

Peninsula

PENINSULA WILDERNESS CLUB EVENTS

June 1991

PWC meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Kitsap Unitarian Fellowship Church on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

NEXT MEETING JUNE 10TH

For the June meeting, PWC member Linda Bothwell will be showing slides on various trips she has taken in the Navajo Sandstone country of Northern Arizona and Southern Utah. The areas covered include the side canyons of Lake Powell in the Glen Canyon National Recreational Area.

Upcoming Events

Tubal Cain Mine Trail

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH: Brian Schladetzky will be taking a day hike to Tubal Cain Mine with a side trip to Tull Canyon. The hike is 3.6 miles to the mine with only a 1000 foot elevation gain. The trail to Tull Canyon is steep but less than a mile. Call Brian at 698-1410 if interested in joining this interesting and scenic hike.

Shi Shi Beach Clean-up

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH: Join the Sierra Club in its annual clean-up of Shi Shi Beach in the Olympic National Park. Meet at Lake Ozette Campground. Call Harry Wilson at 479-1322 for more details.

Dirty Face Ridge Trail

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH: Join Joe Weigel for a day hike on the Dirty Face Ridge route up Mount Townsend. The trail, steep in places, climbs 3000 feet in less than 4 miles. Call Joe at 871-0291 if interested.

Tunnel Creek Hike

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND: John Knott will be taking a 7.3 mile day hike on the Tunnel Creek Trail in the Olympics. The trip will include a 2500 foot gain to the ridge and a 4500 foot drop to the Dosewallips river. PWCers are welcome to join on the hike. If interested, call John at 478-0476.

PWC Picnic

MONDAY, JULY 8TH: The annual PWC picnic will be held at Scenic Beach State Park this year. Mark your calendar for this special event. The picnic will take the place of our monthly meeting in July.

Mount Adams Climb

WEEKEND OF JULY 13TH - 14TH: Doug Savage will be climbing Mount Adams via the Dog Route. PWCers with basic mountaineering skills are welcome to join the climb. Call Doug at 692-2277 for details.

Tramping in New Zealand

By Alice Savage

In New Zealand one does not hike on trails, you tramp on tracks. In March I did just that after landing in Christchurch on the South Island. Our group of 8 backpackers and 8 dayhikers were met by Alan, an imposing 6'5" man with blond hair pulled back in a pony tail. As owner and operator of New Zealand Travelers, Alan would guide us on a 3 week tour of the back country of the South Island. He had two assistants, Robert, a humorous fellow, and Ann who always cheerfully answered our many questions. We became very fond of our three tour leaders.

Our first night was in a motel in Christchurch. In the morning we were off in two vans, each pulling a trailer with our gear and food supplies. No freeways here, only two lane roads with one-way bridges crossing the countless rivers and streams pouring down from the Southern Alps.

We stopped for the night in a small town called Hammer Springs and had a good soak in the thermal springs. The next morning we prepared our backpacks for a 5-day trek on the St. James Walkway which runs through sub-alpine areas, beech forests, and river valleys. Cairns and markers indicate the route. Huts are located throughout the track where trampers can spend the night.

The dayhikers accompanied us to the trailhead where Robert took them for their own walk, and Alan and Ann headed out with us. We waded through several streams and then came to a suspension bridge, the first of many we would encounter. It was quite a thrill crossing this bridge constructed entirely of heavy wire and quite high above the river. We could look through the cables and see the rushing water below.

Our first night's hut was a wooden structure

built with sweeping views of the river and a wide grassy valley where cattle grazed. It had space for cooking and one end with bunks which looked like huge shelves. The foam sleeping pads were quite comfortable. A huge tank outside caught rainwater from the roof.

There were no poisonous snakes or insects but there was one tiny insect called a sandfly which can make life quite miserable. We were not aware of it until we started itching. I had taken off my wet boots and socks at the hut and soon my ankles were covered with bites. I kept covered from then on but they still got me.

I left the hut before sunrise and watched the sun come up over the huge valley of golden grass touched with frost. Although freezing at night, temperatures were in the 70's during the day. The track lead over 3,273 foot Ada Pass then through a river valley with high peaks on one side.

Everyone walked at their own pace and I was often alone. It was peaceful and I enjoyed the solitude. Horses and cattle grazed along the track and Canadian geese were feeding at a small lake. Eight miles brought us to our next hut. Our feet were always wet and some got blisters. We dried our boots overnight by the woodstove.

The third day we passed St. James Station House where a crusty 72 year old man lived. Alan had previously visited him with a gallon of gin to get permission to bring groups through his property. We crossed another suspension bridge and hiked nine miles that day.

