

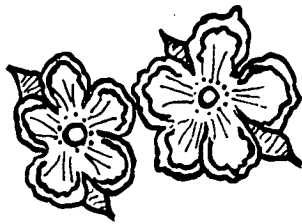


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The President's (32nd) Report

June 12, 1987

In case you were among the half-dozen people in the region who missed it, Return to Newcastle V was another triumph. The weather was grand, the accommodations and activities were smoothly supervised by Major Domo Dave Kappler and his cast of thousands, and from morning to late afternoon the woods were full of happy hikers, the Big Top was thronged with students of history, and the Newcastle Cafe was cranking out hot dogs and corn on the cob.

The feature of this year's event was the publication of our long-awaited Coals of Newcastle: A Century of Hidden History. Return V day very literally was publication day — our faithful printer went three nights without sleep to make the deadline. The authors, Dick and Lucile McDonald, were on hand to autograph copies, as were their helpers in the Trails Club and consultants in the Newcastle Historical Society. You will definitely want the book. It's a treasure — undoubtedly the best such history ever published in this area. Look elsewhere in these pages for the order form. We'll send you a copy in great haste.

You will remember that Returns I through III were distinguished by the presence of King County Executive Randy Revelle, who each year announced some further step toward the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. The first year he signed the Newcastle Community Plan ordinance which had been passed by the County Council and thus made the park officially a matter of public policy. Subsequently, he announced the acquisition of the Coal Creek addition, connecting Coal Creek Park to the Regional Park; of the Regional Park central core (Coal Creek to Klondike Swamp to the Far Country; of the several small properties extending from Highway 900 up Wilderness Creek; of the Pancratz and DNR properties in The Wilderness.

There have been no announcements at the last two Returns. (Coming between them, however, was acquisition of the 80-odd acres of the "Million Dollar View," wrapping around Anti-Aircraft Peak from AA Ridge to the brink that gives the panorama. This doesn't mean nothing has been happening.

At Return V last Sunday, the brand new director of King County Parks, Russ Cahill, representing Executive Tim Hill, affirmed the continued dedication of the executive branch to acquiring the 800-odd acres of Burlington-Northern property on Marshall's Hill and Wilderness Peak-Claypit Peak.

Councilor Bruce Iaing, who worked closely with Executive Revelle to further the park and urged it on the attention of the incoming Hill administration, and has been aggressively furthering the project through the Council, informed us that a number of avenues were being actively explored by the Executive and the Council but that the moment was not opportune to discuss the possibilities in public. He gave us assurance that he is supported in all this by a majority of the Council.

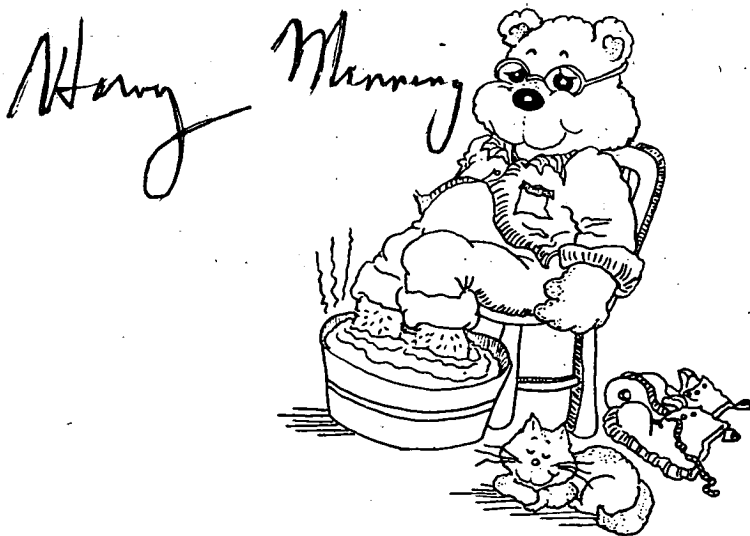
Nor can we forget that Randy Revelle was on hand to reflect on progress made to date and on the good works Bruce Iaing and company have in hand.

