

PEONY

APRIL
2010

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.

George Wiggins will share two adventures with us. In January of this year, George and his wife, Karen, explored the limestone cliffs of El Potrero Chico. El Potrero is an internationally renowned destination for rock climbers located three hours south of Laredo, Texas (by car), near Hidalgo, Mexico. The

climbing routes are mostly situated in a canyon at the entrance of the park, while the interior offers undeveloped mountain terrain. There are well over 500 routes, which range from steep overhanging faces to easy slabs. The area boasts the second longest sport route in North America, Timewave Zero, ringing in at 23 pitches and over 2000 feet.

George will then share his June 2009 adventure climbing 20,320-foot Denali. This was an entirely different kind of climbing experience, one that tested George's physical and psychological limits.

Photos courtesy of George Wiggins.



Climbing Adventures

Monday, April 12, 7 pm
Presented by: George Wiggins



Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity

Thursday, April 8, 7 pm

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Kevin's home in Bremerton. All members are invited to attend. This meeting is BYOC—Bring Your Own Chair!

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact
4/1-3	Fort Flagler Car Camping	Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net
4/4	Skills Practice: Snow Travel, Glissade	David Cossa, 360-871-5577, cmountaintdave@aol.com
4/4	Liberty Bay Circumnavigation	Steve Morse, 206-842-2845
4/7	Climb Mount Washington	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
4/8	MAP Meeting	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
4/10	Puget Sound Challenge	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
4/10-11	Ancient Lakes Overnight	Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037, pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org
4/11	Climb Mount Ellinor	Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402
4/12	General Meeting <i>Featuring the art of Ed Book—see page 3</i>	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
4/13-15	Cypress Island Circumnavigation	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
4/16-18	Ski Garibaldi Nave Traverse (<i>note date change</i>)	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
4/17	OMR Film Event	John Myers, 360-509-3119, bremerjohn@comcast.net
4/18	Skills Practice: Orienteering (<i>note date change</i>)	David Cossa, 360-871-5577
4/18	Sea Kayak from Kingston to Point No Point	Tom Henning, 360-895-4018, khsbandmom@juno.com
4/23	Skills Practice: Crevasse Rescue Refresher	Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714, dboyle@web-o.net
4/24	Bike to Ballard Locks and Discovery Park	Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820
4/24	Explore Sequim Bay by Kayak	Derek Zimmer, 360-871-6367
4/24-25	Explore Lopez Island	Beth Harter, 360-779-9078, bethharter@embarqmail.com
4/24-25	Columbia River Gorge Overnight	Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037
4/30	April Potluck	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883
Late April	Southern Utah Canyonlands Trip	Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754, anthony_abruzzo@q.com, or Bob Brown, skipatrol10@hotmail.com

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April PWC Artisan: Ed Book

Ed Book grew up in Pennsylvania, falling in love with the outdoors as a Boy Scout. In college, he majored in Forestry and Recreation Parks Management, but ended up working for the Navy as a nuclear reactor operator, and then in Reactor Test Engineering. Arriving in Washington State, he knew he'd found home, with the wild mountains and ocean so close at hand.

While in his early 20s, Ed took advantage of a camera and film sale aboard ship, buying an SLR camera and 400 roles of Kodachrome for \$100. He found that, like his images, he remembers visually, and recalls everywhere he goes graphically. Photography felt like a perfect match.

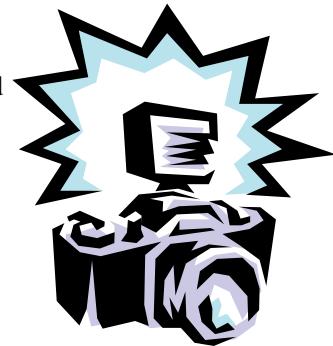
Thirteen years ago, he quit his job at the Shipyard to devote his full time to photography. Now he travels following Mother Nature's displays, and markets his work. He also teaches small workshops on location and gives one-to-one instruction. Ed likes to help new and intermediate-level photographers develop their eye for composition, as well as image optimization after capture.