Day four gave us more of a workout with nine miles of rugged up and down including 3,726 foot Anne Saddle. With summer almost gone

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there were not many flowers, but I did find a white star-shaped harebell. After walking out the last day we had covered a total of forty miles. Our trek gave us a good look at the back country.

Ann drove us to a hot springs and later we were treated to a restaurant meal of venison. Joining the dayhikers, we headed for the north end of the island where we spent three nights with local Kiwi families. Catherine (my roommate) and I found ourselves in the home of John and Shirley Reid and their teenage son and daughter. They made us feel right at home. The house was on two acres, but their only livestock was a small white donkey who begged to be petted. One evening Alan had the group to his home for a fresh fish dinner.

Next we explored Abel Tasman National Park. A boat ride up the coast and then a two hour walk brought us to our campsite. We were in rain forest with huge tree ferns. It was quite windy and rainy. We got wet but it was warm and the rain finally stopped. The next day's walk was a long fourteen miles. I was dragging when I finally reached our van.

We spent one last night with our New Zealand hosts and then headed for the ocean. It was a rugged area much like the Oregon Coast. We spent the night in a town called Hokitika and after dark saw glowworms under a nearby overhanging bank. It was like looking up at a thousand miniature stars.

Traveling down the west side of the Southern Alps we stopped at Franz Josef Village. Here three of us took a plane ride around the mountains, including New Zealand's tallest, 12,349 foot Mt. Cook. We landed on a 7,000 foot glacier. It was

breathtaking. Later we walked to the lower end of the Franz Josef Glacier.

On our next trek we spent two nights in an attractive stone hut with a large fireplace. Fortunately we arrived early to stake out our beds as backpackers kept flocking in. Twenty five people spent the night and there were bodies everywhere. We had our choice of day walks so in the morning I continued up the valley to look for flowers and wildlife. There were fewer people in the hut the second night making easier for cooking and eating and just having more room.

After tramping out, we drove to Queenstown near the south end of the Island. Here we went by boat through a fiord with huge waterfalls. The boat stuck its bow right under one of them. The misty weather enhanced the beauty of this place.

Next we drove to a 200 foot high bridge over the Kawarau River where we were invited to go bungee jumping. A viewing platform was situated where we could see all the action. That's as far as I went, although two from our group did the jump. Tied by their ankles to a long bungee cord, they bounced up and down and when they stopped, were lowered into a rubber raft and taken to shore. Penny, 35 and Brad, 65 were on a big "high" the rest of the day.

The last two nights were spent in the shearers quarters on a large sheep station. We took a beautiful day hike near the base of Mt. Cook. The next day we said good-bye to the group at the airport. I stayed one more week to see part of the North Island such as the thermal areas in Rotorua and the Waitomo Glowworm Caves.

I ended my stay in the Bay of Islands on the north end of the Island. A lovely sunny place, it had green hills, forests, and sandy beaches.

Excretion with Discretion

By Judy Guttormsen

Birds do it. Bees do it. We all do do it, and that can be a problem in the great outdoors. More and more recreationists are "going outside" and creating nasty situations in many areas with no facilities. In some areas the number of people using the land has exceeded its capacity to do away with their leavings. Not long ago it was possible to drink from streams without concern, now one must treat water because of the possibility of contracting Giardia or other diseases. Giardia is spread through fecal deposits in or near waterways and was uncommon prior to the 1970s. So when muscling through the great out-of-doors it is now necessary to excrete properly, a matter of manners and environmental concern. Here is the how-to information garnered from "How to Shit in the Woods" by Kathleen Meyer.

NO. 1 Urine is relatively sterile and evaporates, however concentrations can become rank. Choose a location well away from high use areas such as trails and campsites. So be a good fellow and be mellow when you yellow.

NO. 2 Locations for defecation need to be chosen with more care than for urination. Feces of our species must be buried. Most backpackers carry a light weight plastic garden trowel for digging holes. Dig a hole between six to eight inches deep; the micro-organisms that decompose this material are most numerous at this level of soil. Location should be above and at least 150 feet away from all high water lines for any body of water or intermittent drainages. Try to find a dry to somewhat moist area safe from venomous snakes, bees, ants, poisonous or sticky plants and public view. Locate all holes well away from camp, trails or other high use areas. When traveling in alpine areas or areas of parched and dry soils security of the hole is

most important as there are few beasties living in the soil to decompose feces. It may be wiser to pack it out to a situation better for disposal such as a toilet or trailer sewage dump station. When winter camping in deep snowpack or undiggable frozen soil this is always the case, unpleasant as it sounds. Make sure fecal material is in a secure container and use the weather to freeze the feces before placing the container in your pack. (Writer's Note: When answering the call of nature on skis, make sure your balance is good or beware the end results.)

NO.3 Toilet paper and all other items of toiletry should be packed out. Do not leave it in the hole and don't burn it unless conditions for forest fire are impossible.

As our wild lands decrease and the solitude seeking hordes increase use of these lands, packing it out may be the ultimate solution. The more we regulate our actions the less policing and restrictions managing agencies will have to employ. So for now let's all be careful and wholesome in our outdoor ventures.

Check Trail and Road Conditions

Trail and road damage caused by winter storms and fall floods are causing quite a problem for hikers. Precautions must be taken when crossing streams that no longer have bridges or slopes that have trails washed out. Reaching the trailhead even becomes a problem because of closed roads. Always check trail and road conditions before leaving home. You may find that the trailhead can't be reached, or streams are too dangerous to cross. Be prepared to choose an alternate route if needed. Report trail damage at the nearest ranger station.

► road report

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HERE'S A LISTING OF ROADS THAT WE KNOW TO BE WASHED OUT, DAMAGED, AND/OR CLOSED. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE ROADS THAT ARE SIMPLY CLOSED BY SNOWPACK (unless we thought you needed reminding, as in Obstruction Point and Harts Pass). USE THIS INFORMATION AS A STARTING POINT AND CHECK ON CURRENT CONDITIONS BEFORE YOU GO—BECAUSE A ROAD LISTED HERE MAY BE OPENED BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, AND A ROAD NOT LISTED HERE MAY HAVE BEEN WASHED OUT IN YESTERDAY'S SNOWMELT.—Ann Marshall

road name & number	closed	trails affected/comments
► OLYMPICS		
Highway 112	closed between Port Angeles and Pysht River.	No access to several campgrounds and rec areas along Strait. Hikers heading for Ozette must use Highway 101 by way of Lake Crescent and Sappho.
old Portage Head road	sections 7 & 18, R15W T33N	No access to Shi Shi Beach from Neah Bay. Closed by Makah Nation due to expired right-of-way. May re-open when legal problems are solved.
Dosewallips Road 2610	gated at Park boundary due to snowpack; tentatively scheduled to open May 15.	extensive reconstruction on the Forest Service portion through June 1; expect 2-hour delays on weekdays and 30-minute delays on weekends.
Deer Park Road	Closed by snow about 6 miles up; will open as snow melts.	
Obstruction Point Road	Closed by snow.	Closed at Hurricane Ridge. Road usually doesn't open until end of July or early August.
► WESTSIDE CASCADES, North to South		
Canyon Creek Road 31	Washed out at 5½ miles.	Damfino Lakes and Canyon Ridge Road & trail.
Deadhorse Road 37	Washed out 12½ miles.	Does not affect Skyline Divide.
Glacier Creek Road 39	Closed at 1¼ miles.	Coleman Glacier route; Heliotrope Ridge.
Twin Lakes Road 3065	Washed out at 3¼ miles.	Yellow Aster Butte; Tomyhoi Lakes; Twin Lakes; routes to Mount Larrabee and The Pleiades.
Middle Fork Nooksack 38	Closed at 5 miles; rockslide.	
Finney-Cumberland Road 17	Several washouts.	Gee Point.
Jackman Road 14	Closed at 3 miles.	
Illabot Creek Road 16	Washed-out between 17½ and 19 miles.	Otter and Slide Lakes; route to Mount Chaval.
Cascade River Road 15	Major washouts; road doesn't exist at Sibley Creek.	Kindy Creek; Found Lakes; Hidden Lake Peak; South Fork Cascade River; Boston Basin; Cascade Pass; climbing routes to Eldorado, Torment, Forbidden, Sahale, and Ptarmigan Traverse.
Tenas Creek Road 2660	Closed at 3 miles.	Bridge out; will be repaired in 1992. Effects Boulder Lk.
Suiattle River Road 26	Closed at 13 miles; washout.	Now a nice walk of a couple of miles to Buck Creek Campground. Affects Hurricane Peak, Green Mountain, Downey Creek, Sulphur Mountain, Suiattle River, Image Lake, and Milk Creek trails; and routes to Ptarmigan Traverse, Bath Lakes, Lime Ridge.
South Suiattle Road 25	Washout.	Circle Peak.
French Creek Road 2010	Washout just before trailhead.	Still room to park for Boulder River trail.
Monte Cristo Road	Gated at Barlow Pass.	Has been closed for years due to flood damage. Now a great corridor for easy walking and bicycle riding.
Squire Creek Road 2040	Washout 1 mile from trailhead.	Squire Creek Pass from north.
North Fk Skykomish/Beckler River	Washouts.	Blanca Lake; West Cady Ridge; Quartz Creek; N Fk Skykomish; Fortune Ponds.
Miller River Road 6410	Washouts, downed trees.	Lake Dorothy.
Foss River Road 68	Bridge washed out.	West Fork trail closed; East Fork may be hikeable.
Tonga Ridge Road 6830	Washouts.	Scheduled for repair early in season.

North Fork Snoqualmie Road 5730	Washout at Lennox Creek bridge.	Mount Phelps; McClain Peaks.
Middle Fork Snoqualmie Road 56	Closed at MP 9.	Just upstream of Pratt River.
Mason Lake Road 9031	Closed by washouts.	Mason Lake.
Garcia Road 9020	Washed out east of Harris Creek.	
Lennox Creek Road 57	Closed at Lennox Creek Bridge.	Bare Mountain; Bear Creek.
Lookout Point 9030	Closed by washouts.	Talapus Lake.
Viola Creek Road 7430	Closed by washout.	Clear West Peak.
Martin Gap Road 7460	Closed by washout.	Clearwater Wilderness, east access.
West Side Road (Rainier NP)	Closed 3 miles up.	Severe washouts. Closed all season. Affects Gobblers Knob, Mirror Lake, Saint Andrews Park, Klapatche Ridge, Sunset Park.
Stevens Canyon Road (Rainier NP)	Closed between Paradise and Box Canyon.	Washout below the Bench Lake turn. Park plans to repair and reopen road by end of June.
Canyon Creek/Wind River Road 54	Winter damage.	Crews are working to open as soon as possible. This is a major cross-forest access for Siouxs Creek, Horseshoe Ridge, and Trapper Creek Wilderness.

► EASTSIDE CASCADES, North to South

Harts Pass Road	Closed by snow; normal conditions.	14 feet of snow this year at Harts Pass. This road is not plowed but is allowed to melt out. Probably won't be drivable this year until into July.
Twisp River Road 4435	Flood damage.	Should be open and repaired by end of June. Williams Creek, Reynolds Creek, South Creek trails.
Stehekin River Road	Closed at High Bridge.	Road damaged between High Bridge and Cottonwood; Park Service shuttle probably will not run above High Bridge this year. Affects McGregor Mountain, Park Creek Pass, Cascade Pass, Horseshoe Basin, and Pacific Crest trails; and routes to Storm King, Goode Mountain and Memaloose Ridge.
Tommy Creek Road 5605	Flood damage.	Klone Peak, Two Little Lakes, Whistling Pig Meadows. Might be open toward the end of May.
White River Road 64	Closed at Grasshopper Meadows.	Panther Creek; Mount David; Indian Creek; White River; Boulder Pass; Napeequa Valley; south side of Dakobed Range.
Little Wenatchee Road 65	Flood damage; closed just past White River bridge.	Poet Ridge; Meander Meadow; Cady Ridge; Cady Creek; Heather Lake. Probably not open to public this season.
Smithbrook/Rainy Pass 67	Open from Highway 2 to Snowy Creek; closed beyond.	Minotaur Lake trailhead should be reachable.
Chiwawa River Road 62	Closed at Rock Creek.	Several slides and washouts; won't be open until end of summer. Little Giant, Buck Creek, Spider Meadow trails. Massie Lake High Route. Leroy Creek High Route.
Butcher Creek Road 6910	Closed; flood damage.	East end of Nason Ridge.
Ice Creek Road 7600	Closed above Fourth of July Creek; flood damage.	Repair should be completed by end of May. Trout Creek, Jack Creek, Blackjack Ridge, French Creek, Ice Creek, Chatter Creek trails.
North Fork Teanaway Road 9737	?	Crews working now to reopen.
Middle Fork Teanaway	Damage to approach of Middle Fork bridge at trailhead.	Not Forest Service land; Boise Cascade is repairing.
Stafford Creek Road 9703	Closed at unsafe bridge.	Existing condition.
Cabin Creek Road 41	Closed at Cole Creek.	Alternate access to PCT.
Stampede Pass Road 54	Closed 3 miles from I-90.	Lizard Lake; access to PCT.
Meadow Creek Road 5483	Closed at MP 1.5.	Stirrup Lake; access to PCT.
Cooper Pass Road 46	Closed at Cle Elum River.	Tired Creek, Pete Lake; PCT access.
French Cabin Creek Road 4308	Closed at Cle Elum River.	Thorp Creek and Lake; Knox Creek; French Cabin Basin and Peaks.
Howson Creek Road 4300-128	Closed ¾-mile up.	Snowshoe route to Howson Peak.
White Salmon Road 23	Closed on west side of Mount Adams from 23/90 junction to 23/2360 junction.	Scheduled project to upgrade and improve road; closure will last for a year. A detour route is in place which will affect access to PCT and old trail to Lake 5164.
Lone Butte Wildlife Emphasis Area	Several roads permanently closed.	The new Lone Butte WEA just northwest of Indian Heaven contains Lone Butte Meadow, Skookum Meadow, Cayuse Meadow, and the Crazy Hills; roads in this area are now closed.

