

**AUGUST
2014**

Peninsula Wilderness Club

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at the VFW Hall at 9981 Central Valley Rd, Bremerton, WA. The public is cordially invited.



**August Presentation:
Eleven Days of Bailey**
Presented by Doug Savage,
Barbra Haskell, and
John Howard
Wednesday, Aug 6, 7:00 pm



The Bailey Range Traverse is one of the classic high routes in the Olympic Mountains. The route follows a system of ridges that form a crescent shape running from Sol Duc Park through the upper Queets Basin. The traverse involves alpine travel, numerous summits, permanent snowfields, crevassed glaciers, exposed scrambling, bushwhacking, tricky route finding, and often inclement weather. The route is about 70 miles, with 20,000 feet of total elevation gain.

In August, 2013, Doug Savage and John Howard, along with six other PWCers, made the traverse over an 11-day span. For the August presentation, they will tell their story.



Important Announcement: Olympic National Forest is seeking input on road closures. They are attempting to decide which sections of roads should survive an ambitious decommissioning process that could close up to two-thirds of the current 2,500-mile road network. Here is a link to an article in the Kitsap Sun on this issue: <http://pugetsoundblogs.com/trails-and-tides/2014/04/23/ranger-gives-state-of-olympic-national-forest/> There is also a series of public meetings, some of which have already occurred, but those still coming up are: Jul 30 in Quinalt, Aug 19 in Shelton, Aug 21 in Aberdeen, and Aug 27 in Olympia. You can also fill out a questionnaire at Forest Service offices, or online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/olympic/sustainableroads>.

**Also... Check out the new and improved PWC Website at
<http://www.pwckitsap.org/> - Jay has done an awesome job – again!**

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, at 7 pm
Contact: (To be announced – see PWC Website calendar)

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the MAP meeting. As of this writing, we still need a meeting host – feel free to volunteer!!!! All members are invited to attend. More info later in this newsletter.

Monthly Potluck

Friday, August 29, 6:30 pm
Contact: Irene Bach, 360-479-1309

Potlucks are a great way to meet others and learn more about the club. The host provides dessert, and attendees bring an entrée or side dish to share; and *BYOB*. More info later in this newsletter.

Recurring Trips (weekly events): *See the "Other Outings" section of this newsletter for these trips.*

Bike Bainbridge Island
Wednesdays: August 6, 13, 20, and 27

Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906, TRLBI@yahoo.com

Green Mountain Weekly After-Work Hike and Social
Thursdays: August 7, 14, 21 and 28

Paul Gervais, 360-710-6363, pagervader@comcast.net

Climbing Gym Practice / Social
Tuesdays & Thursdays: August 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28

Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, b1haskell@earthlink.net

Regular Trips:

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact
8/4-10	Sunshine Trip - Lava Lakes, OR.	Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754, abruzzo1945@gmail.com
8/6	PWC General Meeting	Shelley Fleming, 360-621-6167, richelle.fleming@gmail.com
8/8-10 or 11	Salt Creek Car Camping	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilygrice@gmail.com
8/9-10	Koski Loop	Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, b1haskell@earthlink.net
8/13	PENWICLE Deadline	Steve Osburn, 360-697-5982, steven_osburn@hotmail.com
8/16	Weekend Hike, Bike, or Paddle (Date TBD)	Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net
8/16-17	Upper Lena Lake	Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, b1haskell@earthlink.net
8/17	Walk the Theler Wetlands Nature Preserve	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilygrice@gmail.com
8/20	Paddle Practice	Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net
8/20	PWC MAP Meeting (Host TBD)	Shelley Fleming, 360-621-6167, richelle.fleming@gmail.com
8/23-24	Ozette Beach Hike	Doug Savage, 360-981-9333, thehiker@comcast.net
8/23	Weekend Hike, Bike, or Paddle (Date TBD)	Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net
8/24	Hike at Illahee Preserve	Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714, dboyle@web-o.net
8/29	PWC Monthly Potluck	Irene Bach, 360-479-1309, redpeaceorse@yahoo.com

