

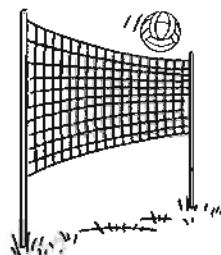
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Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

## PWC Summer Picnic

Monday, July 12, 6:30 pm

The PWC annual Summer Picnic will be held on Monday, July 12, at Raab park in Poulsbo. Directions: Take Highway 305 to the center of Poulsbo, then take Hostmark Street uphill toward the high school. Take a right turn on Caldart Avenue to the park. Arrive early if you can; setup may start as early as 5 pm, dinner will start at 6:30 pm. The club will provide charcoal for the grill, soft drinks, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. This is a potluck dinner, so everyone is asked to bring their favorite entree or dessert to share. Other things to bring are sports equipment (Frisbees, volleyball equipment, or items for an obstacle course), musical instruments, and a spirit of fun and camaraderie. Also, the winner of the PWC 11th Essential Contest will be drawn during the picnic. See page 9 for details.



On May 1, Kevin Koski started hiking the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) which runs from the Mexican border in New Mexico to the Canadian Border in Montana. His journey is expected to cover approximately 3100 miles and take about six months. Before he left, a kick-off party was held in Evergreen Park so everyone could see what it takes to hike the CDT and wish Kevin well on his adventure. At the party a trail name was selected for Kevin to use while hiking. So from now on, whenever he sets foot on the trail, he will be known by his friends and fellow hikers as the "Rambling Rehydrator". On June 8, Kevin crossed into Colorado, and as of June 15 he was in Pagosa Springs, CO. Below are Kevin's notes and thoughts on planning a thru-hike of the Continental Divide Trail in 2004, followed by messages that he sent from towns along the trail where he has been able to access his e-mail.

## The Continental Divide Trail

By: Kevin Koski

The Continental Divide inspired me since age 11. On my first backpacking trip with Boy Scouts to Jasper Lake in the Indian Peaks Wilderness in Colorado, I wanted to scramble to the divide to see what it had to offer. We brought fishing poles on the trip, and let's just say my skills and patience were lacking for hooking fish that day; in fact they have lacked ever since. I wasn't drawn to the fish; I was drawn to the divide. I began asking around, "Who wants to climb to the divide, who wants to climb to the divide?" No response. "Quiet," they say, they have fish to catch. When ready to go alone, I was thwarted by scout leaders insisting I needed a partner. I did not stand on the divide that day, but had fun anyway swimming in a warm tarn, studying the divide's ridgeline. I would visit the divide several times as my teenage years passed, always enjoying every step of the way.

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Kevin's kick-off party in Evergreen Park

### The Appalachian Trail

By: Tom Banks

May 25, 2004

Hi friends, News from Killington, Vermont: 100 miles down, 200 to go, from the highest peak in Massachusetts (Mt. Greylock) through the Green Mountains of Vermont and the White Mountains of New Hampshire. 26 days on the Appalachian Trail in New England is like a dream come true.

The eight days of hiking, so far, have been mighty good to me. My sister Susan (and new nephew Patrick) drove me to the trailhead on May 17. I've seen two moose, countless salamanders, 20 people, and four lightning storms. Water has not been a problem, except where there's too much of it (a few muddy spots and pools on the trail, but not TOO bad). The rivers are at flood stage after lots of rain. With their foamy froth and brown silty color, the larger rivers remind me of root beer. The AT shelters are great. It's pretty darn wonderful to be able to pack up every morning in dryness, in spite of the half inch of rain that fell the night before (like Camelot, it mainly storms at night here, right now). The mosquitoes and black flies haven't been bad on most days. On cool, damp days, they're scarce. On warm, sunny days, they're out to find me, and I have to try to outrun them.

I had a great shower last night and a doughnut this morning at my motel stop, and right now I'm off to cover 40 miles in the next three days. Motels are great, but after one night in one, I'm eager and ready to return to the rhythm of camping. I'm hiking a slow 1.5 to 2 miles/hour pace and putting in long (10-12 hour) hiking days over a variety of terrain. The green lushness of springtime Vermont, with forests and pastureland intermingled with rural towns, is incredibly beautiful. I'm keeping a journal, and taking plenty of pics with my digital camera.