Patience, patience, we must have patience We do have faith

But we must note that until the Burlington-Northern lands are obtained, the park will not have sufficient acreage to satisfy the minimum definition accepted by recreation professionals for a "regional wilderness." It seems to us, now, a splendid large wildland because we freely hike the B-N lands -- as we do the hundreds of adjoining acres that within the decade will be distinctly non-wild, the neighborhood dogs and cats replacing the coyotes and cougar.

THE PARK IS NOT FINISHED.

We'll keep Returning until the job gets done.





Sitting under the Big Top at Return to Newcastle V,
we began collecting impressions of the Big Day. . .

What we noted at The Return, watching the crowds come
and go, was the size of the turnout -- especially since
this wasn't "our year" with the Media, who pretty largely
ignored us this year.

We were also impressed that many of the same loyal workers
turned out again, as they have in years past to:

- help clean up the trails
- put up the Big Top
- sign and mark the trails
- set up booths and displays
- run those same booths
- lead the hikes (Susan Olson led three of the hikes herself)
- dismantle the show
- clean up

BUT, IN ALL HONESTY, FEWER PEOPLE WERE THERE THIS TIME OFFERING
TO HELP.

Dave Kappler, our vice-president, spent hours, weeks, months setting
up the logistics of the event and deserves enormous praise.
It couldn't have happened without him. And yet, we find him
the day after -- all by himself -- taking down the signs,
returning the loaned coal cart to Issaquah and on and on.

What's happening to the club? We see the same faces doing the
work. People do need a break. We need you volunteers. This,
after all, is a cooperative club and you don't need to wait
to be asked. We are not exclusive!

What will happen if, like that old worn cliché you read sometime,
"Because of lack of interest, the IATC has disbanded?"

The Editor

The Editor would be interested in
receiving any editorial comment, views,
and signed letters from our readers, if
only to ensure we really are not working
in a vacuum, and there are readers out there.

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SNOQUALMIE RAILS & TRAILS DAY

If You Enjoyed the Return to Newcastle
YOU'LL LOVE

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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- o Bicycle from Snoqualmie to the new Mount Si Conservation Area, to the proposed Three Forks State Park, to North Bend and the Historical Museum!
- o Kayak from North Bend to Snoqualmie!
- o Take a guided birding walk along the Old Millpond!
- o Walk the route of the Issaquah-Snoqualmie Trail through the proposed Snoqualmie Ridge (Weyerhaeuser) City!
- o Walk the riverside to Sandy Points beach!
- o Descend to the bottom of Snoqualmie Falls!

August

COME AT 12 NOON for a lot of
SHOUTING AND HOLLERING for the
Media.

THEN, at 12:30, TAKE A HIKE OR
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16, 1987

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"Board of Directors"

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors meetings.

March 19, 1987.

Towers. Laurene, Buzz & Lennoxes are following closely. Tower projects are proposed for Tiger, Cougar, Mercer Slough.

Issaquah Parks & Recreation. Anne McGill-Thompson is Liaison between IP&R and IATC. Projects will be Squak access, Tradition Plateau, trail systems, program for schools.

Work Parties. Work parties are scheduled for Betty's Trail, Tradition Lake, TMT, Caves trail. Plans made for Far Country Creek, China Creek.

History Book. Goal is to deliver to printer by May 1.

Return to Newcastle. Return V will be simpler. We'll celebrate the Million \$ View acquisition, have hikes schedule. Discussed brochures, maps, signs, tents, food permits, recruiting volunteers.

April 16, 1987.

Tiger Tower. Hearing examiner told Laurene and KNBQ rep that KNBQ request will be held over for a month so they can come to terms with Boeing. If no agreement, hearing will be reopened. Examiner said County bears certain responsibility and must not make matters worse.

DNR ORV Committee. Tom Lucas appointed to committee. State Parks applying for IAC funds to get ORVs out of Squak State Park.

VOW Day. Girl Scout work parties at Tradition Lake, Upper Nike Site, Seattle & Walla Walla, Wildside Trail, led by Role Models.

Return to Newcastle. Looked at new spots for center, parking. Discussed volunteers, pancakes, lemonade, hikes booklets, maps, assignments.

Betty's Trail. Work party did 65% of it. Wednesday group will finish. Four Bellevue Parks people were along.

History of Newcastle. Discussed costs, printing, - initial order will be for 500. Retail for \$10. General agreement that it is going to be a sensational book.