Photos courtesy of Ed Book, © ebookphoto.com



Above: Ed's photographic self-portrait. Left: Ed's description follows:

"I was down at Big Beef Creek by Seabeck with my big glass (500mm f/4 and 1.4x teleconverter) and the eagle flew from behind me and landed 30 feet away. I was too close for 700 mm, but I didn't have a pocket to put the teleconverter in, and I didn't want to put it on the ground. I couldn't move away because picking up the tripod, swivel mount, camera, and lens would result in losing control of being ready, so I just stood there and waited for the bird to fly far enough away to capture an image. The bird had its back to me. About 20 minutes passed before it finally flew – but it didn't fly away, it flew right in front of me. The camera was set on continuous fast exposure and I made exposures at maximum speed until the buffer was full. The only image with the bird in sharp focus was this one. The eagle was so close that the near wing was closer than minimum focus, and the far wing was soft. At 1/1000 sec exposure and ISO 400, the f/stop was 6.3, so the depth-of-field was minimal. The background was the mud of the low tide shoreline, so I turned the camera up and captured the sky to drop into the image later. The result looks more like a painting than a photograph, so I have printed it on canvas and it's gotten good reviews."



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.

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.

Pet Policy

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

The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Remember that trips can be listed on the website under Last Minute Trips. If you don't see something that interests you in the newsletter, check the website for additional trips. Or, if you are doing an outing that was planned after the deadline, use the website to post the information. This can now be done in THREE ways: you can fill out the form online, or you can call or email the info directly to the Webmaster, Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037 or pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org. Alternatively, you can call or email Paul Dutky at 360-479-2683 or pdtuky@gmail.com to get the outing listed on the PWC calendar online.

Fort Flagler Car Camping

Thursday, April 1 - Saturday, April 3

Contact: Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net

Bring your road or mountain bike, kayak, hiking boots and campfire firewood. We'll have dinner at the Ajax Café for the bold. Sites are still first-come, first-served. Arrive Friday or depart Sunday as you need! This trip is also listed on <http://www.meetup.com/Kitsap-Outdoors/>

Skills Practice: Snow Travel, Glissade

Sunday, April 4

Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577,
cmountaindave@aol.com

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. This will be a review of how to travel safely on snow and use an ice axe to self arrest. Crampons advised. There may be equipment available for loan. If you need an axe or other gear, let us know ahead of time. A review of *Freedom of the Hills* is worthwhile. This session will be at Mount Angeles.

Liberty Bay Circumnavigation

Sunday, April 4

Contact: Steve Morse, 206-842-2845

This is an 8-mile, Class I-II paddle launching from Oyster Park.

Climb Mount Washington

Wednesday, April 7

Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdtuky@gmail.com

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. This is an early spring ascent of Mount Washington on snow. Crampons and ice axe are needed.

Puget Sound Challenge

Saturday, April 10

Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdtuky@gmail.com

The Puget Sound Challenge consists of a series of paddle legs from Port Townsend to Olympia over the course of the summer. The primary sponsor of this event is the Olympic Kayak Club. A one-time contribution of \$50 goes to the Cascadia Marine Trails or North Kitsap String of Pearls organizations, and qualifies you for a raffle drawing (prizes include three different new sea kayaks). For more information, go to

<http://www.olympickayakclub.com/ThePugetSoundChallenge> or contact David Fisher, 206-437-7646, fisher@sohalang.com

Ancient Lakes Overnight

Saturday, April 10 - Sunday, April 11

Contact: Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037,
pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org

Join Jay on an overnight trip to Ancient Lakes in Eastern Washington. Ancient Lakes are set in a coulee left over from the Missoula floods and are about 10 or 15 miles away from the Gorge Amphitheater. The hike to the lakes is short, only 3 or 4 miles, but there is a 10-mile loop for those looking for more adventure in a Wild West kind of setting. Bring your cameras and a sense of adventure as we camp out under the stars and listen to the coyotes howl at night.

For those up for more adventure, on Sunday I intend to pack up and head over to another of my favorite Eastern Washington hikes, Umtanum Canyon and Umtanum Ridge. First we will hike up the ridge to the highpoint at 3630 feet and have lunch. After lunch we will descend back down the 2000 or so feet to the canyon and hike up the Canyon following Umtanum Creek a ways. Bring your cameras and binoculars as this is prime bighorn sheep country.