Notes & Announcements:

- Illahae Preserve Work Parties:** Work parties in the preserve usually last 2 to 4 hours and focus on such things as trail maintenance, exotic vegetation removal, and trash cleanup. In the past, the vagaries of weather and scheduling have made work parties a challenge. So a new approach – Dale Boyle is assembling a list of persons via e-mail that want to be involved in projects in the preserve. Those persons will be contacted a few days to a week in advance of work parties with details. To be on the list of potential work party members, please send your e-mail address to dboyle@web-o.net. Dale Boyle 360-792-1714.
- Tribute to Karen Sykes.** A friend of PWCers and past PWC monthly guest speaker, Karen passed away while hiking at Mt. Rainier in June, and a memorial service was held for her in July. Karen was a noted hiking enthusiast and author, and will be missed.

On the Trail with "Boots" McFarland

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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.

Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing you are joining, please try to call at least two days in advance for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make arrangements, or alternate plans, should a trip be canceled for some reason.

Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

Carpool and Ride Sharing

We strongly encourage carpooling and ride sharing as a way to reduce impact to trailheads, minimize our environmental footprint, and reduce costs. Please be considerate to your drivers, including situations when you ride with different drivers in each direction. The amount you contribute to your driver(s) should reflect the distance driven, the cost of gas, and tolls/parking fees – short trips might be \$5 per person, long trips could be considerably more.

The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Our PWC Website calendar is at:

<http://www.pwckitsap.org/content/241-calendar.html>

If you don't see something that interests you in this newsletter, check the website for additional trips and last-minute trips and updates. If you are a trip sponsor, have a new trip to list, or need to update an existing trip, please see the end of this newsletter for more information.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

Sunshine Trip - Lava Lakes, OR

Monday, Aug 4 through Aug 10

Contact: Tony Abruzzo at 360-871-5754, or

email: abruzzo1945@gmail.com

Bend, Oregon. This trip has been a favorite for several years - Camping at Lava Lake Campground, near Bend, Oregon. This area offers great hiking and kayaking! Expect very warm days, cool nights, and no bugs. We will spend one day floating down the Deschutes River!

PWC General Meeting

Wednesday, Aug 6 at 7 pm

Contact: Shelley Fleming at 360-621-6167, or

email: richelle.fleming@gmail.com

The monthly PWC General Meeting provides information on upcoming trips, trip reports from members, and a presentation of a trip or topic of interest to club members. The meeting starts at 7 pm the first Wednesday of each month at the VFW Hall on Central Valley Road.

VFW Hall

9981 Central Valley Road

Bremerton, WA

<http://goo.gl/maps/Gf1gm>

Salt Creek Car Camping

Friday, Aug 8 through Aug 10 or 11

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or

email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

Join Emily and others at the Salt Creek Campground on the Olympic Peninsula, arriving on Friday, and leaving on Sunday or Monday (whatever you decide). Sites are first come, first served, so get there early!

Salt Creek Recreation Area County Park

3506 Camp Hayden Rd, Port Angeles, WA

Koski Loop

Saturday, Aug 9 at 8:30 am, to Aug 10

Contact: Barbra Haskell at 360-981-3077, or

email: b1haskell@earthlink.net

Overnight backpack on the "Koski Loop" - Tubal Cain/Tull Canyon/Silver Lake in Olympics.

PENWICLE Deadline

Wednesday, Aug 13

Contact: Steve Osburn at 360-697-5982, or

email: steven_osburn@hotmail.com

The 13th of each month is the deadline for submitting trips into the Penwicle - trips added after this will still be in the online calendar, but might not make it into the Penwicle. To submit a trip, please send your trip and contact information to our calendar editor, Emily Grice, at emilykgrice@gmail.com, or phone 206-842-7883.

