

JANUARY
2012

Peninsula Wilderness Club

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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.

January Presentation by Kevin and Gail Gross, Brian Steely and Cris Craig

Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice (and Much More)

Join us on January 9th for a presentation on a country that has much to see and do—Iceland. All that separates Iceland from Seattle is a quick seven-hour flight. Located between Greenland and Europe, this small country is teeming with history and natural beauty. Because it is located on the mid-Atlantic ridge, volcanic activity is widespread, forming most of the landscape. Ice, in the form of massive glaciers, makes up much of the rest.



Iceland is one of the most volcanically active places on Earth. Every few years is marked by volcanic activity. Glaciers seem to be everywhere, including the world's third largest glacier cap (behind Antarctica and Greenland) that covers over an astounding 3,100 square miles.

When traveling around Iceland, one feels very small with all of the wide-open spaces. The country is encircled by the "Ring Road" that gives easy access to the populated portions of the country. Waterfalls, cliffs, rivers, farms, small villages and churches are found along

the way. And then there is the interior—foreboding and forbidden. In the past, outlaws were banished to this desolate area. (According to lore, if one survived, crimes were forgiven.) Today, insurance coverage for a typical car is null and void for a trip into the interior—best to hire specialized transportation. The interior abounds with wild rivers, glaciers, mountains, volcanic plains, thermal areas and deeply-carved canyons, each more spectacular than

the last. There is a world-famous multi-



day trek that offers a sampling of all that the interior has to offer. Great hiking and photographic opportunities can be found throughout the entire country.

Join Brian, Cris, Kevin and Gail for a brief journey to Iceland captured in pictures. Brian had lived in Iceland as a teenager while his father was stationed at the NATO base formerly located there. Kevin and Gail came away enthralled from a 2005 visit. All made a return visit this past summer and found even more fond memories in this small country.

Photos courtesy of Steely and Gross families.



Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Thursday, January 5th, at 7 pm
Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Brian and Cris' house in Poulsbo. All members are invited to attend.

Monthly Potluck

Friday, January 27th, 6:30 pm
Contact: Nancy Meyer, 360-297-1298

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.

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact
12/31-1/1	Celebrate New Year's with the PWC!	Steve Osburn, 360-697-5982 H, 340-6390 C, steven_osburn@hotmail.com
1/1	Fort Warden New Year's Hike	Venita Goodrich, 360-471-0522, vmnotbf@comcast.net
1/1	New Year's Paddle Brownsville Marina	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
1/5	MAP Meeting at Brian Steely's house	Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, brianandcris@centurytel.net
1/7	Sea Kayak Trip Planning Workshop	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
1/7	Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac	Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net
1/9	Gig Harbor Kayak Pool Play Session	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
1/9	PWC General Meeting	Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, brianandcris@centurytel.net
1/13-16	Methow Valley Nordic Skiing	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
1/14	Dyes Inlet via Chico Boat Launch	Bob McBride, 360-692-0078, McBride@worldfront.com
1/14	Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac	Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net
1/15	Bremerton YMCA Pool Session	Dan Montgomery, djmontg@gmail.com
1/21-22	Mt. Rainier Winter Camp	Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, brianandcris@centurytel.net
1/21	Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac	Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net
1/21	Mats Mats Bay to Port Ludlow & return	Bob McBride, 360-692-0078, McBride@worldfront.com
1/23	Gig Harbor Kayak Pool Play Session	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
1/27	PWC POTLUCK	Nancy Meyer, 360-297-1298, nancymeyer@hotmail.com
1/28	Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac	Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net
1/28-29	Ski/Snowshoe to Copper Creek Hut	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
1/30	Gig Harbor Kayak Pool Play Session	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
2/4	Romp to Stomp out Breast Cancer	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
2/4	Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac	Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net

Notes & Announcements to Members:

- We are looking for volunteers who would like to share some gear ideas, outdoor equipment, or tips during the monthly member meeting "Tech Talk" (formerly "Jon's Minute"). If you have a topic you would like to share, please contact Brian Steely at 360-297-3825 or brianandcris@centurytel.net.

Welcome to our new members:

Thomas Thrasher of Bremerton, and Michael Ratte of Indianola.



