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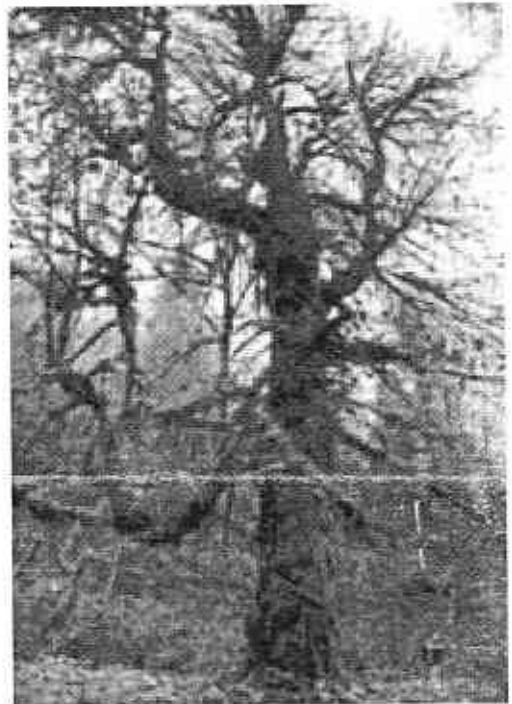
Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

## The Tree Guy

Monday, March 9, 7 pm  
Presented by: Jim Trainer

Jim Trainer is a nationally-known Community Forester and an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist. He has performed tree-related work for over 30 years and he is one of the founding members of KiTSA (Kitsap Trees and Shoreline Association), a non-profit tree organization. He has done tree presentations for the Arbor Day Foundation in many cities, and writes a monthly tree column for the Kitsap News Group on heritage trees. Jim is a Champion Tree Hunter in Washington State and coordinates his finds to the University of Washington Champion Tree Program and American Forest in Washington, D.C. In 2008, Jim and Unicorn Productions produced a DVD called "Forest Trails and Critter Tales," which highlights the rich forests of Kitsap County and the critters that inhabit them. This DVD has been distributed to all the Kitsap libraries and most of the schools in Kitsap County. Jim is the owner and operator of Treez, Inc., specializing in preserving and enhancing the environment through reforestation, restoration and natural resource management. Jim has distributed and planted more than 850,000 trees.

*Photos courtesy of <http://www.treezinc.com>*



# Monthly

## MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, March 5, 7 pm

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

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>
2/28	Hike Indian Island
3/1	Ski the John Wayne Trail
3/5	MAP Meeting, 7 pm
3/7-8	Ski/Snowshoe to High Hut
3/9	General Meeting, 7 pm
3/14	Ski the Mount Catherine Loop
3/15	Run the Saint Pat's Dash
3/15	Hike the Dungeness Spit
3/21-22	Ski/Snowshoe to High Hut
3/21-31	Windsurf at La Ventana Bay, Mexico
3/27	March Potluck
3/28	Ski the Wolf Creek Trail
3/29-30	Ski/Snowshoe to the Yurt

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## March Potluck

Friday, March 27, 7 pm

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

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

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Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648
Doug Savage, 360-698-9774, and Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352
Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961



*Right: A snowshoer trekking toward Copper Creek Hut in the MTTA trails system. Photo courtesy of Steve Osburn. For more photos from the trip, see pages 3 & 5.*

