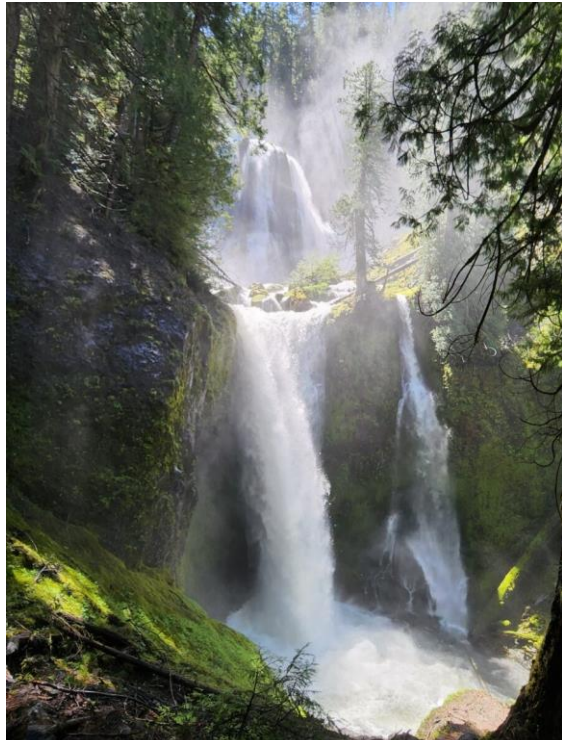


The PWC Presents: Day Hiking Columbia River Gorge with Craig Romano

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
VFW Post 4992
9981 Central Valley Road
Bremerton, WA 98311

Come hike the Columbia River Gorge with award winning guidebook author, Craig Romano. Drawing from his new release, Day Hiking Columbia River Gorge second edition, Craig will be sharing tales from the trails from Washington's Silver Star Scenic Area to Oregon's Cottonwood Canyon State Park. The new second edition is updated and greatly expanded including more than 35 new destinations for a total of 125 hikes. Many of the new additions are trails less traveled and not covered in other guides. Craig will be covering trails in the Yacolt Burn State Forest, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Trapper Creek Wilderness, Monte Cristo-Monte Carlo Area, and several state parks, trails and preserves on the eastern flank of the Gorge.

Craig Romano is a prolific outdoors writer having authored more than 25 books. He has hiked more than 33,000 miles in Washington State alone and is an avid ultra-runner having recently completed the challenging Cuyamaca 100K Adventure Run. Visit him at CraigRomano.com and on Facebook at "Craig Romano Guidebook Author."



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, May 8, 2024, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
 Host: Jill Hawes
 Phone: 360-277-6790; E-mail: hikerjill1@hotmail.com
 Help schedule PWC events and outings, and discuss club business. All are invited. BYOB and snacks to share are always welcome.

Monthly Potluck

Friday, April 19, 2024, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
 Host: Doug Terry
 Phone: 360-550-7911; E-mail: 672terry@gmail.com
 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.

	Weekly Hike (every Wednesday)	Emily Grice	206-669-0817	emilykgrice@gmail.com
	Green Mountain Hike and Social (every Thursday)	Various Sponsors		
4/23/2024	Hike the Lower Big Quilcene River Trail	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
4/27/2024	Copper Mountain	John Howard	360-516-0222	howiejm60@gmail.com
5/4/2024	Cunningham Pass Backpack/Scramble	John Howard	360-516-0222	howiejm60@gmail.com
5/8/2024	MAP Meeting	Jill Hawes	360-277-6790	hikerjill1@hotmail.com
5/11/2024	Camp Muir	John Howard	360-516-0222	howiejm60@gmail.com
5/12/2024	Climb Mt St Helens on Mother's Day	Doug Savage	360-994-0003	thehiker@comcast.net
5/18/2024	Hike Dosewallips River Road	Erin Hennings	360-621-6961	erinhennings@yahoo.com
5/18/2024	Elk Lake	Emily Grice	206-669-0817	emilykgrice@gmail.com
5/18/2024	Monthly Potluck	Emily Grice	206-669-0817	emilykgrice@gmail.com
5/19/2024	Ranger Hole/Murhut Falls/Interorrem Nature Trail Hikes	John and Anna Marie Jurgens	360-876-3554	annamarieljurgens@msn.com
5/22/2024	Bike the Palouse-Cascade State Park Trail (Columbia River to Tekoa ID)	Brian Hawkins	360-362-3026	akflyer130@gmail.com

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!*

Please ensure that you update the events calendar on the PWC website within one week after the MAP Meeting. Thank you.