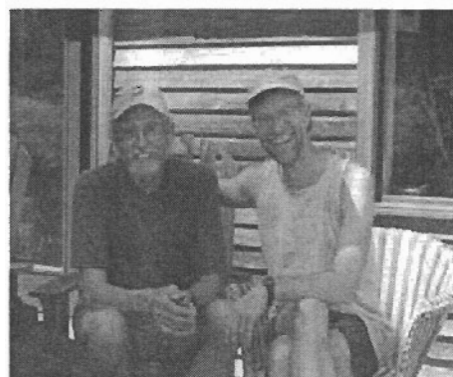
June 12, 2004

On Wednesday, a 60-70 mph gust literally swept me off my feet on New Hampshire's Mount Washington (elev. 6288'), a place made famous by setting the world's record surface wind speed (231 mph on April 12, 1934). I thought I would do well by hiking on the east side of the mountain, away from the prevailing wind. The mountain had other ideas, though, as the wind wrapped around and blew forcefully on every side. The mountain has a major weather observatory building on top. After climbing to the summit, I hunkered down inside the observatory and ate lunch as a 122 mph gust was recorded. A thunderstorm ensued, and nobody ventured outside for a while.

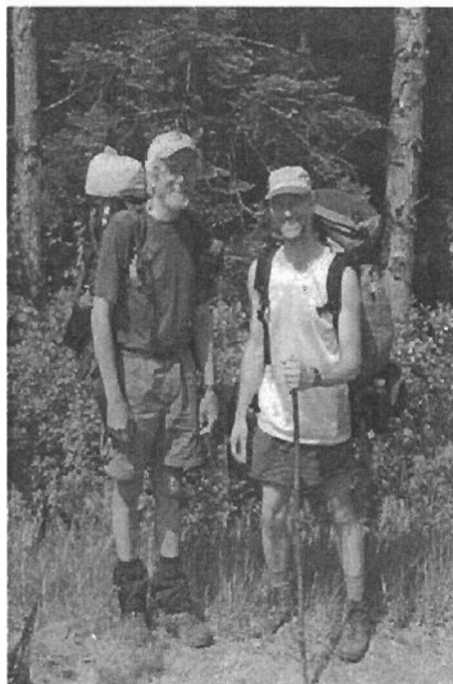
Prior to climbing Mount Washington, I hiked with a 65-year-old thru-hiker named Marvin (trailname: "Bear Meat") for 10 days. We got along well, swapping personal stories and debating political views the whole way. Conversations with fellow hikers and the unexpected generosity of "trail angels" (local folks who serendipitously offered meals and showers) added immeasurably to the fun of the journey.

The Appalachian Trail is under rated in several ways. It's rockier, steeper, and slower to walk than any trails I've hiked (comparable to, and exceeding, the slope of the Lake Constance route in several places, and with rocky ledges to climb using feet and hands). The summit views, though often subtle in their grandeur compared to vistas of the West, are often expansive, lush, and beautiful. Hundreds of square miles of green forest, mountains, farms, and river valleys spread out before you. Seeing a large number of other hikers is rare in the off-season and midweek. I think the people who find the Appalachian Trail crowded are those who begin at Springer Mountain, Georgia in March (the popular starting date) and move north together. I started my hike in New England a month or two before the peak season here. I saw another hiking group an average of about once every five miles.

I completed my hike of the Vermont and New Hampshire sections of the Appalachian Trail today. Leaving the trail after 27 days is bittersweet. It was fun going on a big grocery shopping adventure today: I impulsively bought \$50 worth of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other goodies. Tomorrow, though, I'll greatly miss the daily rhythm of hiking and camping, the company of like-minded souls who understand the pleasure of weeks or months of backpacking, and the indescribable joy of hearing the songs of wind, mountain streams, white-throated sparrow, and Swainson's thrush. A few days ago I decided I want to hike the whole of the Appalachian, Continental Divide, and Pacific Crest Trails within my lifetime. The oldest hiker I met on this trip, an 81-year-old man, is hiking the entire Appalachian Trail for the fifth time in his lifetime. Like him, I'll find the time. These experiences are food for the soul.



Tom and new friend Marvin "Bear Meat" (left) enjoy some rest and relaxation after lunch, on the front porch of a "trail angel" in north-central New Hampshire. Tom and Marvin (a thru-hiker from Pennsylvania) hiked together for 10 days on the Appalachian Trail in May and June.



Marvin and Tom embark on the trail at mile 180 (day 15 of Tom's trip).

### PWC Cook-Off

By: Vicki Fleming

There were about 40 people attending the annual PWC Cook-Off this year. Most of the entries this year were in the backpacking category. There were about 14 contestants who cooked. Rick Fleming won first prize in the car camping entry category for his "Scallop Fried Rice Stir Fry" (there were only two entries in this category). Second prize in car camping entries went to Bonnie and Bob McDaniel for "Huckleberry Pancakes". Rick also won first prize in the car camp dessert category for "Paradise Cake", cooked in the Dutch oven under coals. Bonnie and Bob McDaniel won second prize for "Huckleberry Pancakes" in this category.

