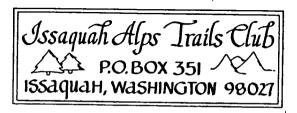
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The Issaquah Alpiner March 10, 1985

President's (twenty-third) Report

Have you ever stood around watching a glacier? Except for the occasional avalanche in an icefall or off the toe, it seems just to be laying there, going no place. Then you return after a few centuries and the sucker has overwhelmed Olympia and is busy making mima mounds -- or has retreated to Canada, woolly mammoths and all.

At this writing our several glaciers are trembling on the verge of historic events, good, bad, or middling. For the benefit of the inveterate glacier-watchers, following is a quick report on progress, forward or backward:

of Cougar...

Wilderness Creek, from Highway 900 to Shy Bear Country, is ours, and Bill Longwell's great big trailhead sign celebrates the fact.

The "Treaty of Olympia," whereby State Land Commissioner Brian Boyle and King County Executive Randy Revelle smoked the peace pipe, is bearing fruit. In 1979 the DNR proposed to log the 240 acres on Cougar Mountain, the heart of The Wilderness, and King County filed suit. As proof positive of the change in spirit with the change in DNR leadership, in 1985 the 240 acres were amicably exchanged, and thus form the second large increment to the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. On balance it's just as well Brian edged me out, last November, for Land Commissioner.

The adjoining 80 "Pancratz acres" would also already be in the Park if Mr. Pancratz had accepted King County's cash offer. As of this writing he has not, and says he will log the 80 acres, then sell out to the Park. It would be a singularly effective way of etching the name of "Pancratz" in the annals of Western Civilization.

As for the heart of the Park, we understand Daon Corporation has exercised its option and bought out Palmer Coking Coal's holdings, but the future fate of the lands hangs in the balance of several situations.

At 1:30 in the afternoon of June 2, at the Return to Newcastle III, King County Executive Randy Revelle and members of the King County Council will tell us what they, the executive and legislative brighters, have done and plan to do.

of Tiger...

Though we have no firm news at the moment, we do know that every time we call folks at the Enumclaw DNR they are tied up in Tiger Mountain meetings. The residents' information circuit, The Tiger's Eye, feels that plans for the Tiger Mountain $St_{a_{\dagger}}e$ Forest may be nearing completion.

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THE ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB CORDIALLY REQUESTS THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT

RETURN TO NEWCASTLE III Sunday June 2, 1985 9am - 6pm

Rendezvous with Newcastle's history and watch the birth of King County's newest regional park on Cougar Mountain.

Enjoy guided tours, history walks, history talks and nature walks. Visit our Big-top tent featuring: Pioneers of the underground, ole time fiddlers, artifacts and broken-down mountaineers.

At 1:30 P.M.: Special Historical announcements by

King County Executive, Randy Revelle

members of the King County Council

Co-sponsored by: Newcastle & Renton Historical Societies

King County Division of Parks and Recreation

328-0480 24 hour hotline for directions

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We want you-all Members and Friends to come have a good, hot, historical time for yourselves, and listen to the Historical Statements made at 1:30 p.m.

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But we also want some of you-all Experienced Members to come and act as Tour Guides -- leading short walks or long hikes, or simply loitering around acting as smiling welcomers.



We'd appreciate a few of you Stalwarts to come Saturday morning to help erect the Big Top. Actually, this is as exciting an Historical Event as the Return has to offer. (Call Harvey, 746-1017, or just show up at the Site Saturday morning.)

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President's Report Continued...

I do know that when I suggested to Brian Boyle he might take his time about the plan, since there'd be no logging or roading until it was accepted, we might very well take to the barricades if we had to face another Long Loud Summer, and he answered that by the time the mildew inside my VW beetle had dried out, there might be a remedy for illegal activities on Tiger -- in good time for the 1985 Report Card the Trails Club is planning to issue. When I intimated the Trails Club might feel compelled to praise him twice in a single year (the first occasion be Ing the Newcastle 240 acres) he lapsed into shock and has not been heard from again.

of Quiet Trails...

The Trails Club has joined a new organization, the Washington Trails Association, and urges all quiet (that is, non-motorized) trail travelers to do so as individuals -- or families -- or clubs.

