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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.

"Outdoor Fair"

Monday, June 13, 7 pm

In previous years, we have had an outdoor cooking contest instead of our usual indoor program at our General Meeting in June. Although the cooking contest had been enjoyed by all who participated in past years, there was feedback from members that we should look at other possible programs for the meeting. This year we are going to expand and diversify a bit. We will be holding an informal "Outdoor Fair" that incorporates many of the suggestions brought up.

This will be a casual, wander-about, event. There will be an outdoor social potluck, a scaled down outdoor cooking contest (providing desserts), a used gear swap/sale, slideshows of various outings, gear and equipment displays (by PWC members), and other informational displays. It should be a fun and enjoyable evening. We will need a number of volunteers to help set up this event. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Rick Fleming

All club members can help make this a fun event by volunteering in one or more of the following ways:

- Bring a dish for the potluck dinner.
- Enter a dessert in the Outdoor Cooking Contest.
- Bring your used outdoor gear to sell or trade.
- Provide 10 to 20 photos (transparencies or digital) from one of your trips to be shown.
- Bring some of your camping, kayaking, or skiing gear, or other outdoor-related items, to display.
- Help set up before the event, or clean up afterwards.

Climbing Mount Fuji

By: Tom Broszeit

Mount Fuji, or Fujisan as it's referred to locally, rises above the surrounding Japanese countryside to an elevation of 3,776 meters (12,388 feet). For much of the year, the upper slopes of its symmetrical volcanic cone are blanketed with a layer of snow. But by mid-summer, almost all of the winter's snow will be gone and thousands of people, young and old, will come to climb the mountain. Some will do the climb as a day hike, while others will stay overnight in one of the many huts along the trail, then make the final climb to the top in the early morning darkness to be at the summit for sunrise, an experience that has a very spiritual meaning for the Japanese people.

I've had the opportunity to make the climb twice, both times as a day hike. The first was many years ago and I was not able to reach the top due to circumstances. The buses we took from the US Naval Base at Yokosuka left about 5 am and we were delayed by heavy traffic. Even though we got a late start, the small group I hiked with managed to get pretty high up on the mountain before having to turn around because it was getting late in the day and we needed to return to the buses before their scheduled departure time.

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WANTED: Newsletter Editor

May begin as Editor Apprentice with guaranteed quick promotion to Editor! Great "second career" for a retired person. Salary - Much gratitude from fellow club members.

WANTED: Scrapbook Editor

PWC is looking for someone to take over keeping the club scrapbook up to date. No deadlines, pick your own hours! Salary - Much gratitude from fellow club members.

Newsletter & Scrapbook Editor Positions Available

There are two staff positions in the club that are open for anyone who would like to express some of their creative talents and become more actively involved with club workings.

The Newsletter Editor is somewhat involved but does not require any special skills much beyond the basic knowledge of using a computer. The Editor should have a home computer available (not too old) and have internet access for sending and receiving e-mail. This is a good position if you like to communicate with other members. Assistance will be provided to get started.

The Scrapbook Editor would be good for anyone who likes arts and crafts projects, and does not involve any deadlines.

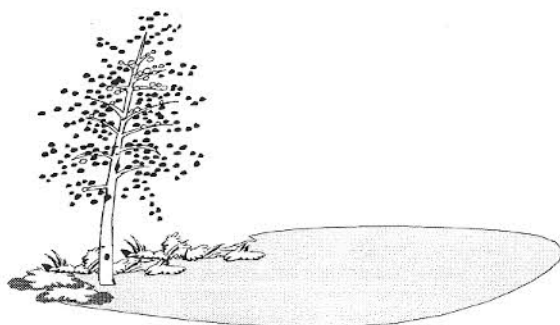
Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, June 9, 7 pm

Contact: Chris Warmedahl, 360-895-7719

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the home of Chris Warmedahl in Port Orchard.

