

MARCH
2011

Peninsula Wilderness Club

PENINSULA WILDERNESS CLUB

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.



50 Days – My Solo Journey Through the Olympic Mountains

Monday, March 14th, 7 pm
Presented by Dane Burke

Dane will be speaking about his experiences on the 50-day, 250-mile journey he took through the Olympic Mountains during the months of August and September of 2009. Almost half of the

travels throughout the areas he visited were off-trail.

He will talk about places such as LaCrosse Basin, Marmot Pass, Deception Basin, Iceberg Lakes, Crystal Lakes, and the Bailey Range. Along the way, Dane was able to summit at least 25 peaks in the range, including Mt. Anderson, Mt. Mystery, Mt. Deception, Crystal Peak, and Mt. Carrie.

During his journey, Dane spent up to eight days consecutively off-trail and went up to 12 days without seeing another soul. He endured major storms, experienced gear failures, struggled with hunger, had a close encounter with an aggressive mother bear, and was forced to make major changes to his route due to stormy weather, impassable terrain, and wildfires.

“Ultimately it was one of the happiest and most rewarding experiences of my life, a life-changing journey which I’m honored to share.”



Images courtesy of Dane Burke.

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 7 pm

Contact: Jay and Dawn Thompson, 360-509-9918

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Jay and Dawn's house in Bremerton. All members are invited to attend.

March Potluck

Friday, March 25, 6:30 pm

Contact: TBD

Visit with fellow PWCers at a member's home. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. The host will provide the dessert. Check the calendar for host's info.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>	<u>Contact</u>
3/5	Hike the Dosewallips Road	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
3/6	Pt. Townsend Pool Kayak Session	Lester Moore, 360-379-9855
3/10	MAP Meeting	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
3/12	Pt. Townsend Pool Kayak Session	Lester Moore, 360-379-9855
3/13	St. Patty's Day Dash	Jay Thompson, 360-509-9918
3/14	General Meeting	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
3/19	Sea to Sea on Bainbridge	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883
3/25	PWC Potluck	To Be Determined; check Calendar
3/26	Skills Practice: Belay, Rappel, and Climb	Jim Morrison, 360-638-2705, or email: jimjuliem@yahoo.com
3/26-27	MTTA Copper Creek Ski/Snowshoe	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774,
4/2	Ice Axe Practice on Mt. Ellinor	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
4/6	Pt. Townsend Kayak Pool Session	Lester Moore, 360-379-9855
4/9	Hike to the Lighthouse on the Dungeness Spit	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
4/16	Walk the Olympic Discovery Trail - Dogs, too!	Kathy Weigel, 360-479-5116
4/17	Walker County Park to Hope Island Paddle	Bob McBride, 360-692-0078
4/21-5/2	Southern Utah Hiking	Bob Brown, 360-569-2878

A COUPLE OF NOTES TO MEMBERS:

- **Lynn Howat (a long-time PWCer and past president of the club) slipped and fell on a hiking trail this past weekend, suffering a fracture-dislocation of her ankle.** Her surgery was on March 24. She is going to need help off and on over the next several weeks. She will be staying at a friend's house in the Eglon / Hansville area. If anyone would like to help out with meals, rides to the doctor, etc., they can call Lynn on her cell phone, 360-908-8997. Email Lynn at: lhowat@embarqmail.com
- **New Penwicle Editor Needed.** Karla is wanting to turn the Penwicle over to a new editor. It's a fun, relatively easy job, and only takes minimal computer knowledge. In the past, the newsletter has been done on a PC and is currently being put together on a Mac, so could be done on either. We're looking to find someone as soon as possible. Anyone interested can contact Paul Dutky or Karla. Contact numbers for Paul and Karla are on page 7.

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 pwadmin@pwckitsap.org. Alternatively, you can call or email Paul Dutky at 360-479-2683 or pdutky@gmail.com to get the outing listed on the PWC Calendar online.

Hike the Dosewallips Road

Saturday, March 5

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774, or email:
thehiker@comcast.net

Join Doug for this moderate hike on the Dosewallips Road, past the washout, to the Ranger Station.

