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THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE

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TWO QUESTIONS: (1) IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP FOR RENEWAL? (2) HAVE YOU RENEWED? IF THE ANSWER TO (1) IS "YES," AND TO (2) IS "NO"--- THE NEXT YOU WILL HEAR FROM US MAY BE THE SOUND OF SILENCE. SEE PAGE 20

PRESIDENT'S (EIGHTH) REPORT

Somehow we forgot in May to celebrate the anniversary of 1979's Day of Three Lightning Storms, when the Trails Club was founded, between violences, on the summit of Cougar Mountain's Long View Peak. Let's make a note to celebrate next year -- maybe then we'll have some big new reason for festivity. It will only be so, though, if our numerous host of members marches forth, this month, to do battle with the foe, which is few in numbers (a half-dozen companies, mainly) but many in dollars (way up there in six or seven figures have been spent so far above the table, and golly knows how much under the table and sideways.)

Club members have a reputation for disliking meetings under roofs. Nevertheless, we must attend the meetings and be counted. Many more hurdles remain before establishment of a Cougar Mountain Regional Park but if we stumble at this first one, this summer, forget the rest, the race is over, and Cougar will have "Cities in Lieu of a Park."

Following pages present our basic position on the Newcastle Community Draft Plan and describe how it relates to our wanted park. But first, a brief dictionary and list of players.

Cougar Mountain Regional Park

A wildland park of some 2300 acres on the heights of Cougar Mountain that would serve the entire region of Puget Sound City, providing such hiking routes as that of the Cougar Ring, on which we spend an entire day, 10-12 up-and-down miles, and never walk by a house or see one nearby, and never cross a public road. Note: Open space is like radioactive metals, it doesn't do anything big until enough is put together for a critical mass. Nobody could come to Cougar Mountain from Seattle or Bellevue to go walking in 230 separate green spaces of 10 acres each, amid houses and freeways. That would merely provide 230 neighborhood parks. Only when the 2300 acres are massed together is there a regional park.

Villages in the Park

The proposal by the Central Newcastle Property Owners Association that would put four (plus) cities on Cougar Mountain. It would provide scores of greenbelts of a few acres each. It also would provide two "regional" parks: one, a golf course and soccer-field complex, at an elevation of 1200 feet, where now are Klondike Swamp and a great many "cave holes", subsidence of the earth into old coal mines; the other on what is now the Newcastle Land Fill (dump). Under this proposal there would be no "green and quiet place" on Cougar more than a 3-5 minute (slow) walk from freeway, arterial, shopping center, or apartment house. The plan shows miles of "trails" -- side by side with freeways! It is more accurately called "Cities in Lieu of a Park."

Newcastle Draft Plan

The plan developed over the past 3 years by a citizens committee assisted by King County planners. It proposes a large "growth reserve" area encompassing our proposed Regional Park. The plan will be described at public meetings in June -- at which the public will have an opportunity to make written comments. This is the public's first chance to express itself to King County government.

Newcastle Citizens Planning Committee

The group that since the fall of 1978 has been preparing the draft plan for the Newcastle area (Cougar Mountain, west side of Squak, Coal Creek, Cedar Hills, May Valley, etc.) The committee consists of 20 members plus three alternates, appointed by the King County Executive and King County Council to represent large landowners, area residents, and the public interest, plus a chairman from outside the area.

Central Newcastle Property Owners Association

A group of Cougar Mountain property owners who propose "Cities in Lieu of a Park."

Proposed City of Newcastle

This is an entirely separate situation. Some residents in the Newport Hills area who dislike King County government formed a group called BEGIN to incorporate a new city. The group is heavily financed by development interests with large Cougar Mountain holdings adjoining the proposed boundaries. The law would permit these interests to annex to the new city, getting them "out from under" the Newcastle Community Plan.

OPTIONS

A group of residents within the boundaries proposed for the new city of Newcastle have added up the costs and found their taxes would skyrocket to support a separate government. They oppose incorporation. The Trails Club supports OPTIONS because it feels the county planning process is so far along it ought not be disrupted by a whole new ball game of unknown players and rules.

DNR

The state Department of Natural Resources, which manages 240 acres of common school lands in The Wilderness of Cougar Mountain. In 1979 it proposed to log the land; King County filed suit to delay that action. In late 1980, after the defeat at the polls of its former head, Bert Cole, and before the new administration of Brian Boyle took office, it paid \$6000 to the Central Newcastle Property Owners Association. The Trails Club is trying to find out what the DNR got for the money (public money).

PRO PARKS

A county-wide committee, appointed to represent the county and all its municipalities, that is developing a county-wide plan ("Son of Forward Thrust") for new parks and open spaces of every size and kind. The only regional park on the list is the Cougar Mountain Regional Park, which is backed by many of the units, including the City of Seattle. Under Chairman Frank Pritchard the committee is working toward putting a bond issue on the county-wide ballot, perhaps in the fall of 1982.

Strip away all the flossy gab about "affordable housing" and "the Unstated Plan of the 1980s" and one plainly sees the "Cities in Lieu of a Park" is simply intended to drive Cougar Mountain land prices to an artificially high level and make enormous profits for speculators. We might not be concerned about that, but it also would price the land beyond reach of the public.

If the Central Newcastle Property Owners have their way in 1981, forget about the PRO PARKS bond issue in 1982 -- we'll never be able to afford Cougar Mountain.

Harvey Manning

Harvey Manning

COUGAR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

A proposal by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club

The beautiful natural environment of the Puget Sound region has enhanced the lives -- has shaped the lives -- of generations of citizens. Large expanses of close-in forests and farms have given the cities their distinctive, traditional personality -- which can be summarized in a single word as GREEN.

As the cities have grown outward, occupying former forests and farms, the people and governments have taken timely steps to preserve the large green spaces within the cities -- thus preserving the character of urban-suburban life. To cite a few among many examples, in the 1890s there was Woodland Park, in the 1960s the Forward Thrust parks, in the 1970s Discovery Park, Sand Point Park, St. Edwards (Lake Washington) Park.

The population of the area continues to grow, meaning that parklands also must grow if the GREEN personality is to be maintained. However, two other factors increase still more the need for more urban-suburban open space.

The steadily rising cost of energy means that more and more of the citizens' park visits must be to close-in parks. The National Forests and National Parks are too far, too expensive for casual trips.

The increased concern for health means more jogging, running, hiking, bicycling, and nature study -- a shift from machine-based recreation to healthful physical activity.

Polls have shown that the citizens of King County regard "growth management" as the single most important public issue of years ahead. The key to managing growth is deciding where it should be permitted and encouraged. Part of this is deciding where it should not -- that is, where should the open space be -- the parks. The growth cannot be properly managed, the traditional personality of the cities cannot be preserved, without a structure of open spaces to build around.

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club proposes to meet the unprecedented demand of the 1980s for additional close-in open space by establishment of a 2300-acre regional park on Cougar Mountain.