Weekend Hike, Bike, or Paddle (Date TBD)

Saturday, Aug 16 at 7 am

Contact: Isaac Sun at 360-930-5300, or

email: isaac@thesuns.net

Isaac plans to hike, bike or paddle on Fri, Sat or Sun. Location is TBD. Trip is usually determined 2-4 days before the event. If interested, please contact Isaac.

Upper Lena Lake

Saturday, Aug 16 at 7 am, to Sunday, Aug 17

Contact: Barbra Haskell at 360-981-3077, or

email: b1haskell@earthlink.net

Overnight backpack - strenuous. Hike to Upper Lena Lake, cross St Peter's Gate, and then down Putvin Trail. Olympic National Forest/Park.

Walk the Theler Wetlands Nature Preserve

Sunday, Aug 17

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or

email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

Join Emily for a walk at the Mary E. Theler Wetlands Nature Preserve in Belfair. Since this is a preserve, no dogs on this trip. Contact Emily for details.

Paddle Practice

Wednesday, Aug 20 at 5 pm

Contact: Isaac Sun at 360-930-5300, or

email: isaac@thesuns.net

When air temperature is above 70F, Isaac is planning to do short paddling and sea kayak skills practice in Dyes Inlet (Silverdale) or Liberty Bay (Poulsbo). Be ready to promptly launch at the Silverdale or Keyport boat ramp (free parking) at 5 pm. Plan to paddle 1-1.5 hours. During the paddle, Isaac will be practicing rolls and braces. Practice rescuing Isaac if you like (hopefully, people don't call 911). Let Isaac know if you are coming since it may be canceled.

PWC MAP Meeting (Host TBD)

Wednesday, Aug 20 at 7 pm

Contact: Shelley Fleming at 360-621-6167, or

email: richelle.fleming@gmail.com

All members are encouraged to attend the PWC Monthly Activity Planning (MAP) meeting. Those present try to coordinate proposed outings to offer trips on most weekends. Trips are subsequently published in the PWC Website calendar and listed in the Penwicle.

Volunteers offer to host the meeting at their house. As of this writing, a host has not yet volunteered – so please volunteer for this or future MAP meetings, and stay tuned to the PWC Website calendar for host information once we have that announced! Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to the meeting.

Ozette Beach Hike

Saturday, Aug 23 to Aug 24

Contact: Doug Savage at 360-981-9333, or

email: thehiker@comcast.net

Join Barb Haskell and Doug on an overnight beach hike at Lake Ozette. Contact Doug for details. This is a permit hike, so let Doug know early to reserve your spot. Trailhead is Lake Ozette.

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email: isaac@thesuns.net

Isaac plans to hike, bike or paddle on Fri, Sat or Sun. Location is TBD. Trip is usually determined 2-4 days before the event. If interested, please contact Isaac.

Hike at Illahee Preserve

Sunday, Aug 24 at 10 am

Contact: Dale Boyle at 360-792-1714, or

email: dboyle@web-o.net

Join Dale for a hike through the Illahee Preserve in Bremerton. Meet at the Almira Drive parking lot. Contact Dale for more information.

PWC Monthly Potluck

Friday, Aug 29 at 6:30 pm

Contact: Irene Bach at 360-479-1309, or

email: redpeacerose@yahoo.com

Visit with fellow PWCers at one of our member's homes. Bring an entrée or side dish to share, and bring your own beverage (BYOB). The host will provide the dessert.

PWC potlucks are a great way for new and old members to get to know each other, share stories and interests, and talk about upcoming trips.

Potlucks are hosted by volunteers. This month's host is Irene Bach.

3774 Tracyton Road NW

Other Outings *(General information describing trips and events that recur over multiple weeks)*

Bike Bainbridge Island

Wednesdays: August 6, 13, 20, and 27

Contact: Tom Leurquin at 206-842-5906, or

email: TRLBI@yahoo.com

Every Wednesday morning in July and August, join Tom for bicycle outings on Bainbridge Island's "roads less traveled". A typical distance will be about 20 miles, which will result in about 1500' of elevation gain. Distances will be adjusted up or down as the group desires. How can you resist an opportunity to see Frog Rock or Whacky Nut Farm? Contact Tom for details.