PWC Logo Project

The club is soliciting new logo designs. This new logo would not replace the current logo, but would give members a design choice on future apparel orders, etc. The current logo was created in 2018 and is shown below.

Please submit your idea by June 30th to truettdupuis@gmail.com. The board will select the top 3 designs which will be voted on at the annual PWC picnic on July 10.



Pack & Paddle

Pack & Paddle was never affiliated with the Peninsula Wilderness Club, but they were local, and more than a couple of our members had stories and images printed in its pages. Published across the water from Bremerton in Port Orchard by editor Ann Marshall, Pack and Paddle had a good run in the 1990s and was well regarded in the local hiking community. Recently, PWC member C. Mecklenburg (who also goes by the name 'Reststep' in some circles) loaned the club his library of Pack & Paddle and we felt compelled to scan and save this local treasure for all to enjoy.

If you have some issues that are missing from our library and are willing to share, please reach out to us so we can include them there.

Be a PWC Host - who me? yes, you!

MAP meetings only need seating for about 6 to 12, and Potlucks...FUN potlucks are another matter! You will need to provide a dessert (does not have to be your own making) as well as plates/utensils/beverage cups for an average of 15 people. Now, is that asking too much? Enjoy having like-minded folks at your house. Contact Emily Grice @ (206) 669-0817.



Tony and Bob's Sunshine planned trips for 2024:

Bell Bay FS campground ID: Group site 14 Jun - 17 Jun
Calado RV park ID: Jun 18 - 20
Lava Lakes FS campground OR: Jul 20 - 27
Upper Payette Lake State Park Group site ID: Aug 28 – Sep 4
Hill City (rent VRBO home) (10 people) SD: SEP date TBD
Steamboat Rock/Curlew Lake/Lincoln Rock State Park WA: Oct 6 - 26

For further information, call Tony (360) 328-8821 or Bob (253) 719-3098.



Backpacking recipes!

Do you have a favorite backpacking recipe that you'd like to share and have published in the Penwicle? If so, please send to Marg8733@comcast.net.



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.

High Hut: High Hut is perched on a ridge top at 4,760 feet, offering a spectacular 360° view of Mount Rainier, Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens. This is a strenuous 4-mile hike on a sustained moderate to steep grade trail. (skimtta.org)



Photos by Sue DeArman, Yolanda Kwek, and Stevo Pavkovic

MRTC Big Creek: There were several trees down and some brush on the Big Creek trail and BCLT.



Photos by John Jurgens

Dosewallips River Road Hike: The Dosewallips River Road is the gateway to the eastern Olympic Mountains and it penetrates one of the deepest canyons in Olympic National Park. Now closed to vehicles, the old road bed allows hikers to explore true wilderness at a gentle grade. Backpackers, peak baggers, and horseback riders take advantage of the easy access to the trails beyond the road's end. (wta.org)



Photos by Doug Terry

Dungeness Spit: 11 miles roundtrip, elevation gain 150 ft. This narrow strip of land just east of Port Angeles in the Strait of Juan de Fuca is a gorgeous place to explore miles upon miles of sandy beach, spy shorebirds wheeling, and even get a little shot of greenery at the beginning and end of your trip. (wta.org)