Membership Dues to be Raised

An increase in the club membership dues was discussed and voted on at the May meeting. It was decided by a large majority to raise the annual dues to \$18. It was then decided at the interested members meeting to make the increase effective on January 1st, 1992. The dues will remain at \$12 until that time. The idea of a finance committee was also discussed at the interested members meeting. It was determined that a finance committee was not needed at this time.

Peace Corps volunteer opportunities

THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH: Attend a special event about Peace Corps' environmental programs and projects around the world and discover exciting volunteer and career opportunities. 7 PM at Mountaineers Hall, Prusik Room, 300 3rd West, Seattle. 553-5490 for more info.

New PWC Members

The Peninsula Wilderness Club extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Barney Bernhard	Amy Jo Bolon
David Delmendo	Vivien Galitzki
Tom Harrison	Bill Juneau
Sue Frances Life	Ed Lively
R. Sharon Masters	Constance McGonigle
Helen Schwartz	John Williams

For Sale - Lake Chelan State Park tent site reservation June 16-18. \$19. Ted, 867-5118.

Kelty Backpack, external frame, large, \$25.00.
Merrill hiking boots, 10-1/2 D, \$25.00. Optimus
8R backpacking stove, \$25.00. Roger Gray
373-6642 after 6:30 PM

A Beautiful Rose

By Alice Savage

We could not have asked for a more perfect day when nine of us headed up the trail to Mount Rose on May 4th. Overcast and cool at the start, we were up into the snow at about 3500 feet when the sun broke through. We enjoyed our lunch on the summit rock in the warm sunshine.

The view of Lake Cushman was lovely with the fir-clad mountainsides dropping down to the water's edge. Copper Mountain stood out on the right and Mount Ellinor could barely be seen through the trees. The mountains are still well covered with snow.

At 4301 feet, Mount Rose is not an impressive height, but the 3500 foot elevation gain in 4 miles gave us a good workout. We questioned the 4.8 miles which the Olympic Mountain Guide states. It appeared to us the trail could not be more than 4 miles. Without pushing it and making several stops, we arrived at the summit in 2 hours and 20 minutes. Coming down took about an hour.

This was my first time out in the Olympics this season and what better place to start than beautiful Mount Rose?

Door Prize Winner

New PWC member Ed Lively walked away with the May door prize, a large fanny pack. It was clarified that the fanny pack itself was large and that it was not necessarily for large fannies. Congratulations Ed and welcome to the club. The door prize is donated each month by the Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe. Thanks Judd.

Bad Break for Joni

By Wendy McClure

Every couple years we have to go back and see if the Lake Constance Trail is really as steep as we remember it. It always is. But, never having seen it covered with snow, we decided to do our biennial check-up on Saturday, May 11th. The "trail" was snow-free up to the lake with a nice display of early wildflowers on the rocky wall near where the trail and stream are one and the same.

What a sight! Dazzling white snow around the lake and up the canyon with bold, bare cliffs against a crystal clear blue sky. We hiked halfway up the canyon, sat on some rocks and just took it all in. At this point Barb held up her foot, displaying a boot with a good 3 inches of the leather upper torn away from the sole, and admitted it really was time to get rid of them.

Too soon it was time to turn around and we started down after plunging knee and hip deep into the snow several times. We reached the trailhead about 7:30 PM and were just standing there while Barb signed us out, when Joni went over on her ankle and broke the tibia 3 inches above the joint. As unfortunate as this was, we were very grateful it happened where it did as we were able to get her back to the car with a minimum of difficulty. Six to eight weeks in a cast and you'll see her out on the trails again.

Joni,

We're sorry to hear about your bit of bad luck (or depending on your point of view, incredibly good fortune to be at the trailhead). Your fellow PWC'rs are all hoping to see you up in the mountains again soon.

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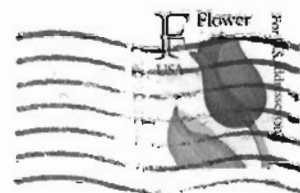
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