

MARCH
2015

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.

**March Presentation:
Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail
Presented by the PWC's own Kevin Koski!
March 4th at 7pm**

This program is expected to be very popular. The VFW Hall parking lot may be overloaded as a result. We strongly encourage carpooling to this month's presentation

From April 23rd through September 28, 2014 Kevin Koski hiked the length of the Pacific Crest Trail. The 'PCT' winds its way through the mountain ranges of California, Oregon, and Washington. This was a 159 day journey filled with beautiful scenery, the voice of birds every morning, laughter from fellow hiker trash, and a personal feeling of ease. It was 159 days of being primal, sleeping on the ground, under the stars, feeling the night breeze flow over his exposed cheek bones like a small stream flows over a smooth stone. Yes there was tragedy too! Kevin managed to get a small blister, but that did not stop him! With a town just down the trail, followed by a brief hitchhike, he was able to reach his beloved trail angel, Maria, on the 9th pay phone call of the trip. She saved him from the agony of his first blister by way of new blue shoes that were to arrive using the "through hikers" beloved postman or woman.

The presentation on March 4th will celebrate the amazing people of the PCT. For Kevin, it was these fellow hikers that truly made a 2,668 mile long hike along the trail special.



PCT Photos (Apr – Sep 2014)
Photos by "Animal", via "Trail Angel" 1

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, at 7 pm
Contact: Paul Gervais, 360-710-6363

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Paul's house in Bremerton. All members are invited to attend. See website for details.

Monthly Potluck

Friday, March 27, 6:30 pm
Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

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*. See website for details.

NOTE: Master listing of trips is on the PWC Website Calendar. The list below may be out of date.

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

Climbing Gym Practice / Social
Tuesdays & Thursdays: March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 and 31 at 5:45 pm
Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, b1haskell@earthlink.net

Short Hikes on Bainbridge
Tuesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 10 am
Eve Gilluly, 206-842-9339, evagilluly@msn.com

Regular Trips:

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact
2/28	Lake of the Angels	Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, b1haskell@earthlink.net
3/1	Hike Clear Creek Trail	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
3/4	Member Preferential Deadline for MTTA cabin	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
3/4	PWC General Meeting	Steve Osburn, 360-697-5982, steven_osburn@hotmail.com
3/11	Doug-less Hikes	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
3/13	PENWICLE Deadline	Steve and Nancy Osburn, 360-697-5982, steven_osburn@hotmail.com
3/14	Tubal Cain OR Lena Lake	Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, b1haskell@earthlink.net
3/14	Bike Discovery Trail	Joe and Kathy Weigel, 360-479-5116, kmweigel@comcast.net
3/15	Reservation system for Mt Rainier and ONP quota areas begins	
3/18	PWC MAP Meeting	Paul Gervais, 360-710-6363, pagervader@comcast.net
3/21	Big Creek and Mt. Elinor	Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, b1haskell@earthlink.net
3/21	"Sea to Sea" hike on Bainbridge	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
3/25	Doug-less Hikes	Doug Terry, 360-550-7911, doug@dougterry.net
3/27	PWC Monthly Potluck	Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906, TRLBI@yahoo.com
3/29	Heather Park	Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, b1haskell@earthlink.net
3/29	Spring 2015 Grand Canyon Backpack	David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

Notes & Announcements:

- **PWC Board Meeting:** The bylaws of the PWC require an annual board meeting that is open to all club members. We traditionally combine this with the March MAP meeting (MAP meetings are always open to all members). If you have any topics you would like the board to consider, please submit them to steven_osburn@hotmail.com, or come to the MAP meeting and present your topic.
- **Basic Mountaineering Course at Olympic College.** See their website for details →
- **JOB OPEN (STILL)!** Get it, while you can! After almost four years, Steve Osburn would like to find a volunteer to take over as Penwicle Editor. A few people have offered part-time help, but we still need someone to take the reigns as the primary. It takes a few hours a month, but some of the process is now automated, and the new shorter newsletter will save even more time. If you have time and creativity, please consider taking over this very important role for your club.

Trips and Outings...

About Our Outings...

- All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our club and what we do, please become a member – it's only \$25 a year, and helps keep the club running.
- For liability reasons, trip sponsors 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.
- *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.
- Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.
- Always carry the 10 essentials.

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.