The immediate stimulus for the new organization (which is a coalition of other organizations, plus individual supporters) is the continuing unfairness of the "Off Road Vehicle". Fund." The state gasoline tax is intended for maintenance of state highways. As compensation for the fact that much vehicle travel is not on state highways, a portion of the gas tax is diverted to "off road" purposes. That's not a bad idea, but what's bad -- what's excruciating -- is that something like 90 percent of this off-highway travel is by the likes of you and me -- families out for a picnic on a forest road, or hikers on the way to a trailhead. Yet close to 100 percent of the fund is devoted to building motorcycle trails on state and federal and county land. --It was this fund that was to establish the Tiger Mountain ATV Park, of unlamented memory. It is this fund that presently is converting hiker-horse trails in National Forests to motorcycle raceways.

The WTA wants this fund reexaminged, more research done on who pays how much, and who gets how many facilities, of what kind.

The injustice of the situation is that the big beneficiary, the Pacific Northwest Motorcycle Association, has fewer members than the Trails Club -- not to mention all our much larger allied groups. However, with so few members, making so much noise, utilizing such large amounts of manufacturer-distributor money, they have had the State Legislature cowed.

It's time for the feet to start squeaking, and the new coalition thus is an idea whose time is here. Join now:

Washington Trails Association 16812 36th Avenue West Lynnwood, WA 98037 Enclosed is my check for for an Individual Membershi Household Membership (\$15), plus as a donation. (T tax-deductible, the WTA being an IRS 501(c)3 organization.) (name)	p (\$10), or ne entire amount is
(address)	(phone)

of Sky Sports and the green plain

In general, the Trails Club sticks to its last and strives not to to get involved in issues peripheral to trails and their amenities, such as wildlife and wild water and the greenery they both love. As an organization we therefore have not been a leader in affairs of the I-90 Corridor -- the debate between wall-to-wall shopping centers and business blocks and some of both with pastures and fish and trails, too.

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aprîl 20-21: Volksmarch

Our Betty Culbert, veteran of many "people's walks" in the Alps, first extended the invitation. Our Chief Ranger, Bill Longwell, then helped in the planning. So, now,

11th International Volkswandering
of the Evergreen Wanderers

a member of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association

Volksmarching is a family activity, participants ranging from infants on parents' backs to seniors enjoying their grandchildren on parage.

This hike may bring more people to the Issaquah Alps in a single bunch than the area ever has seen, all at once. That, in itself, will be fun for us to see, and join in.

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Additionally, however, the Trails Club serves not only as composer but "host," supplying "native guides." So come on out!

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21

Starting times: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 10k (6.2-mile) route 8 a.m. to 12 noon for the 20k (12.4-mile) route

Finish time: Not later than 5 p.m.

Start and finish: Go off I-90 on High Point Exit 20, turn south to marked parking.

<u>Participation</u>: Everybody is welcome. However, to receive Achievement Awards from the Volkssport Association, you must register beforehand, by writing:

EVERGREEN WANDERERS c/o L. Leifaun 2023 Aberdeen Avenue SE Renton, WA 98055

Enclosed is \$4.00 for registration

(name)

(address)

(zip)

(phone)

You may also register and pay fees on the day of the event. Sort drinks and food will be on sale at the start/finish. It altogether sounds like the best picnic walkers have had in the Issaquah Alps, a lot of fun.

Longwell's Army Marches The TMT

More than one of us has noted the vagueness of Miles 3-6 of what has been described by experts as "America's greatest near-city wildland trail." Bill Longwell, creator of the Tiger Mountain Trail, has preached the Crusade, and Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI-Coop) has taken up the sword and the cudgels and the axes and saws.

LONGWELL'S ARMY MARCHES ONCE MORE.



Meet at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 4, at our Usual Spot, the Issaquah Park \$ Ride. But this time, have breakfast, on REI. (No waffles or little ptgs, but lots of coffee and butterhorns.)

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NOW, we need some 30 of our folk to act as Trail Bosses, each to take a crew to do up and do in some 1/8 mile of the TMT. (Access will be via convoy along Tiger Mountain Road and West Side Road.)

