

PENNSWILE

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.

June 1996

Monday Meeting

June 10th

Swap Meet

Here's a chance to make a few dollars on that outdoor gear you've outgrown. Or, pick up some great used equipment for that new sport you're exploring.

Club members will be able to sell, buy and trade used recreational clothing and equipment of all kinds. The swap meet will take place after the business portion of the regular Monday meeting, in lieu of the traditional guest speaker.

See you there!



Nisqually Wildlife Refuge

SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd; Spend a leisurely spring day meandering along the five miles of trails at the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy the wide array of plant and animal life, including the new babies that have joined waterfowl families at the refuge.

The group will meet at 9:00 am at the Mullenix Park-n-Ride. For more information contact co-sponsors, Diana Cripe (895-4299) or Dawn Parshall (206-884-5410).



Mt. St. Helens Ski

TUESDAY, JUNE 4th; Experienced skiers are invited to join Doug Savage for a ski of Mt. St. Helens. Doug can be reached at 698-9774.

Winchester Waterway

WEEKEND of JUNE 8th and 9th; Canoe or kayak the Winchester Waterway from George to Potholes Reservoir. This is an extremely leisurely and safe paddle, primarily through a wildlife preserve. No experience is necessary. Contact Megan Klein at 871-6014.



Obstruction Peak

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th; Chris Hildebrand will be climbing Obstruction Peak. If the Blue Mountain Road is open, hiking will start from there. It's six miles and about 2500 to 3000 feet of elevation from that point. Hikers may be able to summit Maiden and Elk Peaks along the way. It is recommended to bring ice axes for some possible snow hiking, but crampons will probably not be needed. The views should be tremendous. Call Chris at 377-2604.

Date Change for Ozette Beach Trip

WEEKEND of JUNE 15th and 16th; Mert will be leading an excursion to the Pacific Ocean beaches of Ozette. The trail begins at the Lake Ozette Ranger Station and proceeds 3 miles along a planked trail to the ocean at Sandpoint.

There will be lots of time for play on Saturday and Sunday morning. There are choices for the return trip. Some people may wish to return on the 3 mile trail from Sandpoint, and others will travel north 3 miles along the beach to Cape Alava and back inland 3.3 miles from there.

The Native American petroglyphs at Wedding Rocks are very interesting! Be sure to bring binoculars to get closer looks at birds or whales. There is a lot of sea life in the tidepools.

Call Paul Mertel to see if there's still time to join in (297-7715).

Lower Lena Lake Evening Jaunt

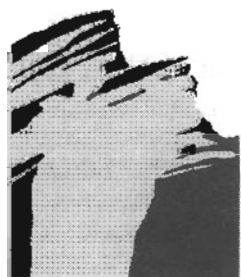
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th; Join Chris Hildebrand for a mid-week trip to Lower Lena Lake. This 3 mile trail is easy to get to and elevation gain is limited. It's perfect for a relaxing nature break during a hectic week. Hikers will leave town at 4:30 pm. Be sure to bring a little dinner to eat on the trail or at the lake. Contact Chris at 377-2604 for the meeting place.

Mt. Tahoma Trails Work Day

WEEKEND of JUNE 22nd and 23rd; If you would like to help clear ski trails, cut and stack firewood and do minor repairs on the ski cabin, join Mt. Tahoma Trails Association members for the day. A potluck barbecue will be held in the evening. Stay overnight in the cabin if you like and enjoy Sunday mountain biking or hiking the logging roads.

Please call Tony Abruzzo at 871-5754 if you would like to join in. The party will leave from the Mullenix Park-n-Ride at 7:30 am Saturday. If you can only go up for the day that would be appreciated also.

Rock Climbing at Pashastan Pinnacles



WEEKEND of JUNE 29th and 30th; Everyone is welcome to join in a weekend of friction rock climbing at Pashastan Pinnacles near Leavenworth. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. Experienced

climbers will get beginners started in this exciting sport.