Pt. Townsend Pool Kayak Sessions

Sunday, March 6, 5 - 7 pm

Saturday, March 12, 3 - 5 pm

Contact: Lester Moore, 360-379-9855

This is a great opportunity to practice re-entry, rolling and bracing skills in warm water. All kayakers are welcome: white water, sea kayakers, members, non-members. Because there's no formal instructor, let's plan to share techniques, give each other a hand and have some fun. If you have an extra boat, please see the P.S. below.

Come 20 minutes early to get your boat and gear together and fill out a waiver.

Rates: Each two-hour session costs \$60, which will be split by those attending each session; bring cash with you to the pool. Please let me know which sessions you plan to attend because I'll be paying the pool ahead of time. Also let me know if you can't make it at the last minute so that others know their costs.

Boats: Please rinse your boat well inside and out before bringing it to the pool. Carry your boat through the door on the right side of the pool, facing Blaine Street (see the attached pool layout photo).

Preparation:

- Come 15 minutes early to get your boat and gear together.
- Bring your clean kayak, paddle and spray skirt.
- Booties or foot protection of some sort will protect feet from foot pegs or pointy things on boats.
- Bring a paddle float or sling if this is how you practice getting back into your boat.
- Dress warmly in the pool. It is easy to get cold even in a pool.

For those practicing rolls:

- Bring a swim mask or nose plugs & goggles to keep water out of your sinuses and let you see your paddle's position relative to the surface when underwater.
- A paddle float attached to your paddle blade can help you learn where to hold your paddle when practicing the roll by keeping your paddle near the surface, where it belongs. You can decrease the air in the paddle float as you learn how to sweep or brace with your paddle.

Address, Directions and Map:

- Port Townsend Pool, 1919 Blaine Street, Port Townsend; 360-385-POOL

- Take Hwy 20 into Port Townsend (becomes Sims Way). 1/3 mile past the shipyard, turn left on Kearney St. After 1/3 mile, turn right on Blaine St. The Pool is on the right side of Blaine at the next intersection. There's a door to take boats in on the right side of the building, facing Blaine St. The main pool entrance faces NE (around to the left).

Map:

http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&rlz=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=port+townsend+pool&fb=1&gl=us&hq=pool&hnear=Port+Townsend,+WA&cid=0,0,5489956349660421932&ei=GkdoTdP8Jo24sAPP-dWmBA&sa=X&oi=local_result&ct=image&resnum=2&ved=0CB0QnwlwAQ

P.S. If you have an extra boat, skirt, PFD and paddle, please contact Brian, who'd love to borrow these for the session on the 12th. Brian's email is: kastl@higp.hawaii.edu

Outings

St. Patty's Day Dash

Sunday, March 13

Contact: Jay Thompson, 360-509-9918 or email:
jaythom1@hotmail.com

Time to start thinking about this year's dash. I will be running in the dash this year. If anyone else is planning to be there, it would be great to see you. I won't be planning this as an official outing. It's more of a reminder and to get it onto the calendar. If anyone else would like to plan this as an outing, let me know, and I'll replace my information with yours.

Registration is \$30 by mail, up until February 21 (postmarked by the 19th). February 22 - March 8 registration will cost you \$35. There will also be a \$40 last-gasp registration at the Seattle Center between 11 am and 4 pm. For more info, including the registration page, see link to website below:
<http://stpatsdash.com/>

Sea to Sea on Bainbridge

Saturday, March 19, 10 am

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, or email:
emphoto@earthlink.net

Walk from Lynwood Center on Bainbridge Island up and across to the Close property on the beach. Bring a sack lunch, and plan to sit in the sun with an afternoon beverage at the end. Meet and park in lot opposite the Treehouse Cafe.

Skills Practice: Belay, Rappel, and Climb

Saturday, March 26

Contact: Jim Morrison, 360-638-2705, or email:
jimjuliem@yahoo.com

This is a practice session at Green Mountain's "School Rock."

Anyone is welcome to come, but you will need a climbing harness to participate. Some sort of helmet is strongly encouraged.

This will be a review of how to tie into a rope and harness, how to make an anchor, how to belay others and how to rappel safely. If time allows, those who wish to climb on the face can do that also.

The emphasis is on using gear efficiently and safely. All climbers and rappellers will be protected with belays from above. Weather-permitting, we will meet in the Gold Creek Parking Lot at 9 am.