Details on Trips & Events shown on page 2 are listed in the PWC Website Calendar. Below are only those trips that require advance planning and/or reservations:

IF YOUR TRIP REQUIRES ADVANCE RESERVATIONS & PLANNING, AND YOU WANT IT ADDED TO THIS SECTION, send your trip info to BOTH the Penwicle (penwicle@hotmail.com) and our Calendar Editor (emilykgrice@gmail.com).

Spring 2015 Grand Canyon Backpack

March 29 - April 6, 2015

Contact: David Boyde at 360-692-9325, or

Email: theboyde@aol.com

The Spring 2015 Grand Canyon trip will be from March 29 through April 6 (plus transportation time). This year's trip will be on the South Rim, from Lipan Point to Tanner Rapids, then along the Beamer Trail to Palisades Creek with a day-hike to the confluence of Colorado and Little Colorado Rivers. We will then take the Escalante Route to Hance Rapids. This section will be relatively short backpacks and lengthier day hikes exploring Escalante, 75-Mile, Papago and Red Canyons. We will then exit the canyon via the New Hance (Red Canyon) Trail. Total miles backpacking will be about 40, with the optional day hikes adding up to 40 more miles. Space is limited. If interested, contact David.

Kayaking Lessons in May

Charlie Michel will be leading/hosting a Kitsap Mountaineers Sea Kayaking Class: Do you want to learn to kayak? Or do you want to learn to paddle more efficiently or more safely? The course includes over nine hours of classroom instruction, three hours in the swimming pool, and two days of on-the-water instruction. In the classroom, you'll learn about navigation, seamanship, kayaks and equipment, ergonomics, and conservation principles. In the on-the-water session, you will learn how to make your kayak efficiently go where you want, boat control, and capsized recovery.

The cost for Mountaineers is \$180. You must be a member of the Mountaineers to participate. Joining costs \$75 per year (seniors over 65, \$36). Equipment rental for the two days of on-water instruction is \$150.

Classroom and pool sessions are May 2-3 in Poulsbo. Open water sessions are May 9-10, also in Poulsbo. Kayaks and most equipment will be provided for the pool session on May 2. Please call Charlie before joining The Mountaineers, if not already a member, for first-year membership discount. For more info or to RSVP, email Charlie Michel at michel99@btopenworld.com or call (360) 710-0616

Trips and Outings...

Hike the Historic Rogue River Mail Route Trail (May 18-23)

Grave Creek Trailhead to Foster Bar Campground (41 miles). Join other PWC members (5 max) in this 5-night, 6-day hike along the Rogue River Trail in southern Oregon. This trail parallels the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River. Two nights in lodges, including one in "Paradise". Expenses will be shared. Departs 5/18-5/23/15. For details, see: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5346991.pdf. Contact Brian Hawkins at akflyer130@gmail.com for more details.

2015 "Sunshine Trips"

Each year, for the past several years, Bob Brown and Tony Abruzzo have developed a spring/summer list of trips. MTTA & PWC members are invited to attend any of these trips (all or part). These "Sunshine" trips are scheduled to places offering outdoor recreational opportunities (hiking, biking, kayaking, etc.) and most importantly, blue skies and lots of sunshine.

If you are interested in any of these trips, or have questions, please contact Bob Brown at 360-569-2878 or Tony Abruzzo at 360-871-5754.

2015 Trip Schedule

April 10th thru April 16th Squaw Flats Group Campground 40+ miles of great world-class hiking Canyonlands National Park	June 20th thru June 27th Northern Idaho, Cataldo Area This trip includes the 75-mile Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes & 14-mile Hiawatha Trail, and offers hiking, biking and kayaking. Contact Kevin & Gail at 360-307-9022
July 20th thru July 27th Peterson Prairie USFS Campground Hiking and Biking Mount Adams Area	August 17th thru August 23rd Lava Lakes USFS Campground Hiking, biking, and kayaking Bend, Oregon, Area
September – No Scheduled Trip Yet	October 1st thru October 7th? (Subject to Rental Agreement) Farm House Rental Hiking & Biking Mount Adams Area

