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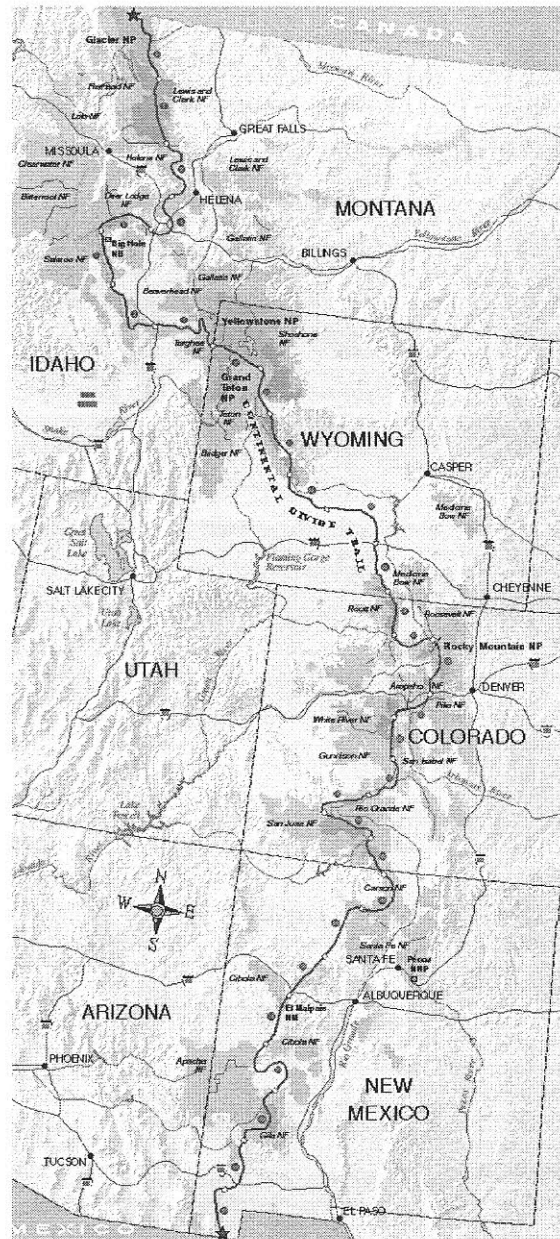
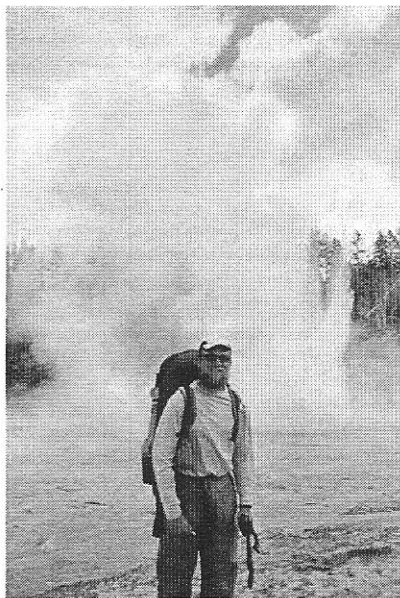
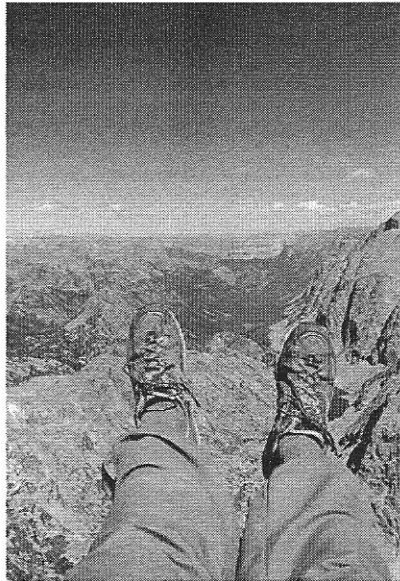
Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

## Hiking the Continental Divide Trail

Monday, December 12, 7 pm

Presented by: Kevin Koski

Come one, come all! Come to see and experience a 2,500-mile long hiking journey from Mexico to Canada following the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. From May 1, 2004, to October 2, 2004, Kevin Koski hiked approximately 2,500 miles, starting south of Columbus, New Mexico, and finishing in the Bob Marshall Wilderness just south of the Canadian border in Montana. Please bring yourself and any friends who are interested in hiking or learning what the Continental Divide looks like.



