

NOVEMBER
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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.

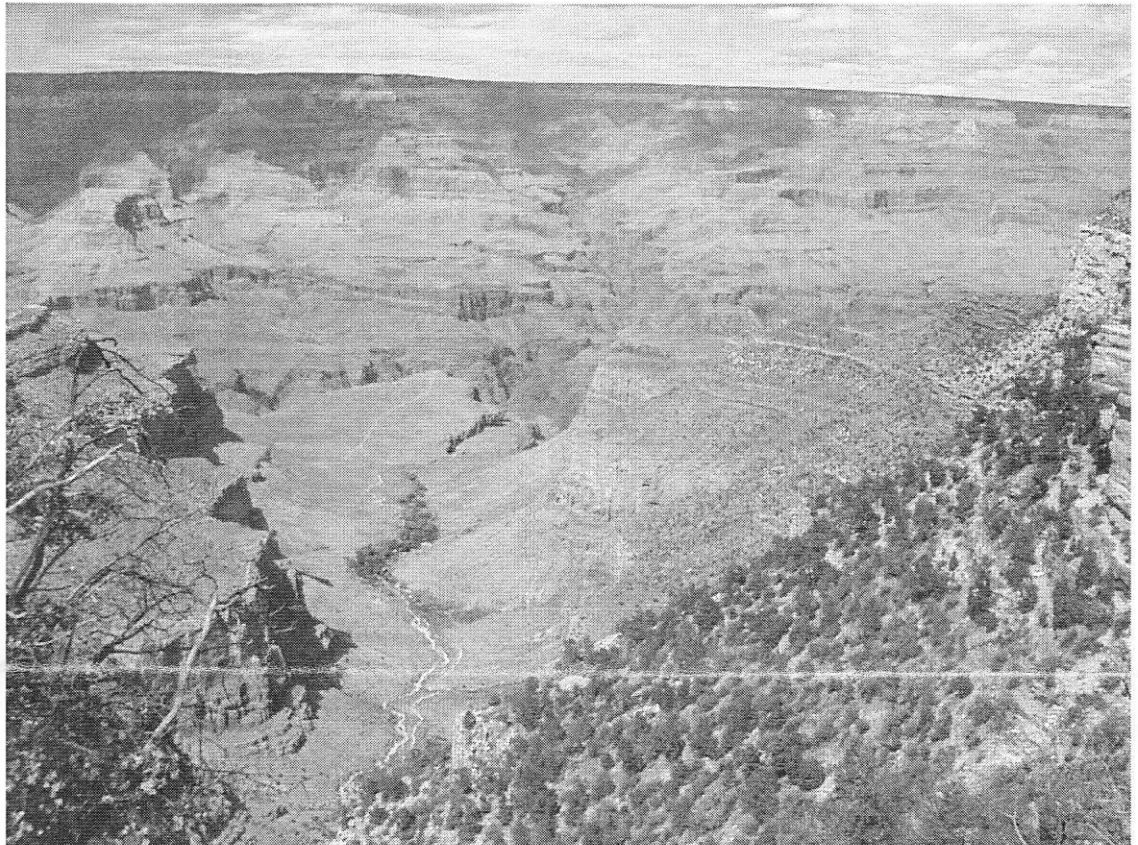
Grand Canyon Hike and Float

Monday, November 12, 7 pm

Presented by: Sue Felix and Megan Thompson

Join Sue and Megan as they recap their May trip into the Grand Canyon. See the beauty of the South Kaibab Trail and the river views downstream of the Phantom Ranch area.

To get another perspective on the Grand Canyon, check out Dave Cossa's trip report on pages 6-7.



PWC Board of Directors Elections

At the October General Meeting, PWC Officers and Board Members-at-Large were elected. The following Board Members were elected:

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

Thanks to the outgoing Board Members for all their work in the past year!

Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, November 8, 7 pm

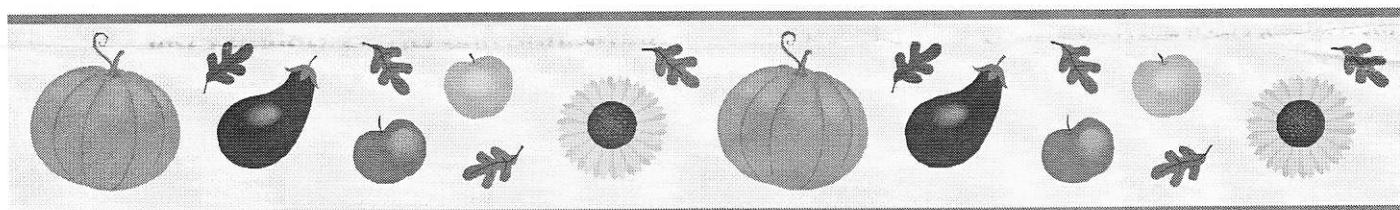
Contact: Chris Warmedahl, 360-895-7719

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Chris's home in Port Orchard.

November Potluck

There is no potluck scheduled in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Various	Illahee Preserve Work Parties	Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714
11/3	MTTA Gala	Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754
11/4	Hike Mount Zion with Fido	Dean Huffman, 360-779-6393
11/8	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning	Chris Warmedahl, 360-895-7719
11/10	Rock Climbing at Vantage	Tom Campbell, 360-297-0031
11/10-12	Camp in the High Country above Crystal Mountain	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
11/12	General Meeting	Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648
11/17	Cross-Country Ski at Paradise	Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714
11/17-18	Backpack, Ski, Snowshoe Rachel Lake	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
11/18	Hike Spruce Railroad Trail	Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774
11/23-24	Hike to Copper Creek Hut	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883



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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.

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.

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.

Hike Mount Zion with Fido

Sunday, November 4

Contact: Dean Huffman, 360-779-6393

Hike 3.6 miles round trip with 1300 feet of elevation gain. This is a dog-friendly hike.

Rock Climbing at Vantage

Saturday, November 10

Contact: Tom Campbell, 360-297-0031

Check out one of Washington's most popular climbing sites.

Camp in the High Country above Crystal Mountain

Saturday, November 10 - Monday, November 12

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Get a fresh perspective on the local ski area by spending the weekend hiking above the runs.

Cross-Country Ski at Paradise

Saturday, November 17

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

Enjoy the first ski of the season at Paradise at Mount Rainier.

Backpack, Ski, Snowshoe Rachel Lake

Saturday, November 17 - Sunday, November 18

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Ski or snowshoe 4 miles in to Rachel Lake for an overnight camping trip. The trail has 2000 feet of elevation gain, most of it in the fourth mile.

Hike Spruce Railroad Trail

Sunday, November 18

Contact: Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774

Hike the Spruce Railroad Trail on the north shore of Lake Crescent. The trail is a maximum of 8.2 miles round trip with only 60 feet of elevation gain.

Hike to Copper Creek Hut

Friday, November 23 - Saturday, November 24

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Hike into Cooper Creek Hut and join an MTTA work party. Spend the night at the hut and hike back to the car the next day.

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.

Climb Mount Mastiff

Saturday, December 1 - Sunday, December 2

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Join Kevin for a typical Koski climb in the Cascades. Bring your skis (including avalanche safety gear) for the ride down!

Ice Climbing at Icicle Canyon

Saturday, December 1 - Sunday, December 2

Contact: Andrew Higgins, 360-471-9479

Join Andrew for a weekend of ice climbing. Dates are subject to change due to the weather and ice conditions.

Ski Reflection Lake

Sunday, December 2

Contact: Ann Richey, 360-792-0483

Ski from Paradise to Reflection Lake at Mount Rainier. This ski is suitable for beginner and intermediate skiers.

Outings

Christmas in the Caribbean

Monday, December 17 - Friday, December 28

Contact: Tom Banks, RangerTWB@aol.com, 907-336-2521 or 508-579-2521

See page 5 for details.