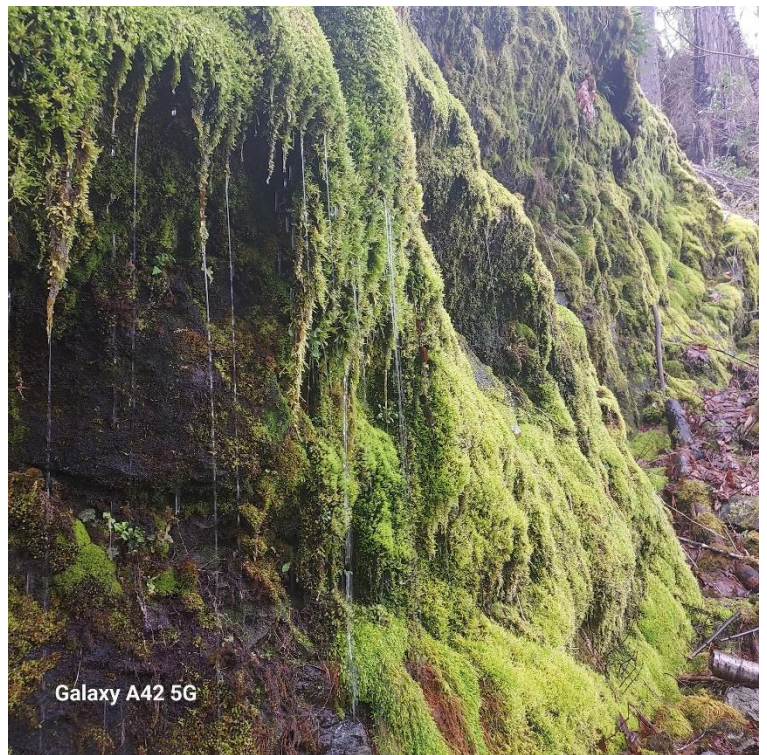
Photos by Jill Hawes

Arizona Trail (AZT)Section: The Arizona National Scenic Trail is a complete non-motorized path from Mexico to Utah, stretching 800 diverse miles across Arizona to link deserts, mountains, canyons, forests, history, communities and diverse peoples. (aztrail.org)