## 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.

### The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

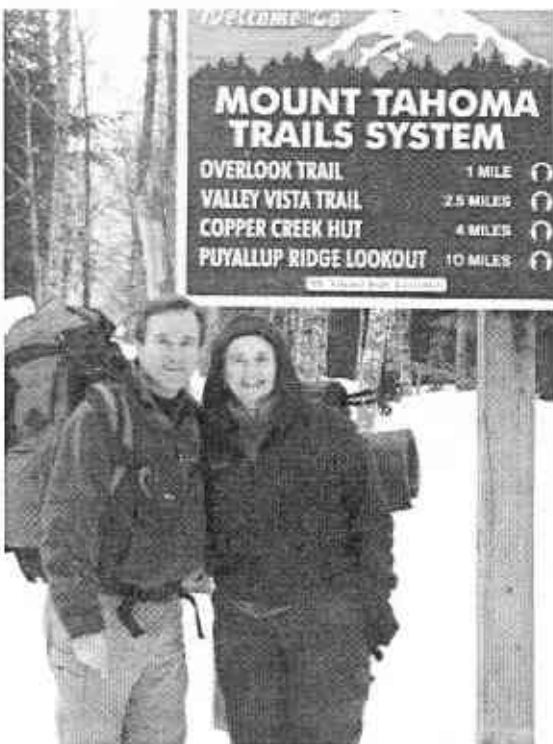
Remember that trips can be listed on the website under Last Minute Outings. If you don't see something that interests you in the newsletter, check the website for additional trips. Or, if you are doing an outing that was planned after the deadline, use the website to post the information. This can be done in three ways: you can fill out the form online, or you can call or email the info directly to the Webmaster, Venita Goodrich.

### Hike Indian Island

Saturday, February 28

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

Hike the trails on Indian Island. This trip may include a stop at the Ajax Café in Port Hadlock.



*Left: Steve & Nancy Osburn on the trail to Copper Creek Hut on the MTTA trails system. Photo courtesy of Steve Osburn. For more photos from the trip, see pages 2 & 5.*

### Ski the John Wayne Trail

Sunday, March 1

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski the John Wayne Trail at Hyak. This is a beginner trail, nice and flat, with views of Lake Keechulus.

### Ski/Snowshoe to High Hut

Saturday, March 7 - Sunday, March 8

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe to High Hut in the MTTA trails system. Ski or snowshoe in on Saturday, then spend the night in a heated cabin before heading home Sunday. Overnight slots are limited. If you don't get an overnight space in the hut, you are welcome to winter camp outside, or just come up for the day.

### Ski the Mount Catherine Loop

Saturday, March 14

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

Cross-country ski the 8-mile Mount Catherine Loop at Snoqualmie Pass. The trail is accessible via the Silverfir Chair, an alternate route due to storm damage earlier in the season.

### Run the Saint Pat's Dash

Sunday, March 15

Contact: Maria McGuire, 360-876-1639

Join Maria for a fun run in Seattle. Runners, walkers and stroller pushers are welcome. For more info, check out <http://www.stpatsdash.com/>

### Hike the Dungeness Spit

Sunday, March 15

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

Hike the Dungeness Spit to the New Dungeness Lighthouse.

### Ski/Snowshoe to High Hut

Saturday, March 21 - Sunday, March 22

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe to High Hut in the MTTA trails system. Ski or snowshoe in on Saturday, then spend the night in a heated cabin before heading home Sunday. Overnight slots are limited. If you don't get an overnight space in the hut, you are welcome to winter camp outside, or just come up for the day.

### Windsurf at La Ventana Bay, Mexico

Saturday, March 21 - Tuesday, March 31

Contact: Dale Boyle, [dboyle@web-o.net](mailto:dboyle@web-o.net), 360-792-1714

### Ski the Wolf Creek Trail

Saturday, March 28

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774, and Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Enjoy an intermediate level cross-country ski from the Hurricane Ridge Road down to Whiskey Bend Trailhead on the Elwha River.

## Outings

### Ski/Snowshoe to the Yurt

Sunday, March 29 - Monday, March 30  
Contact: Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961

Cross-country ski or snowshoe to the Yurt in the MTTA trails system. The Yurt is the most remote of the MTTA huts, so this off-weekend trip promises to be quiet and relaxing. Overnight slots are limited, so call early if you're interested.

### Ski/Snowshoe to Steeple Rock

Sunday, April 5  
Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Intermediate skiers and beginning snowshoers will enjoy this winter backcountry trip into the Steeple Rock area of Olympic National Park. The un-groomed track follows the undulating forested ridgeline, opening into gentle bowls at the rock face. The more adventurous will climb Steeple Rock from the back side while others enjoy lunch, hot toddies and skiing the snow bowls. Jon will supply shovel and rope. Climbers need to bring their ice axe and harness.