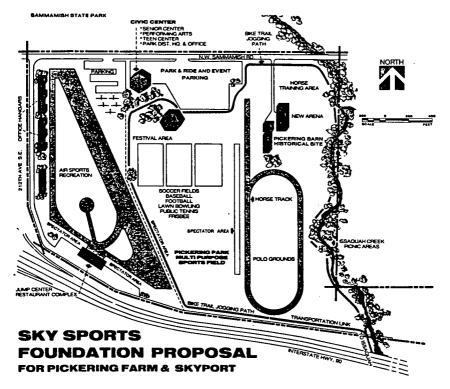
RET is rounding up the troops. IATC is expected to supply the sergeants and captains. As many of you as feel not too bashful, we'd like you to call in beforehand, to

Chief Ranger Bill Longwell 255-1295 if no answer, call Harvey 746-1017



We have made our stand north of I-90, firmly declaring we will fight any invasion of Lake Sammamish State Park by any new intrusion, whether of playing fields or Sky Port. However, we have now endorsed the proposal by the Sky Sports Foundation for the Pickering Farm area. The map abundantly shows the reasons for our support: trails along Issaquah Creek, connecting to the State Park; the wildlife habitats preserved there, as well as in the horse tracks and airport; the senior center that would make available the miles of new paths, for birdwatching, for sky sports watching, for horse-watching, even for soccer-watching.

Because the Trails Club has endorsed the proposal by the Sky Sports Foundation, we have made available our mailing list, believing you would appreciate further information.



of Water...

We have watched the assaults made on Coal Creek, May Creek, Tibbetts Creek, Peltola (Lewis) Creek, and the North, East, and South Forks of Issaquah Creek. Many of these are under the auspices of the City of Issaquah and the City of Bellevue, and about all we can do there is pray for another dozen of the likes of Ruth Kees, who for lo these many years has been trying to protect the waters of Issaquah, and was honored by the Governor as State Environmentalist of the Year, but is not all that highly honored in her home area, except by us.

However, there are troubles outside the cities, too, and subsequent to the last meeting of our Board, the Trails Club has informed Executive Revelle, whose staff has proposed a Surface Water Management Utility, that we believe such a device is essential to protection of our waters.

You might like to call your County Countilperson and tell he/she your thoughts on water, based on your personal experience.

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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 $1/2 \times 11$.

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.

Price \$5.00 Member's price \$4.00

GUIDE TO TRAILS OF TIGER MOUNTAIN, by Bill Longwell
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BEDROCK AND BOOTSOLES - AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GEOLOGY OF THE ISSAQUAH ALPS, by Marvin Pistrang 13 pages, 8 1/2 X 11, includes 3 maps.

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FLOWERING OF THE ISSAQUAH ALPS, by Harvey Manning 34 pages, 8 1/2 × 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.

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

(Flease include 75¢ postage)

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

Most easily, ask at your local bookstores or backpack-recreational retail outlets in Issaquah, Bellevue, Seattle, Kirkland, Bothell, Mercer Island, and Redmond.

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"Board of Directors"

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors, meetings.

December 20, 1985.

Meeting cancelled. Library was closed on account of snow. HM had planned to discuss Squak Mountain where jeep roads have been blocked by massive boulders, Issaquah's efforts to appropriate Lake Sammamish State Park, the Volksmarch tentatively set for April on Tiger, the March Potluck, publications, and tower ordinances for King County. Also law enforcement on Tiger Mountain (lack thereof.)

January 17, 1985.

Annual Meeting

- . Elections. Members of the Board of Directors and club officers for 1985 were elected.
- 2. Annual Report. HM gave President's Annual Report, including update on Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, Tiger Mountain State Forest, Squak Mountain, Lake Sammamish State Park, tax status of IATC, publications, and need for more volunteers.

Board of Directors meeting.

- Surface Water Management Utility Project for King County. Martha Bean explained needs and goals and possible programs for the proposed utility.
- Hikes. Discussed publicity for Newcastle III, Carole Beers column that brought 55 hikers to see the Caves, expansion of our area to include Mt. Si and Fuller Mountain, Volksmarch, and need for new leaders.
- General Development Guide. IATC will assist Friends of Washington in supporting the Guide as proposed by Randy Revelle. Set of address labels will be donated.
- Towers. Four tower applications before the County and three before the FCC are menacing the new park and nearby residents on Cougar Mountain.

February 20, 1985.