Climb Mount Ellinor for Maddie's Brownies

Saturday, December 22

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug for his annual Mount Ellinor climb. Brush up on your ice axe skills, and enjoy some of Maddie Higgins' brownies at the summit.

Ski Camp above Paradise

Saturday, December 22 - Sunday, December 23

Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825

Join Brian for skiing and winter camping at Mount Rainier.

Jon's Last Stevens Cabin Trip

Wednesday, December 26 - Saturday, December 29

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Spend your holiday skiing at Stevens Pass. Stay with Jon at the Mountaineers' cabin, where you can literally ski to the lift line.

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.

Hike Fort Worden

Tuesday, January 1

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

Join Doug and Venita for a New Year's Day hike at Fort Worden.

Cross-Country Skiing in Winthrop

Friday, January 11 - Tuesday, January 15

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Enjoy a PWC tradition: join Emily for the annual MLK weekend trip to Winthrop. Enjoy the best groomed trails in the state.

Winterfest '08

Friday, February 15 - Monday, February 18

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

Details TBA.

Big Mountain Ski Trip

Tuesday, March 4 - Sunday, March 9

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

See page 5 for details.

Entertainment

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 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 or 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/ 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 Territory.

An award winning nature photographer, Schulz has dedicated 10 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/ for museum hours and directions.

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 per person, double occupancy (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.

Big Mountain Ski Trip

Tuesday, March 4 - Sunday, March 9

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

Join this revival of one of the PWC's most fun and popular traditions. The trip to Big Mountain (now known as Whitefish Mountain Resort) in Montana is back! Enjoy the party while traveling on Amtrak in a sleeper car, four days of skiing in Rocky Mountain powder (alpine, cross-country, or both), and three nights at the slope-side European-style Kandahar Lodge. Opportunities exist for side trips to Glacier National Park and the Flathead Lake cross-country trail system.

We'll depart from the Edmonds Amtrak station on the *Empire Builder* Tuesday, March 4, at 5:17 pm. Dinner and breakfast the next morning on the train are included for those with sleeper car accommodations. We'll arrive in Whitefish, MT, around 7:26 am Wednesday, where a shuttle will take us directly to our slope-side accommodations at the Kandahar Lodge. (The Kandahar will have a Welcoming Reception for us at 5 pm.)

The package price includes lift tickets for three of the four days we'll be on the mountain. Fourth-day or half-day lift tickets are available at a discount, or participants can use the extra day to visit Glacier National Park, go cross-country skiing on the resort's groomed trails or the myriad of local trails around Whitefish and Flathead Lakes, or just take a day off to soak in the spas.

The group will leave from Whitefish on Amtrak at 9:16 pm Saturday, arriving back in Edmonds at around 9:08 am Sunday, March 9.

The basic package includes round-trip COACH accommodations on Amtrak; transfers and shuttle service to and from the Amtrak station in Whitefish and Kandahar Lodge; three nights' stay at the Kandahar Lodge (four to a room); and lift tickets for three of the four days on-mountain. The cost for this should be about \$480 per person.

Options include:

Shared Sleeper cabin on the train (upper/lower berths): add \$124/ person

Family Sleeper on the train (one double, two children's bunks): add \$201/person

Deluxe Sleeper on the train: add \$232/person

Three to a room at the Kandahar: add \$27/person

Two to a room at the Kandahar: add \$80/person

Discounts available:

No lift tickets (for cross-country skiers): deduct \$144/person

Senior (over 65): deduct \$24/person

Youth skiers (ages 16-18): deduct \$36/person

Junior skiers (ages 15 & under): deduct \$108/person

Twenty or more participants: deduct about \$50/person

A \$150 deposit by November 30 will reserve your spot. (Deposits are fully refundable before then.) Balance is due by January 1.

Note: Our tradition home on the mountain, the Alpenglow Inn, has been closed for the season due to safety concerns. The Kandahar Lodge, although a more upscale facility, has agreed to provide our group's accommodations for the same price as the Alpenglow Inn. Although the Kandahar is located slope-side, it is not quite as convenient to ski-in/ski-out as the Alpenglow Inn.