Recurring (Weekly) after-work Green Mountain Hike

Thursdays: August 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 6:10 pm

Contact: Paul Gervais at 360-710-6363, or

email: pagervader@comcast.net

Weekly, Thursday, after-work Green Mountain hikes start April 24th and continue throughout the summer and into fall. Be at the Gold Creek trailhead at 6:10 pm and be prepared

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to hike by 6:15. Bring headlamps in early spring and late fall as a precaution. Hikes will occur every week, rain or shine.

These hikes have been very popular and are a great opportunity to meet hikers of all abilities from the PWC, Kitsap Outdoors Meetup and the Kitsap Hikers Group on Facebook. We have had as few as 3 and as many as 45 hikers on past events. All are welcome to attend and share a snack at the summit (bring an interesting snack, and BYOB). We welcome hikers with dogs on this hike, but ask that you try to keep them away from the picnic table at the summit while we are sharing food with one another.

A good place to rideshare from is the parking area at the Wildcat Lake County Park (not to be confused with Wildcat Trailhead) as a park-n-ride. It's free to park there. A Discover Pass is required at the Gold Creek trailhead.

The trip sponsor will try to make it to every hike, but please be prepared in the event that the sponsor cannot make it. If the trip sponsor can't be there, it will be announced on the Kitsap Hikers Facebook page sometime before the hike. The hikes typically proceed even without a sponsor, but a dedicated host should be there each week.

To see images from previous hikes, see the club website or the Kitsap Hiker's Facebook page. The PWC Website also has a detailed description of the Gold Creek Trail, including driving directions to the trailhead, in their Field Guide.

Climbing Gym Practice / Social

Tuesdays & Thursdays: August 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 at 5:45 pm

Contact: Barbra Haskell at 360-981-3077, or email: b1haskell@earthlink.net

Join PWC rock climbers Barbra Haskell (360-981-3077), John Howard (360-516-0222), and Doug Terry (360-550-7911) Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Bainbridge Island Rock Gym at 5:45 pm. It is located just off the main highway about halfway between the Agate Pass Bridge and the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal.

Rock climbing practice can give you a serious upper body workout, improve balance, and help you connect with other like-minded PWCers and Kitsap Outdoors climbers. Social get-together planned after workouts.

Don't know how to climb or you don't have the equipment? An "Intro to Indoor Climbing" class is available to help you gain equipment skills, learn to belay, and learn lead climbing techniques. See the PWC Website calendar for more details on this class, including costs. The climbing gym is located at:

Island Rock Gym
9437 Coppertop Loop NE, Bainbridge Island, WA
(206) 451-4020

Into the Future (*Trips that require group planning or reservations by each attendee*)

2014 Sunshine Trip Schedule

All PWC and MTTA members are invited to participate in any or all of the following trips. These trips may require advance reservations, so please contact Tony or Bob for more details. Come for the entire week or just a few days. These trips offer the opportunity to meet people and enjoy both sun and great recreation. We have been offering these trips for several years and they have been great fun! If you have any questions, give Tony Abruzzo (360-871-5754) or Bob Brown (360-569-2878) a call.

Aug 4th - 10th Bend, Oregon – Camping at Lava Lake Campground. (See detailed listing earlier in this issue)

Sep 8th - 14th Potholes Reservoir – Moses Lake Area

This area offers warm sunny weather, as well as biking, hiking and kayaking.

More details on the above trip(s) are available on the PWC Website calendar.

