

PENWICLE

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.

August 2001



David Morris Superintendent, Olympic National Park

*Monday Meeting
August 13th
7:30 pm*

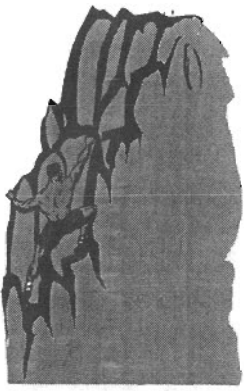
PWC welcomes David Morris as our guest speaker in August. As Superintendent of Olympic National Park, Mr. Morris is involved in the process of developing a General Management Plan that will provide a framework for park management for the next 15 to 20 years. The plan will focus on the park's future as a whole and will look at issues including transportation, accommodating growing visitation while still protecting the park's unique natural and cultural resources, and the role the park should play in the local, regional and national community. Public meetings to discuss this process and invite input will be held in September (please see page two). Here is a chance for PWCers to get some advance information and to bring up some issues and concerns they feel should be considered in the planning process. Mr. Morris will talk about current trends in wilderness management and allow time for questions.

July Picnic

The PWC July picnic had three elements for fun: good people, good food, and a beautiful, sunny day. Did we all eat too much? Possibly. Was there a rousing game of volleyball? Most definitely! The evening began with a moment of appreciation and a cake for Teresa Sayers and her work on the PENWICLE. The evening ended with the park's gatekeeper shoos the diehards home.

Many Thanks!

Thanks to everyone for the special words and appreciation at the July picnic for my past work as editor of the PENWICLE. Working on the newsletter was an excellent avenue to meet and come to know many of you. You are a special group of people with an energy, enthusiasm, and kinship that is sometimes rare in today's hectic world. Thanks to the many people who assist with getting the newsletter on the street and to those who contribute entertaining features of your adventures in the "Great Outdoors." The entire membership is richer for your contributions. Special thanks to Ron and Laura Croft for the beautiful cake, special mug, and delightful limerick that marked the occasion. And, thanks to the new staff of PENWICLE—Lezlie Cox, Vicki Fleming, Tom Broszeit, and Steve Dikowski. You've been a pleasure to get to know, and I'm looking forward to kicking back and enjoying the news and surprises of PENWICLES yet to come. ~Teresa Sayers



The Rappel From Hell

Wind River Range, Wyoming

Once again I was on my way to Denver. I had heard stories about the Winds and decided to make a backpacking/climbing trip to see for myself. I decided to visit the Tower of the Cirques and climb Pingora Peak. I made camp near Lonesome Lake and first ascended Camel's Hump, an easy walk up. From Camel's Hump, Pingora looks unclimbable, for one can see nothing but what appears to be sheer cliffs. I'm not intimidated easily, so the next day I started out with the attitude of just taking it one step at a time. I ascended an easy buttress and reached the cliff that looked so improbable from below and discovered Pingora's secret—a 10' wide ledge that included some good stuff rated at class 5.4. By good stuff, I mean granite and quartzite that is supposed to be as good as it gets. I truly enjoyed the ascent passing several rappel platforms along the way. I even found a "friend": a piece of expensive rock climbing gear wedged into a crack for belaying purposes and it took a half hour to pry it out. After the usual summit lunch it was time to start down. Since I was soloing, I was carrying only rappel gear, not rock climbing gear. I did several rappels on the way down and soon was back to the easy buttress. It was still fairly early, and I decided to do a few more unnecessary rappels because I was enjoying them so much. The first two went very smoothly. I wrapped slings around large boulders and then the rope through the sling via a rappel ring (to make the rope run smoothly when you retrieved it). But on the third rappel I did something pretty dumb. I didn't make certain that the rope went all the way down to flat ground. Well, I judged the height of the cliff badly. What I thought was 75' was in reality 125'. The 150' rope was 75' long when doubled for the rappel. I'll let you do the math.

Fifty feet into the rappel I realized that I wasn't going to make it to the bottom and stopped. I briefly considered climbing back up the rope but feared getting exhausted and then free falling back down the sheer cliff. I was getting pretty frantic. I saw a narrow, tilted ledge or shelf about thirty feet to my right, and I decided it was my only hope. I started to sway like a pendulum and was able to land on the shelf, about the size of a coffee table, jutting out from the cliff as one piece of rock. Then I pulled my rope down to me from the rappel ring above.