The Cougar Mountain Regional Park proposed by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club would answer all the following needs:

1. Be close to population centers.
2. Could be well served by Metro Transit.
3. Offers a variety of scenery, terrain, and forest-and-wetland ecosystems.
4. Offers educational opportunities -- outdoor classrooms -- in botany, zoology, ecology, geology, and history.
5. Offers facilities for walkers, hikers, backpackers, joggers, bicyclists, equestrians -- as well as (around the edges) picnicking and view-seeking.
6. Offers recreational opportunities for all ages and physical capabilities.
7. Offers recreational opportunities for individuals and families and groups.
8. Could be acquired at reasonable cost.
9. Could be developed at reasonable cost.
10. Could be maintained and operated at reasonable cost.
11. Protects unusual and fragile ecosystems.
12. Is on land well-suited for park uses, ill-suited for any other uses.
13. Would be of sufficient size and variety to merit repeated and frequent visits.
14. Would be connected by trail to other parks and to population centers.
15. Would be truly regional in importance and appeal -- would attract visitors not merely from local vicinity but from all over "Puget Sound City."
16. Would have few negative and many positive impacts on surrounding communities.
17. Would leave plenty of developable land on Cougar.

Several of these points are so important -- and are the subject of so much misrepresentation and confusion -- they need fuller discussion.

8. Acquisition

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club supports three means of acquiring park land. If the park is to be truly regional, substantial acreages will have to be directly purchased. However, much of the needed land could be acquired by exchange, if large landowners, King County, and the state Department of Natural Resources will cooperate. (King County has large amounts of "trust land" throughout the county that could be traded for private land on Cougar.) King County could give landowners density incentives. That is, the owner gives lands to the county for park uses, and the county gives the owner bonuses in allowable density that reduce development costs by decreasing the extent of required new road construction and utilities extensions.

16. Impacts on Surrounding Communities

Whenever a region sites a new development -- whether freeway or park -- in a community, the people of that community obviously must receive particular consideration. The two opposing plans for the future of the heights of Cougar Mountain are (1) a large park, (2) large new cities. There is no third proposal of "leave it the way it is."

The park would have minimum impact on adjoining residents if, as the Trails Club proposes, it be designed to have "controllable" entry points, with resident caretakers, and trail patrols.

The impact on local residents from traffic and environmental degradation would be exceedingly minor from the park -- compared to the maximum impact that would be caused by the new cities.

12. Highest and Best Use

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club did not draw the boundaries of its park proposal: Nature did (and History). All the Trails Club did was listen carefully to the message of the land. The proposed park covers the steepest, highest, hollowest (mined out), remotest, and wettest parts of Cougar Mountain.

The area of the park proposal could not support New Cities without massive destruction of marshes, creeks, and other wetlands, of erodable soils, of headwaters of salmon-bearing streams, without massive disturbance of the existing way of life of nearby residents and surrounding communities.

Moreover, the remoteness and high elevation would entail heavy expenses in transportation, in home heating, and in the snow-removal and road-sanding required for much of the winter months.

17. Plenty of Land for Development Would Be Left on Cougar

There is a great deal of land on Cougar Mountain that could and should be developed to provide a proper share of the housing needs of "Puget Sound City." Subtract the entire area of the park proposal and there still would be enough land on Cougar to meet the population forecast up to the year 2000. The park would not create a hardship for anyone seeking a new home.

Issaquah Alps Trails Club:
Cougar Mountain Regional Park?

OR

Central Newcastle Property Owners:
Cities in Lieu of a Park?

The Central Newcastle Property Owners Association has proposed for the portion of Cougar Mountain in question, one city of 11,000 and parts of two other cities of similar population. Their plan for four cities has been titled "Villages in the Park" but is more accurately, "Cities in Lieu of a Park." The "Cities Plan" may be characterized in two ways:

1. It is an attempt to obtain a governmental designation for the land that will give it an artificially inflated price in order to increase the profits during future exchanges, trade-offs, and/or sales.

2. It is a deliberate effort to confuse and delude the people and their elected officials into thinking the "Cities Plan" achieves the major goals of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club's plan. The "Cities Plan" flagrantly abuses the term "regional park," giving that designation to (1) a golf course/soccer field complex proposed for (don't laugh!) Klondike Swamp; and (2) the site of the Newcastle Land Fill. The "Cities Plan" abuses the term "trail," giving that name to sidewalks that parallel arterials and freeways.

By contrast, the Issaquah Alps Trails Club proposes that those parts of Cougar Mountain suitable for residential development be so developed, providing new homes for thousands of families, and that those parts ill-suited to residence be preserved as a parkland that would serve the long-term needs of present and future residents on and around Cougar Mountain -- and throughout Puget Sound City.

THE NEWCASTLE DRAFT PLAN

The Newcastle Draft Plan will be the subject of four public meetings in June. The first three will all be alike and will deal mainly with the Newcastle Plan. The fourth meeting will deal with both the Newcastle Plan and the May Creek Basin Plan. Each meeting will include a presentation by county staff, a discussion period, and most importantly, a chance for all in attendance to fill out a questionnaire. It is essential that each person with an interest in Cougar Mountain, Squak Mountain, or in any other part of the Newcastle planning area attend one of these meetings. Remember - you have an interest in what happens in Newcastle no matter where in the county you live and you are thus welcome at these meetings!!

NEWCASTLE PUBLIC MEETINGS - SCHEDULE

- Thursday, June 18, 7:30 p.m. - Ringdall Junior High (Newport Hills area)
11650 SE 60th Street
Bellevue
- Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 p.m. - Issaquah Public Schools Administration Bldg.
(off Newport Way - just behind Issaquah Valley Elem.)
22211 SE 72nd Street
Issaquah
- Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. - Liberty High School (East Renton Plateau)
16655 SE 136th Street
Issaquah-Renton area
- Thursday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. - Liberty High School (same as above)
This meeting will also deal specifically with the May Creek Basin Plan

The Plan endorses an extensive trail system and recommends the establishment of a large regional park on Cougar. The plan also supports the establishment of a new community on Cougar Mountain that would have a population equal to that of the City of Issaquah. One can understand why the committee endorses a trail system and a regional park, but why a new community as big as Issaquah on Cougar Mountain?

The committee's plan is an attempt to satisfy the interests of several groups. These groups include the residents of Cougar and surrounding communities, future residents seeking affordable housing, proponents of a truly regional park, and property owner/developer interests.

Many feel the plan has gone too far in encouraging growth on Cougar and the surrounding lands to the north, west and south. The land owner/developer interests have felt the plan does not meet their needs in that it permits too little growth. The community representatives on the committee have supported a compromise and as a result are under attack for "selling out". The land owner/developer represen-

tatives have chosen not to compromise and are supporting another plan - "Villages in the Park".

The draft plan does allow for the potential establishment of a Cougar Mountain Regional Park. Description of that proposed park and discussion of why "Villages in the Park" is really Cities in Lieu of a Park will follow this description of the Newcastle Draft Plan.

The Newcastle Draft Plan consists of two parts - (1) Cougar Mountain and (2) everything else! For the area outside of Cougar Mountain the plan generally allows for increased development at about the present density, except there would be higher (denser) residential and commercial zoning near Lake Boren and along the eastern city limits of Renton. The most controversial part of the plan and the reason the committee has been meeting since the fall of 1978 is Cougar Mountain and its future.

The chosen plan concept for Cougar Mountain encourages the building of a new community on a yet unidentified undeveloped portion of Cougar. This new community (village) would have a mix of activities - single and multi-family housing, neighborhood shopping and required public facilities. The village would not exceed 3,000 housing units or an overall density of three units per acre. The undeveloped portions of Cougar would be considered a residential reserve and if a proposal for the village met the established criteria and it was approved by King County, that part needed for the village would be removed from the reserve classification.