## XC Ski or Snowshoe to the MTTA Huts

On November 5, 12 PWC members attended the Annual MTTA Gala in Seattle. The Gala is the first chance to get reservations for the MTTA ski huts for the upcoming season. The PWC representatives earned reservations for three weekends: January 28-29, February 25-26 and March 18-19. See page 4 for more information concerning each outing. If you are interested in one of these outings, contact the person listed in the Penwick for that outing BEFORE the December General Meeting. A lottery will be held and winners will be announced at the meeting. You do not need to be present to win. PWC members who attended the MTTA Gala have preference over those who did not. For more information about MTTA, the trails and the huts, see <http://www.skimtta.com>

## MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, December 8, 7 pm

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the home of Jon DeArman in Poulsbo.

## December Potluck

There will be no potluck in December because of the Christmas holiday. Merry Christmas!



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12/4	XC Ski to Reflection Lake	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	3
12/8	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352	2
12/10	Hike Green Mountain	Dean Huffman, 360-307-7280	3
12/10	Ski and Snowshoe Tune-Up	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352	3
12/11	Hurricane Ridge XC Ski	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352	3
12/11	Kitsap Mountaineers Gear Grab	Doug Terry, 360-698-0885	3
12/12	General Meeting	Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547	1
12/16-18	Stevens Cabin XC Ski Weekend	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352	3
12/26-29	Stevens Cabin XC Ski Week	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352	3
12/31-1/1	Methow Valley Ski Rodeo	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429	3
1/1	Hike/Snowshoe Dry Creek Trail	Kevin Kilbridge, 360-871-2537	3
1/2	XC Ski Kendall Knob	Doug Savage & Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774	3

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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. 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.

## Banff Mountain Film Festival

Wednesday, November 30 - Friday, December 2

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

The Mountaineers present Banff Mountain Film Festival in Seattle. The Festival will also be in Tacoma beginning December 6. For more information and for tickets, contact the Mountaineers.

## Cross-Country Ski to Reflection Lake

Sunday, December 4

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Beginner cross-country ski from Paradise to Reflection Lake in Mount Rainier National Park.



## Hike Green Mountain

Saturday, December 10

Contact: Dean Huffman, 360-307-7280

This is one of the few hikes in Kitsap County. The hike will start at the Wildcat Lake trailhead and is nine miles. After the hike, you are invited to Gayla Perini's house for refreshments.

## Ski and Snowshoe Tune-Up

Saturday, December 10

Contact: Jon DeArman 360-697-1352

I will conduct a ski tune/waxing and snowshoe repair/fitting clinic for anyone with winter transportation problems. I will sew and fit skins and even fit your tire chains for your vehicle. Please call the week before with your problem to ensure I have the parts required.

## Hurricane Ridge XC Ski

Sunday, December 11

Contact: Jon DeArman 360-697-1352

Beginner XC Ski trip to Hurricane Ridge. We will start in the meadow to hone basic technique, and then proceed down the easy trail to the Toilet Bowl for lunch, hot toddies and playtime. If you are interested in advancing from snowshoes to XC skis, I have a selection of boots & skis available. Call to confirm by Thursday, December 8.

## Kitsap Mountaineers Gear Grab

Sunday, December 11

Contact: Doug Terry, 360-698-0885

Come one, come all! Kitsap Branch is holding its first annual Gear Grab. From noon until 4 pm you can sell or swap your surplus gear at Kitsap Cabin. We want this event to benefit both the participants and our branch clubroom Kitsap Cabin. We'll have a donation site and ask that you contribute a small portion of your profit to the Kitsap Cabin Restoration Fund. The Cabin Restoration Committee is currently raising money for new windows and siding.