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.

Pet Policy

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

Carpool and Ride Sharing

We strongly encourage carpooling and ride sharing as a way to reduce impact to trailheads, minimize our environmental footprint, and reduce costs. Please be considerate to your drivers, including situations when you ride with different drivers in each direction. The amount you contribute to your driver(s) should reflect the distance driven, the cost of gas, and tolls/parking fees – short trips might be \$5 per person, long trips could be considerably more.

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 this newsletter, check the website for additional trips. Or, if you are leading 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, you can email or call the info directly to the Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org or 360-307-0037. Or, you can email or call Paul Dutky at pdutky@gmail.com or 360-479-2683 to get the outing listed on the PWC Calendar online.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

Celebrate New Year's with the PWC!

Saturday, Dec 31 at 6 pm
Contact: Steve Osburn at 360-697-5982 H, 340-6390 C, or email: steven_osburn@hotmail.com

This annual New Year's Eve and Day event is held in Port Townsend, and is a great way to close out the year and start the new one!

As usual, we will meet for dinner at 6 pm on New Year's Eve at the Public House restaurant at 1038 Water Street, Port Townsend. For those choosing to ring in the New Year

together, we will meet again later at a local pub or similar venue to greet 2012. Please RSVP so we know who's coming!

The next morning (not too early) we will meet with Venita for our traditional Fort Warden hike - first hike of the year!

Important: Make sure to reserve your own accommodations prior to the trip. You can either camp at Fort Warden, or make other accommodations in Port Townsend. There are plenty of hotels to choose from.

Fort Warden New Year's Hike

Sunday, Jan 1 at 11 am
Contact: Venita Goodrich at 360-471-0522, or email: vmnotbf@comcast.net

Join Venita and other PWCers for an annual New Year's Day hike at Fort Warden. We will meet at 10 am in the parking lot by the lower campground area. From there we will either hike the bluff or the beach (or both), depending on tides and what the group wants to do. Come help us start the year off right with a hike!

New Year's Paddle, Brownsville Marina

Sunday, Jan 1 at 9:30 am
Contact: Paul Dutky at 360-479-2683, or email: pdutky@gmail.com

Meet at the Brownsville Marina in time to launch by 9:30 New Year's morning. We'll paddle along both sides of Port Orchard Channel and visit Fletcher Bay on Bainbridge. Class I, about 7 to 8 miles, but can be shortened (see map on the PWC Website Calendar entry). After the paddle, we'll drive three blocks to Tom Rogers' house for potluck and hot tub.

Tom Rogers' house is at 2665 NE Ortis Road, Poulsbo, WA 98370. Please refer to the PWC website calendar for more info, maps, etc.

MAP Meeting at Brian Steely's house

Thursday, Jan 5 at 7 pm
Contact: Brian Steely at 360-297-3825, or email: brianandcris@centurytel.net

All members are encouraged to attend this PWC event-planning meeting ("Membership Activity Planning"). Those present try to coordinate proposed outings to offer trips on most weekends. Trips that are agreed upon are subsequently published in the Penwicle and listed in the Calendar.

Volunteers offer to host the meeting at their house. Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to the meeting to share. This month's MAP meeting is at Brian Steely & Cris Craig's house:
8165 NE View Ridge Drive
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Sea Kayak Trip Planning Workshop

Saturday, Jan 7, 9 am to 5 pm

Contact: Paul Dutky at 360-479-2683, or

email: pdutky@gmail.com

Whether you are going on an afternoon kayak outing for exercise or a multi-day trip with a group of friends, how much fun you have depends on the planning you've done before leaving home. Sea kayaking can be unforgiving to the unwary and uninformed.

Several seasoned PWC kayakers will host this free workshop. No materials are needed, but bring any tide book, current books, or navigational maps you use to share with those present. You will need paper and pen to do simple calculations and take notes.

Workshop goals:

Interpret and use Maritime navigational maps. Estimate distance and paddle times. Anticipate launch and take-out problems. We will demonstrate use of TOPO! and GPS mapping software to plot routes, and Google Maps to see satellite images of your route and potential take-out locations.