The draft plan states on page 35: "The single village encouraged by the Newcastle Plan provides an opportunity for development flexibility and creativity while still requiring that a set of critical issues is addressed. The key concerns are to (1) provide housing opportunities for all income levels, (2) encourage energy conservation, (3) develop an open space system which preserves environmentally sensitive areas and buffers adjacent communities, and (4) encourage a regional park and system of trails."

This is a good description of the positive aspects of a new village, but there are some problems. The new community will put a burden on surrounding communities - especially in terms of traffic. Also much of Cougar is now zoned for one dwelling unit per acre and a village would allow for a tripling of that density. Location criteria will limit the site of a new village to the lower elevations of Cougar, but it will still be in an area with significantly more snow than any densely populated area in the county. A major concern is with the county's ability to enforce regulations having to do with land development. There have been real problems in the Newcastle area with surface water, grading, traffic, public safety, and the like. Does the county really have the capability to handle the building of a new community the size of Issaquah in one step? (This is perhaps one of the strongest arguments against the "Four Cities Plan", since it would commit the whole of Cougar Mountain to intense development in one action.)

A large portion of the public meetings will be devoted to an explanation of the plan. Be sure to attend so you can let your thoughts be known by filling out the questionnaire with which you will be provided at the meeting. Some community members have volunteered hundreds of evenings on this effort - now is the time for you to support them by devoting the evenings of June 18th, 23rd, 24th or 25th to one of these public meetings. (In the case of spouses - both are encouraged to attend and to fill out a questionnaire).

The Newcastle Draft Plan is available at area libraries and can be purchased from the King County Planning Department.

Dave Kappler

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Following are notes on topics discussed at the monthly Board of Directors' meetings.

March 19.

1. Tiger Mountain. Pat McElroy and Ryder Chronic of DNR attended meeting to discuss law enforcement, road construction and recreational development on Tiger Mountain. There are no specific plans for ATVs, but seven turnouts on the rebuilt Eastside Road are for "dispersed recreation."
2. Squak Mountain. DNR not interested in trading property with Burlington Northern to prevent logging or spraying near High Valley. DNR exchanges property only to gain or block access or to get property for commercial recreation.
3. Cougar Mountain. DNR is in favor of Villages in the Park.
4. Stinger Sale. Discussed new Stinger Sale which, although not quite as disastrous as the first one, still threatens 3000 or more feet of railroad grade.
5. Books and Publications. Tiger and Cougar-Squak Guides selling well. Flower and Geology books are almost finished.

April 16.

1. Membership. Mailing list indicates 695 memberships. We'd like to know how many in each membership. Also need prompt notice of address changes.
2. Books and Publications. Will reprint Cougar and Tiger Guides, and hope to have these, along with flowers and geology, by May 30.
3. Tiger Mountain. King County Sheriff's Dept. has met with DNR re patrol duty. Sheriff's Dept. would prefer to block roads. IATC, WEC, & Issaquah City Council have asked for moratorium on logging Tiger. Discussed chance of having West Tiger Railroad Grade declared worthy of preservation by State Historical Office.
4. Watershed. Plan is needed for Issaquah Watershed. IATC will come up with one - Jim Jordan coordinating. Linda Krumins will report any grading permits, plats, etc. from High Point West.
5. Ruth Kees will have a breakfast for Bruce Laing, our county councilman, on April 28.
6. City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan. Two plans have been presented, both pro development. Discussed lobbying campaign.
7. Newcastle. DNR has paid Newcastle Property Owners Association \$5000. HM investigating. Ralph Owen reported on hearings before King County Boundary Review Board.
8. Mike Lowry has presented bill to Congress to study 38,000 acres of Issaquah Alps for a variety of land uses, primary being recreational. Local Park Boards will review.
9. Wilderness Walk. Scheduled for May 30 with REI, Group Health Cooperative and Seattle Audubon. IATC will provide native guides, mark trails.
10. Suggestion was made for a fun, outdoor meeting - a picnic with members and guests - orienteers, hang gliders, City Council, newspapers, etc.

May 14.

1. Time. So many urgent projects. HM needs relief and Board members will try to help. We need more volunteers and new leaders.
2. Vacancy on Board of Directors.
3. Membership. 47 new memberships in April and 21 so far in May. Board decided that no second mailing of Alpiner would be made to those who have moved unless they call and ask for it.
4. IATC is to receive \$1000 loan from Mountaineers Foundation to help with publishing costs.
5. Two telephone trees are ready, one for Board members and one with the names of 120 active members.
6. Wilderness Walk. Arrangements were made for flagging the Watershed hikes. We have 40 native guides for the occasion.
7. Newcastle. DNR paid \$6000, not \$5000 to the Association, although they are not members. Buzz Moore spoke about the Newcastle Plan. IATC supports the existing draft plan, and we hope to have Brad Beck, new head of King County Planning to discuss it with us in June. A number of community meetings will be held, which we plan to attend. Buzz said the draft Newcastle Plan with one village takes care of the growth in King County to the year 2000. The map in the Times with 4 villages was labeled as the community plan. It wasn't.
8. Bicycle Report. We have a new bicycle activist, Shirley Wolfe, and new trip leaders, Mike and Maureen Hansen. We need more leaders. The first beginners ride to Fall City was a success.

9. Governor Spellman presented the Environmental Excellence Award for 1981 to Ruth Kees in his office in Olympia on May 21.

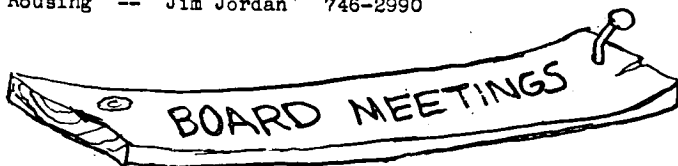
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For information on any subject whatsoever, call any member of the Board of Directors:

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To volunteer to serve on a committee, or for information about its activities, call the Chair:

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All these meetings are open to the entire membership and everybody is wanted. Come and listen -- and speak up and help shape club policies.

These meetings are at Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue - a bit west of the stoplight in Eastgate at Newport and 150th.

Board of Directors

Thursday - July 16, 7:30 p.m.
" August 20, 7:30 p.m.
" September 17, 7:30 p.m.



ALPS PUBLICATIONS



GUIDE TO TRAILS OF COUGAR MOUNTAIN AND SQUAK MOUNTAIN, INCLUDING PROSPECTUS FOR A COUGAR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK, by Harvey Manning
84 pages, 8 1/2 X 11.

Every trail we can talk about in public. Book includes separate maps of the Wilderness, Coal Country, The Western Creeks, The Precipice, and Squak Mountain, plus an overall map.

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A thorough but simple chronology of the geology in the Alps, taking us from early Eocene time (about 50 to 55 million years ago) to the modern day.

Book and maps \$1.50
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FLOWERING OF THE ISSAQUAH ALPS, by Harvey Manning
34 pages, 8½ X 11.

A great companion guide to pictorial books, describing most species of trees, flowers, shrubs and ferns in the Alps, where to find them and organized by monthly flowering.

Price \$2.50
(Members price \$2.00)

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75¢ apiece; two for \$1.00;
50¢ for each additional

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GOOD THINGS??

By mail from Issaquah Alps Trails Club
P.O. Box 351
Issaquah, Wa. 98027

Ask at the Park & Ride -- some hike leaders will have a supply for sale.

