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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: Paths, Trails, and Opportunity in Kitsap County, by our own, Paul Dutky. Wednesday, September 7th, 7 PM.

Cyclists and hikers in our community are well aware of, and appreciative of, dedicated bicycle facilities and paths in surrounding counties. In a recent letter supporting a shared use path in Bremerton, Mayor Patty Lent explains why:

"Essential to achieving a community with a high quality of life is the ability for people of all ages to have safe and enjoyable places to walk, ride their bikes, and connect to transit. Active transportation - getting around without a car - not only creates places that people want to live, it increases health and well-being, reduces pollution and road congestion, strengthens the local economy and builds stronger relationships between residents."

You may also be aware there is a decided lack of such facilities in Kitsap compared to all surrounding counties. David Brumsickle, owner of Silverdale Cyclery, advises new bike owners asking about safe places to bicycle: "Go to Sequim."

There is no safe way, no dedicated bike facility, to ride from Kitsap Lake to the ferry terminal. No bike facility to link downtown Bremerton to Silverdale or Illahee. No safe way to ride from Silverdale Cyclery south of Silverdale, to Viking Way north of Silverdale. No safe way for pedestrians or cyclists to travel from Port Orchard to Bremerton or Silverdale through Gorst.

In contrast, the heavily-used Cushman Trail in Pierce County safely connects the commercial center at Borgan Blvd (Home Depot, etc) in the north end of Gig Harbor to Tacoma to the south. Jefferson and Clallam County have invested millions of dollars in the Olympic Discovery Trail which links Port Townsend, Sequim, and Port Angeles. King County spent millions on the interurban trail, a dedicated shared-use path.

There is a serious gap "between the 70 percent of people who want to bicycle and the 1 to 10 percent who actually do bicycle. People want to ride, but will not do so in great numbers without access to bicycle-specific infrastructure". They rightfully fear for their lives. (quotes are from the book, "Bikenomics: How Bicycling Can Save the Economy", by Elly Blue.)

Our lack of facilities is not due to a lack of opportunity - West Sound Cycling Club has proposed many good, feasible ideas to the City of Bremerton and to Kitsap County, and I will share these with you. Some are moving forward, most are not.

The way to propel good ideas forward and have them funded is to first move them into the public sphere. Together, we can then demand the enjoyable safe places to walk and ride our bikes, the places that create an attractive community with a high quality of life.

****Board Elections Upcoming****

September meeting: We will nominate potential board members. This is your chance to toss your hat into the ring for consideration as one of our board members.

October meeting: We will hold the election for all board member positions. Please attend and vote!

Calendar

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Wednesday, September 21st at 7 PM

Hosted by Jayson and Dorothy Shoecraft at their home.

Contact: dorothyhs@wavecable.com Tel: 360-697-4179

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

Monthly Potluck

Friday, September 30th at 6:30 PM

Hosted by Steven and Nancy Osburn at their home.

Contact: steven_osburn@hotmail.com Tel: 360-697-5982

Enjoy some great food, meet others, share trail stories and learn more about the club. The host provides dessert. We bring an entrée or side dish to share. BYOB.

Recurring Trips (weekly events):

- Weekend bike, hike, or paddle with Isaac. Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net (August 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) Start time based on activity – call Isaac to set it up.)
- Morning hikes with Eve Gilluly, 8 AM every Tuesday at Central Market Coffee Shop. evegilluly@msn.com Call 206-304-4664. (August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th)
- Climbing Gym/Social, Doug Terry, 360-550-7911, doug@dougterry.net (5:45 PM every Tuesday and Thursday at Island Rock Gym, followed by socializing at Bainbridge Island Brewing)
- After Work Green Mountain Hike and Social, 6 PM at the Gold Creek Trailhead of Green Mountain. (every Thursday thru September)

Regular Trips:

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact	Phone	Email
1-Sep	Green Mountain Hike and Social			
3-Sep	Celtic Festival			
3-Sep	Fort Ward to Blakely Harbor	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com
4-Sep	Weekend bike, hike, or Paddle with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
5-Sep	Labor Day			
6-Sep	M-Bike Ride after work with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
7-Sep	PWC General Meeting	Steve Osburn	360-697-5982	steven_osburn@hotmail.com
8-Sep	Green Mountain Hike and Social			
10-Sep	Staircase	Kathy Weigel	360-479-5116	kmweigel@comcast.net
11-Sep	Weekend bike, hike, or Paddle with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
13-Sep	PENWICKLE Deadline	Jerry Logan	360-337-0648	Penwicle@outlook.com
13-Sep	M-Bike Ride after work with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
15-Sep	Green Mountain Hike and Social			
16-Sep	Hoh trails	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com
18-Sep	Weekend bike, hike, or Paddle with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
19-Sep	Black Hills Sunshine Trip	Tony Abruzzo	360-871-5754	abruzzo1945@gmail.com
20-Sep	M-Bike Ride after work with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
21-Sep	PWC MAP Meeting	Jayson and Dorothy Shoecraft	360-697-4179	dorothyhs@wavecable.com
22-Sep	Green Mountain Hike and Social			
25-Sep	Weekend bike, hike, or Paddle with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
27-Sep	M-Bike Ride after work with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
29-Sep	Green Mountain Hike and Social			
30-Sep	PWC Monthly Potluck	Steve and Nancy Osburn	360-697-5982	steven_osburn@hotmail.com
2-Oct	Weekend bike, hike, or Paddle with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
5-Oct	PWC General Meeting	Steve Osburn	360-697-5982	steven_osburn@hotmail.com
9-Oct	Weekend bike, hike, or Paddle with Isaac	Isaac Sun	360-930-5300	isaac@thesuns.net
13-Oct	PENWICKLE Deadline	Jerry Logan	360-337-0648	Penwicle@outlook.com
15-Oct	Discovery Trail or similar	Steve and Nancy Osburn	360-697-5982	steven_osburn@hotmail.com
15-Oct	Pete Lake	Emily Grice	206-842-7883	emilykgrice@gmail.com

Notes & Announcements:

- The club will publish a new roster in October. Please make sure we have your correct address, email and phone number by contacting any officer of the club. Contact Paul Gervais if you would like to keep your information private. You can elect to receive the roster in hard copy or PDF.

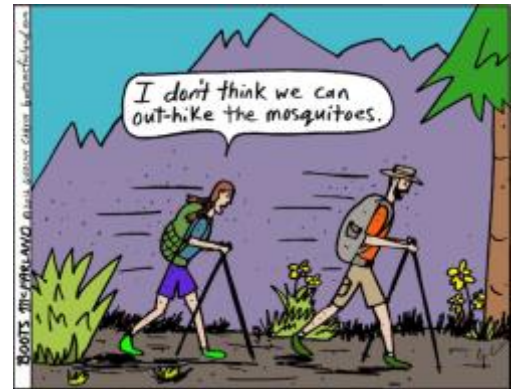
Calendar

- Work on the 4th edition of the Olympic Mountains Trail Guide is progressing well, as over 40 of the 200 plus trails have been verified by PWC hikers. Contact Doug Savage to participate by hiking a trail and verifying the accuracy of the trail description. Sales of the new edition will benefit Olympic Mountain Rescue.

On the Trail with “Boots” McFarland

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<http://bootsmcfarland.com/home.htm>



About PWC Outings

- All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone. If you enjoy our club and what we do, please become a member – at only \$25 a year - and help 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, safety and route finding. *Always carry the 10 essentials!*
- *Please call early.* As a courtesy to the sponsor of the 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 alternate plans should a trip be canceled or changed for any 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: The 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 here, 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 PLANNING, AND YOU WANT IT ADDED TO THIS SECTION, send info to BOTH the Penwicle (Penwicle@outlook.com) and our Calendar Editor (emilykgrice@gmail.com).

Last 2016 Sunshine Trip

Sept 18th – 25th: Black Hills South Dakota. 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. A few spots remain. Food and lodging will be under \$250 per person for seven nights. **Call Tony Abruzzo at 360-871-5754 to reserve.**

Quetico Wilderness Canoe Trip, Ontario, Canada

Linda Anderson-Carnahan (lacdwc@aol.com) is leading on or about September 22-29 (dates flexible) to Quetico Wilderness, Canada (<http://www.ontarioparks.com/park/quetico>) or to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area on the Minnesota side (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/watertrails/bwca/index.html>). It is a wilderness area and it is safe to say we won't see many other people. Look forward to hours of paddling as loon calls echo around the lake. Bear, moose, beaver, osprey have been seen and wolves can be heard calling at night.

By doing the trip this late in the year, there should not be any bugs left. Average temperatures in September are 63/40. This will be a fairly strenuous trip even if we don't paddle a lot of miles each day. The portages can be challenging, especially if there has been a storm that's dropped a lot of rain or trees across the trail. We plan to stay on smaller lakes, though there are some larger water bodies to cross and wind can be an issue.

Anticipated costs:

Quetico (assuming we take off from Moose Lake in the BWCA, from there it is a 6-mile paddle to Prairie Portage to the Quetico)

- Remote Border Crossing Permit (<http://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/forms-formulaires/bsf386-eng.pdf>) good for one year: \$30 Canadian
- Camping Fee: \$16.95 Canadian per person per night.
- Fishing licenses (<https://www2.on.wildlifelicence.com/start.php>): 8 day sport fishing: \$53.54+9.68 Canadian.

BWCA (currently available for the dates mentioned above out of Moose Lake):

- User Fee: \$16 per person + \$6 reservation fee (the charge is not per night as with the Quetico)
- Fishing licenses: \$38 for 7 days.

Either

- Canoe rental: two person kevlar \$44/day (3 person is \$48/d but would be harder to portage). The two person kevlar weighs about 42 pounds (incl the portage rack and pads) and the price includes PFDs and paddles.
- Shuttle from Ely to Moose Lake with the canoes: \$90 roundtrip for up to six
- Gas around \$500 roundtrip (not bad if we get 4-6 on the trip).

Trips Reports and Photos

Colonel Bob Trail, August 13th, Isaac Sun and Jay Thompson



Nice trails for the 1st 3 miles



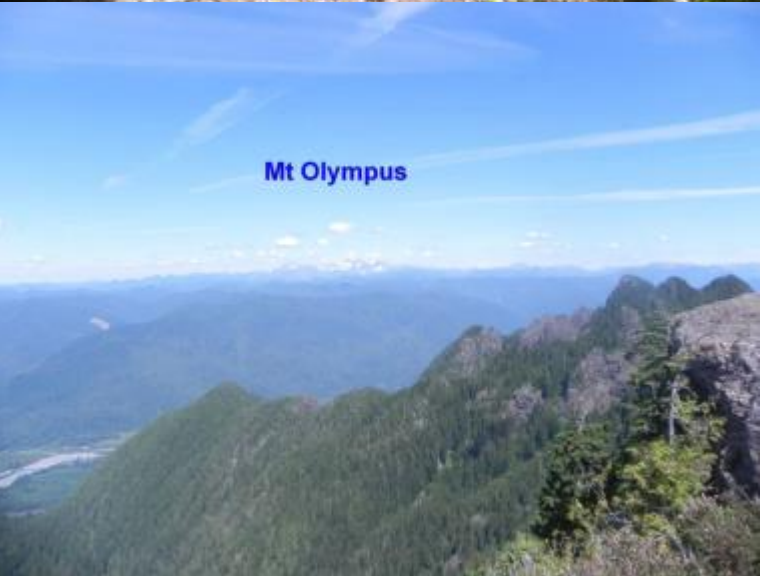
4 miles mark (Mulkey Trail Shelter)



Rugged Upper Half of the trails



At the Colonel Bob Peak
(w/ Trail Runners)



Mt Olympus

Trips Reports and Photos

Mt Fricaba Traverse, August 20 and 21, 7 Members Led By Doug Savage

This excellent traverse covered the Upper Dungeness and Heather Creek Trails, and a true scramble to excellent, insect-rich alpine meadow camping on Saturday. After an evening enjoying great company and getting quite a workout swatting all manner of flying pests, Sunday included summits of Mount Fricaba and Hal Foss Peaks, a traverse of the upper Deception Basin, over Deception Pass and down the Royal Basin Trail past Royal Lake and back to the trailhead, covering 24.5 miles. Views were affected by smoke from at least one of the forest fires burning in the Olympics, especially at sunrise on Sunday. This trip validated two Olympics trails in our effort to revise the Olympic Mountains Trail Guide, and was a great time to boot.



On the Heather Creek Trail



Sunset looking east to the south of Marmot Pass



Hal Foss Peak and Mount Mystery



Summit of Mount Fricaba



Summit Party at Hal Foss Peak



Mount Mystery and Mystery Glacier

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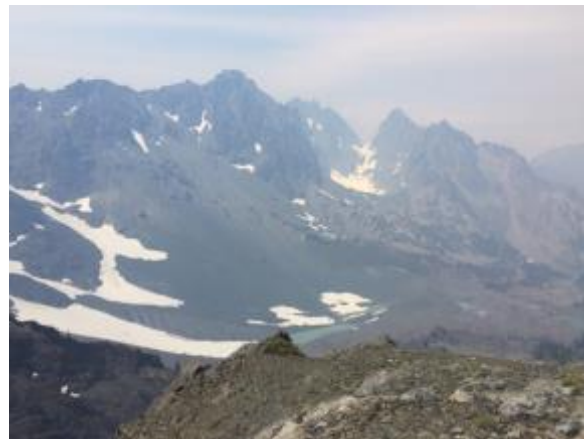
At the pass between Deception and Royal Basins



A View from the Pass



Mount Deception



Royal Basin and the Needles



Happy PWC Hikers Mike Natucci and Kristy Kane



One last stream crossing on a well maintained trail...

Editor's note: Hal Foss Peak was named for the first Washington state search and rescue coordinator.

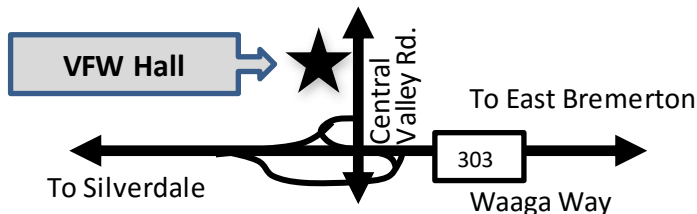
Club News

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 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), cmountindave@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.

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Join or Renew Membership

PWC

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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