In the backpacking entries category, Kevin and Karen Kilbridge won first prize for "Cashew Curry and Couscous Dinner". Second prizes (a tie) went to Joe and Kathy Weigel for "Salmon Surprise" and to John Knott and Ellen Cochran for "Backpack Pizza". First prize for backpack desserts went to Doug Savage for "Peanut Butter Energy Bars". Second prize went to Dave Cossa for his "Coffee Dessert".

The weather was a little cool but it didn't rain this year. I think everyone enjoyed tasting the good cooking and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Molly Deardorff for organizing this event.

### The Continental Divide Trail

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Life continued after college in Washington State. I found myself performing the weekend routine activities that involved hiking, climbing, biking, and sea kayaking. In the summer of 2002 I attended a presentation by Walking Jim Stoltz, an avid long distance hiker, put on by the Peninsula Wilderness Club. This conjured up memories of thinking about hiking the Colorado Trail after high school graduation, a plan that did not come to fruition because college started too early in the summer. I thought to myself, life is too short to not hike a long distance trail, hum – an idea! What about hiking the Continental Divide Trail. It is in my historical backyard, it covers a good portion of the Colorado Trail, and I would even be able to see the divide I missed when I was 11. I went home, woke up the next day and almost two years later the idea is still with me, consuming all my thoughts.

The rest is history. I thought about the trail for a few months, and realized this could be done. Need time to plan, I thought, note first thing in the morning "Turn in leave slip." I think work was shocked I wanted just over six months off with no pay. They asked, "How can you afford this?" One simple reply came from my lips – "Not married, no kids, no house, car will be paid off, and debt -free." I wanted to throw in that I didn't even own a TV, but I wasn't sure how this related to the other topics.

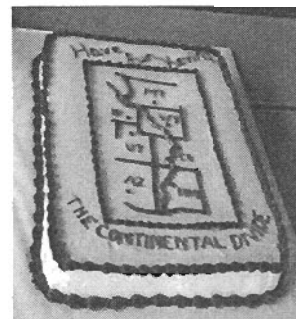
So the planning began. I purchased guidebooks, lots, and lots, and I did say lots of maps. Even after one year of planning I determined I was missing 60 maps because of trail relocations, especially through the Great Basin of Wyoming. I still think that it would be nice if the USGS did not cancel production of 15-minute series maps, 7.5 – minute maps add up to a lot of journal paper on the reverse side of the map.

Through the planning process I knew I had to develop a light pack. Honing my packing skills, no longer will my good friend John Myers find six pocket knives in my pack. Let's just go light, I am strong, there's no need to go ultra light. Well, my version and ideas of light have shifted towards the ultra light concept, but I'm not sure if my pack reflects this thought shift. A well-polished ultra light hiker would consider my 19.85-pound pack just light, not ultra light. There will be a lot to learn on the trail this spring, summer, and fall.

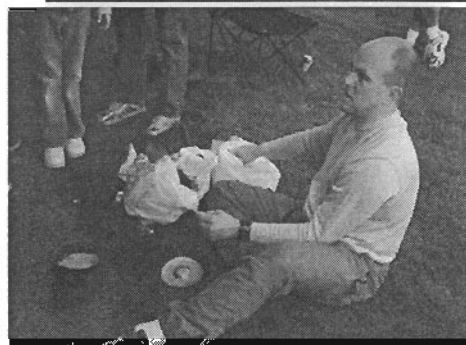
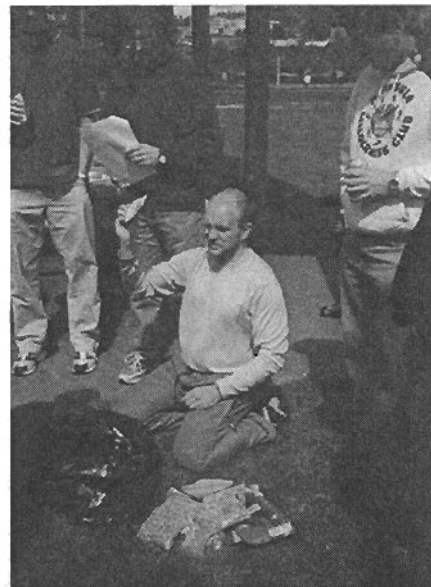
I'm typing this March 14<sup>th</sup>, 34 days until I drive away for a long-awaited, life-building, value-creating experience. I believe I am ready. Spending many hours planning, searching for information, purchasing gear, and being a slave to my dehydrator for three months. I am not sure if I have planned this trip properly, but I have concluded that there are infinite ways to plan the trip and it just depends on the individual. As long as the planner is satisfied, it should be the right plan. I often think of a statement one through hiker says on a purchased video: "The unaimed arrow never misses." I have planned my trip to greater detail than some people do, less than some too, but my mind is set for flexibility. Unplanned situations will arise, and I look forward to challenging those unplanned situations and learning from them. I am ready, ready for the simple life. To the Continental Divide. YAH HOOOOO!!!!