Interpret and use printed tide and current prediction tables to plan and time each part of your trip, or use online graphical tide and current prediction tools. Anticipate and use back eddies when paddling against current. Anticipate adverse wind and wave conditions.

Equal in importance to the physical realities of route planning are human factors. Here there are few clear-cut "right" answers to problems you might encounter. We will address how to look out for each other, how to have a successful pre-launch briefing, and more! Consult the PWC Website calendar entry for more details and information.

Location: Paul Dutky's house
6018 Peregrine Court
Bremerton, WA 98312

Give Paul a call if you plan to come. More info, and a map, are on the PWC website calendar.

Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac

Saturday, Jan 7 at 9 am

Contact: Isaac Sun at 360-930-5300, or

email: isaac@thesuns.net

Isaac wants to invite potential PWC members, newcomers, and everyone else to these relatively easy half-day hikes. They will occur either Saturday or Sunday depending on his schedule.

Check the PWC Website calendar for specifics, as Isaac will update the event entry (day, location, or cancellation) by the Friday before the weekend.

If you can't reach him at home, try his cell: 808-391-5431.

These hikes will be 4-12 miles long, up to 1500 ft elevation gain, and about five hours in duration. The destination may be changed by consensus.

Meet at the Silverdale Skateboard/Dog Park at 9 am to carpool.

Possible hikes include:

1. Illehee Forest Reserve & State Park - about 4 mi.
2. Clear Creek Trail, Silverdale, - 2-4 mi.
3. Green Mountain, various trails - up to 8 mi.
4. Euland Tree Farm near Kitsap Lake - 4-8 mi.
5. Newberry Hill Heritage Park - 4-8 mi.
6. North Kitsap Heritage Park, Indianola - 4-8 mi.

Gig Harbor Kayak Pool Play Session

Monday, Jan 9 at 6:45 pm

Contact: Paul Dutky at 360-479-2683, or

email: pdutky@gmail.com

PWC Sea Kayakers are welcomed at the Tacoma Mountaineers open pool sessions near Gig Harbor. These are offered Monday evenings at Peninsula High School beginning in January, two hours for \$10 per session.

Pool play will be from 6:45 to 8:45 pm, Jan. 9, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 27, March 5, 19, 26. The pool is nice, and the folks are friendly and knowledgeable.

To reach the vicinity of the pool using GPS, use the school's address:

14105 Purdy Drive NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

Specifically: from Bremerton, head south on Highway 16. Exit right before reaching Gig Harbor at Highway 302/Purdy Dr NW. In about a mile, turn left off of Purdy Drive onto 144th Street NW. Go up the hill a short distance and turn right into a parking area at Peninsula High School. The pool is in the southwest corner of the parking area. Look for kayaks and kayak racks.

PWC Meeting

Monday, Jan 9 at 7 pm

Contact: Brian Steely at 360-297-3825, or

email: brianandcris@centurytel.net

The meeting starts at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4418 Perry Ave NE, Bremerton, WA

Methow Valley Nordic Skiing

Friday, Jan 13 - 16

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or

email: emilygrice@gmail.com

Skiing in the Methow Valley over MLK weekend is now an established tradition in the PWC - there are 100 miles of

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groomed cross country trails available to us in this beautiful valley.

Most will drive to the Methow Friday night (5 to 6 hours) and possibly get a short ski session in. We'll have a potluck Saturday night, and return Monday.

We have been staying at the Timberline Meadows Cabins in recent years. Emily has rented a house, Elk Lodge, and Paul Dutky has rented a smaller cabin across the street, the Aspen Lodge.

Emily 206-842-7883, Paul 360-479-2683
Both cabins are full as of Nov 12th.

Dyes Inlet via Chico Boat Launch

Saturday, Jan 14

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

Tentative route: Dyes Inlet via Chico Boat Launch - 7 miles, Class I. Launch from the Chico Boat launch at 10 am.

The PWC winter paddles will be short (around 6 miles) and cater to novice boaters who want to extend their paddling to the off-season. Call the POC (point of contact) to sign up for these paddles. We need your contact info to be able to inform you of any change in venue. We may be able to supply needed gear (poggies, dry bags, etc.) if we know of your need for these things. The trip may be cancelled if there is insufficient interest.