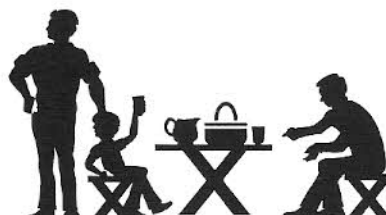


June Potluck

Friday, June 24, 6:30 pm (arrive as early as 5 pm for setup)

Contact: Hildegard Stone, 360-692-5984

Hildegard Stone will host this month's club potluck dinner at her home in the Central Valley area of Central Kitsap. Call for directions to new residence. If the weather is good, this will be an outdoor picnic/barbeque near the ponds in her back yard. Bring what you would to a summer picnic; folding chair, etc. As hostess, Hildegard will provide the barbeque & charcoal and the dessert, and guests bring a dish to pass.



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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, 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.

Crevasse Rescue Practice

Saturday, June 4

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Crevasse rescue practice on Nisqually Glacier at Mount Rainier. This is refresher training for people with knowledge and experience in crevasse rescue techniques, but first time people are welcome. A Tuesday night session in tying climbing Prussics has already taken place. Trip to be led by Dale Boyle. Call Doug Savage for equipment list and to sign up.

Hike Big Creek Loop & Four Stream

Saturday, June 4

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

This will be a doubleheader hike. A double hike in the Lake Cushman area will provide for a fun day. The two hikes will be Four Stream, 4.2 miles and 140 feet of elevation gain, and Big Creek Loop, 4.6 miles and 1,200 feet of elevation gain. Hey, let's hike two!

Backpack Ocean Beach over Hoh Head

Friday, June 10 - Sunday, June 12

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

This 12-mile round trip starts at the mouth of the Hoh River, travels along the beach for several miles, climbs over the rocky Hoh Head lands, travels through old growth spruce forest, and ends at a campsite above the beach at Mosquito Creek.

Wagonwheel Lake Trail Maintenance

Saturday, June 11

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

A one-day clean-up of the Wagonwheel Lake Trail. Bring along your camping gear and some food and spend the night (Saturday) at Staircase Camp socializing around the campfire.

Kayaking in Dyes Inlet

Tuesday, June 14

Contact: Mike Doyle, 360-271-1548

Want to get the dust off that sea kayak? Have you only paddled in lakes and would like to get a taste of saltwater? How about just getting wet after work? We are going to launch from the Silverdale Waterfront Park (off Northwest Byron Street in Oldtown Silverdale) from 5:30 - 6 pm. This informal paddle is open to kayakers of all abilities. Route, destination, and activity will be determined by the group. This area is great for new kayakers as you can experience conditions from glass smooth (no wind) to challenging waves (15-20 knot wind) for a beginner, short open-water crossings (yet you are never too far from shore), and the off-shore dock allows a (somewhat) protected spot for practicing wet-exits and rolling, or just taking a break. We will launch rain or shine. Please call if you are very inexperienced so we can discuss appropriate equipment and expected conditions.

Bike the Tour de Blast

Saturday, June, 18

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

The Tour de Blast bicycle tour is one of the great rides in the Northwest, traveling right into the heart of the Mt. Saint Helens blast zone. It's an out and back route, so when you feel you've had enough, just turn around. For those who want to do the entire ride, it is 82 miles long and 8,000 feet of elevation gain. There are several rest stops along the way with great food and drink. The \$40 registration fee includes the rest stop food, post-ride spaghetti feed, shower, and t-shirt. Tom will be going down on Friday night to get an early start on Saturday. Go to www.tourdeblast.com to register for this Rotary fund-raiser.

Climb Mount Baker

Saturday, June 18 - Sunday, June 19

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

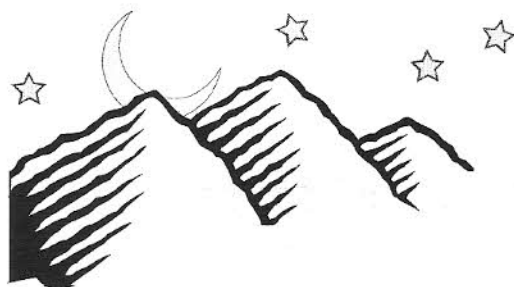
Climb to the summit of 10,775-foot Mount Baker by the Easton Glacier route, a relatively easy ascent on the south side of the mountain. Knowledge of crevasse rescue is required. Rain dates will be June 25-26.