Most easily, buy from the following retail outlets, now available or soon to be:

In Issaquah -- Front Street Books, in Gilman Village
The Book People, just off Front Street, next to Thriftway

In Bellevue -- Bellevue Books, 1645 140th Ave. N.E.
B. Dalton Bookstore, 3929 Factoria Square Mall
The Bookends, 10245 Main
J. K. Gill Co., 132 Bellevue Square
Hunters Books, 246 Bellevue Square
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Backpackers Mountaineering Store, 14100 N.E. 20th
Eddie Bauer, 118 Bellevue Square
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VOLUNTEER VENDOR FOR KIRKLAND AND BOTHELL BOOKSTORES - PERHAPS SOMEONE WHO LIVES IN THE AREA. CONTACT SUSAN WILLIAMS 392-4869.

22 April, 1981

From: Phillip Hall
248 C Cameron Road
Sequim, WA 98382
To: Membership, IATC via President IATC
Subj.: Trail maintenance

Once a trail is built, the next unending task is maintenance. This would not be an onerous task if every hiker did a bit. When hiking, carry a pair of pruning shears to cut back encroaching brush (remember to cut tree limbs off next to the trunk) or carry a hoe so that when you come to a spot that you think is too narrow or has sluffed off, take a few minutes to put it right. Also, as you hike along, kick any loose limbs and sticks off the trail. Then it will be partly your trail, for you helped and the trail will be more enjoyable.

Yours for better hiking.

Phil Hall

P.S. from HM

When Phil, a pioneer of Alps trail-building than whom few are more so, speaks, pay attention. Before his defection from the shadow of Squak to the prairies of Sequim he and Bill Longwell were a team.

Let me take this opportunity to explain that we've discontinued regular official work parties because, it turns out, hardly anybody likes to work in a gang, on schedule. However, the work goes on -- and must, because the trail system only exists and persists through our efforts. (Motorcyclists have taken to claiming they build the trails in the Alps, but all they've done is gouge soil and bash greenery with wheels, digging ruts and gullies that we don't call trails, we call atrocities.)

One way to keep the trails open is suggested by Phil: each walker doing a little bit, every walk. (WARNING: Think in terms of "defensive maintenance" and be not quick to remove all obstructions. Leave logs in place, even add logs. Cut only brush that mangles a walker or a horse. Be careful when marking trailheads not to entice stray wheels.)

In addition, dozens of us have learned the fun of "Longwellism" -- going out on our own initiative, often on the spur of the moment, to explore and flag new routes, gradually turn them into trails, and do the annual trail maintenance required by the nettles that bloom in the spring, tra-la.

NOTE!



If you change your address, please drop us a line and give us your new one, so that you will continue to receive the Newsletter. We'll no longer have "Return Address Requested" on our mailings -- it has become too costly and time consuming.





BIKE RIDES



Committee chairfolks and trip leaders: Larry and Susan Lohrman 392-5192
Jeangar Brunswick 641-3641

Co-sponsored by the Issaquah Park & Recreation Department and the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. Two types of rides are offered -- beginner/family rides and moderately paced intermediate rides. Leaders are willing to assist with minor on-road repairs and answer your cycling questions. Bring bikes in good repair. A repair & maintenance class is offered June 6th for cyclists needing assistance. Additional repair classes can be arranged during the summer upon request.

Additional day and evening rides will be published in the Journal-American Rec. Calendar (Wednesdays) throughout the summer.

Minors under 16 to be accompanied by adult sponsor or have Effective Cycling Certificate.

522-BIKE -- Bicycle hot line-A great source of information about bicycling in the Puget Sound area.

Want to become a bicycle activist and work for safer spaces to ride? Join Cascade's Bicycle Action Committee in their tremendous effort of prompting government agencies to do something for bicycling.

MAPS - The city of Bellevue has a great bicycle street map available for \$1.00 from the cashier at Bellevue City Hall. King County bicycle map rough draft is available inside the Velodrome schedule at area bike shops. King County will have the final map available about the end of July.

Larry Lohrman and Jeangar (John) Brunswick are working on creating a file of ride maps and descriptions for the Issaquah Alps. Contributions from other bicyclists would be appreciated.

June 12 - Friday - Meet at Issaquah Park & Ride Lot, 6:30 p.m. Sunset Elementary loop. Children under 16 must be accompanied by adult. Leader: Larry Carey, 392-4127. 5 miles.

June 13 - Saturday. Carnation-Duvall. Meet at Tolt High School in Carnation at 10:00 a.m. About 30 miles of great farm country. Lunch at Silver Spoon. Indulge in strawberry shortcake at Remingers when you complete the ride. Leader: Jeangar (John) Brunswick, 641-3641.

June 14 - Sunday. Carnation-Fall City, Beginner/Family Ride. Meet by Suspension Bridge in McDonald Park (Tolt River) south end of Carnation at 2:00 p.m. Riders divide into two groups. Group 1-A 16-mile trip for beginners with adequate road skill for riding on the paved shoulders of the Carnation-Fall City Road. Group 2 - Smaller children and their parents will ride a portion of the loop trip on a back country farm road and then double back to their starting point. Picnic in the park before the ride. Party limit is 20 each group. Leaders: Susan and Larry Lohrman, 392-5192.

June 20 - Saturday. 9:00 a.m. Meet at Tolt High School, Carnation. Carnation-Ames Lake (Woods #14) and Carnation-Fall City (Woods #12) figure 8 loop. Tour the Carnation Farm. Moderate hills on first loop. Second loop is flat. Bring a lunch. Fresh produce available near the meeting point. Leader: Barb Bitner, 746-4760.

June 20-28 - Southcenter to Salem, Oregon Touring Vacation. 280 miles slow-paced tour following back roads through Southwest Washington and Northern Oregon to Salem in the Willamette Valley. Five nights camping and two nights in motels. A support vehicle will accompany the trip carrying a maximum of 40 lbs. of gear per biker. Group limit is 15. Contact Larry or Susan Lohrman, 392-5192 for further information.

- July 11 - Saturday. Landsburg-Enumclaw-Ravensdale (Woods #8), 10:00 a.m. Moderate, flat valley and rolling hills. Allow 6 hours. Bring a lunch, interesting views of the farming communities, old coal mining areas, Mt. Rainier and the Green River Gorge. Sign-up required. Leader: Mike Hansen, 232-1069.
- July 14 - Tuesday. 6:30 p.m. Meet at Issaquah Park & Ride Lot. Sunset to High Point, figure 8 loop. Leader: Shirley Wolfe: 747-8698 (home) 624-3980, Ext. 215 (work). 10 miles.
- July 18 - Saturday. 9:00 a.m. Fall City-Pine Lake Loop. Begin at Olive Taylor Quigley Park in Fall City and enjoy dairy farms, strawberry fields and fresh air along the Snoqualmie River. Bring a lunch. Leader: Jeangar (John) Brunschwig, 641-3641. 30 miles.
- July 26 - Sunday. Pine Lake Plateau-Lake Sammamish Loop. 10:00 a.m. Leave from Issaquah Park & Ride, about 25 miles. Leader: Larry Lohrman, 392-5192.
- Aug. 15 - Saturday. South Bellevue to St. Michelle Winery Loop. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Spiritridge Elementary School on SE 24th St. Travel north on the better bicycling roads of Bellevue to Marymoor, then follow the Sammamish River Trail to Ste. Michelle for lunch. Return via West Lake Sammamish. Leader: Jeangar (John) Brunschwig, 641-3641.
- Aug. 18 - Sunday. Beginner/Family Rides-- Carnation-Fall City. Details same as June 14 ride. Party limit 20 each group. Leaders: Larry and Susan Lohrman, 392-5192. 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 23 - Sunday. Redmond-All Clubs Ride & Picnic. Three rides -- slow, medium and fast to suit all skill levels. IATC Club Leader: Susan Lohrman, 392-5192.
- Sept. 12 - Saturday. Cougar Mtn. Loop Ride - 10:00 a.m. Start at Issaquah Park & Ride and bike through May Valley farmlands. Bring a sack lunch and a smile. About 25 miles. Leader: Jeangar (John) Brunschwig, 641-3641.