- Trails Club voted to send gift to Washington Native Plants Society in memory of Della Boe who died on February 15.
- 2. Bill Longwell authorized to buy 3 McClouds at \$54 each.
- 3. Cougar Towers. Discussed county ordinance and our interests on Tiger as well as Cougar.
- Surface Water Utility. Trails Club voted to support concept and will testify at appropriate time.
- 5. Pickering Farm. Voted to endorse proposal of Issaquah Sky Sports for Pickering Farm.
- 6. Washington Trails Association. Voted to support goals which Ira Spring has brought about to gain justice for non-motorized trail users.
- May Valley. Trails Club expressed support of plan to keep open space on the slopes of May Valley below De Leo Wall.
- 8. Cougar Mountain. Discussed Northern Village, Eastern Village and revival of Western Village, sale of landfill to Josie Razore, king of the garbage men.
- John Wayne Trail. Jack Price reported on problems. Landowners are acting as if they own the trail.



All meetings are at Newport Way Library, 1h250 Newport Way, Bellevue, a bit west of the stop-light in Eastgate at Newport and 150th. Meetings start at 7:30 FM.

Thursday, April 11 " ", May 16

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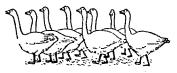




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HIKES COMMITTEE:

Betty Manning (746-1017), Russ Williams (392-5989), Mary Cadigan (641-4046), Jenne Micai (747-1457), Ann Leber (746-3291), George Jackman (641-2395), Betty Culbert (641-6451), and Dwight Riggs (772-1666).

MEETING PLACE

In order to reduce confusion, all hikes will assemble at the Issaquah Park and Ride Lot, west of Issaquah at Good's corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way, about 1/4 mile south of I-90. We gather at the south end.

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 the scheduled arrival of a 210 bus from points west. Check your 210 schedule.

SPONSORSHIP

Issaquah Parks and Recreation sponsored these hikes before there was a Club and continues to $\operatorname{co-sponsor}$ 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.

HIKE CLASSIFICATION

Class 1: Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a justwalker 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.

"Hikes-Sub-Classifications"

Since our hikes range from a completely level stroll to a short steep up-hill or a steady moderate climb to a steep bushwhack, we are going to try and be more precise in our designations so that hikers can plan according to their ability. The <u>letters</u> "A", "B", or "C" are being added to the classifications 1, 2, 3, etc. to say something about the <u>terrain</u>. Therefore:

An "A" is generally a good, easy path, mostly level.

A "B" classification means the path may not be quite so good or may be steep, e.g., the Boulders.

A "C" means something a little mean -- a bit of brush maybe, or a few logs to crawl

over, or a very steep trail or a muddy one.

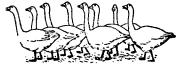
The classification does not refer to the whole trail but notes the most difficult stretch you might encounter. So a hike might be an "A" most of the way but a few logs or a creek crossing would mean a "C" terrain.

The <u>number (1,2,3,4,5) will continue</u> to refer to the <u>time/energy output</u>. That is, a 2 is a half-day (9:30 to 1:00 of 12:30 to 4:00 approximately) at a medium to slow pace. A 3 is a day (8:30 to 3:00 or 9:30 to 4:00 approximately) at a moderate pace. A 4 is a long day at a steady pace, a 5 is all day at an "aerobic" pace.

For example, a 2-A will be easy in energy output and an easy path, like High Point to Issaquah on the railroad grade. A 2-C still will be an easy enough half day but may have some mud, or low bridges, or "ball-bearings" or such; the pace will be slow enough to accumodate but a few challenges might be set.

Class 2 hikes are only a half day yet we suggest bringing a lunch or snack since driving distances vary and a 2 hour hike might not leave the trailhead till 10:15, meaning a case of hunger pangs might hit your stomach before you return to your car.

Dress warm. Plan for unexpected contingencies. Bring liquid, emergency food for energy. Wear suitable foot gear.



"Guidelines for I-like Leaders"

- 1. It is the leader's responsibility to have checked out the hike and to prepare the hikers for it with a brief description at the Park and Ride of what to expect in terrain and if necessary caution them about exerting themselves if they know of a physical problem which might hinder them. We want to welcome people to hiking and to the Alps, not scare them away with rigid requirements on footwear etc., but if they are going to get wet in what they have on, let them know it. Other discomforts are short lived like a steep, muddy short climb which is soon over and they might need to know that.
- 2. It is the leader's responsibility to set a pace which will be comfortable for the whole party. This is especially important on 2 and 3 minus hikes. On a 3 plus or 4 we expect hikers to keep a good pace and if there seems to be a great deal of trouble in keeping up, maybe that individual might have to turn back.
- Please try and stay on the established route as much as weather and condition of party allow.
- 4. Any extending of a hike such as a class 2 to make a longer day should only be done in consultation with all the group.
- Leaders should be flexible and at their discretion a hike can be substituted
 if weather or size of party dictate. Parking a great number of cars is not possible at
 all trailheads.
- Leaders should be familiar with trail conditions at all seasons. Summer growth and winter snows often completely disguise a familiar trail.
- Each hike leader should have first aid equipment, a flashlight, and a telephone number to call in case of accident.