Bivi on Mount Townsend

Friday, June 24 - Saturday, June 25

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

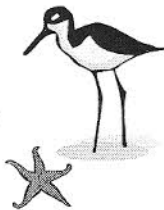
An overnight hike to the top of Mount Townsend for a post Summer Solstice night party under the stars.



Backpack to Toleak Point

Friday, June 24 - Sunday, June 26
Contact: Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087

This is a 7-mile backpacking trip (each way) on the Olympic National Park ocean beach which will include some climbs over headlands. There are tide pools to explore at Toleak Point, and we usually see lots of eagles, seals, deer, and the occasional otter. On Saturday, we will have the opportunity to day hike further south toward Mosquito Creek, or just relax at Toleak and explore the tide pools. This hike rewards us with views of the wild forest and ocean, sea birds, tidal pools, and wave-carved sea stacks.



Central Kitsap Relay for Life

Saturday, June 25 - Sunday, June 26
Contact: Cathy Palzkill, 360-275-7530, cpalzkill@comcast.net

PWC has an eight-person team gearing up for the 2005 Central Kitsap/Bremerton Relay for Life at the Bremerton High School athletic field. The Relay for Life is a community event to raise awareness about cancer, raise funds for cancer research and support services, and to honor those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Anyone who would like to join the team may do so by contacting Cathy Palzkill. If you would like to support the team by making a donation to the American Cancer Society, please contact Cathy or any of the team members: Tom Rogers, Kathy Weigel, Gayla Perini, Molly Deardorff, Bethany Cecere, Barbara Hager, Janet Gatlin. We will also have a "presence" at the June 13 meeting and outdoor festival. You can make a donation then, arrange for a luminaria to celebrate the life of someone you know who has struggled with cancer, or join the team!

Rock Climbing at Peshastin Pinnacles

Saturday, June 25 - Sunday, June 26
Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Rock climbing at the Peshastin Pinnacles near Leavenworth. All climbers, beginners and experienced, are welcome to join this outing. Contact Tony in advance for gear required and other details. Campgrounds and lodging are available in the area. Can visit Leavenworth in the evening.

Climb Winchester Mt. & Yellow Aster Butte

Saturday, June 25 - Sunday, June 26
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Winchester Mountain, located in the Mt. Baker Wilderness, offers beautiful vistas of the North Cascades near the US-Canada border. The trail to Yellow Aster Butte starts as a forest hike but soon opens to meadows. After about 3.5 miles and 3,000 feet of elevation gain, it reaches the top of the meadow-topped butte, which has a panoramic mountain view.



Smith Lake Trail Maintenance

Friday, July 1 - Monday, July 4
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Trail maintenance work party on the Smith Lake Trail near Black & White Lakes. Tools and heavy camping gear to be carried in by horses. Enjoy the camaraderie of working along with fellow hikers to improve the trail by day, followed by relaxing evenings in camp or fishing in the lake.

Backpack / Climb Bears Breast Mountain

Saturday, July 2 - Tuesday, July 5
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Backpack to, then climb, Bears Breast Mountain northeast of Snoqualmie Pass. For climbers: A 7,197-foot peak. Route will be southwest face, grade II, 5.4-5.6. Approach is about 11 miles of easy trail. Will climb in teams of two. Must have gear and leading experience. For backpackers: Approach is about 11 miles. There are various other mountains in the area to summit, and plenty of lakes to see.

Backpack in the Southern Olympics

Saturday, July 9 - Sunday, July 10 (*dates changed*)
Contact: John Knott, 360-792-2440.

Backpack up a short but steep trail (one mile, 1,700 feet of elevation gain) to a hidden lake on the slopes of Mount Tebo to spend the night. A small flat area above the lake provides a great place to bivi with a view of the Olympics. Trip limited to six people. Small tent or bivi preferred due to small size of camping area.

Backpack / Climb Mt. Adams

Five days, sometime between July 9 and July 17
Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

Hike the 35-mile trail that goes (almost) all the way around Mt. Adams. There is a short (4-5 mile) section on the Yakima Indian Reservation without any trail. Also, climb Mt. Adams, either just before or just after the circumnavigation hike. The hike should take three days, then two more for the climb.