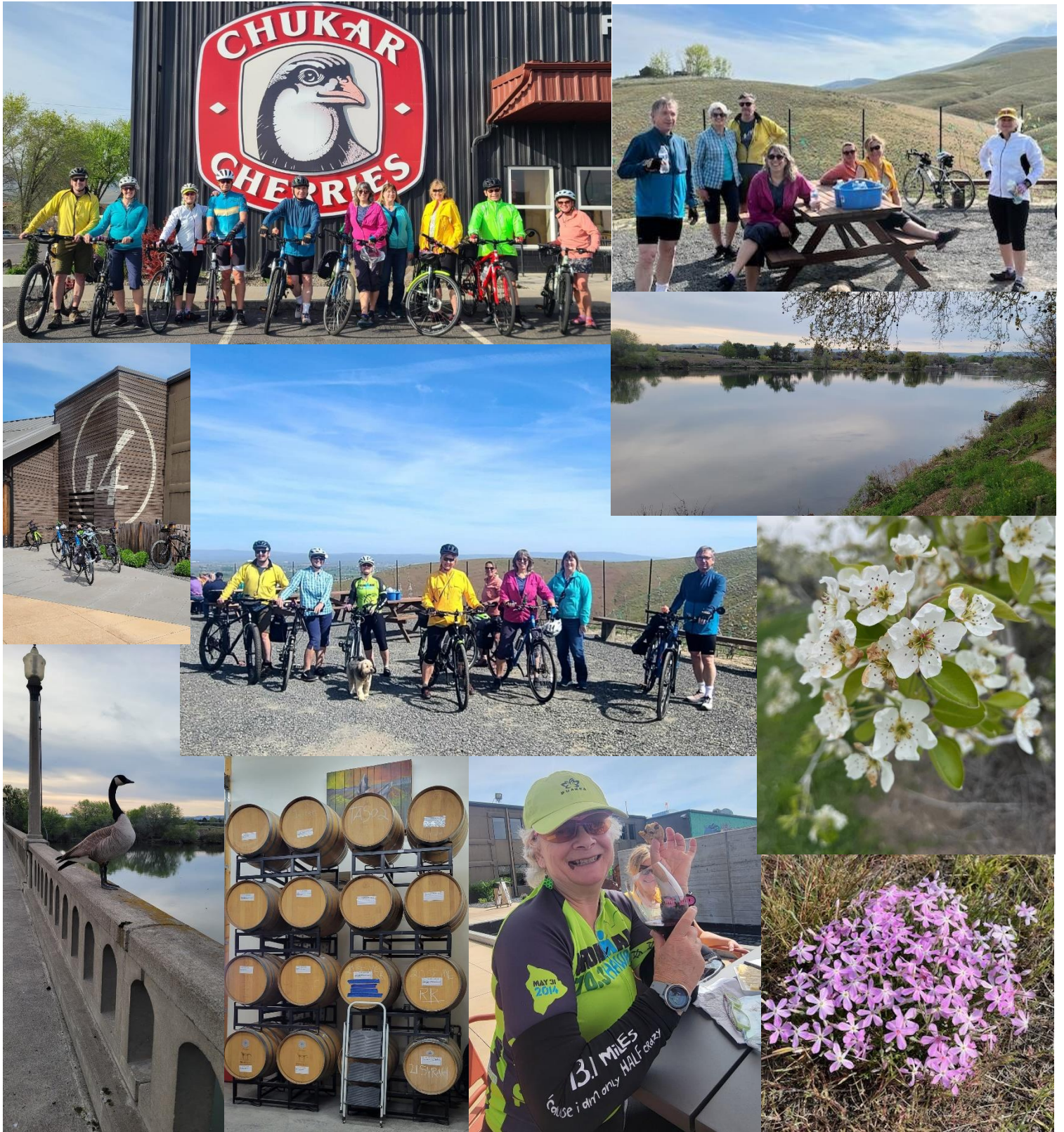
Photos by Brian Hawkins and John

Duckabush to 5 Mile Camp: 9.5 miles roundtrip, elevation gain 2,709 ft. This is a very popular area for backpacking, birding, and camping, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are March through October. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash. Hikers of the Duckabush River Trail to Five Mile Camp in Brinnon, Washington have recently reported on excellent trail conditions with minimal obstacles like blowdowns. Some reviewers noted a few large fallen trees around the 4-mile mark and stream crossings that required care. The trail is well-maintained with beautiful views and small waterfalls on mossy rocks. Road to the trailhead has potholes but is manageable. Typically, in April, the area may still have some snow at higher elevations, but trails are generally clear for hiking. (alltrails.com)



Photos by Jill Hawes

Prosser Bike Ride: Weather was excellent! Rode 13.4 miles. Nestled in wine country, Prosser is a small town with lots of character and flavor! Situated among lush agricultural landscapes, it's become a premier destination for wine lovers. It is also home to several unique festivals and events throughout the year, from the Prosser Balloon Rally to the Beer & Whiskey festival. Make time to explore the beautifully preserved, turn-of-the-century architecture in Historic Downtown Prosser. (visityakima.com)



Photos by Margaret Poshusta, Barbra Savage, and Mary Tevault

Passes and Permits for Hiking (wta.org)

Passes and permits are a reality of hiking in Washington, and though they serve two different purposes, they both exist to ensure a quality experience when hiking and recreating in the outdoors. Passes allow you to park at a trailhead or drive into a national park, while permits are used to help manage camping quotas in the backcountry or visitor ship to wilderness areas.

Below is a list of recreation passes you'll need to visit national parks and forests and state lands.

NATIONAL PARK PASS:



A pass is required to visit Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks, home to some of the most iconic trails in Washington, like the Wonderland Trail.

You can purchase these at national park entrances, or online. If you get a pass online, please print your pass and be prepared to show your hard copy pass at park entrance stations.

Pass Details

Vehicles are required to have a pass to enter a national park. Below are the various types of available passes. You will only need ONE of the below options.

- **Entrance fee: \$30/car; \$15/person walk-in or bike-in; \$25/motorcycle.** Required at Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks. Good for seven days. There is no entrance fee to enter North Cascades National Park.
- **Annual pass: \$55.** Provides entrance for a year to either Olympic or Mount Rainier National Park. This pass is only good at the park where it was purchased.
- **America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass: \$80.** Also called the America the Beautiful pass. Provides entrance to any national park, national forest or other federal site charging fees for one year. Purchase at the park or online
- **Interagency Senior Pass: \$20 for an annual pass, \$80 for a lifetime pass. Four annual senior passes can be traded in for a lifetime senior pass at no charge.** The lifetime pass that is honored nationwide at any federal site charging entrance fees. Visitors 62 and older are eligible for a senior pass.
- **Annual Pass – Military: Free.** The Military Pass provides free access to federal land for all military personnel, veterans, and Gold Star Family members and their dependents.
- **Interagency Access Pass/America the Beautiful Access Pass: Free.** Those with permanent disabilities may be eligible for a lifetime pass that is honored nationwide. There is a one-time \$10 fee to apply for this pass.