Both of these hikes are in rattler and tick country, so be prepared. If there is enough interest in this hike, we can leave Friday afternoon and spend 2 nights at Ancient Lakes.

Visit the PWC forum for much more information and pictures of the areas.

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Climb Mount Ellinor

Sunday, April 11

Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. Drive as far up the mountain as possible, and climb on snow to the top. Skis, crampons, microspikes, snowshoes or ice axe may be used/needed this time of year.

Cypress Island Circumnavigation

Tuesday, April 13 - Thursday, April 15

Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com

This is a multiday practice camping/hiking sea kayak trip in preparation for the 10-day Northern Gulf Islands Trip in May. All are invited.

Ski Garibaldi Nave Traverse

Friday, April 16 - Sunday, April 18 (*note date change*)

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Contact Kevin for information.

OMR Film Event

Saturday, April 17

Contact: John Myers, 360-509-3119, bremerjohn@comcast.net

Start time is 3 pm at the Rose Theater in Port Townsend. Jim Whittaker and Dee Molenaar will be in attendance to help raise money for and awareness of Olympic Mountain Rescue (OMR) - these are the people that find and rescue us when we encounter trouble in the Olympics. Jim may offer a short question and answer session between films.

Two movies will be shown. The first is a 30-minute history of Mountain Rescue in this country, and the second is a new and popular climbing feature film, *North Face*. I believe it is a two-hour foreign language film with subtitles. Ticket prices will be \$15 each, \$7 of which goes to the theater.

The program ends around 6:15 pm, possibly followed by a reception at a local cafe. This event offers a lot of bang for your buck and supports a group of volunteers who are on call to save injured and lost Olympic hikers.

John may be able to sell you tickets in advance if you call him. PWCers will carpool. Details will be posted on the online calendar when they are worked out, or you can call Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683.

Skills Practice: Orienteering

Sunday, April 18 (*note date change*)

Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577,

cmountaindave@aol.com

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. This will be a review of how to use GPS (when it is working), map and compass to keep track of where you are and know how to get to where you want to go. There may be equipment available for loan. If you need a GPS or compass, let us know ahead of time. This session will be held at Banner Forest in Port Orchard.

Sea Kayak from Kingston to Point No Point

Sunday, April 18

Contact: Tom Henning, 360-895-4018, khsbandmom@juno.com

This is a Class II, approximately 10-mile, paddle that will take us from Kingston to Point No Point in Hansville. We will ride the outgoing tide up the coast with a planned stop at the village of Eglon for a snack and rest at the nice village park. Perhaps when done we can visit the little café in Hansville for a cup/bowl of their famous clam chowder. Bring the capability to carry multiple kayaks if you can to support a shuttle. For directions to the launch, see the PWC online calendar.

Skills Practice: Crevasse Rescue Refresher

Friday, April 23, evening

Contact: Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714, dboyle@web-o.net

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. This is the first of two indoor practice sessions leading up to an all-day outdoor session in the snow on May 16. Participants should attend both indoor sessions. This session will cover the use of ropes, knots, pulleys, and mechanical advantage to rescue a climber from a crevasse.

Bike to Ballard Locks and Discovery Park

Saturday, April 24

Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

We will begin this trip on Bainbridge Island and take our bikes on the ferry to Seattle. Bike the Elliot Bay Trail north through Myrtle Edwards Park up to Ballard Locks and Discovery Park. This trip will be approximately 16 miles round trip and is suitable for road bikes.

Explore Sequim Bay by Kayak

Saturday, April 24

Contact: Derek Zimmer, 360-871-6367

Derek will launch from Sequim Bay State Park. Contact Derek for information.

Explore Lopez Island

Saturday, April 24 - Sunday, April 25

Contact: Beth Harter, 360-779-9078,

bethharter@embarqmail.com

Beth will be on Lopez Island for this entire weekend. She'll have her car and kayak, and will be able to pick up those interested in joining her for a paddle at the ferry terminal on Lopez.