Points of contact are Tony Abruzzo at 871-5754 and Bill Boileau at 613-5263. Call and find out what to bring and where to meet. Contact Tony as soon as possible if you need to make camping arrangements.

Aurora Ridge

JUNE 28th through 30th; This is a loop trip on the ridge over Lake Crescent. It promises tremendous views and relative solitude. Call John Knott at 792-2440 to join in.



Around Mt. St. Helens

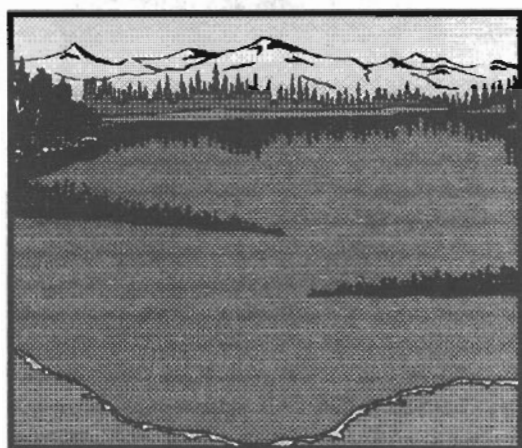
JULY 5th, 6th and 7th; Doug Savage is circling Mt. St. Helens! The 32 mile trek around the famous volcano is a relatively easy grade; but the distance will be covered in just three days, so break in your new hiking boots ahead of time. For more information on this unique hike, call Doug at 698-9774.

Day Hike at Staircase

SUNDAY, JULY 7th; Diana Cripe and Carolyn McPhail are organizing a hike of the Staircase Rapids Trail. This is a delightful 3.5 mile trek through lush forest and along the scenic North Fork Skokomish River. This trip has very little elevation change and is suitable for all levels of hikers. Departure will be at 9:00 am from the Eton Technical Institute in Gorst. Call Diana at 895-4299 or Carolyn at 377-3066.

Wolf Creek Trail Day Hike

SATURDAY, JULY 13th; Wolf Creek Trail affords excellent views of the Bailey Range, the interior Olympics and the Elwha Valley. Elevation gain is 4000 feet over this 8 mile trail. Car swapping will allow hikers to do the trail in one direction only. Joe will start the day with a hearty breakfast at the Oak Table Restaurant in Sequim, so don't miss this outing. Call Joe Weigel at 871-0291.



Bowron Lakes Canoe Trip

JULY 14th thru 20th; This 74 mile trip of lakes, rivers and a few portages, should provide sightings of moose, bear, beavers, eagles and many other birds and wildlife, as well as the beautiful British Columbia Wilderness.

Experience is helpful, but not necessary. Canoes can be rented at the lakes. Call Megan Klein at 871-6014.

Mt. Adams

JULY 13th and 14th; PWCers have two options for reaching the top of Mt. Adams this year. Tony Abruzzo will be leading a group up the traditional south spur. This route is not particularly rigorous or technical, but does require some ice axe experience. Call Tony about a possible session of ice axe instruction or practice prior to the trip. Crampons might be a desirable option up this route.

Doug Savage will be climbing the mountain from the western side. This route is a third class climb with some crevasses and ice work. Call Tony at 871-5754 or Doug at 698-9774, to find out what equipment and skills to bring

Mt. Rose

SATURDAY, JULY 20th; Want to get your motor started, converse on a variety of subjects and enjoy lunch with your fellow PWCers while admiring great views? Then strap on your hiking boots and join Mert on this enjoyable and exciting escapade. Reach Paul Mertel at 297-7715.

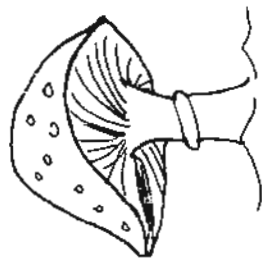
Tatoosh Range

WEEKEND of JULY 20th and 21st; Enjoy outstanding high-country, alpine hiking in the Tatoosh Range. This outing is suitable for low to intermediate backpackers, but is not recommended for beginners. For more details call Chris Bell at 876-4800 or 871-9414.



