

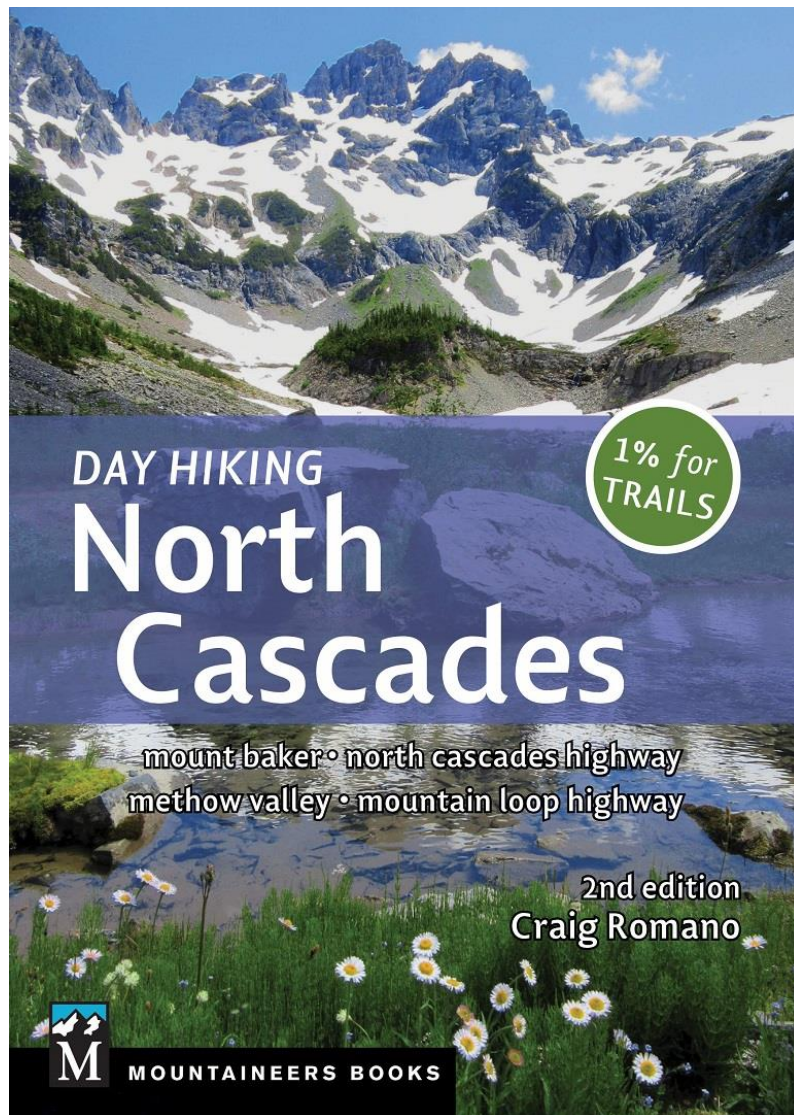
February
2023
Peninsula
Wilderness Club

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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.

The PWC Presents: Day Hiking North Cascades with Craig Romano

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
VFW Post 4992
9981 Central Valley Road
Bremerton, WA 98311



Please RSVP, either by contacting the host or using the electronic calendar, so the host knows how many people to expect.

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
 Host: Kanita Sellers
 Phone: 757-235-0594
 Help schedule PWC events and outings, and discuss club business. All are invited. BYOB and snacks to share are always welcome.

Monthly Potluck

Friday, February 24, 2023, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
 Host: Peter Kalmer
 Phone: 360-286-0328
 Potlucks are a great way to meet others and learn more about the club. Host provides dessert; guests bring an entrée or side dish and drinks to share.

Events and Activities

Visit the PWC calendar at <http://www.pwckitsap.org/events-calendar/> for activities, trips, and updates. Please use the RSVP feature on the calendar if interested in a trip.