## Stevens Cabin XC Ski Weekend

Friday, December 16 - Sunday, December 18

Contact: Jon DeArman 360-697-1352

I will be at the Mountaineers Cabin at Stevens Pass for the weekend to teach XC Skiing. We will travel the Mill Valley Trail System to perfect skills and practice the technique of *"let the terrain work for you."* If you plan to overnight at the cabin with me, you need to call me early so I can arrange for reservations.

## Stevens Cabin XC Ski Week

Monday, December 26 - Thursday, December 29

Contact: Jon DeArman 360-697-1352

Sue and I will be at the Mountaineers Cabin at Stevens Pass the week between Christmas and New Years to teach XC Skiing. We will travel the Mill Valley Trail System and selected Snow Parks on Hwy 2 to perfect skills and practice the technique of *"let the terrain work for you."* For those of you beyond that, you may join Sue, telemark skiing the lifts at the ski area. If you plan to overnight at the cabin with me, you need to call me early so I can arrange for reservations.

## Methow Valley Ski Rodeo

Saturday, December 31 - Sunday, January 1

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

A cross-country ski race, your choice of 5K or 10K, skate or classic technique.

## Hike/Snowshoe Dry Creek Trail

Sunday, January 1

Contact: Kevin Kilbridge, 360-871-2537

Hike and possibly snowshoe Dry Creek Trail at Lake Cushman in the southern Olympics. The trail starts low at 70 feet and climbs to a pass at 3650 feet. Contact Kevin for details.



## XC Ski Kendall Knob

Monday, January 2

Contact: Doug Savage & Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774

Beginner/intermediate cross country ski trip in the Kendall Knob and Kendall Lake region of Snoqualmie Pass. Telemarking backcountry skills are NOT required. Round trip is seven miles with 1700 feet total elevation gain. A Sno-Park pass with a grooming sticker is required to park.

## Cross-Country Ski in Methow Valley

Saturday, January 14 - Monday, January 16

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Spend the weekend cross-country skiing in the Methow Valley. You can make reservations for lodging at [methowreservations.com](http://methowreservations.com)

## Ski Weekend at Mazama Lodge

Saturday, January 21 - Sunday, January 22

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Stay at the Mazama Lodge near Government Camp, OR, and ski in the Mount Hood area. The lodge is within a 20-minute drive of five downhill ski areas, and cross-country skiers can access trails for all ability levels from the lodge.

## XC Ski or Snowshoe to Copper Creek Hut

Saturday, January 28 - Sunday, January 29

Contact: Cathy Palzkill, 360-692-2547, cpalzkill@comcast.net

Cross-country ski or snowshoe on the MTTA trails, spending the night at Copper Creek Hut. See page 1 for details about the lottery.



## Winterfest 2006

Friday, February 17 - Monday, February 20

Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

We have reserved the entire Snoqualmie Lodge for Winterfest 2006. Snoqualmie has great cross country skiing and snowshoeing, discounted lift tickets for the downhill areas, and the lodge provides inner tubes for the groomed tubing slope -- and if there's no snow we can always hike, bike, and party. Sign up now; you don't have to be a Mountaineer! There are sleeping accommodations for 49. Cost will be \$70 for the weekend. That includes lodging for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, breakfast Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning, and dinner Saturday and Sunday evening. You can sign up for individual nights at \$20 for Friday and \$25 each for Saturday or Sunday, but people attending the whole weekend will get preference if we fill the place up.

## XC Ski or Snowshoe to Snowbowl Hut

Saturday, February 25 - Sunday, February 26

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe on the MTTA trails, spending the night at Snowbowl Hut. See page 1 for details about the lottery.

## XC Ski or Snowshoe to High Hut

Saturday, March 18 - Sunday, March 19

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe on the MTTA trails, spending the night at High Hut. See page 1 for details about the lottery.