Editor's Note: The Tour de Lopez bicycle tour is on Saturday. Registration is filling up fast, so if you are interested, register NOW before it's too late! For more information, go to <http://www.lopezisland.com/>



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Columbia River Gorge Overnight

Saturday, April 24 - Sunday, April 25
Contact: Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037, pwcad-min@pwckitsap.org

Come hike with Jay at the Gorge to do a series of day hikes and to check out the spring flowers. Hikes on Saturday will include the 1.5-mile Horsethief Butte, 4-mile Cherry Orchard, 5-mile Catherine Creek, and 3-mile Coyote Wall/Labyrinth. Total mileage will be 13.5 miles for the day. Arrangements will be made to stay at the Wishbone Campground near Lyle.

On Sunday, the hiking will continue after crossing over to the Oregon side of the Gorge. The first stop will be one of my favorite places, the 3.5-mile Tom McCall Point. Next we will hike the 1.5-mile Tom McCall Preserve. Continuing west, we will stop and hike the 2.6-mile Mitchell Spur and Point. Last but not least, on our way out, if everyone is game to do one more short hike, we will stop and do the 2.6-mile Starvation Creek Overlook for a total of 10.2 miles for Sunday.

None of these hikes are in the wilderness but I guarantee if the flowers are out that you will not be disappointed. It is my opinion that the Gorge is one of the prettiest places in the NW. Be forewarned, there are ticks, rattlesnakes and Poison Oak (lots of Poison Oak) in the area, so come prepared.

This is a BYOT (bring yer own tent!) trip.

Visit the PWC forum for more information and pictures of the area.

Southern Utah Canyonlands Trip

Late April
Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754, anthony_abruzzo@q.com, or Bob Brown, skipatrol10@hotmail.com

Join us for part or all of a three-week trip to southern Utah! Our major focus will be Canyonlands National Park and the Needles District in particular. We plan on spending one week (April 26 - May 3) at the group campground (Squaw Flats-Needles District); 3 days will be spent exploring the White Rim Trail (we have permits for April 14-16 and April 26-28), and several of us plan on one additional week camping at Squaw Flats. There are 60 miles of trails available out of Squaw Flats, with a choice of day hikes or several-day backpacking trips. We will also visit Arches, Bryce, Zion, and Capitol Reef National Parks.

Backpack the Lakeshore Trail

Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2
Contact: Maria McGuire, 360-876-1639

Take the ferry up Lake Chelan and backpack the Lakeshore Trail from Prince Creek to Stehekin, about 17 miles. Plan on driving to Chelan Friday night and spending the night in the infamous gravel pit to allow an early start on Saturday.

Whidbey Island Beach Hike

Sunday, May 2
Contact: Shelley & Vicki Fleming, 360-779-2275

We'll meet in Port Townsend and walk on the ferry to Whidbey Island. Starting at Fort Casey State Park, we'll walk north along the beach to Ebey's Landing and then up along the top of the bluff before turning around. This 10-mile RT hike is along some pretty stretches of undeveloped beach and bluffs on Puget Sound.

Skills Practice: Crevasse Rescue Refresher

Wednesday, May 5, evening
Contact: Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714, dboyle@web-o.net

This outing is part of the mountaineering schedule. This is the second of two indoor practice sessions leading up to an all-day session in the snow on May 16. Climbers should plan on attending both indoor sessions. This session will review the Purcell prusik technique for self-rescue. Climbers should bring material to make a set of prusiks (or bring a set if you already have one).

Boulder Lake-Appleton Pass Traverse

Friday, May 7 - Sunday, May 9 (*note date change*)
Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547, thomasrogers@comcast.net

This outing is part of the mountaineering schedule. This hike in the northern Olympics involves a high alpine traverse, much of which will still be in snow this time of year. Crampons and ice axe advised. Spectacular views of Mount Olympus and the Seven Lakes Basin are possible in clear conditions.



*Right: Emily Grice skiing down from High Hut.
Photo courtesy of Erin Hennings.*

Outings

Pre-Mother's Day Pub Pedal

Saturday, May 8

Contact: Steve and Nancy Osburn, 360-697-5982,
steven_osburn@hotmail.com

This event will help prepare you for the Ski in a Dress event on Mother's Day! We will ride bikes across the pond and assemble under the viaduct in Seattle. From there, we will pedal our way between pubs and various venues in and around Seattle. If you have a favorite pub you would like to get to (and it's near or on a bike path), let me know and we will see if we can get there. Call or email if you plan to come.