2/24/2023	Mount Walker	Stevo Pavkovic	360-813-2743	stevoandlisa@gmail.com
2/24/2023	Monthly Potluck (Please RSVP)	Peter Kalmer	360-286-0328	
2/25/2023	Ski or Snowshoe to the Yurt Hut - MTTA	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
2/26/2023	Chilly Hilly Bike Ride	Jackie Lovely	360-649-4361	lovely.jackie67@yahoo.com
3/1/2023	Tidypalooza – Day 1: Green Mountain	Doug Terry	360-550-7911	672terry@gmail.com
3/2/2023	Tidypalooza - Day 2: Mt. Walker	Doug Terry	360-550-7911	672terry@gmail.com
3/3/2023	Tidypalooza - Day 3: Lower Lena Lake	Doug Terry	360-550-7911	672terry@gmail.com
3/3/2023	Short hike at Frederickson Wilderness Park	Emily Grice	206-669-0817	emilykgrice@gmail.com
3/4/2023	Tidypalooza - Day 4: Mt. Zion	Doug Terry	360-550-7911	672terry@gmail.com
3/5/2023	Tidypalooza - Day 5: Hurricane Hill	Doug Terry	360-550-7911	672terry@gmail.com
3/6/2023	Tidypalooza - Day 6: Elbo Creek	Doug Terry	360-550-7911	672terry@gmail.com
3/7/2023	Tidypalooza - Day 7: Green Mountain	Doug Terry	360-550-7911	672terry@gmail.com
3/8/2023	MAP Meeting (Please RSVP)	Kanita Sellers	757-235-0594	
3/10/2023	Hike to Lake Angeles	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
3/11/2023	Poulsbo Beer Run	Emily Grice	206-669-0817	emilykgrice@gmail.com
3/12/2023	Arizona Trail AZT Section/Passage Hike	Brian Hawkins	360-362-3026	akflyer130@gmail.com
3/12/2023	Hike to Pyramid Mountain	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
3/17/2023	Mount Walker	Stevo Pavkovic	360-813-2743	stevoandlisa@gmail.com
3/18/2023	Snowshoe Mazama Ridge to Reflection Lakes; Mount Rainier	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
3/18/2023	Ski or Snowshoe to High Hut - MTTA	Doug Terry	360-550-7911	672terry@gmail.com
3/24/2023	Ice Ax Self Arrest Practice	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
3/25/2023	Bike the Olympic Discovery Trail	Jayson and Dorothy Shoecraft	360-265-7851	Dorothyhs@wavecable.com
3/26/2023	Bainbridge Island Hike	Emily Grice	206-669-0817	emilykgrice@gmail.com
3/31/2023	Mount Walker	Stevo Pavkovic	360-813-2743	stevoandlisa@gmail.com
3/31/2023	Monthly Potluck (Please RSVP)	Margaret Poshusta	360-692-0126	marg8733@comcast.net

About PWC Activities and Outings:

- PWC outings and other activities are open to everyone. If you enjoy our club and what we do, please become a member! For \$25 a year, your membership helps pay the bills and keeps the club moving forward.
- As a courtesy to the sponsor of the outing you are joining, please call with cancellations or requests 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 need to be canceled or changed for any reason.
- Please leave pets at home unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.
- **Carpool and Ride Sharing.** We strongly encourage carpooling and ridesharing to reduce impact to trailheads, minimize our environmental footprint, and reduce costs. Please be considerate of 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, tolls, and parking fees.
- **Safety First!** For liability reasons, trip sponsors should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your ability to participate in an activity, discuss the trip thoroughly with the sponsor, but the responsibility for your safety is yours. Each participant is responsible for their own comfort, safety and route finding. **Always carry the 10 essentials!**

Note: Please feel free to send trip photos, trip reports, or any other suggestions/changes that you would like to see in the Penwicle to Margaret Poshusta (Marg8733@comcast.net) so that they may be included in the newsletter. Thank you.