Backpack to Indian Bar at Mount Rainier

Friday, July 15 - Sunday, July 17
Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

This 15-mile round-trip, 2,900-foot elevation gain backpack starts at Box Canyon and climbs steadily, traveling along ridges and through meadows, ending in a broad green valley with numerous waterfalls at an elevation of 5,120 feet.

Backpack to Lake of the Angels & Mount Skokomish

Saturday, July 16 - Sunday, July 17 (*dates changed*)
Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114 or Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

Overnight backpacking trip to Lake of the Angels and Mount Skokomish. A steep trail to a beautiful alpine lake.

Outings

Bivi on Mount Jupiter

Saturday, July 16 - Sunday, July 17
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Hike 7.1 miles with 3,600 feet of elevation gain to the top of Mount Jupiter to spend the night.

Backpack to Marmot Lake

Tuesday, July 19 - Sunday, July 24
Contact: John and Ellen Knott, 360-792-2440.

Backpack up the Duckabush Valley to Marmot Lake and have two full days from base camp to explore LaCrosse Basin and O'Neil Basin/Lake Ben. Woods describes the Lake Ben area as one of the most beautiful basins in the Olympics and the upper Duckabush as a place of solitude appealing to the dedicated backpacker (and LaCrosse Basin is, of course, very nice, too). Views down into the Enchanted Valley from above. The first two days will be a 10-miler with 1,600 feet of elevation gain and an 11-miler with 2,900 feet of elevation gain, followed by two days of base camp exploration, and two days out (but only 500 feet of gain on the way out).

Climb Mount Rainier

Wednesday, July 20 - Friday, July 22
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb to the summit of 14,410-foot Mount Rainier via the Kautz Glacier route. Trip dates will shift to the right if needed to accommodate the weather.



Climb Mount Pugh

Monday, July 25
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Climb to the summit of 7,201-foot Mount Pugh located in the Cascades near Darrington.

Climb Mount Saint Helens

Saturday, July 30 - Sunday, July 31
Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

Climb the Northwest's most active volcano. The trip is dependent upon the mountain being opened for climbing by the Park Service. David currently has reservations for 10 permits for a Sunday, July 31, climb.

Climb Eldorado Peak

Saturday, July 30 - Monday, August 1
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Climb to the summit of 8,868-foot Eldorado Peak located north of Cascade Pass in North Cascade National Park. Massively aloof and perched at the edge of the largest contiguous ice-sheet in the lower 48 states not connected to a volcano, the summit has a Himalayan-like splendor owing to its remoteness, position, and knife-edge summit ridge. Crevasse rescue skills required.

Climb Granite Peak, Montana

About last weekend in July
Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

CALLING ALL MOUNTAIN STORMIN' MACHO MEN (AND WOMEN)! David Cossa, in his never ending quest to climb up every mountain in North America, is planning a climb of Granite Peak, the highest point in Montana. Nah, no ropes, harnesses, beaners or any of that stuff. He is just gonna free climb this Class 4-5 peak. What's more, he's gonna do it in one day to avoid carrying the REST of his stuff (tent, sleeping bag, stove, etc.) up a steep hill because he is just plain lazy. So if you are into this death-defying, dysfunctional misadventure, give him a call for the rest of the very few details, such as when, liability releases, and gibberish philosophy on "why we do pointless climbs". If he happens to live through the experience, he might even decide to knock off a peak in the sort-of-nearby Tetons too!

Climb South & Middle Sisters

Saturday, August 6 - Wednesday, August 10
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb the southern and central peaks of the Three Sisters group, a cluster of three volcanic peaks located in central Oregon. South Sister (10,358 ft.) and Middle Sister (10,056 ft.) are the third and fifth highest peaks in Oregon.

Backpack the Hoh River Trail

Wednesday, August 31 - Tuesday, September 6 (*date changed*)
Contact: Joan Edwards, 360-509-5297

Drive to Hoh Ranger Station Wednesday afternoon. Thursday morning, start a five-day, 34-mile round-trip, backpack on the Hoh River Trail to the base of Mount Olympus. Camp the second and third nights at Elk Lake with a day hike up to Glacier Meadow for close-up views of the glaciers.