BEGINNING BIKE REPAIR

Learn basic 10-speed maintenance, brake and derailleur adjustment and tire and spoke repair and replacement. Bring tire irons, patch kit, a small crescent wrench, small screw driver, rag and your bike.

Date: Saturday, June 6

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Place: Issaquah Community Hall, 180 E. Sunset Way

Ages: 10 through adult

Fee: \$3.00

Leader: Jeangar (John) Brunschwig. For information call 641-3641.

EFFECTIVE CYCLING

Basic cycling skills and techniques are practiced each week on the road, supplemented by classroom discussions and readings on traffic safety, road hazards, emergency repairs, groups riding and exercise physiology. Graduates are awarded League of American Wheelman "Effective Cyclist" certificates and patches. Bring your bicycle ready to ride for the first class. Rent or purchase The Effective Cycling Book at class.

Date: Mondays and Wednesdays, July 20-August 12.

Time: 7-9:00 p.m.

Place: Memorial Park Picnic Area

Cost: \$25.00 (Register at Park Department in advance)

Instructor: League of American Wheelman Certified Instructor

The Mountaineer Bicycle Club and the Cascade Bicycle Club lead several rides on the Eastside. We encourage IATC members with a bicycling interest to join in on these rides. Find a ride you would feel comfortable leading and then offer to lead it for IATC or ask the Lohrmans to have it included in our ride schedule.

Cascade Bicycle Clubs' Eastside rides:

Sunday, June 7 - Cougar Mt. (Woods #92)-Rich Hasson
Saturday, June 20 - Fall City Days - Gary Carlin & Pete Hawley
Sat-Sun, June 27-28 - Seattle to Portland
Sunday, June 12 - Gasworks - Ste. Michelle-Bellevue Symphony,
Nancy Felts

Mountaineers Eastside rides:

Thursday, June 11 - Mercer Island evening ride
Saturday, June 27 - Social ride - Sammamish Trail
Sunday, August 2 - Seattle, Renton, Issaquah
Thursday, August 6 - Sammamish River Evening Ride

YENTS NEEDED FOR GYPSY MOTHS



The State Department of Agriculture has several boxes containing pherene, the female moth's sex hormone, available for volunteers to place in various areas in the forests of King County. The scent is used to delude male moths. They think there's a "cute little chick" in the box and...surprise!

This is an excellent opportunity for Trails Club hike leaders to do something positive for the environment and give us some good publicity as a group willing to work with others to do so.

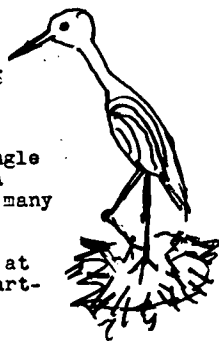
If any hike leaders are willing to place a box in the woods on one of her/his hikes, call the Gypsy Moth Hot Line: 1-800-562-4966. The local office is at 1437 West Meeker in Kent. You may pick up a box at the office or make arrangements to have one delivered by an agent of the department.

HELP WANTED: BLUE HERON NEST SPOTTERS

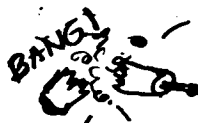
No previous experience necessary. Willingness to look for wildlife while hiking with the IATC only requisite. The State Game Department is attempting to inventory nest sites of the great blue heron in order to protect the birds.

Heron nests are often built in trees and may be single or in colonies. They are large, can be seen from a distance, and may be threatened by disturbances of many kinds.

If you spot a blue heron nest, contact Steve Shipe at 363-3874 or write Ron Hirschi, Washington Game Department, 509 Fairview Ave North, Seattle, 98109, with as much of the following information as possible: location, number of nests, how long nests have been present, land use changes, nesting success, etc.



FOURTH OF JULY



On the Fourth of July we will need help to set up and operate our booth. There'll still be plenty of time so you can hike to Tiger and spend the night. We're looking for other volunteers to learn how to set up and take down and transport booth (pickup truck desirable). If you can help with either or both of these endeavors contact Dave Kappler, 238-0741.



JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Hikes Committee: Betty Culbert (641-6451), Chairman; Russ Williams (392-5989), in charge of Saturday Hikes; Mike Hyman (392-4901), Sunday Hikes; Evelyn Rudolph (392-4060), Mid-weeks 2 Hikes; * Ann and Ted Leber (746-3291), Mid-week 3-4 Hikes; Paula Clark (271-2771) Trouble-shooter.

HIKE CLASSIFICATION

- Class 1: Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a just-walker or a parent with a baby on back, and perfect for studying birds and beetles and all.
- Class 2: Easy morning or afternoon, typically 3-4 hours at a loitering pace, perhaps going 5 miles on the flat, or less if some elevation is gained.
- Class 3: A fairly full day, from morning to afternoon, typically 5-6 hours on the go, but with plenty of stops. Small children often come along, sometimes on parental backs.
- Class 4: Steady-going day, typically 6-7 hours, but not really grueling. A person should be sure Class 3 is no strain before trying these.

SPECIAL TRIPS

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MEETING PLACE
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For the summer months we have scheduled weekly evening walks which start at 6:30 PM. These are Class 1-2, suitable for families with children.

WHERE TO MEET ← **NOTE!**

Unless otherwise indicated, all hikes assemble at the Issaquah Park and Ride Lot, west of Issaquah at Goode's Corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way, about 1/4 mile south of I-90. We gather at the south end.

For a very few hikes we assemble in downtown Issaquah and occasionally someplace else. This will be noted.

Most hikes are coordinated with the Metro 210 schedule. That is, hikes generally leave the Park and Ride at 8:30 or 9:30 in the morning or 12:30 in the afternoon; in each case shortly after scheduled arrival of a 210 from points west. Check your 210 schedule.

SPONSORSHIP

Issaquah Parks and Recreation sponsored these hikes before there was a club and continue to co-sponsor them.

We receive publicity assistance from Bellevue, Mercer Island, Renton, Seattle and King County Parks Departments.

The public is welcome on all hikes. So are other clubs, youth groups, church groups, etc. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an older person.

HELP!

* Evelyn is going home to Canada, so we need a replacement for this position on the Committee. We don't want to let our Class 1-2 hikes lapse. Two people could share the job. Any volunteers? Call Betty Culbert, 641-6451

Other volunteers are needed to help with phone calls. Please call Betty Culbert, 641-6451. We'd appreciate your assistance!

HELP!

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

9:30 AM Thursday, July 2

Leaders: Leonard and Ursula Eisenberg, 392-4034

The watershed plateau hikes include the Big Trees, the Rainforest East, Round Lake, The Springs, maybe the Greyhound Bus, and of course, Lake Tradition. Our leaders will make the final decision depending on weather and size of party.

