

March  
2003

# PENWICLE

Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

## Traversing the Bailey Range

Monday, March 10, 7 pm  
Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Bremerton

Jon DeArman will present his slides of last summer's PWC outing as well as a few from a previous traverse. Running roughly north to south, the Bailey Range is in the heart of the Olympics. The range contains Mt. Carrie, Mt. Fairchild, Mt. Ferry, and Mt. Queets to name a few. From the western slope of this range one has fantastic views of glacier-clad Mt. Olympus and the Hoh and Queets River Basins. This 13-day trip traveled up Boulder Creek past Olympic Hot Springs to Appleton Pass, then a bit of the High Divide Trail and the length of the Catwalk. The traverse began in earnest by Mt. Carrie and route finding, when not in fog, was relatively easy, with most of the hiking on top of the ridge or no more than 1000 feet below. Eventually the group traveled through the Dodwell Rixon Pass, overlooking the Queets Basin to the west and the Elwha headwaters to the east, down the Elwha Snowfinger, and finally out on the Elwha Trail to Whiskey Bend. The route was approximately 58 miles long with Mt. Carrie the high point at 6995 feet. Doug Savage organized the trip, Jon took the pictures, Sue came with Jon, Jill lost her camera, Mac and Dave climbed a few extra peaks, and Debra used her first aid training. The first 10 days the hikers ate what they packed in, but at the Hayes River ranger station on the Elwha, Kit's Llama Service met them with steak, salad, and wine.

## Kitsap County Water Festival

Wednesday, March 26, 8 am – 3:30 pm  
Olympic College, Bremerton

On March 26, 2003, over 1,000 fourth graders from around Kitsap County will arrive at Olympic College for a day of fun, learning about protecting our precious water resources. This watershed educational program showcases the dynamics of water and demonstrates how water and pollutants travel overland and underground to eventually reach streams, groundwater, and Puget Sound. The program teaches students how their actions affect water quality. The festival provides concentrated, hands-on learning in a fun and memorable atmosphere presented by exhibitors, professionals in environmental and natural resources fields, and entertainers.

This festival, sponsored by Kitsap County, Kitsap PUD #1, Washington SeaGrant, and Olympic College, as well as other agencies from the area, is not possible without the help of community volunteers from around Kitsap County. You can act as a guide for student groups, assist with activities, or help with set-up and clean-up at this event. Volunteers receive a free Water Festival t-shirt and a box lunch. Volunteers work from 8 am to 3:30 pm the day of the event.

*For more information on volunteering, contact Jan Koske at 360-337-4650 or apply on-line at [www.kitsapgov.com/volunteer/current.htm](http://www.kitsapgov.com/volunteer/current.htm).*

## Wonders of the Inside Passage

Saturday, March 29, 7:30 pm  
Poulsbo Marine Science Center, 360-779-5549

On Saturday evening, March 29, at 7:30 pm, the Poulsbo Marine Science Center's speaker series presents "Wonders of the Inside Passage." Nancy Sefton and husband Ron are veterans of 10 cruises up the Inside Passage to Alaska, using all kinds of craft, from kayaks to soft-adventure cruise ships, to their own small trawler. Nancy, a media producer and marine life lecturer, will introduce viewers to the natural features of the enclosed route, a little history, and close-up views of marine life from minks to mussels, bears to bat stars.

Whether you've already traveled the Northwest's famous marine highway between Seattle and Glacier Bay, or plan to someday, this slide/video lecture will provide you with new insights into its natural wonders and wild residents. *Admission is free, all are welcome.*

## Help Wanted: Editor Needed

**Need Penwicle editor(s) by June!** Contact Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853, or Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275.

# Outings

## A Word About Outings

*All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our company and what we do, we would like you to become a member.*

*The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your abilities, skill level, or equipment, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Remember that each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Please always carry the 10 essentials.*

## 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 listed as welcoming them.*

## Snowshoe Snoqualmie Pass

Saturday, March 1

Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

Enjoy an easy to moderate snowshoe hike of approximately five miles at Snoqualmie Pass.

## Cross-country Ski on Cowlitz Rocks

Saturday, March 1

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Day cross-country ski trip on Cowlitz Rocks on Mt. Rainier's eastern side.

## WTA Trail Maintenance on Notch Pass

Saturday, March 8

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853, or [www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org)

Washington Trails Association is now working on Notch Pass III. NP III will descend from FS Rd 27 to an intersection with the Lower Big Quilcene Trail near the Bark Shanty campsite. Members of WTA and PWC and other volunteers began building this section last month. With 30 volunteers, we accomplished a tremendous amount of work! Please join us in March. Trail building is a great cure for cabin fever. Persons of all fitness and skill levels are welcome.