Backpack / Climb Cathedral Peak

Thursday, September 1 - Tuesday, September 6
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Backpack to, then climb, Cathedral Peak located deep in the Pasayten Wilderness. Drive to trailhead Thursday night (9/1). For climbers: An 8,601-foot peak. Lots of rock climbing to choose from, all levels. Will climb in teams of two. Must have gear and leading experience. For backpackers: Trail is about 42 miles round-trip with awesome scenery!

Backpack the Chelan Summit Trail

Friday, October 7 - Tuesday, October 11
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

The Chelan Summit Trail sits atop the ridges along the northeast side of Lake Chelan. Ride the ferry to the trailhead, then backpack 38 miles with views across the deep trench of Lake Chelan to the main range of the Cascades where the larch and other trees should be changing to their bright autumn colors.

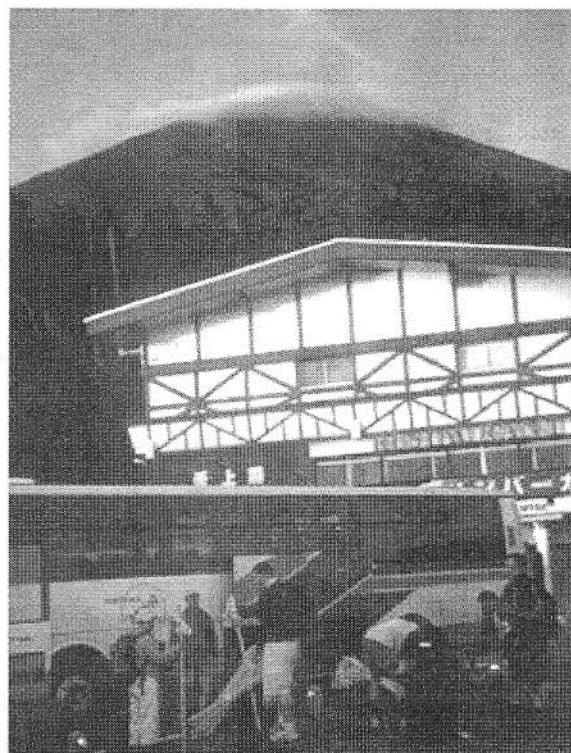
Climbing Mount Fuji

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The next time I had a trip to Japan for work during the summer months was in July 2004, and so I had a second chance at the mountain. This time the bus left Yokosuka at 2 am and had us at the trailhead by 5 am, just as a bright morning sun was rising.

There are several trails to the summit of Mount Fuji, each of which is marked along the way by ten stations, depending on the elevation. You can go to each of the 5th Stations by car or bus, so most people start climbing the mountain from the 5th Station on each trail. There are huts located at the stations between the 7th Station and the summit, as well as some intermediate huts in between. If you didn't pack enough water or snacks for the day, you can purchase these items along with other supplies such as rain jackets, flashlights and oxygen canisters (which probably last about two minutes) at most of the huts, at a rather high price. One popular tradition is to purchase a Fuji hiking stick before starting your climb at one of the shops near the trailhead. At each station hut, one of the caretakers would sit by a small fire which had several branding irons in it. As you reach each station along the way you can have your stick branded for 100 yen, which is equivalent to about 90 cents. Since I brought my old stick with me which already had brands for the stations along the trail from the previous climb, I really only needed to get the summit brand, and so passed by the huts without getting any new ones. On both of my trips I hiked the Kawaguchiko route, starting at the 5th Station with an elevation of 2,305 meters (7,562 feet). This is the most popular hiking route, and there are a number of restaurants and gift shops at this station. From here, the round trip to the summit is about ten miles with an elevation gain of 4,826 feet. The trail first follows the contour around the mountain for a short distance through forests. Then it turns uphill and soon leads above the tree-line, providing views of the surrounding hills and valleys. The trail itself is mostly a wide, steady grade of dusty volcanic cinders, in places bordered by chains to keep people from straying off the path. A few sections involve an easy climb up some rocks, which are usually arranged like steps. There is one trail for ascending traffic and another trail for descending traffic. And I do mean traffic! At the height of the short hiking season there can be a steady parade of people heading for the summit. At each hut along the way there would be hikers taking a break to get their hiking sticks branded or to have a drink or snack. Near the huts there are toilet facilities provided, but if you want to use them, it will cost you 100 yen. Also, a Japanese style toilet is a bit different than that which we are familiar. It consists of an oblong shaped ceramic bowl recessed into the floor so that the top is flush with the floor surface. Let's just say they are not very convenient.