WEST TIGER 3 - CITY LIGHTS AND FIREWORKS SPECIAL (Class 3+ Backpack)

12:30 PM Saturday-Sunday, July 4-5

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

Our president will be leading us on this Fourth of July Special to view the bursting fireworks and we assume he has not planned a "lightning show" as well. Plenty of liquids should be brought along and a stove if you plan to cook a hot meal. (No wood fires). Otherwise, simple needs only, sandwiches and a sleeping bag (and maybe a lightweight tent or plastic tarp should the weather turn inclement). It will be a leisurely pace up. Dave Kappler and his volunteers at the booth along the parade route in Issaquah will ascend a little later in the day. Contact him to help with the handouts and if you want to be in the second contingent. 235-0741.

HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH ON PRESTON RAILROAD GRADE (Class 2)

12:30 PM Sunday, July 5

Leaders: Bob and Kate Gross, 743-0925

An easy stroll on the abandoned grade which runs from Issaquah to Preston and beyond to the trestle crossing at Snoqualmie Falls. This stretch of the soon to be developed King County bike-foot-horse trail starts at High Point close to I-90 but leaves it in stretches for a quiet woods walk. At the end near Issaquah, a short climb takes you to an overlook of the plain and a visit to the Big Erratic.

COAL CREEK PARK (Class 2)

9:30 AM Tuesday, July 7

Leader: Ann Leber, 746-3291

On this trip we start at The Farm, tour old cowpaths down past the duck pond to the sandstone gorge of Coal Creek and the mouth of the Mary Tunnel. Explore upstream in the proposed addition to the park, past Cinder Mine to North Fork Falls. Be prepared to wade the creek and crawl over a few logs. But worth it!

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3)

9:30 AM Thursday, July 9

Leader: Laurene McLane, 392-0204

This route starts from the SE Tiger Mt. Road and then to the West Side road where the climb begins. It is rather steep this way, gaining 1000 feet in a one mile stretch. However, it is worth the work to this favorite of viewpoints and it should be carpeted at the summit with purple-blue lupine and spring gold. Rather a royal display. The Royal Crest of Mount Rainier might be visible and nice views west.

THE BOULDERS (Class 2, Evening) Bring Flashlights

6:30 PM Friday, July 10

Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922

In the valley of Cougar Mountain Wilderness Creek lie house-size chunks of andesite which tumbled off the cliffs above. Moss and ferns growing on the rocks beside the creek waterfalls create a magic spot. A short climb up to Big View Cliff is worth the sunset on Mount Rainier, not on Sunset Quarry, an eye sore.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

12:30 PM Saturday, July 11

Leader: Bill Daly, 392-1405

See July 2.

MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 3)

8:30 AM Sunday, July 12

Leaders: Steve and Susan Williams, 392-4869

A new route up Marshall's Hill takes us to the brink of DeLeo's Wall in less time so that we can sit and enjoy the surroundings longer. Passing in their season, Serviceberry, fields of strawberry, Blue-eyed Mary, Indian Paintbrush, Easter Lily, Chocolate Lily, Vetch, plus Mahonia, Dogwood and the grove of Oregon White Oak. No wonder it is one of our greatest walks. We still pass Licorice Fern Wall, Surprise Wall, Trog Swamp, and other favorites.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2, Evening) Bring flashlights

6:30 PM Tuesday, July 14

Leaders: Roger and Barb Johnson

See July 2

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2)

9:30 AM Wednesday, July 15

Leader: Connie Dow, 392-2190

Ascend Tiger Mountain's largest stream to the slot canyon sliced in sandstone and coal. Search for fossils and amber. A possible loop can be made to the Middle Tiger Railroad grade, following it back to the Middle Tiger Trail and descending to the West Side road. This loop adds an extra hour to the trip.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7:30 PM Thursday, July 16

Newport Library, 11250 SE Newport way, Bellevue. You're all invited.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3+)

9:30 AM Friday, July 17

Leader: Paula Clark, 271-2771

This classic 10.3 mile trail from near Highway 18 in the south to High Point is being done during the week this summer. With a car switch we can do it all in a single day in deep woods, over creeks, and along railroad grades, with broad views from the slopes of Middle Tiger and West Tiger 2. The scenic spots along the way have been named for the boys who helped Bill Longwell build the trail.

WEST TIGER 1 (Class 3+)**8:30 AM Saturday, July 18**

Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2993

This highest peak of West Tiger is over-populated at the summit (with antennas) but the walk there is a lovely wildwood trail built by Dick Heinz with samples of quiet ridges and valleys of the mountain, views over Puget Sound and the Cascades. In the summer season the wild flowers should be lovely.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)**12:30 PM Sunday, July 19**

Leader: Buzz Moore, 746-1866

Meeting place: Exit 13 off I-90. Concrete area on South side of Freeway.

A wild stream tumbles down a gorge planned as the route of Lakemont Boulevard which is far from a dead issue and probably will be revived soon to connect all the new homes being planned on the plateau to the east above where the trees are being felled fast and furiously. Ascend a virtual rainforest, sidetripping to the waterfalls. Visit an abandoned homestead where the local bears come for an annual feast of apples along with other four and brave two footed creatures. Boots are recommended.

WATERWORKS TRAIL (Class 2)**9:30 AM Tuesday, July 21**

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

A new trail system looping back and forth through the Issaquah Watershed visiting the collection boxes at the Springs issuing from the base of the scarp, The Brink Trail on the edge of the lower plateau above and the Big Trees trail where the 1000 year old fir is the centerpiece. Skid Road trail takes us over the old road which was laid to haul out the other giant firs, brothers to the remaining trees. Dream of what it would have been like to walk here 150 years ago.

LICORICE FERN WALL (Class 2, Evening) Bring Flashlights**6:30 PM Wednesday, July 22**

Leader: Dave Kappler, 232-0741

From the top of this wall covered with licorice fern and moss there is a charming view of May Valley. Onward to another wall and a view down or even a visit to Trog Swamp. Far Country by the new by-pass is not far away if time allows.

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3+)**9:30 AM Thursday, July 23**

Leader: Dewitt Riggs, 271-8389

This used to be the most isolated and alpine feeling of all the summits in the Issaquah Alps. This month the wild lupine should be covering some of the scars of the cat-track that laid the cable to Tiger 2. It is still a fantastic place for views to all points of the compass. The climb is done in various ways by various leaders as is also the route down. Call if you have any questions.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)**12:30 PM Saturday, July 25**

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

A short uphill hike on one of Tiger's smaller flanks opens to broad views across Issaquah Creek to May Valley and Squak Mountain and on out to Seattle, down to Hobart and south to Rainier. Possibility of seeing a plume of Mount Saint Helens.

CAVES OF WEST TIGER 3, THE SUMMIT OF THE MOUNTAIN AND LOOP BACK TO POO POO POINT (Class 3+)**8:30 AM Sunday, July 26**

Leader: Mike Hyman, 392-4901

This hike introduced last quarter will be repeated by the originator, our intrepid leader who will probably clamber up the section line trail even in the heat of July. The caves have become a popular addition to our repertoire. The loop to Poo-Poo Point takes you along the railroad grade which DNR is planning to turn into a logging road. Anyone who hasn't enjoyed the 360 degree view from the top of West Tiger 3 is missing one of the great alpine experiences in the Issaquah Alps.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3-)**9:30 AM Thursday, July 30**

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

One of the favorite viewpoints in the Alps, between West Tiger and East Tiger and South Tiger. No road climbs to the top so you arrive via a lovely but steep trail from the south end of the Tiger Mountain Trail to a very alpine feeling summit. The wild flowers, lupine and spring gold should grace the top at this season. The views of Seattle and Mount Rainier might be a bit hazy in the summer.