Big Beef Creek: 4.3 miles roundtrip; elevation gain 850 ft. This low-key loop in the shadow of Mount Ellinor makes for a great respite on a hot summer day or a low-country winter ramble when it's rainy. The shade of the deciduous trees makes it cool in the summer and provides a nice umbrella in the rain. Burbling creeks of varying sizes keep you in constant company on this loop, and places to sit and rest are dotted all along the way. (wta.org)

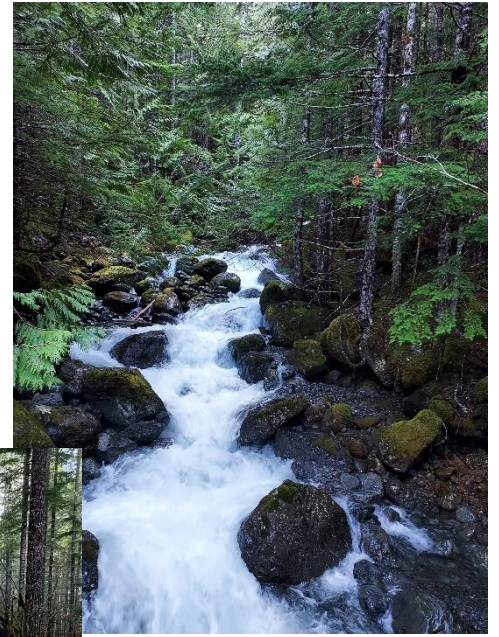


Photo by Kristy Kane and Dorothy Shoecraft

Mt. Walker: 4 miles roundtrip; elevation gain 2,000 ft. Approachable throughout the year, the Mount Walker trail's average 20% grade makes it a go-to route for hikers and trail runners looking for a short, brisk tromp. (While it is also a designated stock trail, riders and pack animals rarely make an appearance.) During spring, summer, and fall the 2-mile trail is both ascended and descended by those on foot. In the winter, when the Mount Walker road is gated and closed to vehicles, many will pursue the then 2.25-mile jaunt up to the north viewpoint, saunter over to the south viewpoint and then descend on the more gentle grade of the road.

While Walker draws plenty throughout to year, the trail is most populated in late May and especially in June as the splashy rhododendron show progresses. During peak rhody season, arrive early to get a parking spot at or near the trailhead. Or park at the north viewpoint and perform the reverse route by first descending and then ascending.

The trail winds and switches back and forth along the prow of a west-facing ridge. Don't expect any old-growth on this front-country hike – except perhaps old growth rhododendron and salal. You will see the complete front-country set: Douglas fir, hemlock, alder, cascara, western red cedar, a few cherry and, if you are a sharp-eyed flora spotter, some western white pine.

There is no water source along the route. You may hear water rushing off to the south of the trail, but don't be lured off trail to obtain it. Both the north and south viewpoints have viewing benches and privies. The north viewpoint also sports an accessible picnic table.

Winter hikers might need snowshoes or microspikes. Some will trudge up totting cross country skis and double pole their way down the snow-covered road. (wta.org)



Photos by Kristy Kane and Stevo Pavkovic

Copper Creek Hut: Copper Creek Hut is reached via a gentle uphill grade 5.5 mile hike along the Rainier Vista Trail through a lovely forest. While this trail is considered easy for most people, the distance is still long, so plan on being on the trail for several hours. Copper Creek Hut is located within the Mt. Rainier Gateway Forest, a wildlife preserve, so please leave your dog at home. Dogs are not allowed in the North District. (<https://skimtta.org/copper-creek-hut/>)



Photos from Facebook

January Potluck Hosted by Cathie Strong:



Photos by Bob Combs and Stevo Pavkovic

NOTICES:

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****PWC Members****

Have you moved or changed your contact information since you became a member? We would like to make sure our membership list is up to date, so if you're not sure, send an email to marti.howard@outlook.com with your current address, phone number, best e-mail address and roster publishing choices (i.e., phone, e-mail, both, none).

The Bailey Range, July 21 – August 2002 by Jill Hawes

With Debb Legg, Mac McDowell, Doug Savage, Dave Cossa, Jon & Sue DeArman

DAY 1:

Met at Jon and Sue's house 7 am & went up to Sequim, breakfast at The Oak Table. Then on to the ranger station at Elwha – recently remodeled, looks very nice. Then drove up to Appleton Pass trail head. Dropped us and our gear while Mac & Dave drove to Whiskey Bend to drop the cars off. While we were waiting for the guys to get back, we assessed each other's packs. Mine weighs 50 lbs, Debb's about the same, Jon 55 lbs, Sue 40 lbs, Doug's I couldn't even lift and Dave's a puny 36 lbs. I guess there's something to be said for ultralight. On the trail by 11.50 am, elevation 1840 ft. We took the trail to Olympic Hot Springs, the first two miles are on an abandoned road, and we made great time, 2.2 miles to the campground in an hour, took a break. Continuing up slowly gaining more elevation, there are quite a few water sources along the way. Ran into a huge tangle of trees caused by an avalanche. Doug went through first and chopped a few limbs off so we could all get through, there were several other trees down here and there but nothing as big. Saw some Indian pipe just beginning to pop through. Had to ford a fairly wide stream – found a lone Teva. We broke out of the trees and got into more lush undergrowth – could see Appleton Pass. Began to get into some snow – had to cross a big patch and find the trail on the other side. More trees were downed by avalanches. Tons of avalanche lilies, valerian, another white flower that looks like an anemone and purple shooting star type flowers. Last 1000 ft just about all in snow – got to the pass at 6.40 pm and found campsites just below a ridge with a 5-star view over the valley we'd just come up. Avalanche lilies all over and bear grass too. Debb had problems with the stove – one fuel bottle has some water in it so we might be short – luckily, it's a small one. Dinner is nutty brown rice curry and Doug's leftover couscous. There's a small lake, Oyster Lake mostly frozen but an outlet at one end so it's easy to fill water bottles. All in all, I feel good, it was a hard day – glad to get the pack and boots off. My shoulders are sore – hope aspirin works! The weather is warm and 80 degrees but breezy at night. Elev 5080'.

DAY 2: Appleton Pass to Cat Basin

9.15 am on the trail. Beautiful and sunny again, hiked along a ridge line and round the corner to fantastic views of Olympus. Could see our route up to Pineapple Pass, it's steep to get up there but had views of Fairchild, Carrie, Cat Peak, Olympus et al. Had some rock slopes to cross, not scree but the larger which can be a bit wobbly, also a few snow patches. Lost my footing on one and fell about 30-50 ft. Had my poles and not my ice axe so didn't have a lot of success stopping right away. Caught air on a rock and ended up 10 ft into heather. Skinned by elbow and banged it up, caught some road rash on my thighs but otherwise OK – just a little shaken. Doug gave me a lecture on self-arresting with “effing ski poles” and Jon told me to stop taking “pixie steps”. Dropped into Cat Basin. What a beautiful place. Stopped by a creek for lunch & cooled our feet, I realized I'd lost my camera, it was on my pack when I stopped falling but when Jon came back up with the pack it must have fallen off. Dammit – there were some good photos. We were on a game trail for a while and then got up to the ridge where we camped. Got there about 4.30. Dave was there already. I took a snow bath which was wonderful, had several margaritas, then headed down to where snow lakes were beginning to melt out and heated water for a bath and hair wash for Doug, hair wash and laundry for me. Debb cooked top ramen with mushrooms and dried veggies – very good, more leftovers from Doug and Mac. Elev 4540'. Today was a tough day – I was somehow thinking it wouldn't have been. Very little shade, a lot of cross country, off trail, big rocks etc. Shoulders are OK though. Listening to NOAA radio, weather tomorrow will be good and sunny through Friday afternoon. Dave climbed Appleton this morning before we got up his 99th peak.

DAY 3: Cat Basin to Mt Carrie

On the trail @ 9 am and warm again. The first part is through the forest which is a welcome break from the sun, then climbing with a big drop off on one side. Lots of wildflowers, paintbrush, Columbia lily, penstemon and elephant ear looking plants. The trail starts getting steeper and we had to go up a steep rocks and roots chute to the Catwalk – kitty scramble seems a great name for this section. Took a break before we started on the Catwalk, getting down to it is very steep and tricky going – do not like the look of this at all. But once on the walk I was too busy concentrating to be scared. I had envisioned a 2 ft wide trail with drop offs on both sides but there's always rock on one side – lots of hand and toe holds as needed and a couple of places where you are really exposed but WOW! What views. On the other side there's a tarn called Boston Charlie's, we stopped for lunch and to filter water. Looking down into the valley we see 5 elk – 2 of them calves – hanging out in snow patches. Continued up the trail until we came out below Mt Carrie and found tent sites right by the trail overlooking the Hoh River Valley, Olympus and the whole Bailey Range. What paradise. Big snow patches for water, avalanche lilies and tons of other flowers, saw a few marmots – in fact I think we are camped right in their turf. I have named it Marmot Hill. Spent the afternoon sunbathing and drinking margaritas. What a tough trip this is. Dinner is salmon and rice, and watched the sun set behind Cat Peak. Went back to the tents and watched the full moon come up over Ferry Basin. Have seen a few mountain goats and a lot of goat hair along the way. Dave is collecting a lot; I think he's going to have a hat made. Elev. 5600'.