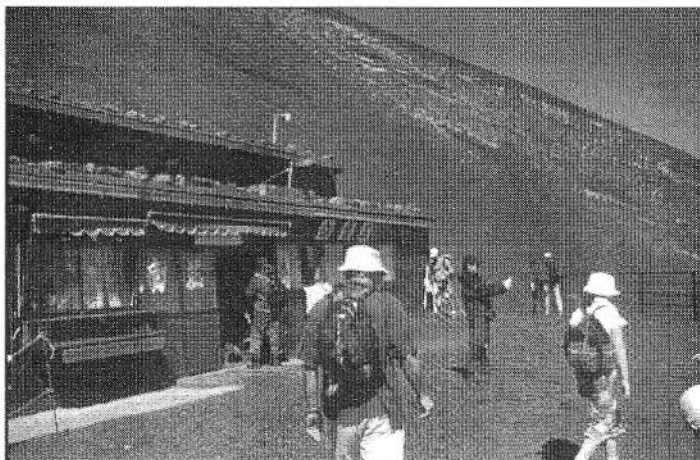
As the trail climbed higher, the winds got stronger, causing the pumice sand to be blown about. After about six hours of hiking and stopping for breaks,



Arriving at 5th Station to start hike.



Branding hiking sticks at station hut.



Typical station hut along trail.



The Kawaguchiko route.

Reports

I finally passed beneath the traditional Japanese tori gate located just before the group of huts at the top. At these huts, hikers can purchase the typical supplies and souvenirs, along with the all-important summit brand for their hiking stick. The central portion of the summit is occupied by a large gaping crater with steeply sloped sides and some snow still clinging to the inner slopes. A trail around to the opposite side of the crater leads to a weather observatory and the actual highest point on the mountain.

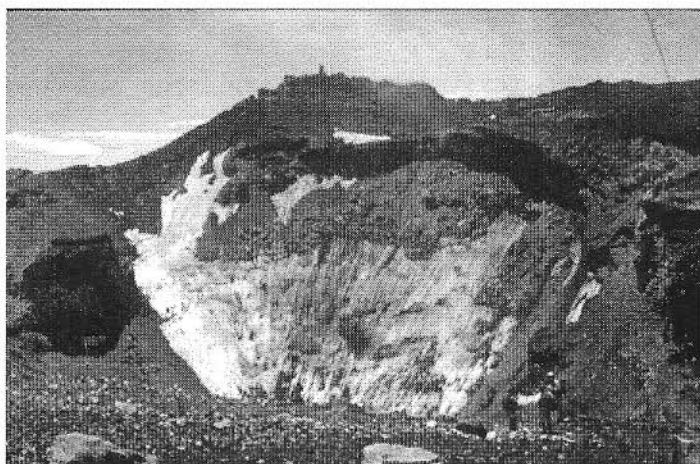
After spending about 50 minutes on top, I started down the long trail back to the busses waiting at the 5th Station. This route down has one important turn at the 8th Station that is somewhat hidden by one of the buildings. On the previous climb, some people that were on our trip missed the turn and found themselves on a different side of the mountain from where the busses were waiting. Somehow they managed to contact the bus drivers and one of the busses made the drive around to pick up the missing hikers.

Some visitors to Mount Fuji hike up the entire trail at night to be on the summit for sunrise, but most who want to be there at dawn usually stay overnight at one of the huts close to the top. The accommodations I'm told are a sleeping mat laid on the floor shoulder to shoulder with a hundred other hikers. The huts have been described as "rustic, crowded, noisy, and generally uncomfortable ... on a good day". Before sunrise, the masses emerge from the huts to hike the final stretch in the dark to be at the top when the first rays of the rising sun strike the summit of Mount Fuji.

There is a local proverb that states "He who climbs Mount Fuji once is a wise man, he who climbs it twice is a fool." I don't believe my first trip should count since we didn't get all the way to the top.



Summit huts.