## Ski/Snowshoe to Snowbowl Hut

Saturday, March 8–Sunday, March 9

Contact: Rick Kohler, 360-697-4912

The trip to Mount Tahoma Trails Association's Snowbowl Hut is full, but there is always a chance of a cancellation.

## Hike to Elk Lake

Sunday, March 9

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853

On the east flank of the Olympics near Brinnon, the Elk Lake Trail is characterized by slight ups and downs as it traverses

the mountainside, alternately going through virgin forest and clearcuts overgrown with alder, salal, and Oregon grape. This hike will be under five miles round trip with negligible elevation gain, unless we decide to take the short steep branch path down to Big Elk Lake. Time, weather, and good humor permitting, we will also take a short hike, one mile round trip, on the Rainbow Canyon Trail near Mt. Walker on the way home.

## Hike the Foothills Trail

Saturday, March 15

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Near Port Angeles, the Foothills Trail is a good walk in the woods with many ups and downs, though still essentially a level traverse with peek-a-boo views of ridges and mountains.

## Cross-country Ski and Camp in Royal Basin

Friday, March 21–Sunday, March 23

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774, or  
Brian Steely, 360-297-3825

For expert skiers only. Cross-country ski and camp in Royal Basin. This bit of high country in Olympic National Park consists of several terraces or ice-carved basins, where meadows intermingle with groves of trees, forested knolls, and glacier-polished knobs. Thundering Royal Creek Falls may be in a frozen state of beauty.

*Note: This trip may be changed to another location depending on snow conditions.*

## WTA Trail Maintenance on Notch Pass

Sunday, March 23

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853

Please see WTA outing on Saturday, March 8.

## Ice Axe Practice on Mt. Ellinor

Saturday, March 29

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Because Mt. Ellinor, on the southeastern flank of the Olympics, is a comparatively easy ascent, hundreds of people scramble to the top every year. The climb has been made still easier by the Olympians of Grays Harbor and other trail volunteers who extended the trail from the Chute Flats to the summit. However, in the early spring and summer, many climbers stick to tradition and go up The Chute, which is easy to ascend when covered with snow. A perfect place to practice ice axe arrest and other techniques. Wonderful views of Puget Sound and Mt. Washington and Mt. Pershing from the top.

## Beach Hike on Whidbey Island

Saturday, April 12

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Third annual beach hike from the Keystone ferry terminal to Ebey's Landing on Whidbey Island. This is a wonderful walk

along one of the most picturesque and undeveloped beaches in Puget Sound with spectacular views of the Olympics and Mt. Rainier. The hike is approximately 10 miles round trip.

### Hike to Pyramid Mountain

Sunday, April 27

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Steep hike to the top of Pyramid Mountain on the north shore of Lake Crescent. The elevation gain is 2400 feet in 3.5 miles. From second growth to virgin forest to a clear cut that comes right up to the ridge boundary between the Olympic National Park and National Forest, then another climb through forested slopes and finally the summit. Ahead on the narrow ridge is the summit lookout on its airy perch. Outstanding views of Lake Crescent and Mt. Storm King reward the exhausted hiker.

### Beach Backpack the Olympic Coast

Friday, May 16–Sunday, May 18

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

The stretch of wild Olympic Peninsula beach north of Rialto Beach is often called "The Shipwreck Coast." Along the way, campsites are set next to memorials that mark the sinking of ships on this rugged, storm-wracked coastal strip. Wildlife viewing is excellent and the scenery is glorious. Depending on the tides, headlands may need to be hiked up and down by a series of cable ropes and ladders rather than walking around them on the beach.

### Ski-to-Sea Race 2003

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 24–Monday, May 26

Contact: Scot Fourier, 360-698-3005

Looking for Ski-to-Sea race participants. The race is an 85-mile relay from Mount Baker ski area to Marine Park on Bellingham Bay. All race legs are individual with the exception of the canoe. Participants are needed for the following legs: cross-country ski—4 miles, downhill ski—2.5 miles, running—8 miles, road bicycle—36 miles, canoe—18 miles, mountain bicycle—9 miles, sea kayak—5 miles.

### Climb Mt. St. Helens

Saturday, May 31–Sunday, June 1

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Drive down on Saturday and car camp. On Sunday, some will ski and some will climb, with crampons and ice axes. Total elevation gain is approximately 4800 feet. Space is limited to 12 people.