So there I was, stuck on a ledge with sheer cliffs on all sides. I noticed a hair line crack where the ledge met the cliff, but it was far too narrow to slip anything into it for an anchor to rappel from. At one end of the crack was another one running perpendicular to it. I put my fingernails into it and pried. A piece of rock the size of walnut came loose, creating a small cavity behind the first crack. I put a sling into this cavity, but could not find anything to hook it on. The "friend" I had found was too large to fit into the cavity. But luckily I had saved that walnut-sized rock, the only one on the entire debris-free ledge. I put the sling back into the cavity and crammed the rock into the cavity in front of the sling. Then I pulled on the sling, which jammed the rock into the sides of the cavity, thus anchoring the sling. But I had to keep tension on the sling or the rock would fall loose, turn sideways and pop out. I'm certain the Mountaineers would have frowned mightily on this jury-rigged, extremely questionable anchor, but it was all I had. It took over a half an hour of tugging on that little rock to ease my fear that it wouldn't fail me during the rappel. I finally got the nerve up, set up my harness for the rappel, prostrated myself on the ledge and then slipped off of it. Needless to say, my bugged-out eyes were transfixed on that little rock anchoring the sling into the cavity until I dropped out of its sight. So did the rock stay jammed in the cavity? I wouldn't be writing this story if it hadn't! My palms still get sweaty when I think about my rappel from hell! ~David Cossa

SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS ON ONP GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public meetings to discuss the Olympic National Park planning process and gather initial input will be held during the week of September 10th, according to the following schedule.

Monday, September 10, 7-9 pm: Vern Burton Memorial Community Center, East 4th, Port Angeles

Tuesday, September 11, 7-9 pm: Olympic Natural Resources Center, 1455 S. Forks Avenue, Forks

Wednesday, September 12, 7-9 pm: Rotary Log Pavilion in Morrison Riverfront Park, Aberdeen;
West Coast Silverdale Hotel, 3073 N.W. Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale

Thursday, September 13, 7-9 pm: Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle

Upcoming Events

Backpack the Wonderland Trail

(Part 1) Sunrise to Longmire:

Tuesday, July 31–Sunday, August 5

(Part 2) Longmire to White River:

Monday, August 6–Friday, August 10

Contact: (Part 1) Tom Broszeit, 360-830-5774

(Part 2) Roy Smith, 803-604-8228 (East Coast)

Hike this spectacular trail encircling Mount Rainier through old growth forests and flowering subalpine meadows, and past lakes, waterfalls, and glaciers. This strenuous hike will be counter-clockwise around the mountain. Established trailside camps have cleared tent spaces, primitive toilets, and water from a nearby stream or lake. Anyone preferring not to do the entire trail may join for part of the trip.

Kayaking at Bella Bella

Friday, August 3–Friday, August 17

Contact: Roger Gray, 360-373-6642

Bella Bella is a First Nations village on Campbell Island, off the British Columbia mainland, about halfway between the north end of Vancouver Island and Alaska. I have been here every summer for the past four years. This year I plan to explore the islands to the west of Campbell Island, paddling out from there for a week or so. The fishing is usually good, and there are clams and mussels as well. Experience in kayaking and wilderness camping are useful skills on this trip. The schedule: from Bremerton, leave early on Friday, August 3rd; on Saturday, the 4th, depart from Port Hardy, Vancouver Island, at 9:30 pm, on the overnight ferry to Campbell Island (McLoughlin Bay); arrive at Bella Bella at 7:30 am on Sunday, the 5th; leave Bella Bella at 7:45 pm on Wednesday, the 15th; arrive Port Hardy at 7:45 am on Thursday, the 16th; arrive Bremerton on Friday, August 17th. Anyone interested please call. We will have a planning meeting soon.