Cougar Park Planning. Planning for horse routes is in progress, along with staging area for horses. As horse routes are identified, others will have "Foot Only" signs.

May 21, 1987

Return to Newcastle V. Discussed Dave's meeting with King Co. Parks, landfill road, location of tents, Betty M's food handler permit, Issaquah Historical Society's coal car, Black Heritage, work assignments, printing and much more.

Licorice Fern #2. Open space from new Weyco development is in area of Far Country Creek, which is a Good Thing. Thirty foot setback on Deceiver Ridge is a Bad Thing. Horse use is potential problem.

Squak Mountain. New access trail proposed by residents below Forest Rim, to be on City land. Old access now blocked by a house.

Snoqualmie Annexation. IATC will take no stand on the Weyco annexation, but will support the Snoqualmie people in common goals. Discussed a Great Big Metro 210 Hike and Festival in which Trails Club will support the folks.

Issaquah Tourism Committee. Have money. Will spend. Barb discussed trailhead signs for downtown Issaquah.

Tradition Plateau. We'll attend June 3 meeting, leaflet cars at High Point, lobby committee, alert press to stop logging plans for Plateau.

HIKE INFORMATION

IATC Hike Leaders: The hike leaders are volunteers who have donated their time to lead those who want to hike and explore the trails in the Issaquah Alps and the other nearby foothills (Cascades) in King County. Hikes are scheduled and led on a year around basis irregardless of weather or attendance numbers. We hike in the rain, snow, fog, ice, wind, and even when the sun is out on a clear day. We hike on good, bad, muddy, brushy, steep, flat, easy, hard, obscure, and animal trails. As volunteers, neither the hike leaders, the IATC, or the club directors are in any way responsible or liable for your comfort, transportation, property, safety, or general well being while traveling to and from the trail head or while hiking or working on any trail. Our sole purpose is to show you where the trails are and to lead the way. The public, other clubs, youth groups, church groups, etc. are welcome and wholeheartedly invited to join with the hike leader and others who want to hike these trails. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult.

Hike Classifications: Numbers indicate hiking time in hours (travel time to and from trailhead and meal times not included), i.e.:

Class 1 = + 2 hours

Class 3 = + 6 hours

Class 2 = + 4 hours

Class 4 = + 8 hours

These are approximate hiking times, based on an assumption of a 2 mph pace, with a half hour added for every 1000' elevation gain.

Trail conditions, weather, unexpected hazards can extend the hiking time. Travel time to the trailhead and back will add 20 - 70 minutes, depending on the hike. Lunch time will add another 20 - 70 minutes depending on the mood of the group.

LETTERS indicate degree of difficulty:

A = level terrain, no difficulties for an average walker

B = some climbing - up to 800', or some other element of difficulty

C = more climbing - up to 2200', or some other difficulty

D = much climbing - over 2200' elevation gain

This is estimated degree of difficulty. Most trails we hike are not up to the high standards you may be used to from hiking in National Parks. The trails we hike can be very steep in parts, muddy, and brushy. You may gain 1000' elevation in just one mile of a 5-mile 1500' elevation gain hike. You may have to clamber over fallen trees, or beat your way through nettles and berry bushes. Short doesn't automatically mean easy, and long doesn't automatically mean tough.

Meeting Place: In order to reduce confusion, all hikes will assemble at the Issaquah Metro Park and Ride Lot, Exit 15 off I-90. The lot is located west of Issaquah at Goode's Corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way. We gather at the south end of the Park and ride. Most hikes are coordinated with Metro 210 schedule. Hikes generally leave the Park and Ride right after 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 bus schedule.

Clothing: Dress for comfort in the Pacific Northwest outdoors, i.e., expect rain, snow, sunshine, fog, etc. and bring the extra clothing, rain gear, food, liquid, matches, flashlight, and first aid supplies necessary for your safety and comfort. Wear comfortable hiking footwear (for most hikes this means hiking boots, or hiking shoes).

Trail Maintenance: As volunteers, we organize and schedule trail maintenance parties from time to time. Normally, we meet at the hike meeting place, distribute tools, drive to the trailhead, hike to that section of trail we are going to work on, and work from 2 to 4 hours. Trail maintenance work parties are a very social event and can be fun. Try one next time, you will like it. We also encourage individuals or groups to adopt a trail, or section of a trail, and accept the responsibility for maintaining it.