Dear Hike Leader:

We have a continuing need for new leaders in the program and the only way to find them is to recruit from among those you hike with. When you notice someone on a hike that you feel may be interested, please don't hesitate to ask them if they will help us cut.

One other problem; please mail in your hike sign-up sheets. We still need to know how many people are using which trails. Thank you ever so much for your support thus far, it has been the main factor in our efforts to keep our mountains wild and open for recreational hiking.

Betty Manning

"Hike Descriptions"

BEAVER VALLEY

With the road open again we can park at the trailhead to Silent Swamp and enjoy this quiet bypass to Beaver Valley. The 18 dams are still there, some old and silted in and others looking brand new. Their engineering, plus the climate in this cool corner of Tiger have resulted in an ecotone where Sitka spruce, a coastal tree, and Pacific silver fir, a mountain tree, mingle.

BIG TREE TRAIL AND ISSAQUAH WATERSHED LOOP (Class 2 + C)

From Big Tree Trail, another variation and favorite hike, on Lake Tradition Plateau, we drop down to the The Old Issaquah Waterworks, with its many cascading Creeks and return to our starting point.

THE BOULDERS (Class 2 B)

In the valley of Cougar Mountain Wilderness Creek lie house-sized 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 effort if a crystal clear day reveals Mount Rainier against the southern sky.

CAVES OF WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 minus C)

The way to the caves have been well worn by the backside of jeans sliding down the steep path off the Section Line Trail. It is downhill at the hard part and not congerous ,just rough in spots. Bring a flashlight to explore Don's Cave, an easy walk-in and O'Brian's Cave, which requires a short scramble. Both giant caverns, the largest with room for 100 or more people, represent the largest known talus caves in the state. A stunning scene even without entering, with huge rocks set in deep forest and thick moss.

COAL CREEK FALLS (Class 2 C)

Where Coal Creek tumbles from the headwaters basin of Klondike Swam, J the Curious Valley of the Long Marsh and Swamp, the creek is hung up on a ledge of lava and slides down a mossy cliff into a gorge often so full of mist the moss grows on trees, logs, rocks, and hikers pausing to rest. Other features of the hike are the earth cavities of the Cave Hole Road and the ghosts inhabiting vanished Red Town.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN HIGH TRIP

Joint Hike with The Mountaineers and the IATC covering Red Town, Shy Bear Loop, and Wilderness Peak. This 2000 ft. elevation gain over the top of Cougar Mountain will cover about 7 to 8 miles.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN TRAVERSE (3 +)

This one-way traverse is a new variation on an old theme. The hike begins at Exit 13, following Peggy's Trail on Cougar's flank, the climbing Wilderness Peak and back out to May Valley School, there picking up the Deceiver Trail and the Far Country Trail. This entails car swapping and 7-8 miles of travel.

COUGAR WILDERNESS (Class 3C)

We start by climbing in the forest along Wilderness Creek. From here there are as many choices as there are leaders, but so much to see -- except the view from Wilderness Peak, of which there is none. However, we can sign its register and help carry a rock for the cairn marking the 1595-foot peak. We'll hav e other views along the way, including Big View Cliff, Long View, Wildview Cliff, and Claypit Peak. We don't promise to see the bear of Shy Bear Pass but we won't leave out the magical Boulder Field and the famous Cougar Mountain Cave in the Beautiful Bottom.

DE LEO'S WALL BY WAY OF CHINA CREEK (Class 2 C)

A new route starting from Red Town and following China Creek leads us to the brink of De Leo's Wall where we can sit on this acrie 600 feet above May Valley and enjoy the surroundings.

DICK HEINZ VICINITY RAMBLETORY Class 3 C)

A network of logging railroad grades, spurs and spurs of spurs will make for an interesting approach to the flanks of West Tiger 1 and East Tiger. The "C" means bad brush, but not in too many places. Distance covered depends on what everybody feels like that day.

DONNA'S LOOP (Class 2A)

The hike will follow an old service road to the largest beaver dam in the Alps, past an old railroad frog pond, and then loop around the south side of Taylor's Knob where there is a spectacular view of Mt. Rainier. An easy hike that is especially pleasant on sunny spring days.

ELIZABETH'S TRAIL (Class 1 A)

A short toddler's hike begins at the Redtown terminus of the railroad grade which carried passengers and coal to Seattle in the late 1890s. The hike can be as long and as short as the toddler desires; the proposed destination hopefully will be the cinder mine.

HOBART-MIDDLE TIGER AND 15-MILE CREEK RAILROAD GRADES

Sample 2 of W. Tiger's railroad grade trails along with logging and railroad relics and lovely cascading stream and creek. From the West Side Road, ascend Hidden Forest Trail to the 15-Mile Grade, travel its length to the Sketchy Mudflow Creek Trail, and then to a crossing of 15-Mile Creek. Continue on the Middle Tiger Railroad Grade and loop back along the Grand Canyon of 15-Mile Creek. This loop trip involves a one mile walk on West Side Road.

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2 +)

We walk the Railroad Grade from High Point, then follow steep wooded trails angling up to the top of the ridge, there coming to a lookout point above the gravel pit with views of the skyport and gliders, not to mention Cougar and Squak Mountains and the urban sprawl of Issaquah below.

KERRISTON (Class 3 minus A)

A walk which follows old logging roads up the valley of Ragining 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.

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2-B)

The Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater has built some new trails down from our usual Lake Alice and RR grade hike and with their permission and a small fee to cover parking we will explore other wonderful views of the falls. This new way means a longer drive and some definite ups and downs but they are short climbs. Some might like to walk the grade out to the trestle view.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2 B)

Each leader has his or her favorite route through the Issaquah Watershed, a regional treasure. The route may go by way of the 1,000-year-old Big Tree of the Lower Pleateau, and the century-old cedar puncheon skidroad used by oxen, the trail around Lake Tradition, the "cirque" lake at the base of West Tiger, Round Lake and the Rain Forest East, the Orchard of the abandoned homestead and a Greyhound bus, a mysterious relic here in the deep woods. Each leader will choose a variation.

LAKE TRADITION LOOP (Class 2B)

Another way to the lake using the abandoned RR grade from the center of Issaquah to the high school and then climbing to the plateau. From the lake and its treasures you go north to High Point crossing I-90 to the other section of the RR grade, following it as it parallels E. Fork of Issaquah Creek. Leaving the RR grade to follow the creek under I-90 and into town, you cross the pedestrian bridge bringing you back to central Issaquah through quiet streets.

LAXEMONT GORGE (Class 2C)

A wild stream tumbles down a gorge which may or may not become the route of Lakemont Boulevard, which developers want in order to put 50.000 people on top of Cougar Mountain. Ascend a virtual rainforest. sidetripping to the most spectacular waterfalls in the Issaguah Alps. Visit an abandoned homestead where the local bears come for an annual apple feast.

MACDONALD PEAK LOOKOUT (3 +) (2000+ elev. gain)

MacDonald Peak is one of the outlier peaks of the Cascades near the town of Kanasket and the Cedar River watershed. It looks out on the Enumclaw Valley, formed by the Osceola mudflow spilling down from Mt. Rainier 5,000 years ago: 300 feet deep, it is the largest volcanic mudflow ever found. This is an uphill walk on logging roads, moderate to steep, where we may have to be pleasant to cars. Allow 1/2 to 3/4 hour transportation each way from Park and Ride.

MANNING'S REACH (Class 3 + B)

From High Point, the Tiger Mountain Trail climbs to the Railroad Grade and them up again along the flank of West Tiger 2 to the pass between 2 and 3 and out to a wonderful open stretch of the TMT called Manning's Reach. It is a great spot in any season and the highest point on the TMT at 2600 feet. The views are great out to Seattle and the Olympics beyond.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3 B)

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. Mount Rainier is visible on a crystal clear day but if it rains there is a nice shelter

MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MIKE CREEK CANYON (Class 3 plus C)

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger Railroad Grade, climbing steeply from here we intersect the Tiger Mountain Trail, following a delightful section of this great trail past Denny's Bulge to the branch up to Middle Tiger. The climb is short and steep to views of Rainier and the west. The way down crosses the TMT and drops to the lower railroad grade and back to the West Side Road. A good

MOUNT SI (Class 3 + C)

Rattlesnake Mountain is one of "ours," the connector ridge of the Issaquah Alps to the Cascades. And when we hike Rattlesnake, what do we see? Mount Si, of course, even taller from the base to summit than our Tiger, and a thousand-odd feet higher toward true alpine-ness. We will climb to Haystack Basin and its eagle-eye views west to Olympics, Scattle, and -- of course -- the Issaquah Alps (4000' altitude gain).

MOUNT WASHINGTON (Class 4 +)

A surprise super hike to Mount Washington, known as "Stranger Mountain." and located east of Rattlesnake Ridge,, southeast of Mount Si, and overshadowing the ancient terminal moranie of the Puget Glacier. This is a 12-mile round trip hike.

NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2C)

The north end of the TMT makes a wonderful beginning for a hike which climbs from High Point through old connifers to a bright open alder forest. Lovely stream crossings, on well-made bridges (one would make a picnic spot) lead to the intersection with the old TMT and the other side of the loop to the cars. Some steady climbing but not too steep and the total loop is 4 -1/2 miles.

OLD NEWCASTLE TO NEW NEWCASTLE (2 +)

Follow the historic coalmining loop from Redtown, down the Walla Walla and Seattle Railroad grades to the Vaima house, now on the Historic Places Register, where we will have lunch and then return -- an all day trip with time for poking into the nooks and crannies of the past.

POO POO POINT AND MANY CREEK VALLEY (Class 3 B)

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah Valley. "Glider Point" may be a more sanitary name (if you think hang-gliders are "clean") but the Talki-Tooter once heard here gave the name. The route follows the Many Creek Valley in one of several possible routes.

RAGING RIVER VALLEY (Class 3B)

The route will follow the Kerriston Road up onto the SW flank of Rattlesnake Mountain then drop down to the old railroad bridge which crosses the Ragine River onto Taylor Mountain. From the bridge we will return via the old Kerriston sawmill ruins and the townsite. A pleasant hike with ample vistas over the Raging River Valley.

RATTLESNAKE LEDGE (Class 3 C)

The ledge is the most spectacular part of the mountain with a cliff so tall and steep it would give a mountain goat vertigo. The trail, however, is safe and short though very steep, and views include the North Bend plain, the fault scarp of Mount Si, the lake below, and several river valley.

SEATTLE HISTORY HIKE (Class 2 B)

MEETING PLACE: Seattle's Pioneer Place (under the Pergola) Take a 2-mile guided tour of the Official Seattle Historical District with a resident expert, then a three-mile walk up Yesler on the old cable car route. Approximately 100 buildings (more than 50 of these built between 1889 and 1893) will be studied for their historical and architectural significance. Names like Issaquah Saloon and Newcastle Logging House make you realize the link between the two sides of the lake. At the Leschi landing the coal from Newcastle was, for a time, unloaded after being ferried across the lake. The wonderful old depot and ferry wharf are no longer there and you won't be able to take the cable car back down to the city but busses leave every 30 minutes and in 10 you'll be back at First and Yesler, having traveled back 100 years in history.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2 B)

A short uphill hike on one of Tiger's lower flanks opens to broad views of May Valley and Squak Mountain and on out to Seattle, down to Hobart, and south to Rainier.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3 B)

The southern route to the summit follows a long, lovely valley to Thrusk Gap, site of a 1920s logging camp. The climb then takes us rather steeply to the summits but the views are worth it to Seattle, the Olympics and Mount Rainier.

WEST TAYLOR MOUNTAIN TRAIL (WTMT) (Class 3 B)

The WTMT follows an old railroad grade up the western flank of Taylor Mountain to the west ridge (Approx. 2300' elevation) where there is a spectacular vista south to Mt. Rainier and the southern Cascades. From the west ridge visa the trail follows a logging road down to where it intersects with Della's Way, meanders through the old clear-cut, re-enters the forest, and terminates at the old dynamite works. The WTMT offers a spectaculr view with very little climbing. Hiking in deep green forest and in open sunny areas, you will see lots of wildflowers in spring and summer and a little history.

WEST TIGER 1 BY PRESTON TRAIL (Class 2+)

When first we found this trail we thought it had been built by the Forest Service, so palatial were the tread and the angle. Ultimately we barned it was built over years by a pioneer trail-builder of our area. It's a beauty, and a favorite, climbing through some of the oldest virgin forest on the mountain, to the (of course) big views.