Mount Fuji summit crater.

Outing Information

Outing Announcements

We have received requests from members that the outing descriptions in the PENWICLE include more information about the trips. However, sometimes the only information provided by a sponsor for the newsletter is a destination and date. We continue to encourage all PWC members to sponsor outings, but when submitting an announcement, please provide as much of the information listed below that is known at the time. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety while on an outing. Anyone who wishes to join an outing should always contact the sponsor for additional information or possible last minute changes.

- ☐ The activity (hike, backpack, ski, climb, kayak, etc.).
- ☐ General region where the activity will take place (section of mountain range, closest town, etc.).
- ☐ The destination (name of peak, lake, valley, mountain pass, etc.).
- ☐ The route that will be used to reach the destination (name of trail or climbing route).
- ☐ Number of miles to be traveled (specify round-trip or one-way).
- ☐ The elevation gain, and how it's distributed (gradual or steep sections).
- ☐ The trail conditions expected (maintained trail, bushwhacking, steep snow slopes, etc.).
- ☐ Special skills or equipment required (important for climbing, skiing, or water activities).
- ☐ Parking pass or fees required.
- ☐ Would the outing be canceled if weather conditions are not favorable.
- ☐ Views or items of interest to be seen during the outing.
- ☐ A web site with information about the destination or route.
- ☐ When and where the participants will meet for the outing.
- ☐ How long is the outing expected to last.
- ☐ Any plans to stop for meals before or after the outing.

Olympic Outdoor Center - Paddle Party

Olympic Outdoor Center is holding a Paddle Party on Saturday, June 4, 10 am to 5 pm, at Fay Bainbridge State Park on Bainbridge Island. Bring family and friends to this FREE event for an opportunity to test different models of kayaks and to learn more about kayaking and Kayak Kamps or Kayak Classes.

- Meet and learn strokes from Scott Shipley – 3-time World Cup kayak champion.
- Preview Summer Kayak Kamps for youth and adults.
- Bid during a silent auction for kayak gear and help support the Kayak Kamp scholarship fund (they are accepting donations for the silent auction).
- Fun, on-the-water kayak events (such as kayak races).
- Children: try out youth-size kayaks.
- Adults: try out plastic & fiberglass kayaks.
- Parents: get huge discounts on Summer Kayak Kamps and meet Kayak Kamp & Kayak Class instructors.
- Enjoy a day at the sandy beach with a view of Seattle.



First American to Summit World's 14 Highest Peaks

Ed Viesturs, a local climber from Bainbridge Island, became the first American to summit the world's 14 peaks higher than 8,000 meters (26,246 feet) when he reached the top of Annapurna on May 12, 2005. It's reported that only 12 climbers have reached the top of all 14 mountains. Ed Viesturs works as a climbing guide for Rainier Mountaineering Inc. and has reached the top of Mount Rainier more than 180 times. His goal to climb all the 8,000-meter peaks was accomplished over the span of 16 years, from 1989 to 2005. To put Ed Viesturs accomplishment into perspective, many PWC members have heard of, and a few have experienced, the training, preparation, and determination required to overcome the challenges of cold, wind, pain and fatigue encountered on a climb of Mount McKinley. Now consider that the shortest of the 8,000-meter peaks is nearly 6,000 feet taller than Mount McKinley. Those that have accomplished this achievement form an exclusive group among mountaineers. All 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks are located in the Himalayan or the Karakoram mountain ranges in Asia. They are listed below in order by height.

<u>Peak</u>	<u>Height in meters (feet)</u>	<u>Mountain Range, Country</u>
Everest	8,850 m (29,035 ft)	Himalayas, Nepal / Tibet
K2 (Godwin Austen)	8,611 m (28,250 ft)	Karakoram, Pakistan / China
Kanchenjunga	8,586 m (28,169 ft)	Himalayas, Nepal / India
Lhotse	8,516 m (27,939 ft)	Himalayas, Nepal / Tibet
Makalu	8,463 m (27,765 ft)	Himalayas, Nepal / Tibet
Cho Oyu	8,201 m (26,750 ft)	Himalayas, Tibet
Dhaulagiri	8,167 m (26,794 ft)	Himalayas, Nepal
Manaslu	8,163 m (26,758 ft)	Himalayas, Nepal
Nanga Parbat	8,125 m (26,658 ft)	Himalayas, Pakistan
Annapurna	8,091 m (26,545 ft)	Himalayas, Nepal
Gasherbrum I	8,068 m (26,470 ft)	Karakoram, Pakistan / China
Broad Peak	8,047 m (26,400 ft)	Karakoram, Pakistan / China
Gasherbrum II	8,035 m (26,360 ft)	Karakoram, Pakistan / China
Shisha Pangma	8,013 m (26,300 ft)	Himalayas, Tibet