DAY 4:

More of the same – warm and sunny. Dave, Mac & Debb left early for Mt. Fairchild. Doug stayed in the camp and Joh, Sue and I left about 9 am to Mt. Carrie, 6995 ft. About 1500 ft from camp, we went up a grassy ridge loaded with wildflowers and got to a point where you could look back on the Catwalk and where we'd come since Appleton Pass – it looks a long way back! Continued up the trail which was faint but there. We could see where the others had crossed a snow field but decided it was too steep and the snow too soft (besides I'd had enough of falling), so we went up the bergstrom (Jon's word) and worked our way round the snow that way. Sue got her goat feet on and led the way up the rocks, good hand holds but some loose stuff too, quite steep. We found a high spot and called it good; we had a great view of the route to Fairchild – glad I'm not going there. We stayed and enjoyed the view for a while and then came back down – slowly! Scree is a little dodgy in places. We had lunch at the first snow patch in the bergschrund – nice and cool. Met someone Jon knew from Pt Angeles who was coming up. Arrived back at camp 2ish. Laundry, bath and cocktails. Deb and Mac got back about 4 pm. They went down onto the Carrie Glacier and to the summit, signed the register, saw a lot of blue and a big solid rock that looked like it had been poured. Dave was back about 6 pm. He's the first person to Summit Mt Fairchild since 1980 according to the register which is 3 sheets of paper in a film canister. Peak #100 for Dave. Congratulations! More marmots in camp and a mountain goat came within a few hundred feet – he's a big one with horns. Another group of 4 from Kentucky is camped above us. They've come in from Sol Duc and must be at Chicago Camp on Saturday. Tomorrow, Cream Lake. Deb cooked couscous with dried onions and mushrooms, sundried tomatoes and a pasta sauce – yummy. A few clouds formed but the weather was still good.

DAY 5: Mt Carrie to Cream Lake

The day from Hell. The camp left about 8.30 headed to Cream Lake which is over the furthest ridge you can see from camp. The weather is warm and sunny, and the first part of the trail is in shade which is good as we must cross gullies and ravines which are heavy going. Doug chopped steps so we could get across the first one – managed to add a new wound, the second was long and steep with a small water source running down the middle. Ripped the butt out of my shorts which later explained why the guys wanted me to lead for a while. The last gully was a doozy, thought we might have to belay across it but once the rotten rock was cleaned out it was OK. Somewhere in the middle of all this we took a break at Bull Elk Basin, which is beautiful. There were 3 goats – mum, kid and yearling. They weren't nervous at all – quite friendly really, walked a few feet in front of us headed to the snowfield we'd just crossed. We headed up a ridge and could see Upper Cream Lake and the thousand-foot drop to the lower lake. What a bitch that was. Not only was the trail steep but we had to navigate through a tangle of blown down trees to arrive at the lake and billions of mosquitos. Found a camp site that wasn't too bad by the creek, still lots of bugs. Cooked dinner quickly (ramen and lentils) and retreated to the tent. Today was a tough day physically, my shoulders and feet hurt and I'm just plain tired. But there were beautiful views along the way and a better look at Ferry Basin and the next part of our route. Mac lost his ice axe somewhere in the tree tangle. Elev 4400'.