NW Adventure Sports Expo

Saturday, May 8 - Sunday, May 9

Contact: Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961

The NW Adventure Sports Expo is an event that brings together demos, clinics, classes, races, vendor booths, a film festival, and even beer gardens - all in the spirit of celebrating the outdoor adventure enthusiast in you. Highlights include a Paddle the Dragon Hood Canal race, the Dirty Dozen mountain bike race, and the Reel Paddling Film Festival. "Unleash the beast" for a weekend of adventure sports in Port Gamble. If this sounds like a good time, check out www.unleashthebeastnw.com. PWC members can get a 10% DISCOUNT compliments of Olympic Outdoor Center - just type in "Imabeast" for the discount code when registering. Volunteers, sponsors, vendors and silent auction donors are still needed, so if you'd like to get involved, contact Spring Courtright, Olympic Outdoor Center Program Director, at 360-297-4659 or programs@kayakproshop.com.

Ski Mount Saint Helens in a Dress

Sunday, May 9

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug for his annual Mother's Day trip.

Climb Mount Saint Helens

Wednesday, May 12, or Thursday, May 13, or Friday, May 14
Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pduktky@gmail.com

Since this Saint Helens climb occurs before May 15, there are no limits to the number of permits offered, so we can wait to choose the best day this week to summit. We'll drive down the day before and car camp either on the mountain or nearby. We'll get an early start the next morning and return home the same day. Hopefully, the entire climb will be on snow so we can ski back down the mountain. Two years ago, we skied from the summit back to the car. This is an intermediate ski slope in good visibility conditions. Those not carrying skis to the top can glissade down. An ice axe and crampons or microspikes are worthwhile. GPS and/or compass are needed in case the weather deteriorates.

Backpack the Grand Canyon

Saturday, May 15 - Monday, May 24

Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577,
cmountaintindave@aol.com

For my 16th time down in the Big Ditch, I think I'll do a 55-mile loop hike I've always wanted to do on the North Rim. Starting at remote Sowat Point, reached via some 50 miles of very scenic, high desert, Arizona forest road from Fredonia, Utah, I will descend some 11 miles, over the course of two days, via Sowats Canyon and Jumpup Canyon to Kanab Creek. The largest side canyon of the north side of the Grand Canyon, John Wesley Powell followed it out some 50 miles on his second expedition, going all the way to Fredonia. Kanab Canyon cuts a tortuous course down to the Colorado, eventually becoming a narrow slot canyon similar to Paria Canyon: lots of unavoidable sloshing through water amidst 1500-foot cliffs 20 feet apart. This will take another two days, with side trips. Then there'll be a tough day crawling over a trail-less boulder field for 5 miles right along the Colorado to Deer Creek Trail and Falls, one of the premiere destinations for river rafters—along with their freebie beer, with any luck. From there, it's up a good trail to camp on the Esplanade, and a side trip to Thunder Falls. I'll hike out on the seventh day, or possibly the eighth, as a spare day will be planned into the schedule. Water nearly all the way, an easy two days in, an easy two days out—what more could a desert rat hope for! Good knees are a necessity on this hike.

I plan to fly to Las Vegas (\$175), rent a car (\$175), and drive 4 hours, ending up in remote Indian Hollow Campground on the North Rim for sunset, after dinner in a Kanab restaurant. The incongruity between dawn and dusk on this day will be extreme to say the least! I will stay in a motel (\$60) in Kanab after hiking out and then fly home the next day.

Skills Practice: Glacier Travel, Crevasse Rescue

Sunday, May 16 (*note date change*)

Contact: Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714, dboyle@web-o.net

This outing is part of the mountaineering schedule. Dale will be teaching/reviewing crevasse rescue, setting anchors, z-drags, prussic practice and harness/rope skills on-snow.

Canadian Northern Gulf Islands

Tuesday, May 18 – Thursday, May 27

Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pduktky@gmail.com

Join Paul Dutky and Bruce Barrus on a multiday sea kayak exploration of the Northern Gulf Islands. We'll take the ferry to Victoria and then drive north to our launch at Chemainus. We'll loop south to Wallace, Prevost, Margaret, Saturna and Cabbage Islands. Our trip will then overlap that of another group of PWC kayakers, sharing campsites at Montague and Dionisio Provincial Parks on Galiano Island. Maximum group size is 8.