MTTA Copper Creek Ski/Snowshoe

Saturday, March 26 - Sunday, March 27

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or email:
thehiker@comcast.net

Ski to Copper Creek Hut and spend the night. The hut is heated, has a full complement of kitchen supplies, an outhouse, and a loft with small mattresses on the floor for sleeping. On the groomed trail above the hut, spectacular views of Mt Rainier are possible on a nice day.

The club will hold a lottery for this outing at a monthly meeting.

Ice Axe Practice on Mt. Ellinor

Saturday, April 2

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or email:
thehiker@comcast.net

Call Doug for details. The meeting time will probably be at the Bremerton Airport at 8 am; confirm with Doug.

Pt. Townsend Pool Kayak Session

Wednesday, April 6, 8-9 am

Contact: Lester Moore, 360-379-9855, or email:
theperfectfood@gmail.com

See the descriptions for the March pool sessions in Port Townsend, and contact Lester for details. Note: This is a one-hour session.

Hike to the Lighthouse on the Dungeness Spit

Saturday, April 9

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774, or email:
thehiker@comcast.net

Call Doug for details.

Walk the Olympic Discovery Trail – Dogs too!

Saturday, April 16

Contact: Kathy Weigel, 360-479-5116, email:
kmweigel@comcast.net

Details will be forthcoming on this canine-friendly walk!
Call Kathy for info.

Outings

Walker County Park to Hope Island Paddle

Sunday, April 17, 9 am

Contact: Bob McBride, 360-692-0078, email:
McBride@worldfront.com

Paddle from Walker County Park in Shelton to Hope Island and return. SK Class II. Launch 0900. The round-trip distance is 14 NM, but current-assisted out and back. Lunch on Hope Island. Explore this beautiful park while waiting for the flood tide, which will aid your return.

Southern Utah Hiking

Thursday, April 21 - Monday, May 2

Contact: Bob Brown, 360-569-2878 or email:
mtta@skimtta.org

Tony Abruzzo 360-871-5754 and Bob Brown 360-569-2878 have set up a camping and hiking trip for Capitol Reef and Canyonlands National Parks (April 21 – May 2). All interested PWC members are welcome and encouraged to attend all or part of this trip. We will be camped at the main campground at Capitol Reef National Park the nights of April 21, 22, and 23. Our plan is to go hiking each day and leave the campground by 9:30 am. We will decide each morning where we are going hiking that day. We plan to stay in Moab the evening of April 24th, prior to driving south to Squaw Flats Group Campsite the morning of April 25th. The Squaw Flats Group Site will accommodate up to 50 people, and there is approximately 40 miles of very nice hiking trails right out of the group campsite.

Anybody who would like to camp at the group site can show up for all or part of the trip; we ask everybody to pay the \$21 per person, per week fee. We have no specific daily plans other than hiking each day. Each morning we will plan a day hike and try to head out by 9:30 am. We invite all PWC members to participate in both the camping and hiking. Give Tony or Bob a call for specific information.

Pub Peddle Seattle

Saturday, May 7

Contact: Steve Osburn, 360-697-5982, or email:
steven_osburn@hotmail.com

Call Steve and Nancy Osburn for details.

Introduction to Sea Kayaking Course

Saturday, May 7, 6-8 pm (Classroom Session)

Sunday, May 8, 10-noon (Pool Session) 2-6 pm (Open Water)

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

Tom Henning will conduct his second annual Introduction to Sea Kayaking Course for PWC members (8 students maximum, PWCers given first consideration). Call Tom if interested in participating.

Saturday, May 7: There is a two-hour class at Tom's house.
Sunday, May 8: There is a two-hour pool session from 10 am to noon at the Bremerton YMCA, and from 2 to 6 pm, after lunch, a five-mile, open-water paddle starting from the Brownsville Marina.

Tom is a kayak instructor for the USN Outdoor Recreation Program. The course is designed to provide those who have never kayaked, or newcomers who have never received formal training, a basic introduction to the sport.

The course will include instruction in kayak design and components, kayak equipment and clothing, basic strokes, self and assisted rescues following a capsized (practiced the next day in the pool), and will culminate in an open water instruction session followed by a short and safe paddle with more experienced fellow PWC members. The YMCA pool session will cost \$20 per person.