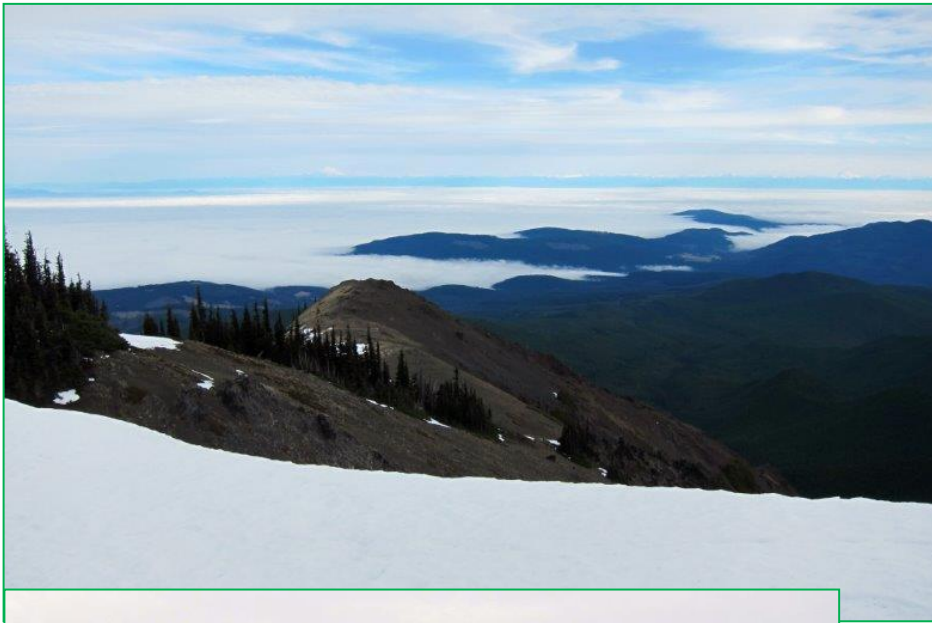
More details on the above trip(s) are available on the PWC Website calendar.

Trip Reports and Photos

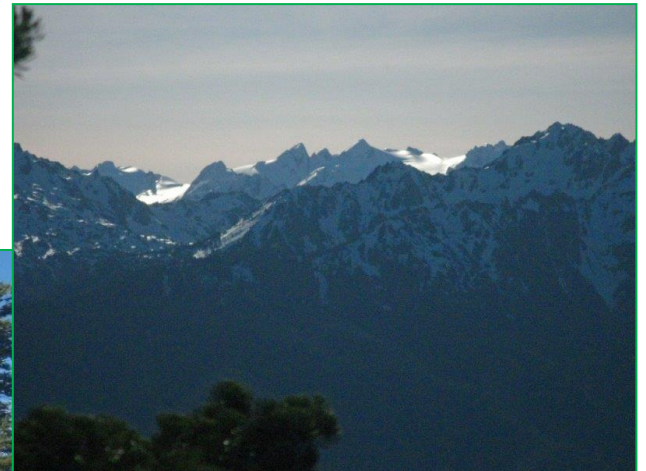


North Kitsap Pool Session (Jan 23)
Photos by Isaac Sun

Trip Report and Photos...



Deer Ridge and Blue Mountain (Jan 31).
Photos by McNeal



Hurricane Hill (Feb 15). Photos by Emily Grice



Trip Report and Photos...



"Winterfest 2015" in Wenatchee (Feb 14).



Photos from Steve Osburn (above) and Ann Richey (below)



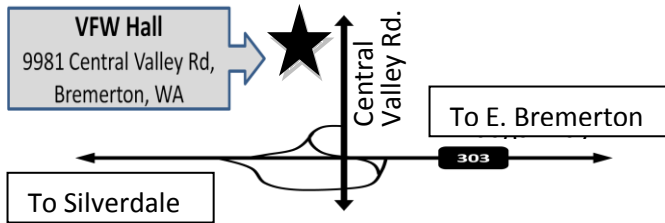
Club News

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 who 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, you can come to a MAP meeting to discuss your trip, you can fill out the form on our website, or you can email or call the info directly to our Calendar Editor, Emily Grice, at emilykgrice@gmail.com (phone 206-842-7883), or to 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.

Club Business

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.*

Officers and Staff

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Join or Renew Membership

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club (PWC) 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. Bring dues to a PWC General meeting, or 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)

NOTE: New members will receive the PENWICLE newsletter by email, or can download a copy via the PWC website.

☐ Check here if you do NOT wish any information to be included in the membership list distributed to members.

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