutes to nearly an hour long. Topics may include climbing, mountain biking, mountaineering, wildlife, skiing, world traveling, adventure sports, etc. Go to [www.banffmountainfestivals.ca/tour/](http://www.banffmountainfestivals.ca/tour/) to find tour locations and dates.

### *Into the Wild*

Playing now in select theaters

Based on the book by Jon Krakauer, the movie *Into the Wild* is about 22-year-old Chris McCandless' adventures as he leaves home to wander around the western United States. When Chris departs on a solo journey into the wilds of Alaska with only a bag of rice and a .22 caliber rifle, he hopes to find harmony with nature. Was Chris a naïve idealist, heroic adventurer, or foolish risk-taker?

### *Yellowstone to Yukon: Freedom to Roam*

Now through Monday, December 31

*Yellowstone to Yukon: Freedom to Roam* features photographs by German-born Florian Schulz of the Rocky Mountain West and documents the ambitious effort to preserve wildlife corridors from Yellowstone National Park to Canada's Yukon Territories.

An award winning nature photographer, Schulz has dedicated ten years of his life to documenting the drama and beauty of North America's largest wildlife corridor: the Rocky Mountains. His 40 large format color photographs have captured the drama and beauty of this Western ecosystem and its diverse landscapes, wildlife, and people. Schulz has received honors from the BBC's Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition and Nature's Best International Photography Awards.

Go to [www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/](http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/) for museum hours and directions.

(See one of Schulz' photos on page 6)

### Once Upon a Time

Submitted by Roy Smith

Living in Bremerton, Washington, after retirement from the Navy, the wife and I were often sightseeing the Great Northwest. One day as I was out for a few hours hike on Mount Rainier just above Jackson Visitors Center, I noticed more and more of nature's marvels. I became awestruck by the surrounding beauty. Why was I stuck in life at times, rudderless, when all around me was such beauty and all it takes to see it is climbing, heavy breathing, burning calories—my goodness, I really felt alive!

Returning to the parking lot where the wife and family pet, Cleo, a five-pound Maltese were waiting, I expounded the fact that I was going to climb Mount Rainier.

"Well, you'll have to take a class or school to learn proper survival techniques," the wife said emphatically.

About four days later, I was at the Honda dealership having the Accord serviced when the service manager noticed a pair of boots I was wearing.

"Hey, I like your boots," he states.

"Yeah? I'm going to climb Mount Rainier on of these days," I bragged.

"Oh, I did that, about five years ago, after taking a course with Olympic College, Kent Heathershaw, Instructor."

"Tell me about it."

On the way home, I stopped by Olympic College, which was right on the main road, only one mile from our house. They had one opening left for a class that was to begin in ten days. I told the wife when I got home that I had signed up—had the checkbook with me, thank goodness.

So, that was a start to mountain climbing, hiking, weeklong and longer trekking, not only in the beautiful northwest, but elsewhere as well. Starting at age 58 is no minor feat, but it has meant that 12 years later at age 70 my mountains have become a little shorter. Of the 25-30 mountains that I've successfully climbed, Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, Mount Saint Helens, Mount Olympus, Mount Washington, the Brothers, Mount Jefferson, and Mount Baker in the North Cascades, as well as others in the Olympic Mountain Range, the most memorable was Mount Rainier. It took three times before success on that one, which is not unusual, but there is a saying, "It ain't bragging if ya done it!" The most enjoyable hike is the Wonderland Trail, a 93-mile trail that encircles Mount Rainier. Did that in 2000 and again successfully in 2001 with the daughter-in-law from Irmo, SC.

With over 2000 pictures and documented dates and time, I can feel the ecstasy or agony of each climb or hike by just reviewing notes, pictures, of each and every outing. For instance, the Mount Olympus climb requires an 18-mile trek in before the climb begins; the 18-mile trek out is the killer since you are exhausted from the climb. Sometimes I would write about each trip, then again I would just go on to the next phase of planning and making another trip, keeping up with notes and/or pictures. When I look at pictures made from the top of Mount Adams early one Sunday morning, looking at Mount Rainier some 60 air miles away, then exactly one week later looking at Mount Adams from the top of Mount Rainier, I'm reminded of successfully having climbed two peaks over 12,000 feet in just ten days, Rainier being 14,410.

There's a certain taste to melted snow for water that you never forget. On a three or four-day climb you almost get used to it, but oh, the taste of real water after the trip is over, or the taste of real food after eating dehydrated foods for days. I remember after the first of two climbs on Mount Baker of heading straight for Burger King for two Whoppers, a large fry, and an extra large Coke.