Kayaks, paddles, spray skirt, PFD, paddle float and pump, will be provided for both the pool and open water sessions. Bring only a bathing suit and t-shirt for the pool session. Personal clothing for the open-water session will be discussed in the classroom.

Tom Henning's house
5543 Turnberry Place SW
Port Orchard WA 98366 US

Mothers' Day:Climb Mt. St. Helens in a Dress

Sunday, May 8

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Honor thy Mother and climb Mt. St. Helens in a dress.
Contact Doug for details, such as camping location the night before and permit costs.

Car Camping at Dosewallips State Park

Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22

Contact: Stay tuned for details!

Fall Grand Canyon – Bryce Canyon Trip

September 24 – October 9, 2011

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

This trip will include a variety of activities at both the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon. Activities at the Grand Canyon include an (optional) one-day 24 mile Rim-to-Rim trip from the North Rim to the South Rim, a ten-mile day-hike from Hermit's Rest to Dripping Springs via the Hermit Trail, the Boucher Trail, Eremite Mesa and the Waldron Trail, and finally a three-day, 34-mile backpack on abandoned jeep trails and cross-country to Cape Solitude and Comanche Point. Those that opt out of the Rim-to-Rim can explore various viewpoints and ferry the vehicles from the North to the South Rims. Other than the Rim-to-Rim, the trip will be up high on the plateau and the upper sections of the canyon. Activities at Bryce Canyon include a three-day, 24-mile backpack on the Under-the-Rim Trail and seven different day hikes totaling 36 miles over three days. Tentative itinerary for this trip is to leave Bremerton on 09/24, spend 9/25 through 9/29 at the Grand Canyon, travel to Bryce on 9/30, remain at Bryce through 10/07, and return to Bremerton on 10/09. Group size is limited to 7 due to restrictions on the Under-the-Rim Trail at Bryce Canyon. The permit request for the Grand Canyon portion will be sent in on May 1. The permit for the Under-the-Rim trail can only be requested the day prior, on-site. Once we arrive at Bryce, we will apply for the permit and do day hikes until we actually get the permit.

WINTERFEST 2011 PHOTOS



skiers.....

Photo: Tom Broszeit



snowshoers.....

Photo: Steve Osburn



socializers all..... photo: Steve Osburn



....and beautiful Mt. Shuksan Photo: Steve Osburn

Evening Kayak Classes:

The Olympic Outdoor Center is working hard to get kayakers and other recreation boaters educated about safety, especially in light of a near-drowning in Port Townsend recently (please share article if you can): <http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20110105/NEWS/301059986/0/obit/rescued-kayaker-writes-what-he-did-wrong-in-brush-with-death>

PWC members receive 10% off these classes, and the discount is programmed into the on-line registration, or people can contact me with the information below.

Space is limited... Here are the classes:

Class 1: **Packing your Kayak.** March 3/April 7

Class 2: **Dressing for Immersion.** March 10/April 14

Class 3: **Nautical charts.** March 17/April 21.

Class 4: **Staying on Course.** March 24/April 28.

Class 5: **Currents, Tides, Wind, Water and Waves.** Mar 31/May 5.

Please register on our new website at olympicoutdoorcenter.com under Paddling School's Evening Classes, **OR contact us:** (360) 297-4659, 1-800-592-5983 or programs@kayakproshop.com.

Visit the website for detailed descriptions of classes.

Club News

Welcome to our new members:

Tom and Linda Weiner of Norland.

PWC Host

Are you a new member or guest? Look for the PWC Host, identified by a Host name tag 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. Kathy Weigel will be the March Host.

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

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

Door Prize

At the February meeting, Bruce Barris won an MSR camp kitchen set.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who have brought snacks to meetings. 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 Karla Piecuch at penwicle@hotmail.com or 206-313-3584. 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 360-471-0522.

Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Karla is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Please send trip reports & photos to Karla 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
- ◆ Jackie's Marine and Kayak Sales, Brownsville
- ◆ 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 360-471-0522.

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 Karla Piecuch at penwicle@hotmail.com or 206-313-3584.

Officers and Staff

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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

Please check if: New Member(s) ☐ Renewing Member(s) ☐ Change of Address ☐

Name(s): _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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