In 2024, Mount Rainier began requiring reservations for most vehicles to enter the park. These are \$2 per reservation, can be made in advance on [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) and are required in addition to one of the entrance passes listed above.

Wilderness Permits. If you plan to backpack in a National Park or monument, you will likely need to secure a wilderness permit. Check individual park sites for information about how to get your permit.

NORTHWEST FOREST PASS:



National Forest trailheads in Washington and Oregon with facilities (toilet, picnic table, etc.) require this pass. This includes most trailheads in the Cascades and Olympics, including iconic trails like Snow Lake.

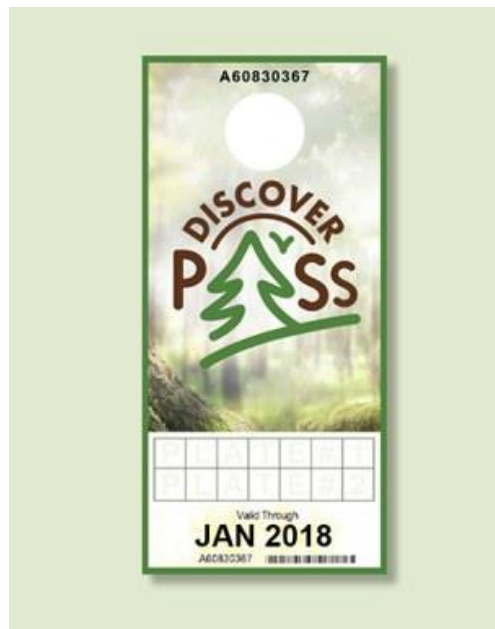
Pass Details

All National Forest trailheads in Washington and Oregon with facilities (toilet, picnic table, etc.) are required to have a pass to park. This includes most trailheads in the Cascades and Olympics. Below are the various types of available passes. You will only need ONE of the below options.

- **National Forest Recreation Day Pass and ePass: \$5/car.** Allows you to park at trailheads for one day. You can purchase several day passes ahead of time and write the dates on them as you use them. The pass is available at National Forest offices and visitor centers or via private vendors. You can also buy the day pass (called an ePass) online and print it at home.
- **Northwest Forest Pass: \$30.** An annual pass honored at all Forest Service day-use or entrance fee sites in Washington and Oregon. The pass is available at National Forest offices and visitor centers, via private vendors or online.
- **America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass: \$80.** This pass provides entrance to all Forest Service, national park and other federal site charging fees for one year. Purchase at a National Forest office or online.
- **Interagency Senior Pass: \$20 for an annual pass, \$80 for a lifetime pass. Four annual senior passes can be traded in for a lifetime senior pass at no charge.** The lifetime pass that is honored nationwide at any federal site charging entrance fees. Visitors 62 and older are eligible for a senior pass.
- **Annual Pass - Military: Free.** The Military Pass provides free access to federal land for all military personnel, veterans, and Gold Star Family members and their dependents.
- **Mount St. Helens National Monument:** Mount St. Helens, managed by the USFS, charges on a per-person fee basis. Entry to the Coldwater or Johnson Ridge sites are \$8 per person for those 16 and older (free for kids). They will honor Interagency Annual and Senior passes for named pass-holders, and a Northwest Forest Pass will gain entry for one person.

Wilderness permits: To backpack or overnight camp in some delicate or popular places, like the Enchantments in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest or the Mount Margaret backcountry camps at Mount St. Helens you will need to secure a wilderness permit.

DISCOVER PASS:



The Discover Pass is required for Washington State Parks, Department of Natural Resources lands and Department of Fish and Wildlife trailheads. This includes campgrounds, parks, wildlife areas, trails, natural areas, wilderness areas and water access points.

Pass Details

The Discover Pass is required if you will park at **Washington State Parks, Department of Natural Resources lands and Department of Fish and Wildlife trailheads**. This includes campgrounds, parks, wildlife areas, trails, natural areas, wilderness areas and water access points. Find a shop near you that sells them or you can borrow Discover Passes through your local library.