Trip Reports and Photos

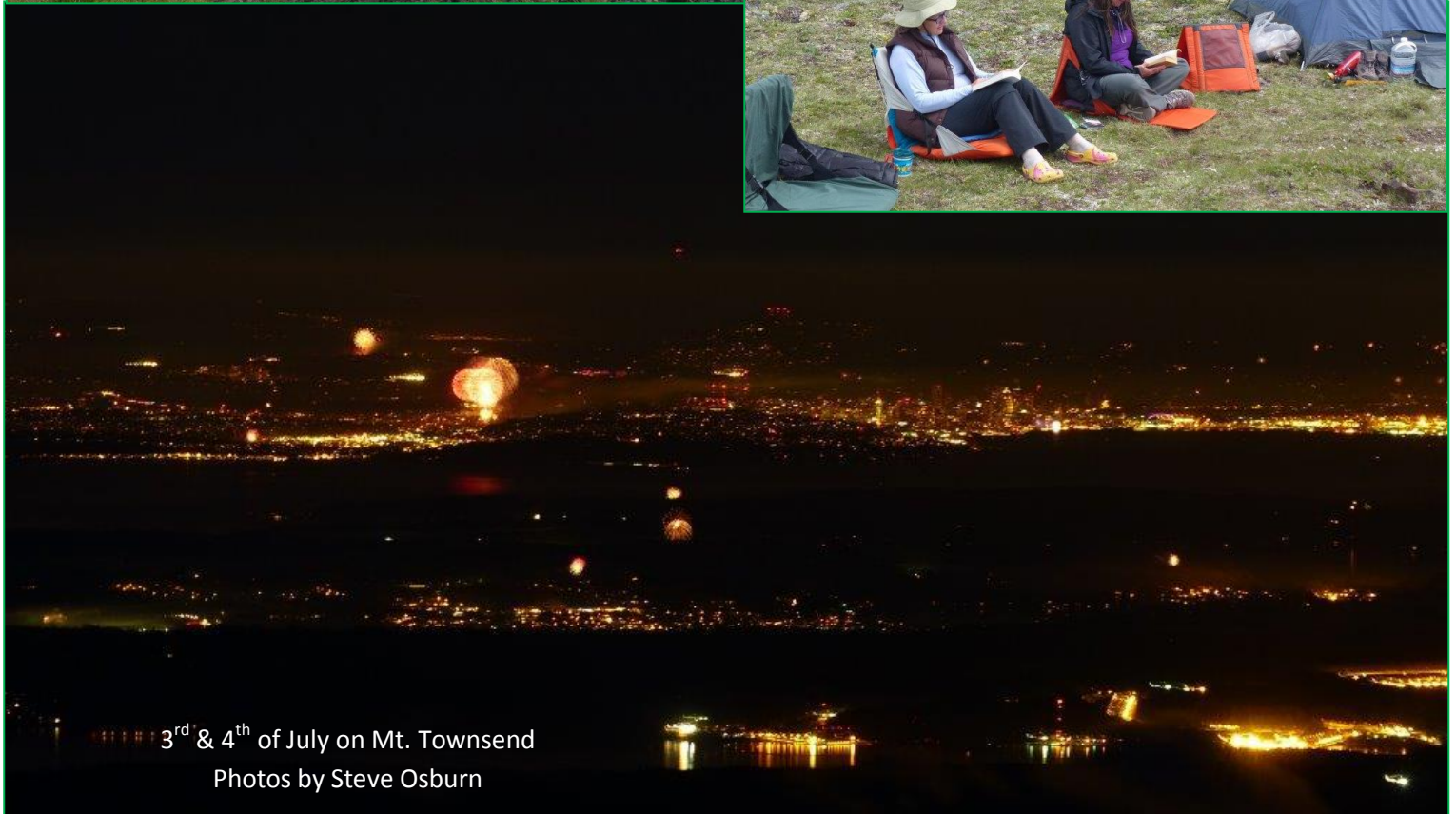


2014 Annual PWC
Picnic at Raab Park
(Jul 2)



Photos by
Steve
Osburn

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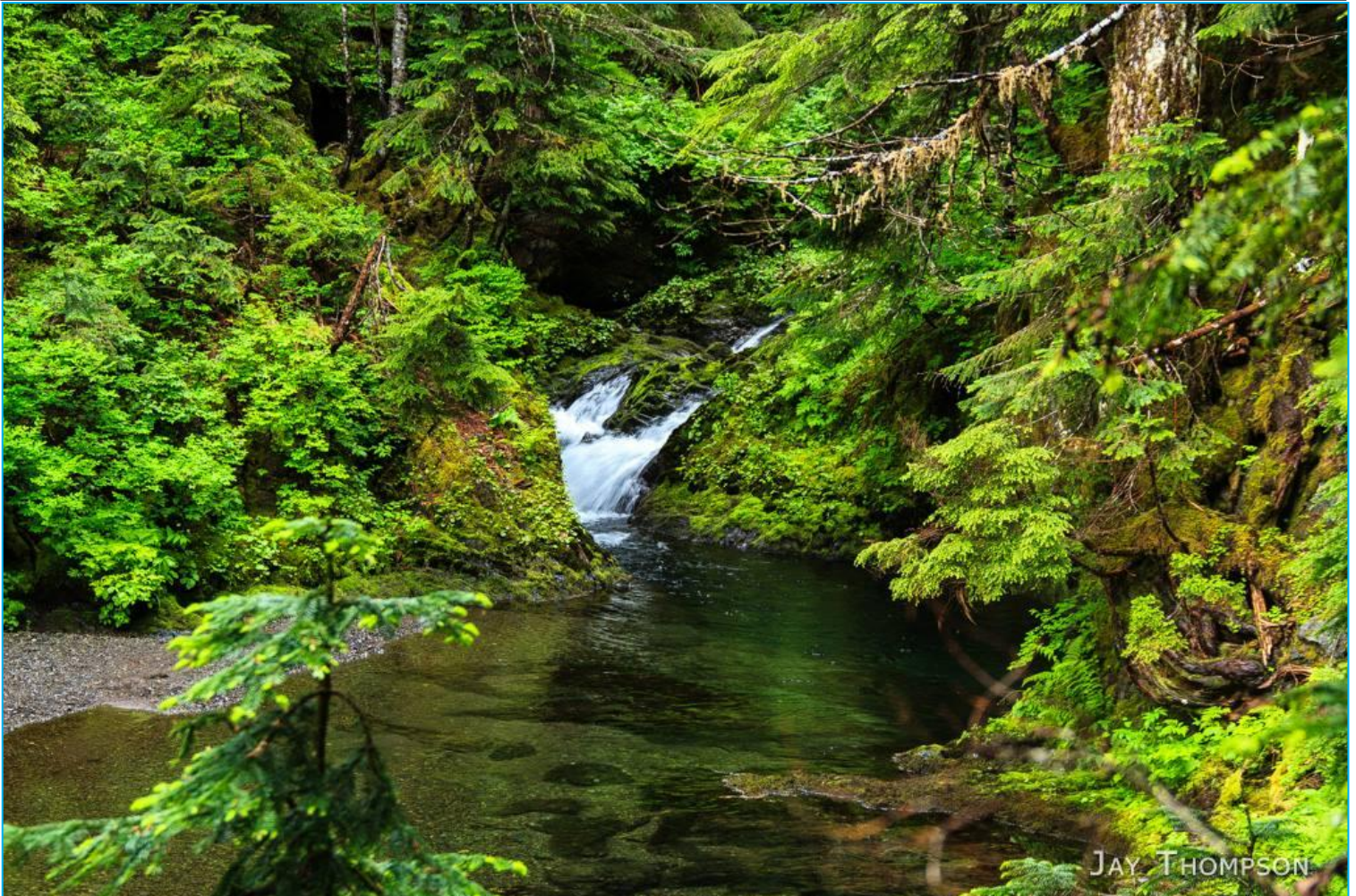
3rd & 4th of July on Mt. Townsend
Photos by Steve Osburn

Trip Reports and Photos



Animal's Pacific Crest Trail adventure
(on-going – at latest report, about half way done).
Photos by Kevin Koski (a.k.a., "Animal") via Maria McGuire