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Kevin demonstrates cooking on his wood stove.



Cake with CDT route.



## Outings

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### 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, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Please always carry the 10 essentials.

### Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

### Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing in which you are interested, please try to call at least two days before the trip for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make necessary arrangements, or alternate plans should a trip be canceled for some reason. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

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### Backpack to Sundown Lake

Saturday, July 3 - Monday, July 5

Contact : Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Backpack to beautiful Sundown Lake via the Six Ridge Trail.

### Climb Mt. Adams

Saturday, July 10 - Sunday, July 11

Contact : Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or

David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

Climb one of two routes to the summit of Mt. Adams. David will lead one group up the popular South Spur route which has a great glissade on the way down. Participants will need to be able to use an ice axe for self arrest. Doug will lead a group up a more technical route on the White Salmon Glacier. Previous glacier travel experience is advised for anyone participating on this route.

### Backpack to Heather Park

Saturday, July 17 - Sunday, July 18

Contact: John Knott, 360-792-2440

Backpack 4.1 miles (one-way) to a beautiful alpine area with subalpine firs and lupine and other wildflowers in bloom.

### Backpack the Timberline Trail

Monday, July 19 - Saturday, July, 24

Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, Theboyde@aol.com

Take a five-day backpacking trip around Mt. Hood on the Timberline Trail. The Timberline Trail is similar to the Wonderland Trail (around Mt. Rainier), but only 45 miles long. The hike will begin at Cloud Cap, on the northeast shoulder of Mt. Hood and continue in a clockwise direction. The high point on the trail is 7320 and the low point is 3200, with many ups and downs along the way. Several day hikes and side trips are available along the route. Maximum party size is 8 people.

### Climb the Three Sisters

Friday, July 23 - Tuesday, July 27

Contact : Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb the Three Sisters peaks. The Three Sisters are a cluster of three volcanic peaks. North Sister 10,085 ft, Middle Sister 10,056 ft, and South Sister 10,358 ft, located in central Oregon. They are the third, fourth and fifth highest peaks in Oregon.

### Hike Grand Valley Loop

Saturday, July 24

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853

"A Grand Valley it surely is, the three lakes and half-dozen ponds in glacier-scooped bowls, meadows to roam and rushing streams and views to admire." This is an upside-down trip - we will go down, then up in our 9-mile loop. From Hurricane Ridge, we will drive 8 scenic miles to Obstruction Point, elevation 6450 feet. We will descend from alpine views, to flowered slopes, to open forests. Grand Lake is nestled at 4750 feet and Moose Lake is a short detour away. While we hike, we may hear whistling. Legend has a Spring called Grand Valley. "The Kingdom of Marmots." The hike will require admission to Olympic National Park plus at least 2.5 hours drive to the trailhead. I plan an early start from Bremerton.

### Backpack to Glacier Basin

Saturday, July 24 - Sunday, July 25

Contact : Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Backpack to Glacier Basin in Mount Rainier National Park. This peaceful, secluded meadowy basin is bright with flowers in season. Bands of mountain goats prowl the high slopes above. Along the trail, view remains of the Storbo Mine that was established in 1894, but was never found to have enough ore to be of commercial value.

### Hike to Tubal Cain Mine / Tull City

Sunday, July 25

Contact: Tom Broszeit, 360-613-9573

A round trip hike of about 9 miles to the Tull Canyon area where the Tubal Cain Mine and the remains of Tull City, a mining community built around 1900, are located. Also, nearby is the wreckage of a B-17 bomber that tragically crashed in 1952.

### Hike to Hoh Lake

Saturday, July 31

Contact : Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

This, 19-mile Hoh Lake day hike, with 4200 feet of elevation gain, takes a person through three different major watersheds, old growth forests, and alpine meadows filled with wildflowers, as it passes by three lakes, which gives one a great opportunity of viewing wildlife ranging from deer, elk and bears, to cougars. Expansive views of Mt. Olympus, Bailey Range, the Pacific Ocean, Seven Lakes Basin, Bogachiel and Hoh River valleys can be seen on clear days. Trailhead is at the parking lot at the end of the Sol Duc River Road.