### Trail Maintenance on Wagon Wheel Lake Trail

Saturday, June 14–Sunday, June 15

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This trail climbing to Wagon Wheel Lake is in need of brushing—lots of lopping. Car camp at Staircase campground.

### Climb Mt. Shasta

Friday, June 20–Monday, June 23

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Space is limited to 10 people for this California climb.

### Trail Maintenance on Mt. Hopper

Saturday, August 9–Sunday, August 17

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug Savage for all or part of the time (three-day minimum commitment) for trail maintenance on the Mt. Hopper way trail. Mt. Hopper was named for Roland and Stanley Hopper, two brothers who settled on Lake Cushman in the 1890s. The peak stands near the head of the North Fork Skokomish River and the way trail leading to it receives only limited maintenance. Windfalls are numerous and must be clambered over. The trail alternates between forest and patches of meadowland. The trail ends at Fisher's Pass overlooking Elk Basin. One can walk from here to the summit by following an indistinct path that follows the south ridge. The view of mountains in every direction makes it well worth the effort—not to mention the delicious Olympic onion, found in abundance on the higher slopes.

### FYI: Deadfall and Snow Creek Trails

Quilcene front country trails open but not listed yet by the Forest Service (to be remedied soon). An FS road map is good to have to locate the trails. Both have trailhead signs.

Deadfall—affectionately known as Falldead—is a steep but easy to follow 1.6-mile trail that intersects with the Snow Creek Trail. It follows a historic route that may have been constructed by the CCC as one way to get to the top of Mt. Zion from the Little Quilcene Trail. The intersection with that trail has never been found. On Hwy 101, turn west on Lords Lake Loop Rd; at the reservoir, turn left on FS Rd 28; after a few miles, turn right on FS Rd 060, and there is the trailhead with shoulder parking.

Snow Creek Trail is a 2.3-mile alternate route up Mt. Zion. At 0.8 miles, the trail intersects Deadfall Trail on the left. The grade varies from 22–34%, but finally levels off in a walk along the ridge with rock outcrops appearing to the left and right. The trail runs into the small worn summit. To the west or left is the Mt. Zion Trail and ahead or north is the proposed North Zion Trail. On Hwy 101, go past the Leland Lake Rd then turn west on the Snow Creek Rd (noted as the north entrance of the Lords Lake Loop on a map but clearly marked as Snow Creek on the highway). This road eventually becomes FS Rd 2850. Just stay to the right from Hwy 101 to 2850, then veer left and up on FS Rd 2851—this road stake is broken off to the number 1. Take 2851 for a few miles. Pass FS Rd 080 (clearly marked) on the left then at the next intersection follow 2851 to the left. Trailhead has shoulder parking with an easy place to turn around further up the road.

# Monthly

## MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, March 6, 7 pm

Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

Discuss club business and help MAP out the Outing schedule at the home of Jill Hawes in Belfair.

## March Potluck!

Friday, March 21, 6:30 pm

Contact: Scot & Linda Fourier, 360-698-3005

Potluck at the Bremerton home of Scot and Linda Fourier. Please bring a dish to pass and they will provide the dessert.

## PWC Climbers Group

An informal gathering of climbers meets the last Monday of the month (Check calendar for date changes.), 7 pm, at the Silver City Brewing Company, Silverdale. All are welcome to join us for general socializing and discussions about past and future mountaineering excursions. For directions, call Tom Banks at 360-352-4154. For a list of climbers, call Jim Morrison at 360-638-2705 or email jimjuliem@yahoo.com.

## March

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## April

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

# March and April

Date	Outing/Meeting	Contact	Page
3/1	Snowshoe Snoqualmie Pass	Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191	2
3/1	Cross-country Ski on Cowlitz Rocks	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	2
3/6	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning	Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402	4
3/8	WTA Trail Maintenance on Notch Pass	Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853	2
3/8-9	Ski/Snowshoe to Snowbowl Hut	Rick Kohler, 360-697-4912	2
3/9	Hike to Elk Lake	Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853	2
3/10	General Meeting	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	1
3/15	Hike the Foothills Trail	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	2
3/21	March Potluck	Scot & Linda Fourier, 360-698-3005	4
3/21-23	Cross-country Ski and Camp in Royal Basin	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 Brian Steely, 360-297-3825	2
3/23	WTA Trail Maintenance on Notch Pass	Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853	2
3/29	Ice Axe Practice on Mt. Ellinor	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352	2
3/31	PWC Climbers Group Meeting	Tom Banks, 360-352-4154	4
4/12	Beach Hike on Whidbey Island	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	2
4/27	Hike to Pyramid Mountain	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	3

## Club News

---

### PWC Welcomes New Members...

Evelyn Shellhorn, Trevor Stanley

### General Meeting Time Change

A trial proposal to start each General Meeting at 7 pm was agreed to by club members at the January meeting. The new start time began in February.