The smell of evergreen trees is much more vivid after being above tree line for several days climbing on nothing but snow and rocks. When you get back down to the tree line level and onto some trails where snow has melted, you find yourself observing wildflowers with the interest of a botanist—colors are so intense of each and every bloom that you're amazed at the wonders of God's creation. Sitka spruce, western red cedar, and Douglas fir have a fragrance that opens the olfactory nerves that can send one on a high (remember, you're totally exhausted), having an effect like opium.

Someone once said that the hardest journey yields the greatest rewards. I firmly believe that. Clint Eastwood said in a western movie that a man has to know his limitations. This is very true when tied onto a rope with two others, climbing a mountain, crossing crevasses, scaling a rock ledge, whether with a team or by yourself. Focus is the key word. You know your limitations, and hope and pray your roped-up teammates do also. Trust them until they show otherwise. You feel "alive" as much as "because it's there." Desire and determination are not so much strength of body but rather strength of will, which carries a person farthest where mind and body are taxed at the same time to the utmost. Focus, alive, trust, and goal—all depict that desire and determination to be on top. Also, recognizing your limitations will allow you another attempt at a later date if unsuccessful. The mountain will still be there. Getting up the mountain is optional, getting down is mandatory. In other words, don't tempt fate or you may end up paying the ultimate price.

When I'm hiking or climbing with others, not only do I have to trust them completely, but they have to have a good sense of humor. In remembering the best trips, it was when the funniest things happened. Going solo down the Grand Canyon in September, 2006, it was sort of a boring trip down for about six or eight miles, very little wildlife, although a beautiful day. At the bottom on a bulletin board was a bit of advice as usual, but then some ingenious person had made this statement: Remember, what goes down must go up. Some humorous incidents occur in responding to Mother Nature's calls for use of the bathroom in the wilderness, when there is mixed company.

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## Trip Report

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On the Wonderland Trail around Mount Rainier there's probably a pit toilet every eight miles or so. Can you imagine someone taking a picture of all of them for a keepsake? My daughter-in-law did and actually got some wonderful pictures since they're all different. Located in difficult places at times, the harsh weather does some strange things to some of them over the winter months (September to May). One of them was placed behind a huge tree, the trunk large enough to block views from the trail. The problem was, the tree had grown over many years, and sitting on the throne, one's knees would not allow you to sit properly. Solution: sit backwards.

Out in the wilderness it is quite different than ordinary, daily, civilized world happenings. You share intimacy in the outback, probably becoming closer with a fellow backpacker or climber than with a distant relative in the family. You're sharing the same hardships, feeling the same cold, observing the same natural wonders, and many times relying on teammates for information that concerns the whole party. Camaraderie in the wilderness—like when a fellow camper was setting his tent up at base camp at Schurman on Mount Rainier when a puff of wind picked it up like a kite and blew it half a mile or more, out of sight down a glacier and into a crevasse. The two climbers were naturally taken in by fellow teammates, although most tents were already at capacity. Everyone laughed except the owner of the \$250 tent because it was brand new, never slept in even once. This was on a trip with the PWC (Peninsula Wilderness Club) in Bremerton, of which I am still an active member.

One also learns what to do and what not to do on climbs. Once climbing on Mount Hood with three rope teams, the last climb of the school year, I was a rope leader and trip leader; we hit a freezing rain, then sleet, then snow. After about 30 minutes I stopped my group to reconsider the conditions and get a drink of water. The water was frozen solid in my canteen. Like an idiot, I put it back in my pack and continued to haul a block of ice up the mountain. The weather still had not cleared in another 30 minutes, so we turned back, just shy of the peak of maybe 1000 feet. Nevertheless, upon reaching the parking lot at the starting point at Timberline Lodge, the canteen of ice was still frozen five or six hours later. Lesson learned: Keep your water canister close to your body so it doesn't freeze. Working as a volunteer for three years as a rope leader with Olympic College was very enjoyable and rewarding. I gained more experience and also was able to help students learn the skills of basic mountaineering. This is one thing you do learn—to help others.

When my time is up on this beautiful world, an avid climber and hiker in the PWC has to haul my ashes up Mount Rainier for scattering on Columbia Crest. You see, he's to inherit my Yukon climbing boots, made by Oslo, which is no longer made. Good luck Doug. They're broken in, but got lots of wear yet. Can't say that for my hiking boots though. It's in an addendum to my will, dated and notarized.



Photo by Florian Schulz courtesy of [www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/](http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/) Go to page 4 to learn where you can see more photos.

## Club News

### Door Prize Winner

At the September meeting, Kevin Koski won a magnetic compass.

### Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who brought snacks to the September 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](mailto: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](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com)



### Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman, 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 Sue DeArman, 360-697-1352, [dearmans@comcast.net](mailto:dearmans@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 website, unless requested otherwise.

## Officers & Staff

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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:

Please check if: New Member(s) ☐      Renewing Member(s) ☐      Change of Address ☐

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

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