Walk Deer Park and Blue Mountain Area, Olympic NP–Washington National Plant Society

Saturday, August 4, 10:00 am

Contact: Dixie Llewellyn, 360-385-6432

Meet at the Blue Mountain Trailhead parking lot (plan at least 1/2 hour from Hwy 101). Join the WNPS for an exploration of alpine plants in Deer Park and Blue Mountain Area. The walk will begin at the trailhead parking lot (Deer Park to Obstruction Point Trail). Expect to see a large array of alpine flowers including several endemics. Bring lunch, water, and appropriate clothing. Carpooling can be arranged.

Backpack Charlia Lakes Way Trail

Saturday, August 4–Monday, August 6

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Doug Savage will be leading a backpack trip on the Charlia Lakes Way Trail starting from the Upper Quilcene. This way trail leads to high places and wide views. The trail is not marked, nor is it listed in NF literature, but it is surprisingly good.

Hike Mt. Rose

Saturday, August 11

Contact: Carl Crimbring, 360-662-0930

Depending on route taken, the trail is 5.6 or 8.2 miles round trip and elevation gain is 3500 feet. Views straight down to Lake Cushman and the surrounding Hood Canal region are grand! Meet at the Bremerton National Airport at 7:30 am. Call Carl with questions.

Backpack Heather Creek Trail

Saturday, August 11–Sunday, August 12

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

The route is not marked, nor is it listed in NF literature, but it is a fairly good trail. It begins as a sidepath on the Upper Dungeness Trail and ends near the park boundary. Along the way, remnants of a hunters' camp and an old cabin can be seen. The creek has no bridge and must be forded.

Trail Maintenance on Jefferson Ridge Trail–WTA

Saturday, August 11–Sunday, August 12

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853

The Washington Trail Association is sponsoring this overnight work party on this trail near Hoodport. You can expect Safety, Fun, and Work in that order! Trail work may include brushing, retread, water bars, or turnpikes. Come one or two days. We will be camping near the trailhead, at Elk Lake. WTA provides the burgers and you bring a dish to pass. Hope to see you there!

Backpack Graywolf River/Cameron Creek Loop

Saturday, August 11–Sunday, August 19

Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325 (h), 360-315-1794 (w)

This trip will be between 45 to 55 miles long, depending upon whether we go up to Deer Park or not. The length of the trip will be between 7 and 9 days, with a day for rest/exploration at Dose Meadows (Day 4). Possible side trips include Cedar Lake (Day 2); Hayden Pass, Sentinel Peak, Mts. Fromme and Claywood (Day 4); Lost Peak and Mt. Cameron (Day 5). Maximum party size is 4.

Backpack Mt. Jupiter

Wednesday, August 15 Thursday, August 16

Contact: Jim Morrison, 360-638-2705

This is an overnigher. With a little luck we may see some of the Perseids meteor showers. Bring the 10 essentials and adequate water because there is none on the summit. Please call for more details and maybe carpooling.

Kayak/Canoe Murtle Lake, BC

Thursday evening, August 16–Wednesday, August 22

Contact: Kevin Koski, koskik@msn.com

Kevin will be leaving after work on the 16th for Murtle Lake in Wells Grey Provincial Park, British Columbia. He plans on car camping that night and picking up permits the next day. What to expect –fun! Bring your kayak or canoe, hiking gear, and a fishing pole. There will be one portage of 2.5 kilometers.

Hike Tolmie Peak

Saturday, August 18

Contact: John Knott, 360-792-2440

Northwest of Mt. Rainier, Tolmie Peak offers grand views and lovely Eunice Lake. Round trip is 6.4 miles; the last mile to the peak is the steepest.

Hike Heather Park–Klahane Ridge Loop

Sunday, August 19

Contact: Ron Croft, 360-779-6250

For strong hikers only. This is a 13-mile route with 4050 feet of elevation gain. The trail goes through Heather Park and traverses the slope of Mt. Angeles, emerging at Klahane Ridge. See striking geologic formations of tilted sedimentary rock and views of Victoria, BC, on a clear day. The return via Klahane Ridge offers high elevation views into the Olympics before passing Lake Angeles to trail's end. *No cell phones please.*

Hike Mt. Muller

Saturday, August 25

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

A 13-mile loop hike with 2750 feet of elevation gain along the most recently built trail in the Olympics. Clear weather offers unobstructed views of Vancouver Island, Mt. Olympus, Lake Crescent, and the Soleduck Valley. Wildflowers make showy displays on hillside meadows.