### Marine Naturalist's Workshop

Saturday April 12, April 26, May 3, May 17

Contact: 360-779-5549 or [info@poulsbomsc.org](mailto:info@poulsbomsc.org)

The Poulsbo Marine Science Center's popular adult Marine Naturalist's Workshop, taught by Jon Day, will be repeated this spring. If you would like to learn more about the salt water wonderland surrounding us, this 12-hour class is for you! We will cover the ocean habitat, how marine animals live, creatures of the intertidal zone, fish and marine mammals, life in a kelp forest, aquaculture and current marine issues. You will get close up to the live animals in the Center's touch trays and wet labs, and in the field. The last session is a trip to the coast during a super low tide.

Workshop participants will attend three Saturday classes at PMSC, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and one Saturday field trip. The tuition is \$69. The workshop is for adults. Twelve clock hours are available for teachers. For more information or to register, contact [info@poulsbomsc.org](mailto:info@poulsbomsc.org) or 360-779-5549.

### Continental Divide Trail

April through October, 2004, Kevin Koski is planning on hiking the Continental Divide Trail. If anyone is interested in joining him for part of the trip, call him at 360-698-0655.

### Thanks for the Goodies!

Thanks to Doug Savage and Jon DeArman for the meeting munchies! PWC welcomes snacks from all our members, so consider contributing to the March General Meeting. Contact Jill Hawes at 360-275-5402 with questions.

### February Raffle Winner

Frank Lane won an L.E.D. headlamp donated by the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe.

### Coming This Summer!

On Monday, June 9, the annual PWC Camp Cookoff will be held, so start thinking about your delicious trail recipes now. Then on Monday, July 14, the annual PWC picnic will be held at Jackson Park.

### The Mountaineers in Kitsap

The Mountaineers are organizing a chapter on the Kitsap Peninsula. For directions, information, and email newsletters, please contact 206-284-6310 or [branch@kitsapcabin.org](mailto:branch@kitsapcabin.org) or [www.kitsapcabin.org](http://www.kitsapcabin.org).

## Club Business

---

### Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal...

The PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Bremerton. To join or renew, please see form on back of newsletter. Receive a 10% discount at the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe, the Ajax Café, and Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast with your membership card. New members will receive a card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

### Address Changes and Member Address List...

Address changes should be sent to Tom Broszeit at Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070, or email [tomsma1123@aol.com](mailto:tomsma1123@aol.com). Members should also contact Tom if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

### PENWICLE...

*Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue.* Contact Lezlie Cox at 4219 West View Dr., Bremerton, WA 98310, or at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com).

### PWC Online...[www.pwckitsap.org](http://www.pwckitsap.org)

Please contact Sandie Morris at 360-792-1321 for inquiries regarding the PWC website. Submissions to the editor of the PENWICLE will be sent to the website.

## Officers & Staff

---

President:	Rick Fleming .....	360-779-2275
Vice President:	Tom Banks .....	360-352-4154
Secretary:	Debb Legg .....	360-908-3221
Treasurer:	Tom Broszeit .....	360-613-9573
Entertainment:	Joe Weigel .....	360-871-0291
Events:	Tom Banks .....	360-352-4154
Refreshments:	Jill Hawes .....	360-275-5402
Scrapbook:	Linda Fourier .....	360-698-3005
Membership Database:	Tom Broszeit .....	360-613-9573
Board of Directors:	Paul Dutky .....	360-479-2683
	Sarah Armstrong ...	360-377-1360
	Jill Hawes .....	360-275-5402

PENWICLE Editor:	Lezlie Cox .....	360-479-7853
Reporter:	Vicki Fleming	
Proofreader:	Steve Dikowski	

PWC

## Join or Renew Membership

PWC

*The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and skiing. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.*

Dues are \$25 per household per year. 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: \_\_\_\_\_ optional      Email: \_\_\_\_\_ optional

(Please print clearly)

☐ Check here if you do not wish any information to be included in the list distributed to members.



MARCH 2003 - TIME DATED MATERIAL  
Reproduced Using Recycled Paper



Peninsula Wilderness Club

P.O. Box 323

Bremerton, WA 98337-0070