## Outings

### Hike Tolmie Peak Trail

Saturday, August 7

Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

Hike Tolmie Peak Trail in Mt. Rainier National Park, 6.5 miles round trip, 1400-foot elevation gain. Cool your feet in Eunice Lake on the way.

### Trail Maintenance on Six Ridge

Saturday, August 7 - Sunday, August 15

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug Savage for all or part of the time (three-day minimum commitment) for trail maintenance. The Six Ridge Trail climbs from the North Fork of the Skokomish to the east end of Six Ridge, which it then follows to Six Ridge Pass. Horses will carry much of the gear in to camp and back out at the end of the trip.

### Backpack the Skyline Trail

Wednesday, August 18 - Wednesday, August 25

Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114

The Skyline Trail and North Fork Quinault Trail will be combined for a 47-mile, 6-to 7-day backpack with over 8,000 feet of elevation gain. This is a strenuous hike with lots of ups and downs, but beautiful scenery.

### Hike the Mt. Muller Trail

Saturday, August 21

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Day hike the Mt. Muller Trail in the Sol Duc area of the Olympics. 13.0 miles, about 3000' of elevation gain.

### Hike Mink Lake Trail

Saturday, September 4

Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

Hike the Mink Lake Trail in Olympic National Park, 5 miles round trip, 1400-foot elevation gain. Soak in Sol Duc Hot Springs after the hike.

### Backpack in Olympic Mountains

Friday, September 10 - Tuesday, September 14

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

High Alpine traverse hike from Appleton Pass to Cat Creek to Seven Lakes Basin. Climbs of Mt. Carrie, Cat Peak and Mt. Bogachiel are possible side trips. Also a good chance to witness the annual fall rut of the Olympic Roosevelt Elk.

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## Outdoor News

### WTA Trail Maintenance - Lower Dungeness

Saturday, July 3

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

Two slides have buried the trail near the top and the bottom. Washington Trails Association and volunteers will recover the trail at the bottom. (The Forest Service will fix the slide near the top.) Imagine a chain gang with candy, banana bread, and soda. Actually the only thing we order you to do is take breaks as often as you need them - and work safely. People of all skill and fitness levels are welcome. Come and get muddy, or in this case, dusty!

### WTA Trail Maintenance - S. Fork Skokomish

Saturday, July 10 - Sunday, July 11

Contact: WTA office, 206-625-1367, or [www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org)

Portions of this gentle, beautiful river trail have been whisked away by the river. Washington Trails Association and volunteers will reroute the trail out of harm's way. People of all skill and fitness levels are welcome. There's a job for everyone. This work party also includes camping overnight, and a cookout with burgers and soda provided by WTA and volunteers bringing a dish to pass.

### TrailsFest 2004

Saturday, July 10, 9 am to 4 pm

Rattlesnake Lake, North Bend

Free Admission

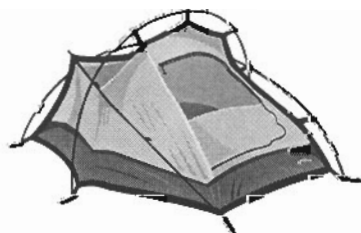
Presented by Washington Trails Association.

Get Outside and Play! Bring the family! TrailsFest is July 10th! Hike the newly-rerouted Rattlesnake Ledge Trail. See the latest gear. Pet llamas. Take a wagon ride. Paddle a kayak. Win prizes. Orient with a compass. Learn to read a map. Be an angler, tie a fly on. . . and so much more! If you play really hard, you just might get to try it all in one day!

Directions: Travel east on I-90 past North Bend and take Exit 32. At the end of the exit ramp head south on 436th Ave. SE, which becomes Cedar Falls Road SE after 0.6 miles. Continue south on Cedar Falls Rd for 2.5 to 3 miles until you reach Rattlesnake Lake. Shuttle service from North Bend will also be available. For further information, call the WTA office at 206-625-1367, or check their website [www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org).

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Greg Myrick, Rod Henderson, "Mac" McDowell and Randy Grunigen for passing the Olympic National Park's chainsaw certification class!



### The Continental Divide Trail

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April 27, 2004, Denver, Colorado

Hello,

Well, I have basically finished training my parents on how to resupply someone with such a crazy idea! I think they are ready. I have everything set in Colorado, making some last-minute preparations, and somehow while doing this my pack gained some weight and now weighs 22 pounds, well, while I loose some weight, I think my pack will also. My first three resupply packages are mailed, and tomorrow I mail my "drift box". I am ready to start hiking north before New Mexico dries out! The mountains of Colorado are all snow-covered; in fact it snowed my first night in Denver. I went on a 9-mile "warm up" hike yesterday; I will be honest, I was sucking wind because of the elevation change. Well, the next time you will hear from me I will be on the trail. I start at my lowest elevation of 4,000 feet! Oh, my sister surprised me today with a visit to Denver before I leave. I haven't seen her for over two years!