Running the Grand Canyon with Lew and the Hard Core Chicks

Submitted by David Cossa

Legends are not a thing of the past in the Grand Canyon, they are being made today. I stumbled upon one in progress when I signed up to go on a dory trip with Grand Canyon Expeditions.

The juxtaposition between the two worlds abutting Lava Falls rapid could not have been more severe. Look in one direction and you witness the most idyllic Winken-Blinken-and-Nod scene imaginable. You are, after all, in the most scenic spot on Earth, floating in a justifiably glorified rowboat on what appears to be a glassy green pool, surrounded by multihued cliffs. But turn around to face that pesky roar in your ear, and watch in amazement as that calm water suddenly sluices down and explodes into the most daunting of frantic, frothy, foamy, stationary waves imaginable in what basically is a horizontal waterfall. Last chance to swim away before you are inexorably drawn into that frenzied maelstrom on a piece of driftwood, your outcome anything but certain!

But wait! The driftwood has an oarsman. In my case a very outgoing oarswoman named Amy, one of the famed Hard Core Chicks, so named in great respect by the boating community because of their dedication to and love of the sport of river running in a dory. When not rowing a large rowboat with four other people in it for 275 miles in 105-degree heat (on a cool day in May, imagine July!) she relaxes with her husband by teaching ultra-light flying. You might say she is used to entering the danger zone: she has already been through Lava Falls 40 times. The other half of the Hard Core Chicks is Kate, a veteran of 30 times through. Our lead boat has just gone through safely and it is our turn to take on Lava, rated a full 10 by Lew, our leader, a veteran of 50 times through. As we sink down into a hole below a permanent 15-foot wave, it becomes quite apparent, yet again, that we are not going to just ride over the top of this one either, and this one is the biggest yet. We are going to plow through it from underneath and hope we are still upright when all is said and done. All three have flipped here before. Touching a single rock, hitting a wave too low, or having the front-end stall for any reason ensures instant swamping, flipping and dumping.

The night before I had found a 12-pack of old stale Keystone beer from 1989 hidden within a Tapeats sandstone cavity near camp. I decided to call it litter, took it back to camp, emptied the brew into the river, crushed and stored the cans. Now I was hoping I had made the karma necessary to get me through Lava intact.

Until you are staring down the biggest wave on perhaps the biggest Class 10 rapid on the planet, you really don't quite comprehend what "Oh my God!" really means! If THAT doesn't drop your jaw, nothing else will. And just as sure as the sun rises in the east, you are about to go through it. The passengers? True, the guides cared deeply about their welfare, but basically we were just along for the ride as ballast and to pay for the food. The entire show was in the able hands of the dory guides and their magnificent boats.

By now I know to turn my head so the blast of water isn't shoved up my nose when passing through it. Everything turns into a blur of water and motion as we hit. We are heaved and tossed like a rag doll, but several seconds later I see daylight and miraculously I am still in the boat. We made it! Amy hit it just right once again. We turn around and watch Kate's boat go through and cross our fingers.

Guiding four people through Class 10 Lava Falls in a wooden rowboat has got to be the gutsiest thing I have ever seen done. (Watching a Havasupai Indian catch a wild horse without using a horse comes in second) Even old John Wesley himself didn't have the grit to take on the Biggies. They used ropes to lower their craft through some of the rapids. But then they were doing it for the first time. Mere pikers compared to our gang.

I will never forget going through Lava Falls. It is right up there with glissading down a vertical mile from the top of Steamboat Prow to Glacier Basin on Mt Rainier. Joy-wise that is. But for sheer excitement nothing else I have ever done outdoors compares. (Well, except for maybe dropping 2500 foot in an avalanche on the Brothers). That the Park Service even allows such undertakings amazes me. Already that spring, someone had drowned in Crystal Rapids before our trip, and we witnessed two rafts flip ourselves on comparatively minor rapids, helping one of them to unflip.