Trail Maintenance on Upper Big Quilcene–WTA

Saturday, August 25 Sunday, August 26

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853

Washington Trail Association is sponsoring an overnight work party on the Upper Big Quilcene in the Buckhorn

Wilderness. You can expect Safety, Fun, and Work in that order! For those able to work both days, we will camp and potluck picnic at a site in Quilcene.

Bat Walk in Belfair

Saturday, September 1, one hour before sunset

Contact: Dan Hannafious, 360-275-0721

This summer marks the fourth season of Bat Walks in the wetlands of Belfair. Belfair is located on the tip of Hood Canal and the Hood Canal Watershed Project Center (located within Belfair) has provided an opportunity and forum for offering this “bat education” program.

Trail Maintenance/Backpack to Camp Riley

Saturday, September 1–Monday, September 3

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

The maintenance is in the three-tenths of a mile between Camp Riley and the Olympic National Park boundary near the Upper South Fork of the Skokomish. Backpack in 5.6 miles with tools. Elevation gain is 2000 feet.

Hike to Shi Shi Beach

Labor Day Weekend

Contact: Alan Searle, 360-876-3070

Alan Searle will lead a backpack trip from Lake Ozette to Shi Shi Beach on the Olympic coast. Members who take this trip will enjoy one of the most spectacular seascapes in the country. At low tide explore the tide pools. As always the weather can quickly change, so bring clothing and gear to meet the challenge.

Hike High Divide–Bailey Range Trail

Friday, September 7

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

A 20-mile loop hike with 3200 feet elevation gain. This trail provides the hiker with vistas that are among the best in the Olympics. The route is noted for its succession of spectacular views of Mount Olympus, the Bailey Range, and the valleys of the Bogachiel, Hoh, and Soleduck. *Inclement weather will cancel this hike.*

Bat Walk in Belfair

Saturday, September 15, one hour before sunset

Contact: Dan Hannafious, 360-275-0721

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Hike Mt. Fremont

Saturday, September 15

Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

This day hike of 5.5 miles round trip begins at a trailhead at Sunrise on Mt. Rainier and proceeds to the Mt. Fremont lookout. The elevation gain is 800 feet.

Hike to Lake Valhalla

Saturday, September 15

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Enjoy a fall day in the Cascades. Lake Valhalla is nestled north of the Stevens Pass Ski Area on Highway 2.

Backpack to Thousand Acres Meadow

Monday, September 17–Sunday, September 23

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Backpack 15 miles over two days; three days of camping in Dose Meadow below the cliffs of Mount Fromme. Day hikes to Hayden Pass, a knife-edged ridge with stupendous views, and Thousand Acres Meadow, a subalpine meadow in a glacial cirque.

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8/27	FWC Climbers Group Meeting	Tom Banks, 360-697-7708	6

Club News

PWC Welcomes new members...

**Mike and Kathy Brown, Steve Morse,
Gary Veth, and Shawn Herndon**

Outdoor Gear Needed for Inner City Youth

Do you have old or unwanted hiking gear or clothing to donate to a new outdoor group just starting? The goal is to give inner city youth a chance to see nature up close and personal and hopefully kindle a life-long love of the outdoors. This effort is sponsored by the Mountaineers. If you have items to donate, please call PWC member Teresa Downey at 360-649-7543.

August General Meeting

Monday, August 13, 7:30 pm
Kitsap Unitarian Fellowship Church, Bremerton

Interested Members Meeting

Thursday, August 9, 7:00 pm
Contact: Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087

Discuss club business and upcoming trips and events.
August's IMM will be at the home of Lynn Howat near Suquamish.

August Potluck!

Friday, August 24, 7:00 pm
Contact: Gail (Christensen) Gross and Kevin Gross.
360-373-7069

August barbeque with Gail and Kevin. They will provide a grill for barbequing and dessert. Please bring a dish to share. Their home is at 1929 N.E. Cady Street in East Bremerton.

IMM and Potlucks

Any member interested in hosting an IMM or a potluck should contact Kathy Weigel, the club secretary, at 360-871-0291.