June PWC Calendar of Events

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Nisqually (p1)		Mt. St. Helens (p1) Rock Climbing (p6)				Winchester (p2)
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Winchester (p2)	Monday Meeting/ Swap Meet (p1)	Rock Climbing (p6)		Interested Members (p7)		Ozette Beaches (p2) Obstruction Pk (p2)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Ozette Beaches (p2)		Rock Climbing (p6)	Lower Lena (p2)			Mt. Tahoma (p3)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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July PWC Calendar of Events

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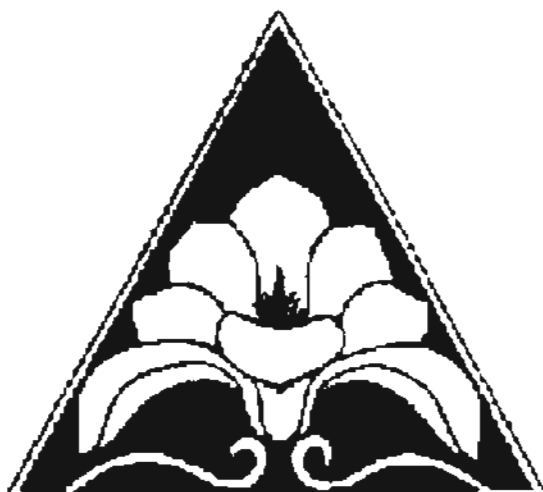


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Another Mt. Tahoma Maintenance Effort

WEEKEND of JULY 20th and 21st; Here's another chance to lend your help in maintaining the ski trails and stocking and repairing the cabins with the Mt. Tahoma Trails Association. Workers are welcome to spend the night in the cabin and enjoy mountain biking and hiking on Sunday.

Call Tony Abruzzo at 871-5754 for details. The party will leave from the Mullenix Park-n-Ride at 7:30 am Saturday. Those who can only stay for Saturday are welcome too.



Boulder Shelter

JULY 26th through 28th; Climbing the nearby ridge or Cloudy Peak is an option. The trail is 6.6 miles with 2500 feet of elevation gain. Call John Knott at 792-2440.

Yakima Float Trip

WEEKEND of JULY 27th and 28th; Beginners to experienced paddlers will enjoy this fun weekend floating the Yakima River. The river provides many interesting plants, animals and geological formations to explore. Floaters will enjoy lively camp sessions and short hiking excursions along the way. Contact Ted Wiles at 876-5718.



Trek Through the Olympics

JULY 27th thru AUGUST 3rd or 4th; Doug and Joe's extended hike through the Olympics is full. However, they are accepting names for alternatives. Hikers need to be in good shape to cover 60+ miles in eight days.

The adventure starts up the Elwha River Basin and proceeds down the Quinalt. Side trips in the Queets Basin and Martin's Park will reward hardy backpackers with both beauty and peace.

Contact Doug Savage at 698-9774 or Joe Weigel at 871-0291.

Lake of the Angels

AUGUST 9th through 11th; Enjoy three blissful days at heavenly Lake of the Angels. The trail to this splendid and serene lake is 3.8 miles of fairly steep grade. But, the reward is magnificent. Contact John Knott at 792-2440 for more information.



Weekly Rock Climbing at Green Mountain

EVERY TUESDAY; Tony Abruzzo and John Styczynski are organizing rock climbing every Tuesday evening at nearby Green Mountain. Climbers should bring their own gear. Rock shoes are not required; regular hiking boots will suffice. Climbers will meet at 4:00 pm at the Red Apple Market on Kitsap Way. Call Tony at 871-5754 or John at 698-2790 for more information.