After Kate gets through we pull up at the nearest beach and give thanks to the river for safe passage. A bottle of Tequila is passed around to a grinning bunch and Kate makes the offering while pouring some into the Colorado.

Other than the true grit of the guides, the perception that sticks with me was the sheer joy of going through the rapids. I never would have expected it before the trip. I have a slight phobia of water and would never venture out into placid Puget Sound in a rowboat with a wind of 10 knots. And I am not a great fan of cold water, refusing to swim in water less than 65 degrees. So here I was, being taken on a 14-day trip through the biggest rapids on the planet and in water not much warmer than an alpine lake. I anticipated having to suppress fear and apprehension and having a bit of misery from being coldly wet. Sheer joy was not on the list of expected emotions.

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Trip Reports

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But there is just something about being in the middle of a large rapid that is unique. I think it's a combination of sensory overload with a refreshing yet terrifying roar so loud it is a constant presence in your mind, along with the vision of a world compressed to and composed entirely of frothy bubbly whitewater. It seemed preposterously beautiful and exhilarating. And all the while you are pitching to and fro in every direction imaginable. You are keenly aware the slightest misjudgment by your guide will send you tumbling into that gargantuan Maytag rinse cycle, your head certain to be under water for many seconds, life jacket or not.

And yet you feel sheer joy. The looks caught on pictures of people's faces as they passed through the rapids confirms this. I vividly remember giggling uncontrollably. Was this some sort of addiction for the guides, the feeling being so pleasurable? Yep! The looks on their faces in the pictures confirmed it when I zoomed in. They lived for these moments.

Kate (as well as Amy) was the epitome of a young woman at her physically fit best; think Olympic competitor tuff. Her other love (other than her husband) seemed to be anthropology. She was a treasure trove of info on the people that used to live here. I finally got the big picture of what was basically a land rush by the Ancient Ones who colonized many, many dozens of side canyons at the same time, perhaps 10,000 people in all. Then a huge drought ensued and while they still had water, others in the area did not, so out of desperation they raided the riverside civilization out of existence. We stopped along the way to witness an archeological dig in progress, allowed by the Indians only because erosion was in danger of washing all artifacts away. A vast area of the Canyon has yet to be fully explored, archeologically speaking.

Lew has a twin brother who runs a ranch in the area. Lew decided instead to make the Colorado River corridor his ranch, the dories his bucking broncos, and we the clients on his dude "ranch." An easygoing 50-year-old with an affinity for telling stories, especially on Grand Canyon history, Lew has no plans to retire soon, but he has a long way to go to catch his mentor, former boss and dory pioneer Mark Litton, who piloted a dory through Lava at age 87. Like Mr. Litton, who was instrumental in leading the fight against damming the Canyon, Lew is well versed in current Canyon controversies.

The wandering souls of both Jim Bridger and Sacagawea had drifted here to find a new niche in 21st century America in the forms of Allen and Katie, our supply boat crew. Allen, a large, kind of gruff guy, was the official photographer and a jack-of-all-trades. And he had a heart of gold.

Katie, a 24-year-old Blackfoot Indian with a degree in ecology, was Allen's swamper, river talk for free help in exchange for the ride.

One of the surprises of the trip was that Allen, a veteran dory guide himself, gave the Banana Boat rudder to Katie as they neared Lava Falls and let her pilot the supply raft through with his guidance, a MUCH, much easier task than the dory guides had because the Banana Boat is so large and has a motor. Presumably, she had practiced on a few lesser previous rapids. What a treat to experience and gain bragging rights for a newbie. In the end, Katie was so well liked that the crew gave her an equal share in their earnings. A future Hard Core Chick in the making?