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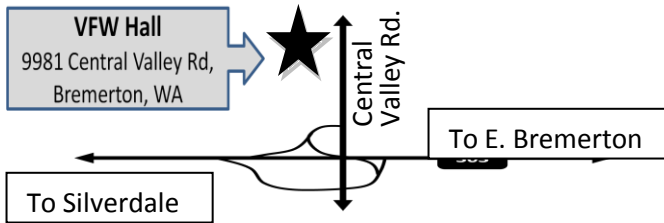
Mildred Lakes (June 28)
Photos by Jay Thompson

PWC Online... <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>

Go to the website to find upcoming trips, trip reports, photos, a discussion forum, and more.

PWC General Meeting

The PWC General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, at the VFW Hall at 9981 Central Valley Road in Bremerton, WA.



If you are a guest or new member, please introduce yourself and ask for help, or look for someone with a "PWC Host" name tag – the host can answer questions and point out members that share your interests. However, to really get to know us – come to a potluck or go on a hike – meetings are not the best way to get to know people!

Thanks to everyone who brings snacks to meetings! Contact Doug Savage at 360-981-9333 or thehiker@comcast.net if you would like to help bring snacks to the next meeting.

Sponsor an Outing!

If you are a club member and interested in leading an outing, let us know about it so we can post it! Even if you list your trip in other forums, including it as a PWC event helps connect people and groups, and helps the club stay active. To sponsor an outing, come to a MAP meeting to discuss your trip! You can also fill out the form on our website, email or call the info directly to our Calendar Editor, Emily Grice, at emilykgrice@gmail.com (phone 206-842-7883), or you can email or call our Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org (phone 360-307-0037). Any of these options will get your outing in our website calendar.

We Need Your House!



Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner need volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Megan Thompson, at 360-871-6014.

Your Trip Photos Wanted!



Do you have some great PWC trip pictures? Each month we need your photos to share during the PWC General Meeting slide show and in the Penwicle. Contact Jay Thompson (jaythom1@hotmail.com), our interim PWC Dropbox manager, to find out how to send us your pictures – it's easy, and helps us a lot!

We also need photos for the club scrapbook – please include your name and details of the trip (people & places) and email to Sue DeArman at dearmans@comcast.net.

Joining/Renewing your Membership

To join or renew, please see the form on the back of this newsletter. PWC members receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses (check with vendor for details):

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Port Gamble, <http://www.olympicoutdoorcenter.com/>
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend, <http://www.commandersbeachhouse.com/>
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock, <http://www.ajaxcafe.com/>
- Wildernest, and The Gear Stash, Bainbridge Is., <http://wildernestoutdoorstore.com/>
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo, <http://www.poulsborunning.com/>
- Back of Beyond, Bainbridge Is., <http://www.tothebackofbeyond.com/>
- Bicycle Works, Bremerton, <http://bicycle-works.com>
- The Quick Fix (David Cossa, Home Handyman – 20% off), cmountaindave@aol.com

Please feel free to ask for the PWC discount when patronizing these businesses.

Email, Address or Phone No. Changes?

Contact Paul Gervais to update your contact information in our database (used for Penwicle and other information). Send your changes to Paul at:

Peninsula Wilderness Club
P.O. Box 323
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

or email pagervader@comcast.net, or call 360-710-6363.

PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the 13th of each month to ensure a place in the next issue. *Please send calendar entries in advance (see "Sponsor an Outing!" on this page), and for other PENWICLE submissions, send an email to Steve Osburn at penwicle@hotmail.com.*

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Join or Renew Membership

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for people interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, skiing, kayaking, and bicycle riding. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members who volunteer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety, training or care of any participant, and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.

Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:

Peninsula Wilderness Club
P.O. Box 323
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

Please check if: New Member(s) ☐

Renewing Member(s) ☐

Change of Address ☐

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

For new members - how did you hear about us? _____

(Please print clearly)

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