- **Discover Pass Day Pass: \$10/car.** Allows visitors to park at state recreation lands for one day.
- **Discover Pass Annual Pass: \$30.** Allows visitors to park on state recreation lands for one year from issue. Hikers can purchase the Discover Pass at state parks, when renewing car tabs, online through Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's automated system and in person at the 600 retail locations that currently sell hunting and fishing licenses. If using a retail outlet or the online service, passes will be subject to a \$5 upcharge. Day passes have a \$1.50 upcharge. Staffed state parks and unstaffed payment stations (like the one at Wallace Falls parking lot) sell the Discover Pass at face-value. The Discover Pass transferable between two cars.
- **Fish and Wildlife Vehicle Use Permit/Vehicle Access Pass (VAP).** Previously available for purchase, this complimentary VAP is provided to those who purchase hunting and fishing licenses. This pass only provides access to WDFW lands.
- **Washington State Parks Car Tab renewal donation.** We encourage you to continue to donate \$5 to State Parks when renewing your annual vehicle license tabs. However, this is not the same as the Discover Pass.

OTHER PASSES:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Lands

Many of Washington's National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) including Nisqually, Dungeness and Ridgefield NWRs — require a recreation pass as well. The fee is usually \$3 per family (\$15 annually) payable at the visitor center or trailhead. They also accept the Interagency Annual, Access and Senior passes, as well as the Federal Duck Stamp pass.

Winter Recreation – Washington Sno-Parks

Washington's Sno-Park Permits allow you to park at plowed lots accessible to groomed and backcountry trails. Get the permits online, then look for your nearest non-motorized Sno-Park.

- **Day Permits:** \$25/day. Day Permits are valid at any Sno-Park location, including Special Groomed Trail locations,* until midnight of the purchase date.
- **Seasonal Permits:** \$50/season. Seasonal Permits are valid at all Sno-Park locations EXCEPT those designated as Special Groomed Trail locations. If you know you'll be going out two or more times, buy the Seasonal Permit.
- **Special Groomed Trails Permits:** \$70/season add-on. This optional add-on to the Seasonal Permit allows you to park at Cabin Creek, Chiwawa, Crystal Springs, Hyak, Lake Easton, Lake Wenatchee, Mount Spokane and Nason Ridge where trails are groomed for cross-country skiers.
- **Seasonal Non-Motorized Permit/Special Groomed Sticker Combo: \$120.** This provides the same price and access as purchasing the Seasonal Permit and the Special Groomed Trails Permits separately, you just have to do one transaction!

Sno-Park permits can be purchased online starting November 1st, or for an extra \$2, at a number of locations statewide.

WHY PASSES?

Funding for public lands has dwindled in recent decades, and passes like the Discover Pass and Northwest Forest Pass, are one way land managers try to make up some of the difference. But you may wonder: Where does the money go?

It may not make sense that fees are necessary to enjoy Washington's parks and forests. But much of the work done on trails and campgrounds is invisible — for example, your pass funds employ backcountry rangers and trail crews who you may not see when you visit. But they empty the garbage at trailheads and campsites, build new bridges and clear trails. They also replace vandalized signs and improve signs worn illegible by time. In short, they help get you where you'd like to go.

Passes, while a critical part of funding can pose barriers to everyone getting outside. That's why most land management agencies offer fee-free days.

WHY PERMITS?

Backcountry (or wilderness) permits, like those issued in national parks or wilderness quota areas like the Enchantments, serve a different purpose. Permits are a way of regulating the amount of foot traffic in fragile environments that can only handle so much use before they begin to erode. Permits are intended not only preserve the environment but also the hiking experience. This allows you to immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of nature—without being overrun with crowds.

Some of these permits are free, while others come with small fees. Some are seasonal, and others are required year-round. Permits can be confusing and difficult to secure, but in the end, they serve a valuable purpose.

Next month: Backpacking Food Ideas

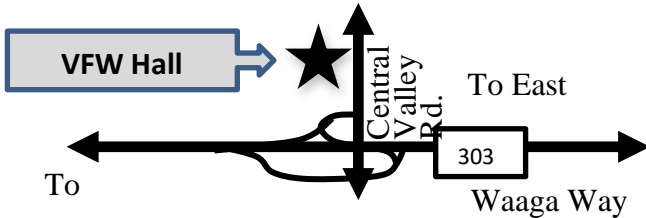
Club News

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 206-669-0817, or to our Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at pwcadmin@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 206-669-0817.

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 pwcadmin@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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