DAY 6: Cream Lake to Ferry Basin

Got up about 7.30, the fog that had been creeping up the Hoh Valley is now filling our camp, so things are a little damp. Got on the trail early before the mosquitos got too busy. Saw some bear scat on the trail. We found a place to cross the creek but had to take our boots off – talk about cold. Popsicle toes! Later, another creek to cross, Doug and Jon threw some rocks and logs in to improve the crossing, then up a steep ridge once we were on the other side. It wasn't much further, and we were in Ferry Basin. What a pretty spot. Patches of snow on the upper slopes, heather, wildflowers and streams running all over. Made camp about noon on a flat spot. Walked down and looked at a waterfall that has a 40 ft drop into a pool and continues down to a lower pool – named it Upper and Lower Cossa Falls. Didn't do much that afternoon. Lounged, played cards, took a nap. Went and had a bath in the little tarn below camp, a little chilly but very refreshing. The guys went & climbed an unnamed peak – now christened DeArmen Peak and scouted out the route to Mt Ferry for tomorrow's adventures. The weather was still good; a few clouds came into obscure Olympus but cleared up later. My first blister of the trip on my instep. Must be from all the downhill stuff yesterday. Elev 5260'.

DAY 7: Ferry Basin

Got up late. Dave left early to go to Mt Scott and Mac to Mt Pulitzer. I did laundry in the morning and left about 10 am. Our first stop is Mt DeArmen which we could see from camp, an easy scramble up with lots of sharp scree. From there up to Mt Ferry – tons of quartz in the rock and beautiful colors like what you'd see in raku pottery. We could see Mac's route up the snow slope on Pulitzer and later saw him straddling a big notch up near the summit. There are 3 summits on Mt Ferry (6195') and we stood on 2 of them. Jon took photos of us girls on one and everyone individually on the other which was much more jagged and spectacular. Could see Olympus in the background and the Hoh Glacier. We could see two lakes, so we went and took a closer look. Feeling just like Lewis & Clark, we have named the larger Lake Gillian, it's mostly frozen with a big bergschrund at the far end. Lake Deborah's water is really blue with lots of blue dimples on the ice shelf. Jon & Doug decided to skinny dip which they did, and we all got the chance to check out the family jewels. Nice asses too. Mac had met us up near the other summit on Ferry after coming down from Pulitzer (6283') via the Ferry-Pulitzer saddle, said the snow slope was pretty steep. He went back to camp from the lake, and we continued down to a glacial basin that looked very other worldly. The entire landscape was covered in snow with many streams running through it. Where the streams cut through the snow you could see glacial flour, it seemed very barren but as the slope increased ribbons of flowers were

revealed. There were many small pools and waterfalls, Stephen Peak is not far. This is really a very beautiful place. We returned to camp about 4 pm. Went down to the tarn, which was warm enough for a quick bath, then back up for a cocktail. A day outdoors at its finest. Dave got back about 5.30 from the summit of Mt Scott (5913'), and said it was a long way from camp. Peak #101. We are each cooking our own dinner tonight. I have couscous with veggies and Deb mashed pots and veggies and soup. Tried a couple of bites of Doug's chicken gumbo which is not bad for freeze dried. The weather is still warm and sunny – cool breezes throughout the day and a few high clouds in the afternoon but the pattern seems to be holding. Tomorrow Lone Tree Pass. Scabs are beginning to heal and fall off which is good.

DAY 8: Ferry Basin

Woke up surrounded by fog. Decided to wait and see what the weather would do. NOAA says there's a 20% chance of rain but that's coastal, we can't get the marine forecast anymore. If we head to Lone Tree, it could be windy and miserable. We went for a walk to see what we could scout out but saw only more fog and a very pretty waterfall with a pool at the base. The weather is still not clearing, just a few sucker holes. Into the tents to play hearts, read, nap. Hope tomorrow is better, we'll get up early and head to Queets Basin and the llamas. Dave is finding lots of crystals. Some are perfectly formed individuals and others in a cluster, they are just gorgeous.