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2, Evening) Bring flashlights**6:30 PM Thursday, July 30**

Leaders: Steve and Susan Williams, 392-4869

Meeting place note: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset, east of Front.

From beautiful downtown Issaquah we cross the East Fork Issaquah Creek to the railroad grade and then on to the top of the moraine plateau and out to the scarp of the gravel pit, with awesome looks down into the pit and broad vistas over Issaquah Plain and Lake Sammamish, Pickering Farm, parachutes, sailplanes, and on and on all in the lovely glow of sunset.

KERRISTON (Class 2+)9:30 AM Friday, July 31

Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989

A walk which follows old logging roads up the valley of Raging River between Rattlesnake on one side and Tiger and Taylor on the other to the site of the old sawmill and coal prospecting town of Kerriston.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN RING TRAIL (Class 4 or less)8:30 AM Saturday, August 1

Leader: Ralph Owen, 746-1070

This hike explores the centerpiece of our proposed Cougar Mountain Regional Park which is expected to be voted on by all of King County soon. This is a full day 12 mile hike following old woods roads, bear trails and red ribbons, visiting the Long Marsh, Far Country, The Wilderness, The High Marsh, the Great Cave Hole, with great views from some of the three or four summits of Cougar. Ralph may have some other surprises in mind since he lives on Cougar and knows the good spots, and has built a few trails with his feet.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2)12:30 PM Sunday, August 2

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

See July 15.

LICORICE FERN WALL (Class 1 or 2)9:30 AM Tuesday, August 4

Leader: Ann Fletcher, 235-0741

See July 22.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2, Evening)6:30 PM Tuesday, August 4

Leaders: Kate and Bob Gross, 743-0925

A deep-woods trail steady going up the steep west face, featuring ancient stringers of a bridge which logging trucks rumbled across in the 1920's, a beautiful "nurse bridge" now, growing good size trees. The way climbs near the west peak of Squak -- or can if party desires and loops back by one of several alternate ways.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (Class 3+)9:30 AM Thursday, August 6

Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

This trip is pretty much of a bushwhacking experience on the south-west side of Squak. Eventually we might have a nice trail through this area which boasts a cliff and views of Mount Rainier and Lake Washington with the small lakes of Kathleen and McDonald in the Renton-Issaquah outskirts.

THE BOULDERS (Class 2)12:30 PM Saturday, August 8

Leader: Stan Unger, 283-7823

See July 10.

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3+)8:30 AM Saturday, August 8

Leader: Doug Harro, 392-8312

See July 23.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3+ to 4)8:30 AM Sunday, August 9

Leader: Jim Sanford, 241-1190

See July 17

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK AND MIDDLE TIGER RAILROAD9:30 AM Wednesday, August 12GRADE OR TMT LOOP (Class 3)

Leader: Connie Dow, 392-2190

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger Railroad grade, side tracking to 15 Mile Creek in its wildest stretch and passing the site of the famous Horseshoe Trestle, looping back via either the railroad grade or the Tiger Mountain Trail.

LICORICE FERN WALL (Class 1 or 2, evening) Bring flashlight.6:30 PM Thursday, August 13

Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

See July 22

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)9:30 AM Friday, August 14

Leaders: Leonard and Ursula Eisenberg, 392-4034

See July 25.

WEST TIGER MOUNTAIN CAVES (Class 3)8:30 AM Saturday, August 15

Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2993

The way in to the caves is well worn now and flagged but requires a few rough scrambles over tree trunks after leaving the section line trail. Bring flashlights to explore Don's Cave an easy walk-in and O'Brian's Cave, which requires a short but easy and safe scramble. Both are giant caverns, the largest with room for 100 people represents the largest known talus cave in the state. A stunning scene, not to be missed. All in deep forest and thick moss.

MAY CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2)

Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072

12:30 PM Sunday, August 16

A lovely park but less well known because of the difficult and confusing trail system. A work party has tried to remedy this and with a leader who is an expert this should be a special but possibly wet walk. Rubber boots would help.

LAKE MONT GORGE (Class 2+)

Leader: Peggy Owen, 746-1070

9:30 AM Tuesday, August 18

See July 19 for details of this hike. Peggy will take a little different route which her husband has been working on and so, since it's steeper and longer this has been classed a little harder. It leads by waterfalls and virgin-seeming fir and granite outcrops to the Bear's Orchard. A red-tailed hawk lives thereabouts. Note meeting place at Exit 13, off I-90.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2, evening) Bring flashlights

Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922

6:30 PM Wednesday, August 19

See July 25.

POO POO POINT (GLIDER POINT) (Class 3)

Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989

9:30 AM Thursday, August 20

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah valley. Glider Point may be more romantic but the sound of the Talki-tooter will be heard again from the heights if the Stinger Sale starts. As of the present, DNR plans to turn the railroad grade trail into a log-hauling truck road. Come before it is all changed and take the West Tiger Railroad Grade looping back through Many Creek Valley. Can we save them all?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Newport Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue. You're all invited.

7:30 PM Thursday, August 20BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2)

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

12:30 PM Saturday, August 22

Though the beaver colony emigrated several years ago, they left behind 18 dams, some old and silted in, others looking brand new, here at the headwaters of Hatchery Creek. Their engineering plus the climate in this cool corner of Tiger Mountain, have resulted in an "Ecotone" where Sitka Spruce, a coastal tree, and Pacific Silver Fir, a mountain tree, mingle. In the spring the rough-skinned newts hatch in Salamander Lake. Their home in these woods is very high on our "Ecosystems to be Saved List."

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)

Leader: Kent Cootes, 392-2667

8:30 AM Sunday, August 23

We start by climbing in the forest along the Wilderness Creek. From here there are as many choices as there are leaders, but so much to see except the view from Wilderness Peak from which there is none. So we take in other views along the way, including Big View Cliff, Long View, Wild View, Claypit Peak, via Blackwater Pond. We don't promise to see the bear of Shy Bear Pass but we won't leave out the magical Boulder Field.

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2, evening) Bring flashlights

Leaders: Roger and Barbara Johnson, 746-3291

6:30 PM Tuesday, August 25

See August 22.

WEST TIGER MOUNTAIN CAVES (Class 3)

Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365

9:30 AM Wednesday, August 26

See August 15.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

Leaders: Florence Boyce and Yvonne Mechler, 255-0922

9:30 AM Friday, August 28

See July 2.

GRAND TIGER TRAVERSE (Class 3+)

Leader: A. J. Culver, 392-3002

8:30 AM Saturday, August 29

The really-truly way to do this hike is by ascending from the Middle Tiger Railroad to Fifteenmile Pass and then descending via a new railroad trail to the Dick Heinz Trail to Preston. A fantastic one way trip due to car-switching. No steps retraced and lots of ground covered, hopefully not with snow in August.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

Leader: Linda Joy Hendricks

12:30 PM Sunday, August 30

See July 2.

POO POO POINT (Class 3)

Leader: Tom Reynolds, 633-3460

9:30 AM Tuesday, September 1

See August 20.

LAKE MONT GORGE (Class 2, evening) Bring Flashlights
Leaders: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291
See July 19. Note meeting place is Exit 13 off of I-90

6:30 PM Wednesday, September 2

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)
Leader: Beryl Bell, 255-6399
See July 25.