Avalanche Awareness Website

Looking for information about avalanche safety? Julie Majkrzak shares this resource: <http://www.fsavalanche.com>

Outings

Climb Mount Rainier

Thursday, May 20 - Monday, May 24
Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825,
briananderis@centurytel.net

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. We will climb via the Kautz Route. Proper training, experience, and equipment are required. This route to the summit includes one technically challenging section on steep snow or ice with substantial exposure.

Climb Silver Star

Saturday, May 29 - Monday, May 31
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
Contact Kevin for information.

Climb and Ski Mount Saint Helens

Sunday, June 13
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This climb is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. We plan to camp at Climbers Bivouac on the 12th and climb the 13th. Mount Saint Helens may require crampons and ice axe. It is an intermediate slope for those who want to ski down. In a good snow year, you can ski from summit to car - possibly even this late in the year. Anyone with proper equipment and training is welcome to come; however, the permit limits the number of climbers in our party.

Below: Brian Steely breaks trail at Mount Rainier. Photo courtesy of Tom Rogers.



Toleak Point Backpacking Trip

Friday, August 13 - Sunday, August 15
Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087

Join me on my nearly annual backpacking trip to Toleak Point on the Olympic National Park ocean beach. It's about 6.5 miles each way and includes beach walking and going over headlands. We'll spend 2 nights camped at Toleak Point to give folks a chance to do a day hike down to Mosquito Creek or stay around camp and enjoy the tide pools and sea life. There are wonderful sea stacks and a great, long, sandy beach.

Fall Grand Canyon/Bryce Canyon Trip

Mid-September to early October, 2010
Contact: Dave Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

We will start off at the North Rim for a rim-to-rim trip (for those interested). This is a 24-mile, one-day trek: 14.4 miles from the North Rim down to the river, and then 9.3 miles up to the South Rim, with a NET elevation loss of 6400 feet and then a NET elevation gain of 4500 feet. We will need 2 people NOT doing the rim-to-rim portion to drive vehicles from the North Rim to the South Rim. They can then spend the day exploring the South Rim. Following the rim-to-rim, (after a potential rest/tourista day), we will do a 4- or 5-day backpack trip in the Grand Canyon. We will then move on to Bryce, where we will do a 3- or 4-day backpack trip, or people can opt for camping at Bryce and doing 3 awesome day hike loops. The trip will be 14-16 days, including travel days. To get it down to 14, I may be forced to skip the rest day after the rim-to-rim, and/or possibly shorten each of the backpack trips by a day. Group size will be limited due to the Grand Canyon permitting system.

Club News

PWC Welcomes New Members...

Eric Daniel of Bremerton, Gene Emmons of Port Orchard, Eva Crim of Bremerton, Jo Ann Christopherson of Bremerton, Diane Hamerman of Bremerton, and Mark & Kim Greenwood of Poulsbo.

PWC Host

Are you a new member or guest? Look for the PWC Host, identified by a Host nametag, 15 minutes before the General Meeting and during the break. The Host can answer questions and point out PWC trip sponsors that share your interests. Emily Grice will be the April Host.

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

Go to the website to find upcoming trips, trip reports, photos, a discussion forum, and more.

Jon's Minute

At the March meeting, Jon talked about bear barrels.

Door Prize

At the March meeting, Kathy Mahan won the door prize, a watercolor by Jim Morrison. Thanks to Jim for donating the watercolor!

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who brought snacks to the March 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, Emily Grice, at 206-842-7883.

Sponsor an Outing

If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting to discuss your trip, or submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961. Planning a last-minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website under Last Minute Trips, or on the PWC Calendar.

Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip, and people and places in the pictures. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Sue at 360-697-1352 or dearmans@comcast.net

Update Your Email Address

Contact Venita Goodrich to update your email address and other contact information. Contact Venita by email at vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-698-9774.

Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

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

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, Port Gamble (NEW location!)
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo

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 Venita Goodrich at Peninsula Wilderness Club
P.O. Box 323
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070,
or email vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-698-9774.
Members should also contact Venita 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 or 360-621-6961.

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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:

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Please check if: New Member(s)

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Change of Address

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

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