### Climb Mount Ellinor

Saturday, April 11  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mount Ellinor and practice your ice axe skills. Beginners welcome.

### Camping in Utah's Canyonlands

Sunday, April 19 - Thursday, April 30  
Contact: Bob Brown, 360-569-2878, or Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

See page 6 for more information. Dates do not include travel.

### Ski into Elfin Lakes, BC (Garibaldi Provincial Park)

Thursday, April 23 - Sunday, April 26  
Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

This is an 8-mile ski into a hut in one of the most beautiful areas of North America. The hut has propane cooking stoves and heater, and sleeps 33 people on bunks with foam pads on a first-come, first-served basis. No stove, pad, or tent to carry. Avalanche beacon, probes, a shovel, and intermediate to advanced skiing ability are required.

### Bike the Olympic Discovery Trail

Saturday, April 25  
Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

This will be a 19-mile round trip bike ride on a bike path near Port Angeles. We will start at the Wild Current Way access and head west into

Port Angeles. The trail goes through forests and parks and along the Strait of Juan de Fuca. This trip is suitable for road bikes.



### Southern Utah Canyonlands Day Hike/ Backpack Trip

Late April - first week of May  
Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com.

Come and spend some time exploring southern Utah's Canyon Country. Spend two days day hiking in Arches National Park, three days backpacking in Canyonlands National Park and three days day hiking in Bryce Canyon National Park. The fourth leg of the trip will be either three days backpacking down Buckskin Gulch and up the Paria River, three days backpacking in Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument (three options available), or three days at Zion National Park (one day of day hiking and two days backpacking). The mileage will be about 55 miles day hiking and 50 backpacking over the 14-day trip (including travel time). Group size is limited to 7-12, depending on location choices.

### Climb Mount David

Saturday, May 2 - Sunday, May 3  
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Contact Kevin for details.

### Climb Copper Mountain

Sunday, May 10  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Celebrate Mother's Day with a climb.

### Car Camp at Dosewallips State Park

Friday, May 15 - Sunday, May 17  
Contact: Joe & Kathy Weigel, 360-479-5116

Enjoy bike riding, harvesting oysters and clams (with a license), and a little R&R around the campsite. We'll have dinner at the Geoduck Friday night, and Saturday night we'll have a potluck and BBQ—bring your own meat. We have space #79 reserved. Spaces #78 and #80 are already reserved, so if you want to camp close, get your reservations soon.

### Climb Mount Triumph

Saturday, May 23 - Monday, May 25  
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

This trip includes glacier travel and 5.6 rock climbing.

### Rock Climbing at Mission Creek Canyon

Saturday, May 30 - Sunday, May 31  
Contact: Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

Climb Mission Creek Canyon near Cashmere, WA. All abilities are welcome.



## Outings

### Hike Mount Lincoln

Sunday, July 19

Contact: Gail Gross, 360-307-9022, and Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This trail begins 2.4 miles from the Staircase Ranger Station along the North Fork Skokomish Trail. This trail, even though it is considered abandoned, is in surprisingly good shape. See how a forest regenerates itself after being decimated by the 1985 Beaver Fire, along with great views of the valley below. Hike as far as you'd like, or relax a short distance up the trail in a sunny clearing alongside a small mountain stream.

### Climb Mount Adams

Friday, July 24 - Sunday, July 26

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug and his neighbor's Boy Scout troop on the climb.

### Skyline Trail/Hayes River

Late August (*exact date TBA*)

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This is about an eight-day hike up the Skyline Trail, down to Low Divide, with a side trip to Martins Park, down the Elwha River to Hayes River, up Hayes River to Hayden Pass, and out the West Fork of the Dosewallips River. This hike is about 56-60 miles, not counting side trips. We may do some easy climbs in Seattle Park.

*Below: Pam Sargent and Nancy Osburn on the trail to Copper Creek Hut in the MTTA trails system. Photo courtesy of Steve Osburn.*

### Backpack the Frank Church Wilderness

Saturday, September 5 - Sunday, September 13

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Backpack the Frank Church Wilderness in Idaho.