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 C)

The 360-degree view from West Tiger 3 is always a great attraction. This summit, though lower, is more isolated and alpine than the other summits with their forests of antennas. The climb is steep in places but not hard and the rewards all long the way are certainly worth it.

West Tiger 1 - 2 - 3 (Class 3 Plus B)

This is usually called the "wipe-out hike" but it hasn't wiped out anyone lately. From High Point along the new section of the TAT to the intersection of the West Tiger 1 trail you will climb steadily. After that, it will begin to get steeper, finally to attain the summit of West Tiger 1. From there with ups and between the peaks it should't be too bad, returning back along the Tradition Lake Trail to High Point.

ISSAQUAH:AIPS:HOT:LINE:328-0480 24:HOURS A DAY: RECORDED DESCRIPTIONS OF THE COMING WEEKS HIKES AND CLUB MESSAGES

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to establishing a public trail system on Cougar, Squak and Tiger Mountains. We are more interested in getting people out to discover the area than to join a club. We offer four guided hites free every week, all year round for the entire family.

SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURE

The King County Police is the responsible agency for coordinating search and rescue (SAR) activities within the Issaquah Alps area. This includes searching for lost or overdue hikers and dispatching emergency medical teams and equipment. The telephone number for hike leaders to call is 344-4080 and ask for the SAR Duty Officer. The person calling in for assistance must then stay by the telephone to answer any questions the local SAR coordinator may have.

SEARCH AND RESCUE TELEPHONE LIST

Stan Unger

Tom Mechler

TIGER MOUNTAIN:	Stan Unger Dwight Riggs Bill Longwell	283-7823 772-1666 255-1295	COUGAR MOUNTAIN:	Dave Kappler Harvey Manning Ralph Owen Stan Unger	235-0741 746-1017 746-1070	
SQUAK MOUNTAIN:	Bill Longwell	255-1295		stan onger	283-7823	

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have you · brushed · it · today?"

adopt a trail / adopt a mile

Dear IATC Hikers:

Our Club needs a whole new generation of trail maintainers. Adopt a trail or adopt a mile.

On our last work party in October, people who have faithfully maintained trails over the years worked that day to open up the NEW Dwight's Way. No person new to trail maintainance showed up that day.

Even if you do not attend an organized work party, always do some type of trail maintainance on every one of your hikes:

Cut away ferns that extend onto the trail. Break that twig that keeps brushing your face or clothes. Kick away small rocks and logs that lie on the tread.

ABOVE ALL, always walk on the inside of trails, NEVER on the outside. Walking on the outside edges collapses the trails and leaves a sloping tread, difficult to walk on.

Buy a bowsaw or a lopper to cut away the heavier branches that extend out onto the $\mbox{trail.}$

IATC owns a hard earned reputation from other outdoor user groups. Enough of our members maintain enough trails to impress these groups.

Because of this, REI next spring will sponsor a large (we hope LARGE) Trail Maintainance work party on miles 3-6 of the TMT. Plan now to attend.

Also plan to attend our January work party to complete the new Dwight's Way.

Consult your guide books to find which trail you should adopt. The following trails need your tender, loving care right now.

Lake Tradition trails

Trail from High Point to Preston
(along freeway fence--brushing, some tread work)

TMT Connector (Poo Poo Pt. Trail to TMT at 15 Mile Gap) TMT (miles 3-6)

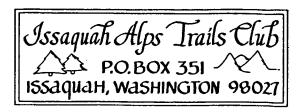
Dwight's Way
(TMT to Preston Trail)

Call in your trail adoptions. Bill Longwell. (55-1295) Betty Manning (746-1017)

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS HERE TO HELP THE HIKES COMMITTEE DEVELOP A MORE SUCCESSFUL HIKING PROGRAM. Do please fill out before mailing.

1.	Do you hike with the IATC? (If "No" please comment as to your reasons):
2.	Which class of hikes do you prefer? Class 1 Class 2
3.	How many IATC hikes have you joined this last year?
4.	Which months do you prefer to hike with the Club: J F
5.	We are actively looking for hike leaders, Class 2 especially. Would you be willing to lead hikes?

We are expanding our hike areas to include the Snoqualmie River - North Bend area: Mount Si, Fuller Mt., Mt. Washington, and lesser and better known lakes, dotted here and there. Please join us.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND/OR RENEWAL

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Membership applications are accepted anytime during the year with a uniform renewal date of May 1. Applications recieved after January 1 will apply to membership through April of the following year.