9:30 AM Thursday, September 3

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (Class 2)
Leader: Joe Toynbee, 723-6716

12:30 PM Saturday, September 5

This is a new class 2 hike in the southwest part of Squak which the leader will introduce to you, probably taking in some of the Thrush Gap route.

GRAND TIGER TRAVERSE (Class 3+)
Leader: Mark Follett, 937-2114
See August 29

8:30 AM Sunday, September 6

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2)
Leaders: Florence Boyce and Yvonne Mechler, 255-0922
See July 15.

9:30 AM Wednesday, September 9

MAIN TIGER VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3)
Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

9:30 AM Friday, September 11

Due to DNR's "tolerance" policy this route can be a roaring freeway of razzers, but on the weekdays the road is quiet and especially in the area of Silent Swamp. You might be passed by a few Mercedes since DNR is improving the road for family sedans and so it will be a snap for other four wheel drivers not to mention two wheelers. Possible side trip to Beaver Valley which, unfortunately, is not far enough away from the noise of the road.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3-)
Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344
See July 30.

8:30 AM Saturday, September 12

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)
Leader: Phil Beckley, 255-1308
See August 4.

12:30 PM Sunday, September 13

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3+)
Leader: A. J. Culver, 392-3002
See July 23.

8:30 AM Sunday, September 13

HILLTOP (Class 1)
Leader: Pat Kaald, 746-3291

9:30 AM Tuesday, September 15

Meeting place: The parking lot next to the Eastgate Baptist Church at 150 Ave. SE and SE 38th Street, where the 252 bus stops. By courtesy of Hilltop residents, we are permitted to walk their nature trail, a loop around this 1000 foot peak of Cougar. Thanks (no thanks) to forest-obliterating new subdivisions, the view of Bellevue, Seattle and Rainier which we loved through windows in the forest is now enormous.

MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 3)
Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451
See July 12.

9:30 AM Thursday, September 17

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Newport Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue, You're all invited.

7:30 PM Thursday, September 17

HOOR TRAIL (Class 2)
Leader: Linda Joy Hendricks

12:30 PM Saturday, September 19

It's called the Hoor Trail because that's how long a horse takes to go clear around the loop. Walkers will take longer due to a maze of trails with signs back to the ranch which the hiker doesn't want to follow. And undeveloped King County park is traversed and many loops are possible including a lovely path along a gorge with screened views of the Snoqualmie Valley. This is a very wet area in the spring so boots are recommended.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN TRAVERSE (Class 3+ or 4)
Leader: Ralph Owen, 746-1070

8:30 AM Sunday, September 20

Ralph has worked out a traverse of Cougar Mountain from Lakemont Gorge to May Valley School. The trail climbs via the gorge to the best remaining railroad grade on Cougar, and on to Anti-Aircraft Peak which has been blocked to us temporarily from the west, drops through the High Marsh, over to Claypit and on and on. I don't want to spoil the surprise and I am not sure

which way our leader will chose since he has so many trails at his disposal. Just remember as you walk that we are hoping to keep a good many of these trails for our Cougar Mountain Regional Park. Trail corridors have already been promised by two developers on the south fringe. We'll need one here in the north also.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK - MIDDLE TIGER

9:30 AM Wednesday, September 23

RAILROAD GRADE OR TMT LOOP (Class 3)

Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775

See August 12.

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2)

9:30 AM Friday, September 25

Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

An old farm, creeks, woods, on the abandoned railroad grade route of someday-to-be Issaquah to Snoqualmie Falls Trail-Bikeway. A nice level stroll all the way.

POO POO POINT (Class 3)

8:30 AM Saturday, September 26

Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989

See August 20

LICORICE FERN WALL (Class 1 or 2)

12:30 PM Sunday, September 27

Leader: Steve Smith, 226-2694

See July 22.

HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH ON PRESTON RR GRADE (Class 2)

9:30 AM Tuesday, September 29

Leader: Ann Leber, 746-3291

See July 5.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!

IT'S TIME (PROBABLY) TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

To conserve funds and the time of volunteers, we've adopted the following system of membership renewals:

Memberships run from May 1 to May 1.

If you joined on or after January 1, your membership runs to May 1 of the following year. Your first year in the club, therefore, you get as many as 4 extra months, a very nice bonus.

If you joined on or before December 31, your membership runs to May 1 of this year. Your first year, therefore, you get perhaps as few as 4 months plus a day, a real gyp. But it's only the first time around.

To summarize, if you joined on or before December 31, 1980, your membership renewal is due May 1. In other words, now.

We ask for your understanding, sympathy, patience -- and money.

UNOFFICIAL OFFICIAL SONG
of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club

Let's go hike in the Issaquah Alps
And bag a few notorious scalps.
Notorious scalps,
The Issaquah Alps?
Yeah! Yeah! You better believe it,
We do bag scalps in the Issaquah Alps.

Bill Longwell, he built a trail or two,
He wants to show the Alps to you.
The Alps we view
From a trail or two?
Yeah! Yeah! You better believe it,
Wild Bill, it's true, built a trail or two.

Up big Cougar and down little Squak,
Come rain or snow, we'll take a walk.
A good long walk
On Cougar or Squak?
Yeah! Yeah! You better believe it,
A Longwell walk on Cougar or Squak.

Out with A. J. on Tiger Mountain,
Hours on end the miles we're countin'.
Miles we're countin'
On Tiger Mountain?
Yeah! Yeah! You better believe it,
You'll sure be countin' on the mountain.

Tim O'Brian, in the Tiger Caves,
Lost a host of Issaquah braves.
He lost his slaves
In the Tiger Caves?
Yeah! Yeah! You better believe it,
He lost his knaves in the Tiger Caves.

Ol' Grizz abandoned the Tiger trail
And wound up at Boehm's candy sale.
A candy sale
Near the Tiger trail?
Yeah! Yeah! You better believe it,
For a candy sale he left the trail.

Who's the fellow that's calling the shots?
Not Issaquah's own Big Jim Klotz?
Our Big Jim Klotz,
He's calling the shots?
No! No! No! Don't you believe it,
It's not Jim Klotz who's calling the shots.

It's our Chief, the Incredible Hulk,
Tossing around his mighty bulk.
Tossing his bulk,
The Incredible Hulk?
Yeah! Yeah! You better believe it,
He doesn't skulk, that mighty ol' Hulk,

[NEEDED: A fearless musician seeking fun,
fame, fortune, and possible ex-communication
from IATC to compose the music. Volunteers?]

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND/OR RENEWAL

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This is a new membership.

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This is a renewal.

CHECK ONE

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Phone No. _____

Regular \$5.00 ☐
(Covers the whole family)

Contributing \$10.00 or more ☐

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Interested in working on or helping following committees (or leading trips):

Hikes <input type="radio"/>	Bicycle Routes <input type="radio"/>	Valley Floors--Floodplain <input type="radio"/>
Hike Leader <input type="radio"/>	Alpiner <input type="radio"/>	Horse Routes <input type="radio"/>
Publicity <input type="radio"/>	Typing <input type="radio"/>	Membership <input type="radio"/>
Governmental Contact <input type="radio"/>	Nature Studies <input type="radio"/>	History <input type="radio"/>
Forest Practices <input type="radio"/>	Telephone Tree <input type="radio"/>	Salmon Days/Lth of July Beeth <input type="radio"/>

Please send membership information to:

Name _____

Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE