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Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

April 1994

Peninsula Wilderness Club 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.

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Introduction to Low Impact Backpacking

206-625-1367

Dan Nelson, editor of Signpost for Northwest Trails, will be presenting a slide show/presentation on the how-to's of low impact backpacking. Dan will tell us how we can enjoy our outdoor adventures and help preserve nature at the same time. He will present a special section on great destinations in Washington State and will entertain questions from the audience.

Upcoming PWC Events

Climbing at Smith Rocks

APRIL 2nd or 3rd; Chris Bell is organizing a weekend of rock climbing at Smith Rocks near Bend, Oregon. This popular recreation area affords opportunities for all levels of climbers. For more details, call Chris at 876-4800.

Mt. Ellinor Ice Axe

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH; Doug Savage will be going up Mt. Ellinor with the intent of practicing glissading and ice axe arrest techniques on the way down. This is a great trip to go on if you have had little or no previous experience in using an ice axe. For more information, Doug can be reached at 698-9774.

Nisqually Wildlife Refuge

SUNDAY, APRIL 17th; Charlie Pomfret is planning a day trip to the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge. This 3 hour stroll should afford great views of birds, sea and land animals and a variety of flora. So, bring your binoculars and join in. You can reach Charlie at 479-7820.

Royal Lake

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd; Tom Banks will be hiking to Royal Lake and the Royal Basin area. This 14 mile trip is moderately strenuous and begins at the Upper Dungeness Trailhead. Tom plans to end the day with an evening of Contra Dancing in Port Townsend. To join in this fun packed day, call Tom at 613-1239.

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Grand Canyon Adventure

APRIL 17-24TH; Dave Cossa has one remaining trip to the Grand Canyon this season. Participants will fly to Las Vegas on April 16th, rent a car, and drive to Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim, where a night will be spent at one of the lodges. The next 7 days and 6 nights will be spent hiking down to the river, along the river for 15 to 20 miles, and out on the Horseshoe Mesa Trail. Cost is approximately \$500 per person. Dave's Canyon hikes are a favorite among club members. If you would like to join in, contact Dave at 871-5577.

Shoreline Birdwatching

Saturday, APRIL 23rd; Randy Grunigen and family invite you to join them in a weekend of birdwatching in Gray's Harbor. The weekend will entail camping Friday night, hopefully in the nearby state park, and shuttling to the viewing sites where a variety of birds can be observed as they take part in the world's largest migration of shoreline birds. A one mile roundtrip stroll along the viewing area is involved. Bring your binoculars and tide tables, but please leave your pets at home. The return drive will probably be on Sunday. If you would like to participate, call Randy or Judy at 779-6457.

Mt. Townsend

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th; Doug Savage will be hiking the Sinking Lake Branch of the Mt. Townsend trail. It is a refreshing 5 mile (one way), 3500' jaunt up the mountain, with snow encounters likely and a possible vista if the summit is reached. If you would like to join Doug, contact him at 698-9774.

Lower South Fork Skokomish

SATURDAY, MAY 7th; Joe Weigel is organizing a day hike of the Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail. The trail is 9 miles (one way) with 1000' of elevation, and passes through areas of beautiful old growth firs, maples, alders, cottonwoods, sword ferns and salmonberry. He is looking for two groups to hike from opposite trail ends and pass car keys in the middle. If you would like to join in, contact Joe at 871-0291.

Forest Plant Identification

SATURDAY, MAY 14th; Join Don Paulson for a beginners' plant identification outing on the lower Dungeness Trail. The 6 mile hike includes a variety of plant habitats from sunny meadows to dark forests. Class size is limited, but if there is enough interest a second trip will be scheduled for the Duckabush River Trail on Sunday, May 15th. Call Don Paulson at 830-2212.

Mt. St. Helens Climb

SATURDAY, MAY 21st; Doug Savage is sponsoring his annual Mt. St. Helens climb. The group camps at a local site the preceding night and rises early to trek up the snow covered slopes. The descent is typically an exciting glissade, so some ice axe experience is required. To find out more, call Doug at 698-9774.

Toaleak Point Beach Hike

MAY 28th thru 30th; Lynn Howat is planning a beach hike to Toaleak Point. Typical seaside fun, including beach camping and tide pool exploration, will be had by all. If you are interested, call Lynn at 598-3087.

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Interested Members Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 14th; The April interested members meeting will be held at Dan and Pat Kirschbaum's home in the Silverdale area, beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to become more involved in the club by helping to plan future activities and socializing with members in a smaller setting. For directions, call the Kirschbaums at 698-3684.

April Potluck

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd; Tom Banks will be hosting the April potluck at his home in the Silverdale area starting at 6:30 pm. If you like, get creative and bring something with a nature theme to help celebrate Earth Day, which is also the 22nd. To RSVP and get directions, call Tom at 613-1239. Please carpool if possible.

New Members

Warm welcomes go out to the following new members from the months of February and March.

Rosemary Courtright & Family
Pamela and Bob Guardino
Al Kambarn
Allan Persyn
Samuel Stephens

March Door Prize Winner

Judy Guttormsen won the March door prize, a thermal mug. Thanks to Judd at the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe for donating each month's door prize.