The POC for these paddles will alter the location as needed to shelter from wind and weather, and will choose shore-side paddles to accommodate those without dry suits or wet suits as long as a complete set of warm backup clothing is carried by these folks, and as long as there is a good ratio of experienced to inexperienced boaters.

Our goal is to encourage participation while remaining safe. The winter paddle series includes the following possible trips:

- Belfair State Park to the Union River
- Burley Lagoon
- Sequim Bay
- Mats Mats Bay to Port Ludlow
- Gig Harbor to Sunrise Beach
- Manchester to Blake Island
- Fair Harbor circling Stretch and Reach Islands
- Eglon to Point No Point
- Arcadia and lap around Hope Island
- Fay Bainbridge to Old Man House
- Liberty Bay
- Longbranch to Eagle Island park
- Latimer Landing (Harstene Is. bridge) to Hope Is.

Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac

Saturday, Jan 14 at 9 am

Contact: Isaac Sun at 360-930-5300, or
email: isaac@thesuns.net

Please see the Jan 7th entry for more information on these hikes.

Bremerton YMCA Pool Session

Sunday, Jan 15 at 9:30 am

Contact: Dan Montgomery at email: djmontg@gmail.com

Dan Montgomery will be sponsoring three 2012 Bremerton Pool sessions on weeks not covered by the Gig Harbor sessions. He is an exceptional sea kayak mentor with ACA instructor credentials. The cost is \$12 per person for two hours.

Consider the pool session a "play" session. There is no formal "classroom" teaching, but there are often experienced paddlers present (like Dan) willing to share and help.

Contact Dan (djmontg@gmail.com) or Paul Dutky (pdutky@gmail.com) to reserve your place. If we don't have commitments totaling \$100 nine full days before the session, we will cancel the reservation and notify those who signed up. Twelve boats is the maximum number we can have in the pool at one time.

If we have more than eight participants, we will keep the excess funds and apply them to future pool reservations.

Mt Rainier Winter Camp

Saturday, Jan 21-22

Contact: Brian Steely at 360-297-3825, or
email: brianandcris@centurytel.net

Bring your skis or snow shoes and head towards Panorama Pt behind Paradise. We may even go higher if weather permits. Those who do not wish to camp are free to join us and make a day trip out of it.

Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac

Saturday, Jan 21 at 9 am

Contact: Isaac Sun at 360-930-5300, or
email: isaac@thesuns.net

Please see the Jan 7th entry for more information on these hikes.

Mats Mats Bay to Port Ludlow & return

Saturday, Jan 21 at 10 am

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

Tentative route: Mats Mats Bay to Port Ludlow and return - 7 miles. Launch from the boat ramp at the south end of Mats Mats Bay at 10 am.

For additional information on winter paddles, please refer to the Jan 14th listing, or see the PWC website calendar.

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Gig Harbor Kayak Pool Play Session

Monday, Jan 23 at 6:45 pm

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

Please see the Jan 9th listing or the PWC website calendar for more information.

PWC POTLUCK

Friday, Jan 27 at 6:30 pm

Contact: Nancy Meyer at 360-297-1298, or
email: nancymeyer@hotmail.com at , or

Visit with fellow PWCers at Nancy Meyer's house. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. Nancy will provide the dessert.

Nancy says one of the two addresses below ought to work if you look up her address online or via GPS.

20661 Hemlock ST NE
Indianola, WA 98342

or try

9324 NE Park Ave
Indianola, WA 98342

Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac

Saturday, Jan 28 at 9 am

Contact: Isaac Sun at 360-930-5300, or
email: isaac@thesuns.net

Please see the Jan 7th entry for more information on these hikes.

Ski/Snowshoe to Copper Creek Hut

Saturday, Jan 28-29 at 8 am

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or
email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

\$15 per person for cabin reservation. We need a food coordinator to set menu and shared cost. Persons who donated for Gala have first choice. A first-come list will be set up for other participants - 14 total.

Gig Harbor Kayak Pool Play Session

Monday, Jan 30 at 6:45 pm

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

Please see the Jan 9th listing or the PWC website calendar for more information.

Romp to Stomp out Breast Cancer

Saturday, Feb 4

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or
email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

Sign up for Emily's "Stomping PWCers" team - \$27 by January 4; \$37 by Feb. 1 (online). I am assigning us to the 3k walk - but you can still do the race or 5k walk and still be loved as part of our team. Registration closes at 10:40 am, so it will be an early start. But, it is done by 1 pm & we can hit the slopes or the lounge afterward! Go to <http://tubbsromptostomp.com/wa/registration> to register.

Weekend Half-day hikes with Isaac

Saturday, Feb 4 at 9 am

Contact: Isaac Sun at 360-930-5300, or
email: isaac@thesuns.net

Please see the Jan 7th entry for more information on these hikes.

Into the Future *(Trips that require group planning or reservations by each attendee)*

Winterfest 2012

February 17-20, 2012

Contact Tom Broszeit at 360-621-3683 or
email: tomsml123@msn.com

Come join us for Winterfest, the traditional PWC holiday weekend ski trip, February 17-20, at the cabin near Mt. Baker where we enjoyed Winterfest and Summerfest this past year. Enjoy downhill skiing, snowshoeing, and non-groomed cross-country skiing near scenic Mt. Shuksan and Mt. Baker during the day, then a delicious dinner and fun socializing and games in the evening at the cabin. The Mt. Baker ski area includes 9 lifts, 38 marked trails (11 beginner, 16 intermediate, 7 advanced, 4 expert), two base area day lodges, and the new mid-mountain Raven Hut day lodge opening this season. The cabin accommodates 26 people (12 bedrooms with queen beds & one double folding bed in a loft area, 3-1/2 baths). The total cost for the three nights lodging (Fri, Sat & Sun) varies by the number of people. For 18 people it would be \$145.06 per person, and with 26 people it would be \$128.70 per person. For our past two stays we had all 26 spots reserved. As before, a \$100 deposit will reserve your space in the cabin for Winterfest 2012.

Spring, 2012 Grand Canyon Trip

Apr 7 through Apr 22

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

Next Spring's Grand Canyon Trip includes 3 nights in the wilderness exploring upper Phantom and Haunted Canyons. We will also spend two nights at Bright Angel Campground, and three nights hiking west along the Tonto Trail to Granite and Hermit Rapids and then exit via Hermit's Rest. The hike will begin at either the South Kaibab or Bright Angel trailheads and end at the Hermit's Rest trailhead. There will be much off-trail hiking and exploration including climbing the "Banzai Route" from Bright Angel Campground to Utah Flats

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and descending Phantom Canyon (in the creek itself) to meet the North Kaibab Trail.

Actual dates in the canyon are April 11 through April 19. Due to the difficulty and isolation of this trip, it is open for experienced canyon hikers only. Group size is limited to 6 and there are currently 3 openings. If interested contact David Boyde.

Trip to Nepal with Brian Steely

Starting approximately October 1, 2012
Contact: Brian Steely at 360-297-3825, or
email: brianandcris@centurytel.net

Brian will be returning to Nepal to an area he loves (Tilicho Lake) and going to an area he has not been (Dhaulagiri Base Camp). He is willing to take up to 10 people with him. This will be a totally catered affair and all you will have to carry is your day pack. It will be professionally guided and the camps will be set up for us and the cooking will be done for us. This is a visually stunning part of the world and one of those experiences of a lifetime.

Please note: This is not a commercial endeavor on Brian's part and Brian is only a person of contact. All participants will be making their own arrangements for flying to Nepal and back, and dealing with the Nepal agent. The agent, Dipak Dhamala, is a personal friend of Brian's, and has arranged his previous trips.

For itinerary and details, contact Brian Steely.

2012 SUNSHINE TRIPS

Tony Abruzzo, Bob Brown and Rob Waldorf are leading trips to different destinations this year, collectively termed "Sunshine Trips" because these areas typically have nice weather. Some trips require permits and advance planning, so please read below, and consult the PWC Website calendar for more details.

DESTINATION: Canyonlands National Park (Utah)

DATE: 1st choice - Apr 23 to 29; 2nd choice - Apr 30 to May 6; 3rd choice - Apr 16 to 22

LEADER: Tony Abruzzo; 360-871-5754; or
email: abruzzo1945@gmail.com

Needles District, Squaw Flat (about 80 miles south of Moab, UT). Large group campground – Group must obtain a permit (while not necessary, speak to Tony if interested in participating in the lottery), drawing after January 1st. EXCELLENT hiking opportunities, mountain biking and evening socials

DESTINATION: Lake Cle Elum (Washington)

DATE: Jun 11 to 17

LEADER: Tony Abruzzo; 360-871-5754; or
email: abruzzo1945@gmail.com

Kayaking, hiking, sightseeing at an old French settlement (Salmon LaSac). Beautiful forest campground.

DESTINATION: Northeastern Washington area

DATE: Jul 16 to 22

LEADER: Rob Waldorf; 360-792-1017; or
email: robwaldorf@comcast.net; cudave@comcast.net
Planning still ongoing – However, this trip will include camping, hiking, mountain biking, etc.

DESTINATION: Bend area (Oregon)

DATE: Aug 6 to 12

LEADER: Bob Brown; 360-569-2878; or

Email: skipatrol10@hotmail.com

This is in the lake country south of Mt. Bachelor, north of Crater Lake. Lots of kayaking on inter-connecting, salmon-filled lakes, Newberry Crater National Monument.

DESTINATION: Pryor Mt. Wild Horse Refuge (Bridger, Montana) and Black Hills (Hill City, South Dakota)

DATE: Pryor - Sep 11 to 14; Black Hills - Sep 15 to 21

LEADER: Bob Brown; 360-569-2878; or

Email: skipatrol10@hotmail.com

Pryor Mountain is about 30 miles from Bridger, MT. At 9,000 feet elevation, the camp site is at an old homestead on a large, grassy plateau where several herds of wild horses roam freely. Camp and walk among them as they migrate across the pasture through the day. High clearance vehicles are highly recommended. The Bighorn, Beartooth, Absarokee, and Wind River Mountains frame the scene. If you have never visited the Black Hills in South Dakota, you have not experienced one of the most beautiful geologic anomalies in North America – a granite intrusion in the otherwise flat Great Plains, with many National Parks and Monuments, and Custer State Park with its Buffalo. This trip will include riding the intricate network of improved bike trails. Drive across the Bighorn Mountains and/or the Bear Tooth Highway (above 10,000 feet), or visit Devil's Tower, on this trip for an added experience.

More details on the above trip(s) are available on the PWC Website calendar.

Backcountry Fun!

(Recipes, Humor & Tips Submitted by Readers!)

Letter from a Scout:

Our scout master told us all write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and worried. We are OK. Only 1 of our tents and 2 sleeping bags got washed away. Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for Chad when it happened. Oh yes, please call Chad's mother and tell her he is OK. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the search & rescue jeeps. It was neat. We never would have found him in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning.

Scoutmaster Webb got mad at Chad for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Chad said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know that if you put gas on a fire, the gas can will blow up? The wet wood still didn't burn, but one of our tents did. Also some of our clothes. John is going to look weird until his hair

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grows back. We will be home on Saturday if Scoutmaster Webb gets the car fixed. It wasn't his fault about the wreck. The brakes worked OK when we left. Scoutmaster Webb said that a car that old you have to expect something to break down; that's probably why he can't get insurance on it. We think it's a neat car. He doesn't care if we get it dirty, and if it's hot, sometimes he lets us ride on the tailgate. It gets pretty hot with 10 people in a car. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the highway patrolman stopped and talked to us.

Scoutmaster Webb is a neat guy. Don't worry, he is a good driver. In fact, he is teaching Terry how to drive. But he only lets him drive on the mountain roads where there isn't any traffic. All we ever see up there are logging trucks.

This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out in the lake. Scoutmaster Webb wouldn't let me because I can't swim and Chad was afraid he would sink because of his cast, so he let us take the kayak across the lake. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water from the flood. Scoutmaster Webb isn't crabby like some scoutmasters. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets. He has to spend a lot of time working on the car so we are trying not to cause him any trouble.

Guess what? We have all passed our first aid merit badges. When Dave dove in the lake and cut his arm, we got to see how a tourniquet works. Also Wade and I threw up. Scoutmaster Webb said it probably was just food poisoning from the leftover chicken, he said they got sick that way with the food they ate in prison. I'm so glad he got out and become our scoutmaster. He said he sure figured out how to get things done better while he was doing his time. I have to go now. We are going into town to mail our letters and buy bullets.

Don't worry about anything. We are fine.

Love, Cole

P.S. How long has it been since I had a tetanus shot?

Submitted this month by Steve Osburn

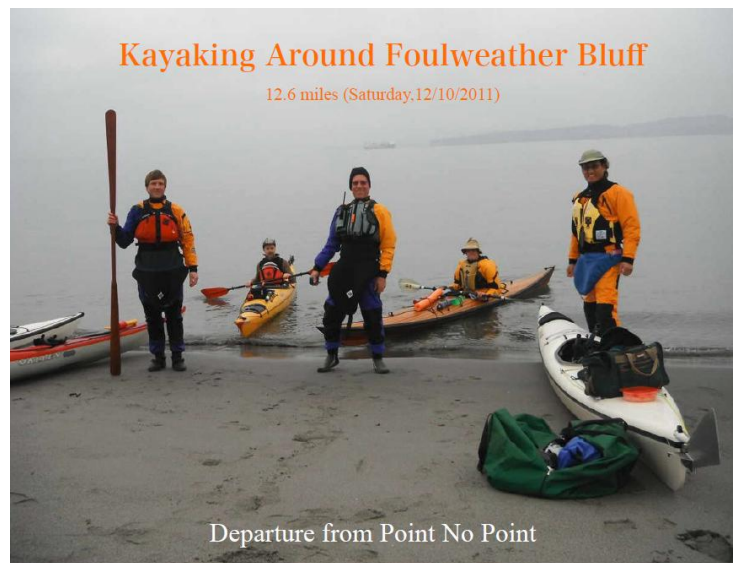
If you have a recipe or fun (short) topic, please send it to the Penwicle editor at Penwicle@hometown.com

Trip Reports & Photos



Dungeness Spit (Dec 12)

Photos by Isaac Sun (left) and Emily Grice (right)



Photos above provided by Isaac Sun and Paul Dutky for the trips indicated in the pictures.

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.

PWC Online... <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>

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

Door Prize

Tom Brozeit won the door prize at the December meeting.

Tech Talk

There was no Tech Talk at the December meeting.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who have brought snacks to meetings! Contact Doug Savage at 360-698-9774 or thehiker@comcast.net if you would like to help 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, Linda Whitman, at 360-731-6607.

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 Calendar-Meister, Paul Dutky, at pdutky@gmail.com, or by calling Paul at 360-479-2683. 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. 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.

Your Trip Photos Wanted!

Do you have some great pictures to share or a (very short) story about a recent trip? Steve Osburn is looking for pictures to print in the PENWICLE. Please send photos to Steve at penwicle@hotmail.com.

Joining/Renewing your Membership

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 the back of this newsletter. Receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership (check with vendor for details):

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Port Gamble, <http://www.olympicoutdoorcenter.com/>
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton, <http://www.verticalworld.com/>
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale, <http://www.silverdalecyclery.com/>
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend, <http://www.commandersbeachhouse.com/>
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock, <http://www.ajaxcafe.com/>
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale, <http://www.kitsapsports.com/>
- Wildernest, Bainbridge Is., <http://wildernestoutdoorstore.com/>
- Jackie's Marine and Kayak Sales, Brownsville, <http://www.kayakgigharbor.com/>
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo, <http://www.poulsborunning.com/>
- Back of Beyond, Bainbridge Is., <http://www.tothebackofbeyond.com/>

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

Member Address & Phone List Changes

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.

PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Wednesday after the General Meeting to ensure a place in the next issue. Please contact Steve Osburn at penwicle@hotmail.com if you have a submission.

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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, skiing, kayaking, and bicycle riding. 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) ☐

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