Appleton Pass

AUGUST 23rd through 25th; This is a great area to explore. Nearby Mt. Appleton gives hikers a chance to add a summit to their list of accomplishments. Reaching the pass entails 7.5 miles over 3500 feet. The great views, plump berries, and possible soak in Olympic Hot Springs on the way out reward hikers' efforts. Contact John Knott at 792-2440.



REMINDER:

The West Forks Dosewallips Trail is closed for repairs. The High Dose Bridge, 1.9 miles into the trail, is being replaced. The existing bridge is an aging 110-foot log structure over a deep canyon. The new bridge will consist of steel structure covered with wood decking.

The trail will be closed 1.4 miles up (just past Dose Forks), and on the east side at Diamond Meadows. Backcountry campsites will remain accessible at Diamond Meadows. The trail is a favorite route to Honeymoon Meadows, Anderson Pass and Enchanted Valley. Hikers can still reach these areas by way of the East Fork Quinalt Trail and the North Fork Skokomish via Staircase at Lake Cushman.

The repair work is scheduled to be completed by late fall.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Interested Members Meeting: June 13th (Thurs), 7:00 pm at Cheryl Gudger's in Port Orchard. Call Cheryl at 876-3035 for directions.

GREETINGS to May's New Members: Cynthia Bockelman, Paul LaBarre and Sally Sprenger.

May Door Prize Winner: Megan Klein took home a Thermobak backpack water carrier. Congratulations! (Thanks to Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe for contributing the monthly door prize)

To change your address: Notify Jim Luddon at: 165 NW Alta Drive; Bremerton, WA 98310. You can also change your address at the time you pay your annual dues.

Newsletter Contributions: Send articles, trip reports, interviews, announcements, etc to: Teresa Miller, P.O. Box 3163, Bremerton, WA 98310; Or, phone 373-6781. The deadline for inclusion in next month's publication is the 17th of each month. Please include your name and telephone number with your submittals.

Knoll Wept-Steer', Abridged Dictionary

interested members meeting \in-tourist-ed 'mem-burrs 'meat-ing\ *n*: a monthly gathering of PWC members held the Thursday night after the regular Monday meeting. Club business and upcoming events are planned. Socializing abounds. A great time for new members to introduce themselves to the club.
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Mt. Constance SALE

PWC members should keep their eyes on their mailboxes. Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe is planning an after-hours sale by invitation only. They are still working out the details but will be sending special invitations to PWCers in the near future. Some great deals and discounts will be available!

Found:

Someone left a pair of "Lee" brand jeans in Wendy McClure's car (black station wagon) after the Lake Wynoochee hike on March 31st. Call Wendy at 779-3820 to make arrangements to get them back.

Car Swap?

Don Paulson has changed plans for his hike across the Olympics from *early* July to *late* July. He and his party will be hiking from the Dosewallips River Trail out the Elwha River Trail. If you are interested in hiking this route in the opposite direction, and are willing to swap cars to avoid a long car shuttle, please call Don at 830-2212.

Skiing Lake Louise

by Alice Savage

Chris Bell's idea of a ski trip to Lake Louise in Alberta turned out to be a great idea. Ten of us enjoyed the five-day trip into the lovely Canadian Rockies.

March 13th, eight of us took the Kingston ferry in a rented 15 passenger van which allowed ample room for passengers and gear. Two of our group, Irma and Dave, drove up the day before. We crossed the border at Sumos and took the toll highway, Coquihalla, north.

It was long after dark when we arrived in Revelstoke. Here we spent the night. We were on the road at 6:40 the next morning. It was foggy and just starting to get light. All of a sudden a moose appeared in the mist, a majestic creature standing on the huge snowbanks along the road. He turned and seemed to disappear in an instant. What a great start to our day.