### Bike the Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills

Friday, September 11 - Wednesday, September 16

Contact: Bob Brown, 360-569-2878, or Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

See page 6 for more information. Dates do not include travel.

### Backpack to Indian Bar

Saturday, September 19 - Monday, September 21

Contact: Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961, and Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Backpack a portion of the Wonderland Trail around Mount Rainier. We'll spend two nights at Indian Bar to allow time to explore the area and get some amazing photos. This trip will be a key exchange so we can see more of the Wonderland Trail and won't have to double back.

### Climb Aconcagua: the Tallest Peak in the Americas

December (*exact date TBA*)

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug on his long-awaited trip to climb the Stone Sentinel, Aconcagua, at 22,841 feet, in the Andes. This is a non-technical climb, but very demanding.

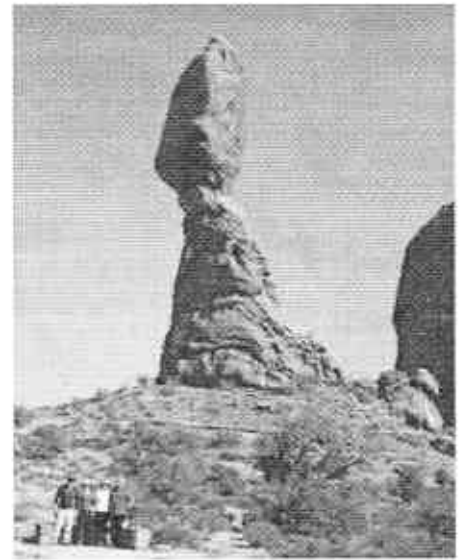


# Sunshine Anyone?

## Southern Utah and/or Black Hills So. Dakota

This past summer we escaped western Washington and added five weeks of sunshine to our lives. Late April and Early May was spent in southern Utah visiting several National Parks. In late September we spent a week in the Black Hills of South Dakota riding the George S. Mickelson Bike trail and again more blue skies and sunshine.

This was the second year in a row visiting these two areas of the country in the spring and fall. Again this year we have trips planned to southern Utah starting in Canyon Lands N.P April 19th and the Black Hills of South Dakota starting September 11th.



Arches Park



Canyonlands - Needles District

Southern Utah offers several National Parks; Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Zion. During the April trip this year we will visit many of these parks. The starting point and major focus will be Canyonlands.

We will be camping at Squaw Flats Campground April 19 - April 30th. This is a beautiful campground with miles of hiking trails offering day or overnight hikes. We spent several days at this campground last year and needed much more time to enjoy the area.

When we leave Canyonlands we will visit several parks on the road home. This trip offers hiking for anybody and all levels of ability, if you like sunshine and slickrock hiking this is the trip for you.

The Black Hills of South Dakota is a great area to visit in the Fall. There are a number of parks to visit, hiking trails, wildlife viewing, and of course sunshine.

We will be renting a cabin and our focus will be the George S. Mickelson Bike Trail 109 miles long running north and south thru the heart of the Black hills. Last year we took five days to ride the trail and will go at the same pace again this year.

This trail has a gentle grade, five days allows anybody to ride the entire trail. Expect three to five hours of riding each day, with plenty of time to visit other sites in the Black Hills.

The bike trip will cost approximately \$55 per day for food and lodging. We will need payment by August 11 for anyone planning on attending.

Contact Bob Brown (360-569-2878) or Tony Abruzzo (360-871-5754) regarding either trip.



Rental Cabin - Black Hills



Bike Trail - Black Hills

## Club News

### PWC Welcomes New Members...

Grant & Diane Newman of Seabeck, and Ann Wilby of Port Orchard.

**Door Prize Winner** At the February meeting, Beth Harter won the door prize, a Packowl.

### Meeting Refreshments

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

### Jon's Minute

At the February meeting, Jon brought the sad news that Judd Flynn, former owner of the Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe and founding member of the PWC, passed away.

### 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, Barney Bernhard, at 360-479-3679.

### 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](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)

### 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.

## 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.

## 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:

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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