## Backpack in the Grand Canyon

February 26 - March 11, 2006

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

Join us on a 14-day trek through the heart of Grand Canyon, Arizona. The route begins at Grandview Point and descends the Grandview Trail to Horseshoe Mesa, where we will spend a day exploring the old mines, Cave of the Domes and Hance Canyon. We will then continue west on the Tonto Plateau along the Tonto Trail, descending to Bright Angel Campground and Phantom Ranch. Here we will pick up a food cache for the next leg of the journey to Clear Creek. At Clear Creek, we will spend two days exploring Clear Creek and Obi Canyons. We will then head back to Bright Angel, camping either there or at Sumner Wash. After this, we head up the North Kaibab Trail to Cottonwood Campground where we will spend an entire day exploring various side canyons. Finally, we will head back down to Bright Angel and the final ascent out of Grand Canyon via the Bright Angel Trail. Besides the beauty of the canyon itself, we will see mining ruins, several waterfalls, some Indian ruins and numerous side canyons.

The backpacking portion of the trip is about 85 miles, with an elevation change of +/- 25,000 feet. Some of the change is gradual, while other sections are quite steep. Optional side trips and exploration (so-called rest days) can add up to another 65 miles and an elevation change of +/- 20,000 feet. (All mileages and elevation changes are approximate and probably exaggerated). The weather is expected to be in the low to mid-40s at night and low to mid-70s during the day (in the canyon, much colder on the rim itself). Some rain is possible, and perhaps some snow on the South Rim. The trip is on regardless of the weather!!

We will be driving straight through to the canyon and spending one night at the rim both before and after the trip. (It takes about 22-24 hours.) A National Park Pass is required for entrance to the park, or a nominal fee per vehicle. The permit for the trip is \$66 per person. Additionally, each person will be responsible for his or her own personal expenses (food, lodging share, etc.) along with an equal share of the gas money. If interested, contact me for additional information on the itinerary and a detailed trail description.

## Tweedsmuir Provincial Park Adventure

August 2006

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Kayak, canoe, hike, and climb in Tweedsmuir Provincial Park in British Columbia.

## Gates of the Arctic Adventure

August 2007

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Advance notice for a future trip to Gates of the Arctic National Park in the Brooks Range of northern Alaska.



## Club News

### PWC Welcomes New Members...

Janet Ames, Stan & Robin Howell, and Terry & Jayne Meier.

### November Door Prize Winner

At the November meeting, Gary Goodwin won a Squirt P4 Leatherman.

### Thanks for the Treats!

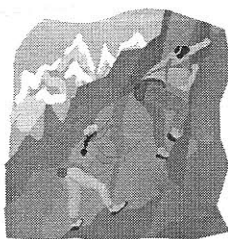
Thanks to everyone that brought goodies to the November meeting. Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774 if you would like to bring snacks to the next meeting.

### 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, Gayla Perini, at 360-830-3553.

### Sponsor an Outing

We are always looking for people to sponsor outings for the PWC. If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting the Thursday before the General Meeting to discuss your plan for a trip. You can submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Erin Hennings at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com) or 360-621-6961. Planning a last minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website by filling out the form at <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>



### Trip Reports Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Erin Hennings is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Please send trip reports and photos to Erin at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com)

### Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Bethany Cecere, our Scrapbook Editor, is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip (date and location), people and places in the pictures and whether you need the pictures back. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Bethany Cecere, 360-377-2408, [bethany.cecere@comcast.net](mailto:bethany.cecere@comcast.net)

### Update Your Email Address

Does the PWC have your current email address? If not, contact Vicki Fleming, Membership Coordinator, to update your email address and other contact information. Vicki can be reached at 360-779-2275 or [two.marmots@comcast.net](mailto:two.marmots@comcast.net)

## 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, but check with vendor for details:

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock (NEW sponsor!)

New members will receive a membership card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

### 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 Erin Hennings at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com) or 360-621-6961.

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