Later, (I will sign with my trail name for the first time)

Rambling Dehydrator

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May 09, 2004 , Silver City, New Mexico

Hello,

Well to start off with in my last e-mail I signed it with Rambling "Dehydrator", I was reminded that it is "Rambling Rehydrator". Well I am in Silver City, New Mexico, on May, 9, 2004. I have already wished my mom a Happy Mothers Day, and my father Happy Birthday, so I sit here in Silver City for a little "Rambling Re-hydration, R&R" for my feet, that is. Yes, for those who thought I never got blisters, I do in fact have seven of them.

I have spent a total of eight days on the trail now in which I covered 168 miles. I have broken the 10,000 elevation barrier and was doing just fine so elevation should not be a problem on this trip. When you live in Washington, you are not used to carrying 3 gallons of water. The water sources have been interesting, comprised of springs, and windmills, and three days ago I took a picture of my first free-flowing creek. The most interesting spring was the Crooks Spring House in the middle of no-where was this old stone structure built into the ground with a wooden shake roof. Since it was about 10 feet into the ground it felt air-conditioned inside compared to the 90-degree heat outside. The water from this particular spring tasted great compared to your typical windmill that I found often pumps smelly brown water. In fact this brown water managed to make my pre-filter look like a coffee filter. So far, my most used piece of gear has been the one gallon plastic milk jug. If you haven't taken a scrub bath in a dry camp using less than one ounce of water then you are missing out on the scrub of a lifetime. Maybe I can hold a clinic on bathing like this when I return! So far water has been a prime concern of mine.

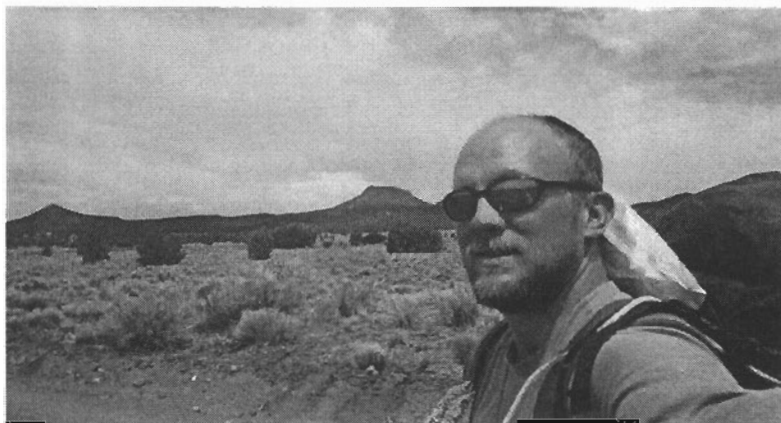
Another concern is following the map. To make it simple, places you walk in New Mexico are not your typical hiking places. I have spent a lot of time following cow trails, and no trails at all. Cows, holy cow, the ones with long horns are scary when you are approaching the windmill that they are all conglomerated around. After chasing cows away from every windmill I have approached I come to realize that they are more scared of me than I of them. Other "wildlife" I have seen is several sightings of wild turkeys, two deer, gnats, mosquitoes, vultures, lizards, squirrels, rabbits, coyotes, and one rattlesnake that I did not see, but learned it was there when it started rattling with its mouth wide open six inches from my foot. I think I am lucky I had puffy stone colored pants on confusing the snake on where to strike. Let's just say that after this I have spent a lot more time watching the actual trail.

There are more people doing this trail than you think. I have been tracking someone from the border with identical shoe pattern as mine. After talking to the ranger at the first forest lookout, I determined that this was an actual thru-hiker not three days ahead of me as my tracking senses told me, but only five hours hiking time ahead of me. Anyhow, I think I somehow passed the hiker on the East Canyon "trail", so I left him a note on the 100 trail, written in stone rocks. Later that day (yesterday), I reached my second fire lookout to learn that a different thru-hiker (he started near Antelope Wells) passed through there the day before, and he reported that he passed three people hiking together. Based off these reports, I think there may be four other hikers waiting in Silver City today, waiting for the post office to open on Monday. I will find out on Monday! The only thing that happened with any significance today is I was wearing my only semi clean shirt on the way to the laundry may, when I stopped to stretch under a telephone pole, so I was a direct shot for the large crow above me, and you know the rest of the story!

Well, I am off to find lunch, possibly some with New Mexico Green Chilies!

Signing out!

Rambling Rehydrator



## Reports

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May 18, 2004, Reserve, New Mexico

Hello everyone from Reserve, NM.

I did meet up with the hiker I was tracking: Steve, or known as Garlic Man. We have been hiking together since Silver City. So far I have hiked almost 300 miles. My feet were hurting, and Garlic Man's back had a glitch so we hitched down to Reserve, NM, for a rest day which was needed, so I look forward to eating pie in Pie Town on Thursday! If you ever get the chance to hike the Gila River in the Gila Wilderness, do, because it is wonderful, and for those rock climbers out there you will have access to 40 miles of 400-foot walls, and thousands of vertical cracks. The hiking so far has been challenging, but nothing that has been too challenging. Since leaving the Gila River we are back to the land of water concerns. Since the last report I have seen an owl, a black bear, a herd of elk, and more turkeys, and some flying biting ants. Oh, and I almost stepped on another snake, this one was a black, red, and yellow striped snake, probably a king snake. Anyhow, off to Pie Town it is!

Have a great summer!

Rambling Rehydrator

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May 20, 2004, Pie Town, New Mexico

Hello all,

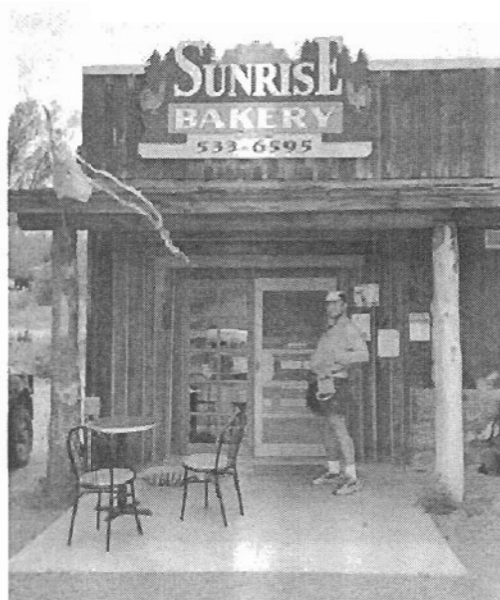
Yum, my stomach is full of good pie from Pie Town New Mexico. In a few minutes it is off to Grants! This is a great town! I am using the computer at Nita's house, a famous trail angel in Pie Town. The trip from Reserve was good. We basically covered 40 miles in two days. I am looking forward to the sandstone and lava beds between here and Grants. According to the trail journal in Pie Town, there are about 10 people ahead of Garlic Man and myself. We also keep running into people biking from California to Florida! I also received some unexpected mail from Emily Hatt and Kevin Kilbridge in Pie Town. Thanks!

Well the hiking has been good except for the baby rattlesnake that I almost stepped on yesterday. We have seen plenty of elk and an owl. We hear the coyotes each night, and I seem to still have a problem seeing the snakes!

Well, I will write you in Grants!

CDT 2004 Ramblin Rehydrator

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May 25, 2004, Grants, New Mexico

Hello everyone!

Well, after 417 miles of hiking, I arrived in Grants yesterday, which means I have been on the trail for 24 days now. Today, my 25th day, my feet are taking a rest. The blister band-aids that Kevin Kilbridge sent me are wonderful.

Grants has turned out to be a town that is very spread out! I think I have over 6 miles of walking just by running between the post office and the grocery store, which is Wal-Mart. Their superstore appears to have killed the rest of Grants. Today I will be on the hunt for a normal grocery store.

Hiking with Garlic Man is still a pleasure. I think that my pace is just a little faster, so it is good to have someone slow me down!

The last section from Pie Town to here has proved to be the driest with only 4 water locations in 93 miles, and let's just say the water in this section we have labeled as ASS WATER, wow! I never knew water could taste so bad. One well it was so bad that I had to chug the foul water, then scream, yell, jump around, and gag, then avoid the water bottle until I was so thirsty that I was able to force myself to drink the water again. Let's just say I have armed myself with Crystal Light while in Grants. I attempted to flavor the past water with Starburst candies, but it did not cut it!

Anyhow, besides the water the scenery was great! Crossing the El Malpais lava beds was challenging, but different. When we leave Grants, we will climb Taylor Peak at 11,301 feet. Currently this computer is at 6,340 feet, so there is a climb to tackle.

Thank you for all the reply e-mails, and the advice on blisters and snakes. I greatly appreciate it! I look forward to the next 250 miles of New Mexico, and then on to Colorado. I think I will hit the Colorado border around June 7th, right on my planned schedule. Well, my 30 minutes are up on the computer. There is so much I have experienced with respect to the daily rigors, and the people along the way that I just could not communicate with words, but so far the trip has been wonderful. And for all of you in Seattle, I have had 25 days now with no rain, and just a few clouds, so coming from the Pacific Northwest, the weather has been terrible, just terrible!

Heee/Heee.

Until next time! Have a great hiking season!

KK (Ramblin Rehydrator)

## Monthly

### MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, July 8, 7 pm

Contact: Ellen Cochran, 360-471-3064

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the home of Ellen Cochran, in the Kingston area.

### July Potluck

There will be no potluck this month due to the picnic.

### 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 John Myers at 360-782-2224. For a list of climbers call Mike Raymond at 360-779-9282 or e-mail [mtnmiker@aol.com](mailto:mtnmiker@aol.com).

### JULY

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The club will not meet at the KUUF building in July.  
The next General meeting at KUUF will be Monday, August 9.  
Please see details about the July meeting place on page 1.

## July 2004

Date	Outing/Meeting	Contact	Page
7/3 - 7/5	Backpack to Sundown Lake	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	4
7/8	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning	Ellen Cochran, 360-471-3064	8
7/10 - 7/11	Climb Mt. Adams	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or David Boyde, 360-692-9325	4
7/12	PWC Summer Picnic	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	1
7/17 - 7/18	Backpack to Heather Park	John Knott, 360-792-2440	4
7/19 - 7/24	Backpack the Timberline Trail	David Boyde, 360-692-9325	4
7/23 - 7/27	Climb the Three Sisters	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	4
7/24	Hike Grand Valley Loop	Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853	4
7/24 - 7/25	Backpack to Glacier Basin	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	4
7/25	Hike to Tubal Cain Mine / Tull City	Tom Broszeit, 360-613-9573	4
7/26	Climbers Group Meeting	John Myers at 360-782-2224	8
7/31	Hike to Hoh Lake	Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679	4

## Club News

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### PWC Welcomes New Members...

Karin Berbaum, Robert Romero.

### We Need You!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner are in need of volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Kathy Weigel, at 360-871-0291.

### The PWC 11<sup>th</sup> Essential Contest!

Everybody knows the "Ten Essentials". Most of us put them in our packs without a second thought. But what is your 11<sup>th</sup> Essential? Besides map, compass, flashlight, food, clothing, sunglasses, first aid kit, pocket knife, matches, and fire starter, what is the MUST HAVE item that you always carry. To enter, provide a brief description of why your 11<sup>th</sup> Essential is a must along with your name and phone number. Submit it by mail to the club PO Box, by e-mail to [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com), or give it to Doug Savage at any meeting. Enter as often as you like. Everyone who enters will be eligible for a special door prize drawing, a \$75 gift certificate to be held at the July PWC picnic on July 12. This competition is open to PWC members and their families only. The winner will be selected by random drawing from among all entries. You don't need to be present to win!! Entries will be published in the PENWICLE!

## Outings (continued)

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### Backpack to O'Neil Pass

Thursday, September 16 - Saturday, September 25

Contact: Rod Henderson, [rod\\_henderson98367@yahoo.com](mailto:rod_henderson98367@yahoo.com) (e-mail preferred, but can also be reached at 360-871-4420)

We will spend 2 to 3 days both going in and coming out with the rest of the time to explore, eat blueberries and watch the many bears. Entrance and exit routes are still undecided but this is a strenuous hike with lots of elevation changes and 40 to 50 miles just getting there and back. This is an area that I have spent a lot of time in so I can show you the special spots if you want. Once we get in you will be able to either camp in one spot or move around to different sites in the area for the maximum experience. Numerous lakes but no fish. A bear-proof food container is a must if you wish to camp in some of the more remote areas.

### Hike to Second Burroughs Mountain

Saturday, September 18

Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

Hike to Second Burroughs Mountain, Sunrise area of Mt. Rainier National Park, 5-mile round trip, 1200-foot elevation gain. According to the trail book, it offers possibly the finest easily-accessible tundra in the Cascades.

## Club Business

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### 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 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.

### Has Your Membership Expired?

Check for your membership expiration date on the address label of your latest issue of the PENWICLE.

### Audit of Treasurer's Books

Kevin Kilbridge conducted an audit of the PWC Treasurer's books for year 2003 and is pleased to report that they were kept neat, complete, and correct. A special thank you to Joan Edwards for doing such a great job as Treasurer.

### Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

Address changes should be sent to Vicki Fleming at Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070 or call 360-779-2275. Members should also contact Vicki if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

### PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue. Contact Tom Broszeit at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com) or 360-613-9573.

### 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, unless requested otherwise.

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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**

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