Another treat besides the obvious physical ease (for the paying customers) of doing this trip, was being able to explore the riparian environment of the Canyon each and every day, instead of only occasionally after a grueling hike down dampens enthusiasm for exploration. Amy and Katie were botany enthusiasts and we had a couple of geology professors among our total population of 15. I learned many new plants and a few new geology tidbits. The most common animal we saw was the bighorn sheep and there were plenty of them. They must inhabit every side canyon. Of course, the ravens were always there to clean things up, and Sacagawea, I mean Katie, almost stepped on a large Grand Canyon Pink Rattlesnake. I pointed it out to her after she had passed almost right over it, and I was about to. I hope she was impressed by my luck - I mean my outdoor wisdom!

The side hikes were many but short, to accommodate the aging, out of shape -- but well-to-do -- clientele. Besides, it was 105 everyday, and the crew was getting plenty of exercise already from rowing in the heat. Other than myself, the only real hiker in the paying group was Bill, 74, who had hiked the entire John Muir Trail the previous summer. His son gave him this trip as a birthday present. An immigrant from Germany as a teen, he had vivid stories of living in Germany as a boy while it was being bombed to hell and then invaded by the Allies.

The cold water turned out to be a blessing. A quick submersion and you were cool again. Plus, it kept the beer, shrimp and steaks cool and fresh. A rotating staff of guides turned chief chef came up with a winner dinner worthy of any good restaurant each and every of the 13 nights.

All and all a mighty fine trip that I would not hesitate to do again, but there's this problem of getting a reservation -- they are sold out for 2008 and due to economic reasons, the dory trips may not be around forever. You'd better do one while you can.

And what if I had just left that beer can litter that I then would have known was there? I am extremely superstitious about litter. Would I have been tossed into Lava? We will never know, now will we, but perhaps knowing is not the point.

Mountaineers' Courses

Intermediate Climbing Course

The Kitsap Branch of the Mountaineers is tentatively starting a new cohort of intermediate climbers beginning January 2008. Prospective students must be pre-qualified to enroll. Minimum requirements are previous climbing experience on technical climbing routes (rock and glaciers), a knowledge of technical climbing skills, including crevasse rescue skills, and record of safe climbing practices. The Climbing Skill Assessment field trip will be in mid-January.

The main goal of this course is to build skill, leadership, and experience on technical climbing terrain. Goals for individuals will be based on discussions with the course leadership. Graduation requirements involve completing five "intermediate" climbs, leading basic climb ropes on six climbs, attending seven classroom sessions, and attending seven field trips for skill development. Five years are allowed to complete this work. A current Mountaineering-Oriented First Aid card must be obtained within the first year of the course. Graduation may not be achievable for all, and intermediate goals are also encouraged. Fees for the course entitle the participant to five years of involvement with the program. The fee is \$300.

There will be a minimum student enrollment of six students to enable the course to take place. A commitment to the course is required by December 1, 2007. Membership in the Mountaineers must be up-to-date and fees must be paid to enroll. Sign up on line or with the Mountaineers' clubhouse.

For more information, call or email Mike Raymond at 360-437-9379, or mike-elaine@msn.com.

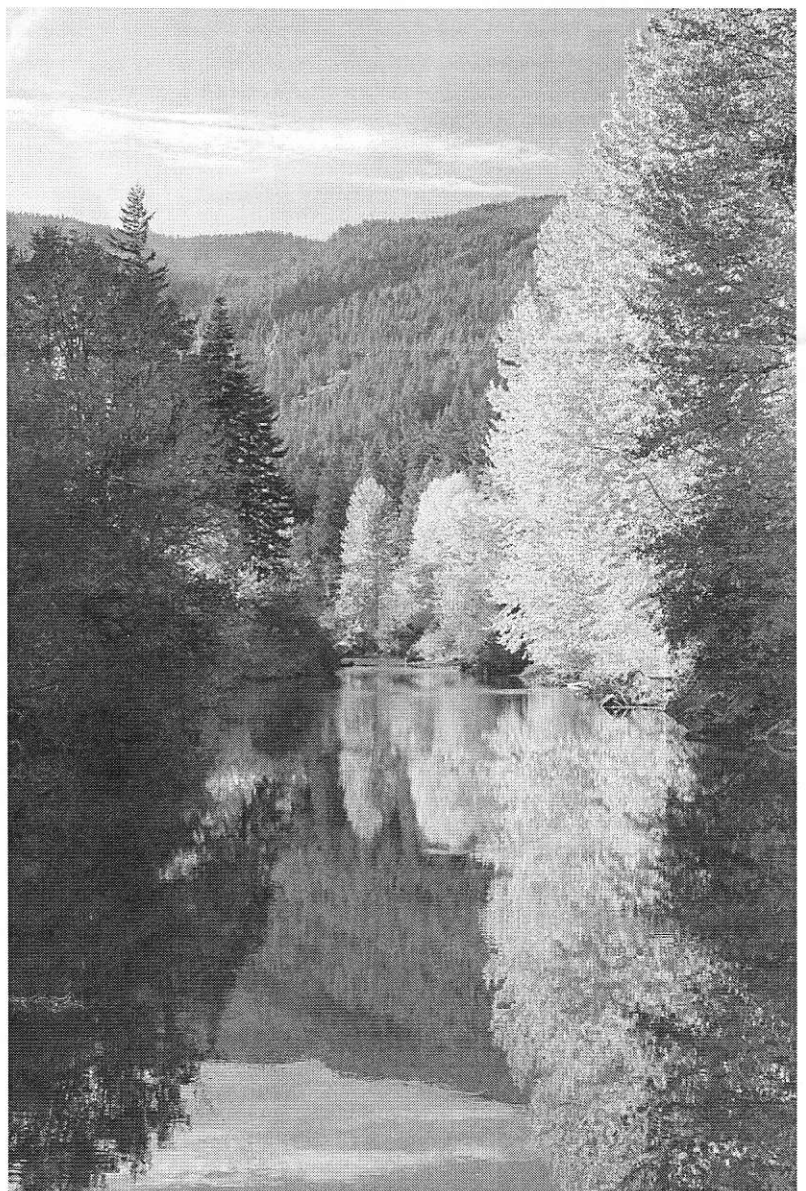
Alpine Scrambling Course

The Kitsap Branch of the Mountaineers is tentatively launching a new Alpine Scrambling course beginning March 2008. No previous climbing experience is required, although good physical conditioning is a "must". (A good self-assessment would be to carry a 20-pound pack up a trail or slope, 2000 feet in two hours or less. Mount Walker, near Quilcene, is a recommended assessment route.) Alpine scrambling involves ascending rock, scree, talus, ice and snow to summits and ridges. Some trips are short, one-day ascents, while others involve multiple day backpacks and/or steep, exposed climbing. Prospective participants should be aware that "mountaineering" quality boots are required. Backpacking boots are normally not sufficient. Ice axes and mountaineering helmets are also required.

The main goal of this course is to build skill and experience on non-technical terrain. Goals and objectives for individuals will be based on discussions with the course leadership. Graduation requirements involve completing three scrambles (one snow, one rock, and one choice) and five classroom sessions, and attending five field trips for skill and experience development. One year is allowed to complete this work. A current Mountaineering-Oriented First Aid card must be obtained to graduate course. Graduation may not be achievable for all, and intermediate goals are encouraged. Fees for the course entitle the participant to one year of involvement with the program. The fee is \$150.

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For more information, call or email Mike Raymond at 360-437-9379, or mike-elaine@msn.com.



Above: Fall colors at Stevens Pass. Photo courtesy of Jon DeArman.

Club News

Welcome to New Members

PWC welcomes new members CJ Snowe & David Schneider.

Door Prize Winner

At the October meeting, Eve Gilluly-Kotts won a floating mini lantern.

Meeting Refreshments

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

Jon's Minute

At the October meeting, Jon talked about skiing and hiking socks.

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

Sue DeArman, our Scrapbook Editor, is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip (date and location), and people and places in the pictures. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Sue DeArman, 360-697-1352, 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

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.

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.

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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 ☐

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