PWC Climbers Group

An informal gathering of climbers meets the last Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Silver City Brewing Company in Silverdale. All are welcome to join us for general socializing and discussions about past and future mountaineering excursions. For directions, call Tom Banks at 360-697-7708. For a list of climbers, call Jim Morrison at 360-638-2705 or email jimjuliem@yahoo.com.

Trail Tips and Helpful Hints

The Hamma Hamma Road to Lena Lake is now open.

Last Month's Door Prize:

No drawing in July.

Meeting Cancellation Policy

In instances of bad weather or other calamity, all the officers will be involved with or informed of any decision to cancel. Their numbers are printed in the newsletter. Please call one of them if you want to confirm if the meeting will be held. ~Ron Croft, President

A Word About Outings

The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors. If you are unsure of your abilities, skill level, or equipment, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Often, friendly guidance is available on the trip; however, by preplanning you will help ensure everyone has a safe and fun adventure. Please always carry the 10 essentials.

PWC Scrapbook!

Add YOUR photos to the club's Scrapbook!

Bring in photos of any event related to PWC, or a recent outdoor excursion. Bring them to the next PWC meeting! The scrapbook will be on display at meetings with a basket for photo donations alongside it.

Provide the following to facilitate adding your contributions to the scrapbook:

- Three to five photos of a given event
- On the back of each photo: names of people, location and date of event
- A brief synopsis (approximately 20 words per photo) of what you'd like shared about the photos
- Your permission for that photo to be cropped and permanently donated to the PWC scrapbook (so think of getting doubles of your prints!)
- Put all photos for a single event into one closed plastic bag (i.e., ziplock)

What you can expect...your photos and documentation will be reflected on a single large page of the PWC scrapbook, which will be brought to the following meetings and put on display.

If you have questions or ideas, please contact Linda Lester:
Mail: P.O. Box 2521, Silverdale, WA 98383
Phone: 360-613-5143
Email: clyde360@aol.com

Club Business

Joining the PWC...

Membership is open to anyone interested in muscle-powered, outdoor sports. Dues are \$18.00 per household per year. Send a check or money order to **Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070**. Include your name, mailing address, phone number, and email address. If you do *not* want to have your information included in the annual membership list distributed to fellow members, please indicate so when you join. PWC members get a 10% discount at Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe, The Ajax Café, and Commander's Beach House B&B in Port Townsend. (See back of newsletter for membership form.)

Membership Renewal...

Renewals should be sent to the club's post office box listed above. The Treasurer receives transactions through this address. This will ensure the quickest processing of your dues. If you do not want to be listed on the distributed membership list, please indicate so when renewing.

PWC On-Line...

PENWICLE is on-line at <http://kendaco.telebyte.com/~bcripe/>

Bert Cripe maintains the club website and the email list. Contact Bert for your on-line needs at 360-895-8213 or bcripe@telebyte.com. Submit photo(s) of PWCers and your favorite recreational activities or destinations to Bert for posting on the club website. If you already have them in a computer file, email them to Bert or mail the photo(s) to him at 2398 Jefferson Avenue S.E., Port Orchard, WA 98366 and he will scan it in.

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Deadline for newsletter submittals is the 15th of the month. Send articles, trip reports, stories, announcements, etc. to Lezlie Cox at 4219 West View Drive, Bremerton, WA 98310, or phone 360-479-7853, or email penwicle@hotmail.com

You should receive your newsletter at the end of the month or the very beginning of the next month. If you have *not* received your newsletter by the second business day of the month, it could indicate a distribution problem that we want to investigate and remedy. If this happens to you, please contact Venita Savage at 360-698-9774 so another copy can be mailed immediately to you.

A small group of PWCers meets to prepare the newsletter for mailing. Call Doug Savage at 360-698-9774 for specific location and time if you would like to help.

Address Changes...

Send changes of address, phone number, and email to Venita Savage, 3661 Hyak Way, Bremerton, WA 98311, or email vmnotbf@ix.netcom.com.

Pet Policy...

Because some people may not be as comfortable with your pets as you are, please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically advertised as welcoming them.

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New Member? ☐

Renewing Member? ☐

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone*: _____ Email*: _____

** If you provide this information, it will be available to other club members through the mailing and email list.*

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into the trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves." ~John Muir

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