For comparison, below are a few familiar peaks of North America.

Mount Rainier	4,392 m (14,410 ft)	Highest peak in Washington
Mount Whitney	4,417 m (14,494 ft)	Highest peak in continental US (California)
Mount McKinley	6,193 m (20,320 ft)	Highest peak in North America (Alaska)

MTTA Work Party

Mount Tahoma Trail Association (MTTA) is having a work party at the Copper Creek Hut near Mount Rainier on Saturday, June 18. Meet at the Ashford Fire Hall at 9:30 am. Dinner will be provided at the hut for all volunteers and you may spend Saturday night at the hut and then go hiking in the area or at Mount Rainier the next day. Sounds like a rewarding and enjoyable weekend; no wonder they call it a work "party". For more information, contact Tony Abruzzo at 360-871-5754.

National Trails Day - June 4

National Trails Day on June 4 is America's only nationwide event celebrating trails during the year, bringing greater awareness of the many benefits and pleasures of our nation's trails. To find information on National Trails Day events in any state, visit the American Hiking Society web page at www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd/events.html.

A Close Encounter of the Horse Kind

Ed Haeffliger will give a talk about interacting with horses you encounter on the trail, on Sunday, June 12, at the Staircase Ranger Station in Olympic National Park. He will discuss various situations with horses, such as what to do if you should encounter a loose horse on the trail. Intended as a training class for Park Rangers, the talk is also open to the public. For times and other information, contact Doug Savage at 360-698-9774.

Club News

PWC Welcomes New Members...

Marlene Curnow, Chris & Ashley Johnson, Patricia Niemiec, Joseph Ortiz.

May Door Prize Winner

Lloyd Willette was the lucky winner of an altimeter watch as the door prize at the May General Meeting.

Thanks for the Treats!

WOW! We had tons of cookies at the May meeting. Thank you!

Special thanks to Jeff Custer,

Greta Weingast, Doug Savage and to those whose names I did not get. Every bite was appreciated. Don't forget the goodies for next month. For information regarding refreshments, please contact Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402



PWC Summer Picnic

The club's Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Monday, July 11, at Raab Park in Poulsbo. If you would like to help with the preparations in any way, large or small, please contact Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275.

Silverdale Cyclery Discount

David Brumsickle, owner of Silverdale Cyclery in Old Town Silverdale, has generously offered PWC members a 10% discount on parts, accessories, and clothing (no discount on complete bikes). Just identify yourself as a PWC member and ask for your 10% discount - this is the same discount that West Sound Cycle Club gets. It's good to patronize local retailers! Thanks Dave!

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.

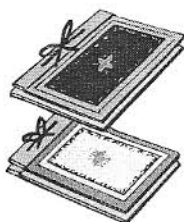
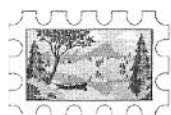
PWC Scrapbook

Share the memories of a great PWC outing! Bring in photos of any PWC event to one of the club meetings as a donation toward the scrapbook.

Please provide:

- Three to five photos of a given event.
- On the back of each photo include the names of people, location and date of event.
- A brief synopsis or description (20 words or so).
- Your permission that the photos may be cropped and permanently added to the scrapbook.
- Place your photos in a ziplock bag or similar.

For more information, please contact Linda Fourier at 360-698-3005.



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 discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership; check with vendor for details:

- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- Olympic Outdoor Center, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend

New members will receive a membership 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. Members that receive their newsletter electronically will receive an e-mail reminder.

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 or 360-613-9573.

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

Please contact Venita Goodrich at 360-698-9774 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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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

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