

**FEBRUARY
2016**

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.

**This month's presentation: Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest
By Amy Gulick, February 3rd at 7PM.**

Salmon in the Trees tells the remarkable story of the Tongass rain forest, where trees grow salmon, and salmon grow trees. Fringing the coastal panhandle of Alaska and covering thousands of islands in the Alexander Archipelago, the Tongass is one of the rarest ecosystems on earth. Humpback whales, orcas, and sea lions cruise the forested shorelines. Millions of wild salmon swim upstream into the forest feeding an abundance of bears and bald eagles. Native cultures and local communities benefit from the gifts of the forest and sea.

Acclaimed nature photographer and author Amy Gulick will take us along as she paddles and treks among the bears, misty islands, and salmon streams to document the intricate connections within the Tongass. Her book, *Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest*, is the recipient of both a Nautilus Book Award and an Independent Publisher Book Award.

Visit www.salmoninthetrees.org



Amy is an award-winning nature photographer and writer, and a Fellow with the International League of Conservation Photographers. Her images and stories have been featured in *Audubon*, *National Wildlife*, *Outdoor Photographer*, and other publications.



Her work in Alaska has received numerous honors including the prestigious Daniel Housberg Wilderness Image Award from the Alaska Conservation Foundation, the Voice of the Wild Award from the Alaska Wilderness League, and a Lowell Thomas Award from the Society of American Travel Writers Foundation.

Visit www.amygulick.com

Calendar

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Wednesday, February 17th, 7PM, at TBD (call)
 Poulsbo, WA
 Contact: Shelley & Vicki Fleming, 360-621-6167
richelle.fleming@gmail.com

Help schedule PWC events and outings, and discuss club business at our MAP meeting. All invited- BYOB.

Monthly Potluck

Friday, February 26th, 6:30 PM,
 Contact: Steve & Nancy Osburn,
steven_osburn@hotmail.com 360-697-5982

Potlucks are a great way to meet others and learn more about the club. The host provides dessert. Attendees bring an entrée or side dish to share. BYOB.

NOTE: The master listing of trips is in the PWC Website Calendar. This list is current as of January 23rd.

Recurring Trips (weekly events):

- Ask Isaac to bike, hike, or paddle. Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net (Feb 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th. Start time based on activity – call Isaac and set it up!)
- Morning hikes with Eve Gilluly, Every Tuesday 8 AM at Central Market Coffee Shop. evegilluly@msn.com Call 206-304-4664.
- Climbing Gym/Social, Barbra Haskell, 360-981-3077, b1haskell@earthlink.net (5:45 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays at Island Rock Gym, followed by socializing at Bainbridge Island Brewing)

Regular Trips:

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact	Phone	Email
3-Feb	PWC General Meeting	Steve Osburn	360-697-5982	steven_osburn@hotmail.com
6-Feb	Hike Sonoran Desert	Brian Hawkins	360-362-3026	akflyer130@gmail.com
6-Feb	MTTA Snow Bowl Cabin	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com
7-Feb	Edith Creek Basin	Dale Boyle	360-792-1714	dboyle@web-o.net
13-Feb	Winterfest in Wenatchee	Dale Boyle	360-792-1714	dboyle@web-o.net
13-Feb	PENWICLE Deadline	Jerry Logan	360-337-0648	penwicle@outlook.com
17-Feb	PWC MAP Meeting	Shelley & Vicki Fleming	360-621-6167	richelle.fleming@gmail.com
21-Feb	Obstruction Point Road	Barbra Haskell	360-981-3077	b1haskell@earthlink.net
26-Feb	PWC Monthly Potluck	Steve & Nancy Osburn	360-697-5982	steven_osburn@hotmail.com
27-Feb	Mazama Ridge Camp	Doug Savage	360-994-9003	thehiker@comcast.net
28-Feb	Clear Creek Trail	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com
1-Mar	Deadline for Black Hills	Tony Abruzzo	360-871-5754	abruzzo1945@gmail.com
2-Mar	PWC General Meeting	Steve Osburn	360-697-5982	steven_osburn@hotmail.com
12-Mar	MTTA High Hut	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com
13-Mar	PENWICLE Deadline	Jerry Logan	360-337-0648	penwicle@outlook.com

Notes & Announcements:

Details on the Black Hills, South Dakota trip with Tony Abruzzo are updated in the Advanced Planning section below. If you would like to be on the email list for the Sunshine trips, email Bob Brown at mtta@skimtta.com.

On the Trail with “Boots” McFarland

Reprinted with permission of the artist, Geolyn Carvin. See her website at <http://bootsmcfarland.com/home.htm>

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.



Calendar

- 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. *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 or changed for some reason.
- 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 should reflect the distance driven, the cost of gas, and tolls/parking fees – short trips might be \$5 per person, longer trips 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.

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 2016 Grand Canyon Backpack

April 11 - April 18, 2016

Contact: David Boyde at [360-692-9325](tel:360-692-9325), or Email: theboyde@aol.com

The Spring 2016 Grand Canyon trip will be from April 11th – 18th (plus transport time), on the South Rim, from South Bass to Hermit's Rest. We will descend the South Bass Trail to the Tonto Trail, and then take the Tonto Trail eastwards along "The Gems". We will visit Crystal, Boucher and Hermit Rapids and do several day hikes along side canyons including Sapphire, Ruby, Slate, Boucher, Topaz and Hermit. We will exit the canyon via the Hermit Trail to Hermit's Rest. Total mileage is about 60 miles backpacking and 30 miles of optional day hikes. This is a rugged, isolated section and there may be approximately 20 miles with questionable water availability. There will be a planning meeting in early to mid-February for those interested in going. Space is limited. If interested, contact David.

2016 Sunshine Trip Schedule – Black Hills in September updated – sign up now if you want to go...

March 23rd – 30th: Canyonlands National Park – Squaw Flats Group Site - over 40 miles of great hiking right out of the campground. (Give Tony Abruzzo a call if you have not yet signed-up).

May 17th – 25th: Black Hills South Dakota (near Custer) Tentative trip based on weather just prior to this trip (RV & Tent camping). Bike the 109-mile long Mickelson Trail.

June 5th – 11th: Coeur d'Alene (Kahndersoa Resort Campground) bike & Kayak.

July 10th – 16th: Mt. Lassen, California (Campground to be announced) hiking.

Aug 15th – 23rd: Lava Lakes campground Thursday, August 20th; then move to Waldo Lake (campground to be announced at Waldo Lake) for hiking & kayaking.

Sept 19th – 25th: Black Hills South Dakota. **A very nice cabin is available. If we can get ten people to commit (by paying their money upfront) we will schedule the trip.** Daytime temperatures in the mid 70's and dry sunny weather! Great hiking, climbing, kayaking, and biking. Major focus will be to ride the George S. Mickelson bike trail - 109 miles thru the heart of the Black Hills, www.mickelsontrail.com. Easy riding, about 25 miles each day, leaving time for other activities. Must book the cabin **soon**. **After February nothing will be available!** This is a first come, first served offer to MTTA and PWC members and their friends. Food and lodging will be under \$200 per person for seven nights.

If you are interested, call Tony ASAP at 360-871-5754 to arrange your place on the trip. **Please don't wait as Tony must commit ASAP.**

Busy month of Penwicle activities begins below. Who said January in western Washington was dreary?

Trips Reports and Photos

New Year's at Fort Worden





Copper Creek



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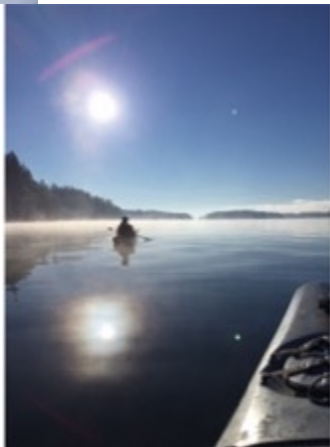
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Cold Weather Kayaking



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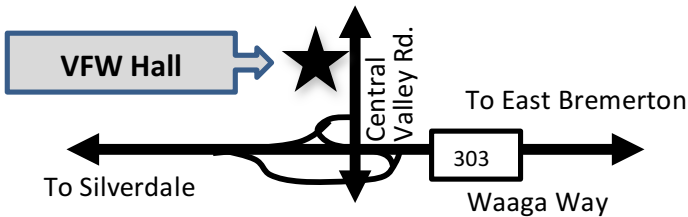
Club News

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!

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/>
- Wilderness, and The Gear Stash, Bainbridge Island, <http://wildernessoutdoorstore.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 Jerry Logan at penwicle@hotmail.com.

Officers and Staff

President:	Steve Osburn	360-697-5982
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Join or Renew Membership

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club (PWC) is an 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 practice responsible environmental stewardship and 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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