DAY 9: Into Thin Air

Got up early and were on the trail by 7.30, the weather is still overcast and route finding slow. Dave has taken off and we think he's gone to Mt. Pulitzer. We're headed up a steep scree slope – Doug yells Rock! And I look up and know it's headed right for me. Do I try and move and maybe fall or try to duck behind the big rock I'm hanging on to? I choose to duck but can't hide behind the rock enough and it cracks me on the back of the head. Damn, that hurts! There's blood and gobs of it. Mac and Debb come back down to me and get me out of the way behind a tree – there are still rocks coming down. They get my head bandaged up and Debb gets more clothes on me while Mac headed up with the rope. I'm shaking like crazy. Sue gets a belay set up and I'm finally up the slope and very glad to be there. Doug is bawling and gives me a big hug, Debb yells at him and we all settle down and get going again. Visibility is still poor, but we managed to take a fairly direct route to Lone Tree Pass. Once there we debated, waiting for a break in the weather so we could see our route but that could take hours, so Doug scouts ahead while we wait. Visibility is about 100 ft, sometimes less. Got about a mile further and we had to stop again while the guys scouted the route. Seems like we waited for an hour before they got back. Mac has tried compass readings but there seems to be something in the rock that is messing with the compass. We continue onwards, upwards. Finally stopped about 8.30, we figured we were about half a mile from Bear Pass. Cleared out some tent sites among the rocks and got dinner going. The weather finally clears, and we can see everything. We aren't that far from the pass. It's like camping on top of the world with the peaks poking through the clouds. The guys did a great job route finding today. Doug gets the homing pigeon award. My head is feeling OK. I was expecting the worst headache – imagine your worst hangover and multiply by 10 but no, thanks to Nurse Susie the Motrin Queen and those horse pills of hers. Elev. 5940'

DAY 10:

The weather is still clear but a few cloudy patches. We've had heavy dew overnight, so we are drying out before we set off. The guys went and climbed a little peak and we finally got going about 10.45. About halfway to Bear Pass the clouds come down again and we are back on compass bearings. Took a break just below the pass and decide to go on down to Queets Basin as the weather is still a little iffy. Headed down to Rodwell-Dixon Pass and down the snow into the Elwha Basin. At the pass you can spit on one side and it's the Queets, the other the Elwha. Descended a long snow chute and dropped about 2000 ft. The chute narrowed and was filled with avalanche debris. Some of the snow was very uneven and at one point cracked open and you could see it was 20 ft deep. These are the headwaters of the Elwha. Eventually we reached the end of the snow, and you could see the river emerging. We were on the wrong side of the river so had to back up to cross. To get up into the Basin we had to bushwhack straight up the hill about 300 ft to the crest and then dropped down into it. A beautiful waterfall greeted us. Mt Meany and Mt Noyes are right there. About another 45 mins took us to the river which we crossed on a big log and found a nice campground with a fire ring. Set up camp, bathed, lit a fire, ate dinner, BS'd, rounded up all the liquor and drank it, BS'd some more. Tomorrow, we will meet the llamas.

DAY 11: To Hayes River

On the trail by 9 am. It's an easy flat trail and we're making good time about 2mph. We took a break at Happy Hollow and found Dave's name carved in the shelter for 3 different years. Had to talk Jon out of hitting a wasp nest. Stopped for lunch just beyond Camp Wilder. Doug says we are hiking to Gen. Stonewall Jackson's theory. Hike for 50 mins, break for 10, shoot the stragglers. So far everyone is keeping up. Jon is sure we have missed Kit as we are a day early and the rendezvous was Chicago Camp. Just as he's bemoaning our fate round the bend of the trail comes Kit with 4 llamas and her grandson, Ryan. We were happy to see her, and she turns round and heads back to Hayes River with us. For a 65-year-old lady she certainly sets a fair pace. We get into camp about 4 pm and find a big group camp by the river. Unloaded the llamas and retrieved our goodies. No Dave so we drank his beer. Got the charcoal going and grilled filet mignons (thanks Doug), garlic mash, salad, red wine. Chocolate brownie cake for dessert. Totally pigged out. We have so much food, it's ridiculous. There's an old trapper cabin by the river. Doug and Debb ran into a ranger who cross-examined them on peaks climbed and bear containers used (absolutely!)

DAY 12:

I am so tired of sleeping on the ground. I want my bed, a nice soft pillow and nothing poking me. Kit is taking out a bunch of gear and we have divided our stuff into "need today" and don't need for a while. All we are carrying are our packs, lunch and ice axes. Each llama can carry 80lbs, so we are taking full advantage. Their names are Primo, Hayden River and Hetti something or other – he's named after a tavern somewhere. The plan is to get to Lillian Camp. The trail is really flat, and we spend all morning trying to catch Kit. We met her at Rehmann's Cabin which is another trapper place and I'm surprised there is still glass in one window. We see a few trees along the trail where square blazes have been cut into them and a few old homestead sites. We pass the Elkhorn Ranger Station which is a pretty place. Could definitely spend the summer stationed here. Took another break at Mary Falls which suggests a waterfall but didn't see one. Doug takes another opportunity to skinny dip. I think the guys have decided to go all the way out but are keeping it quiet for now. Next stop is Lillian Camp and Jon is off like a heat seeking missile trying to catch Kit. We have crossed some new bridges along the way, 2 small and 1 large, they are good and sturdy looking and still have a fresh wood look to them. There's about 800 ft elevation before Lillian and it's hot and dusty. I'm looking forward to stopping, my feet ache. There's a 3 ft tall pine drop just off trail – never seen one that tall. At Lillian Camp the only site left is under the bear wire – Western Technology Assoc have taken over with lots of young people doing tests and surveys, so we press on assured that the trail is flat and downhill. Liars. There's a definite uphill after the burned area. Finally, finally the end of the trail is in sight. HOORAY!! We have done it!! Kit's son and granddaughter are there with the next llama crew. We pile all our gear into the back of her pickup and she drops us at the Ranger Station where we meet Mac and Jon. Quick clean up and pizza at Gordy's in Pt Angeles. Long hot shower and bed by 11.30. Bliss.

Epilogue:

What a great trip. Prior to this the longest backpack I'd been on was 2 days so I was definitely a little nervous and knew it would be challenging. We'd had a couple of planning meetings beforehand, and everyone was very willing to share tips on what to take as far as gear and food, and in loaning gear too. We were really lucky with the weather, and the whiteout and knocks and bumps just added to the adventure. This was a great group of people to do with, we all got along and still liked each other at the end of the trip. I'd go anywhere with this crew again. Thanks guys.

Next month: How to Choose Cross Country Ski Gear

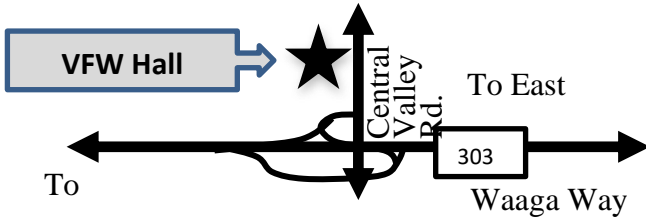
Club News

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 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall at 9981 Central Valley Road in Bremerton WA.



WELCOME FRIENDS!!! 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 who share your interests. However, to really get to know us – come to a potluck or go on an outing with us!

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, or fill out the form on our website, or email or call the info to our Calendar Editor, Christine Plepys, at c_plepys@yahoo.com and 859-240-2704 or Emily Grice at emilykgrice@gmail.com and 206-842-7883, or to our Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at pwadmin@pwckitsap.org and 360-307-0037.

We Need Your House!

The club's Monthly Activities Planning (MAP) meetings and potluck dinners are held at a member's home. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the Calendar Editor, Emily Grice at emilykgrice@gmail.com or 206-842-7883.

PENWICLE Submissions

Email your PENWICLE submission by the deadline to ensure it is included 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 the Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at pwadmin@pwckitsap.org*

Your Trip Photos Wanted!

Do you have some great PWC trip pictures you'd like to share? 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 Dropbox manager, to find out how!

Club Business

Email, Address or Phone Number Changes

Send changes to the PWC Treasurer, Marti Howard at:

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

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):

- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock, <http://www.ajaxcafe.com/>
- Back of Beyond, Bainbridge Is., <http://www.tothebackofbeyond.com>
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend <http://www.commandersbeachhouse.com/>
- Wilderness and The Gear Stash, Bainbridge Island <http://wildernessoutdoorstore.com>
- Olympic Outdoor Center, Port Gamble <http://www.olympicoutdoorcenter.com/>
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo, <http://www.poulsborunning.com>
- The Quick Fix, Port Orchard, cmountaindave@aol.com and 360-871-5577

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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, snowshoeing, 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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