It was still morning when we arrived at Lake Louise. It was too early to check into our lodging so we changed into ski clothes and drove to the lake. It was well frozen with a good covering of snow for skiing. At one end sits the famous Chateau Lake Louise which takes up a great amount of space. It was started as a cabin in the 1880's and has grown to an enormous, world-class hotel and conference center

As we skied along we saw huge ice falls with a couple of roped-up climbers on them. Reaching the other end of the lake, we skied up into what is called the Plain of Six Glaciers. The glaciers could be seen hanging off the cliffs. Someone spotted a mommy goat with her little one. Avalanches roared down the mountainsides from time to time. We were in no danger as they were quite far away. It was a lovely day.

We spent three nights at the Canadian Alpine Centre International Hostel. There were four bunks to a room and it cost us each about \$15 a night. It had a sauna, large lounge, kitchen, and a cafe which served very good food. It was very comfortable and we enjoyed our stay there.

The second day, most of the group downhill skied and had a great time. You can not be in these awesome Rockies without enjoying yourself.

That night we headed for the Chateau Lake Louise for a great dinner at a price that was quite reasonable. We also took in the bar. We ended the day a rockin' and a rollin' on the bar's dance floor.



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Our third and last day was the best. We skied seven miles up a road to Lake O'Hara. It was super skiing as the road had been smoothed over and was perfect. The weather was overcast with the temperature at a pleasant 35 degrees Fahrenheit. The tremendous Rockies loomed up through the trees. Someone had told us there was a lodge at the lake but we were totally unprepared for what we found.

Arriving about 1:00 pm at the lake, we found a lovely, rustic building. They served lunch between noon and 2:00 pm at the lodge and we were just in time. For a hearty soup, bread, salad, pie, ice cream, and tea and coffee lunch we paid \$8 Canadian (about \$5.50 U.S.).

The lodge sits near this remote lake with several small cabins scattered about. No one is allowed to drive the road. In the winter you ski and in the summer you hike in. However, a bus will transport people not able or wanting to get in on their own.

Sunday came all too soon and we were on the road headed for home. It took 12 hours but we were quite comfortable in the roomy van. It is a lovely drive with gorgeous scenery. Thank you, Chris, for putting this trip together for us to enjoy. I would recommend it to everyone. Perhaps you may see the moose in the mist.

Havasu Canyon

by Janet Hunt

It is hard to know what made Havasu Canyon so special. It could have been my first ten mile hike (Only ten, Dave, are you sure?); or, the blisters on both feet; or, watching a child learn about fossils and water plants rooting; or, playing games in the cool, transparent pools beneath Havasu Falls. It could have been lizards darting across tree stumps or crimson and royal blue dragonflies stopping to rest weary wings of gossamer.

It could have been these and so much more, like making new friends, singing every sixties and seventies tune we could remember (and some we could not). It could have been the

quiet strength of my tent partner who never complained about my lack of backpacking abilities or my snoring. (Nor did I complain of his!) It could have been all of this and the freedom of choice to talk if I wanted or to allow myself the enjoyment of a vacation.

A cleansing of my soul occurred in the canyon. I found myself appreciating God's beauty and the wonderful differences of my companions. At times I sought solitude, relaxing and gazing at a red dragonfly atop a fallen branch. It would fly away and return to its perch and I pondered the prettiness of the insect and wondered, had I been there too long . . . or not long enough?

Trip Co-Sponsors

PWC members who would like to co-sponsor an outing with a new member are asked to contact Bert Cripe at 895-4299.

U Might Like 2 Know

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Bridge Closed

Pat Gleason reports the Wolf Creek Bridge to Slab Camp is out. Hikers are advised to plan their outings accordingly.

Trail Work in the Olympics

The club's trail maintenance efforts in Olympic National Park have been put on hold. The Park is reviewing its policy on volunteer trail maintenance. We'll keep you posted!

Greetings, Bucky!

Bucky Klein is working in Yellowstone National Park for the summer. He is doing kitchen help at Grant Village. Stop in and see him if you are in the area, or drop him a line at:

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