Revegetation Project at Olympic National Park

TUESDAY, APRIL 19th; The Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society is presenting an evening of exploration into the Revegetation Project at Olympic National Park. At 5:30 pm a tour of the greenhouse will be given at the Olympic National Park Headquarters. (A map to the greenhouse will be posted at the Visitor Center.) The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at the Olympic National Park Visitor Center. Ruth Scott, Resource Management Specialist at Olympic National Park, has been heading the revegetation program at the park since the project's inception. A wide variety of subalpine species is being propagated. Ruth will discuss the "reveg" program and show great slides. For more information, contact Wendy McClure at 779-3820.

Wanted:

Good, used internal frame backpack. Call Mary Jo at 692-3876.

For Sale:

PRECOR 718E Stairclimber. Paid \$299 new; asking \$150. Excellent condition. Call Charlie Poulfret at 479-7820.

Upcoming Summer Trips

Barnes Creek Clean-up

JUNE 4th thru JUNE 7th; Joe Weigel and Doug Savage are again organizing a weekend of clean-up on the Barnes Creek Trail. This marks the third year of club efforts to reclaim the trail. Last Fall the trail was successfully cleared from Dismal Draw to about 400 yards short of Lizard Head Creek. This Spring concentration will be between Lizard Head Creek and Happy Lake Creek. Also planned is campsite clean-up and expansion along the trail. Emphasis will be on brush and small log removal, with possible large removals if enough members volunteer. Come for any or all days. Points of contact for the clean-up are Doug Savage at 698-9774 and Joe Weigel at 871-0291.

First Divide Traverse

JULY 16th thru 19th; John Knott is planning a hike from Lake of the Angels to First Divide Traverse. The trail is 3500' over 3.8 miles to Lake of the Angels. There are great vistas, a bit of boulder hopping and some cross-country trekking involved. For more information, contact John at 792-2440.

Tshletsky Creek Trail

JULY 16th thru 21st; Joe Weigel and Doug Savage are looking for two more bodies to hike the Tshletsky Creek Trail. The trail has been abandoned for 50 years and entails ten fords of the creek and two of the Queets River, so is not for the casual hiker. To find out more, call Joe at 871-0291 or Doug at 698-9774.

Picket Range Traverse

JULY or AUGUST of 94; David Delmendo is planning to hike the Picket Range Traverse in the North Cascades in either July or August of this year. This is a trip for experienced hikers. If you are interested, contact David at 871-0254.

1994 Ski-To-Sea

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND (May 29th); Gail Dionne is organizing a team for the 1994 Ski-To-Sea. This annual event is held over Memorial Day weekend (typically Sunday), and consists of competitive, as well as, recreational teams traveling from Mt. Baker to Bellingham Bay via a relay of activities including downhill and cross-country skiing, tour and mountain biking, running, canoeing, and kayaking. If you would like to participate in this event contact Gail at 692-4471.



Together We Can Preserve Trails

Provided by the Volunteers for Outdoor Washington (VOW)

Too often well-meaning volunteers, even many with lots of experience, make changes to trails that end up creating more damage or hazard than the original problem. This ends up costing more tax dollars and perpetuates the ineffective solutions to trail problems. Lend a helping hand on our public trails by learning to do trail maintenance repairs that are safe for users, preserve our resources, and that stand the test of time.

VOW is co-sponsoring workshops sessions with the Forest Service, DNR, and the Student Conservation Association, all of whom have plenty of experience with trail miles in Washington. The Forest Service usually provides Trails Foremen or other experienced staff to serve as Head Trainers,

while Assistant Trainers come either from the Forest Service or from VOW's cadre of experienced volunteer trainers.

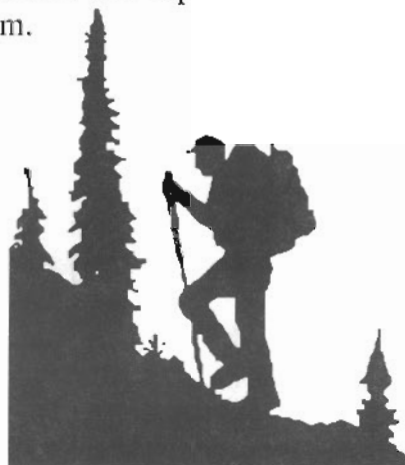
Who attends this training? Day hikers, fishermen, backpackers, equestrians, mountaineers, bikers, ORV'ers, birdwatchers, joggers, hunters, campers, orienteers, land management staff, families, organizations of all types. An effective way to start your club in trail maintenance is to have your potential leaders attend workshops in Basic Maintenance and Crew Leadership. Then after your leaders gain some experience on a project with VOW, you will have "cloned" the beginnings of the corps needed to start your group toward independence on other projects you select.

These workshops are relatively inexpensive. Look for 1994 workshop dates that are being established now. For more information, contact Joan P. Williams; 16735 Seminole Rd. NE; Poulsbo, WA 98370.

You know you need training when:

- Your favorite trail is deteriorating and nobody seems to be doing anything about it.
- You don't know how to use a McLeod for trail maintenance.
- You took a shortcut between two switchbacks.
- You don't know what a switchback is.
- Your club has no VOW or Forest Service-trained trail crew leaders.

- You haven't yet given something back in return for the trails you've used.
- Your last trail repair didn't solve the problem.



Wanted : Newsletter Editor

Want to travel to new and exciting places, be up on the latest PWC events. Then perhaps the job of newsletter editor is for you. I am currently looking for someone to take over the job of newsletter editor for the Penwicle.

The job involves gathering information from each meeting and the stories people submit, and then producing a newsletter with the format of your choice. For more information, contact Brian at 698-9774.

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