Search & Rescue Procedures: The King County Police is the agency responsible for coordinating search and rescue (SAR) activities within King County. This includes searching for lost or overdue hikers and dispatching emergency medical teams and equipment. In the event someone is lost, injured, or overdue on a scheduled hike, the hike leader will ask one or more volunteers to hike out and call the King County SAR Duty Officer (telephone 911). The caller must stay by the telephone to answer any questions the SAR Duty Officer may have. Another volunteer will be asked to hike out and stay at the trailhead to lead the SAR team to the injured party or to the location the lost or overdue hiker was last seen. The remainder of the hiking group should stay with the injured party or volunteer to search in pairs along the trail.

Hike Committee: George Jackman 641-2895, Jim Cadigan, Mary Cadigan, Dwight Riggs, Gloria Riggs, Ann Leber, Steve Cavit, Jenne Micai, Russ Williams.

HIKE DESCRIPTION MODIFIERS

Exploration: An exploration hike is one where the leader will show you the trails and points of interest on or along the designated mountain, area, or trail system. The trails to be hiked or points visited will depend on the weather and the groups mutual interests and desires.

Leaders Choice: When a schedule hike has been designated "Leaders Choice", this means the leader will hike on designated mountain or area on trails of the leaders choice. In other words, the leader had not yet decided where to hike by the schedule publication date.

Variation: A variation hike modifier is one where the leader will start out, and probably return to, the designated trail and then detour, take short cuts, loops, explore, or otherwise deviate from the main trail on other trails to shorten, extend, or make the hike more interesting.

Trail Party: A trail party is a trail maintenance work party.

Exploratory Bushwhack: An exploratory bushwhack hike is where the leader is going cross country off of the regular trail system to explore along animal trails, canyons, old logging roads, or old railroad grades. Expect to go through brush, over logs, tiptoe through wild flowers, and/or mud, and have a good time hiking where others seldom tread.

Youth Hike: These hikes are especially planned to be of interest to youths ages 6 to 12. Parents or guardians must accompany.

Toddlers Walk: These hikes are intended for parents with very small children or infants.

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AND CLUB MESSAGES



CLASSY ADS

HELP WANTED: Postmaster General to take charge of sorting and posting quarterly Alpiner mailings. Approximately 4 hours work per quarter (that's once every 3 months). Work with Alpiner editor as part of the team. Earn the gratitude and appreciation of thousands. Work with cheerful committee members. Must be dependable and attentive to details. Contact Alpiner Editor Connie Fair at 747-7388.

HELP WANTED: Bull Cook and Chief Bottlemasher to provide and serve donuts, coffee, and assorted breakfast menu items to trial maintenance work parties. Approximately 2 hours of fun once a month. Should be reasonably clean and have a positive attitude during early morning hours in all types of weather. Repertoire of snappy jokes to cheer up volunteer forced labor gangs a plus. Must be honest and not swipe all the goodies. Contact George Jackman 641-2895.

ECO-PROSELYTIZERS NEEDED:

The Issaquah Parks Department has asked IATC to teach outdoor education classes in the Lake Tradition area for their Summer program (June 22 - August 8). We need teachers and assistants for one or more 3-hour sessions for various age levels. The lesson plans are available for those who wish them. Teaching Certificate not needed. Willingness to Spread The Word about the Great Issaquah Alps is a must! To apply, call Barb Johnson at 746-5573.

HELP WANTED: Mountain Trail Engineers to manage trail maintenance parties, explore and coordinate hiking trail corridors, serve as advisor to IATC administrative apparatus on trail conditions. Ability to recruit, coax, hassle, threaten, plead, or otherwise convince volunteers that work is fun would be a plus. Mountain Trail Engineers (or rangers) have the unique opportunity to select an exclusive territory. Salary DOE in grabbing free donuts offered at the beginning of each trail party. Contact George Jackman 641-2895.

July 1987

SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY A.M.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.
				AL Blalock 1 746-4155 Ed Bowser 747-3349 LK Tradition Plateau Exploration 9:30 a.m. Class 3A	Doug Welti 2 322-7714 Little Si Summit 8:30 a.m. Class 2C	3	Will Thompson 4 488-8592- West Tiger I. Bootleg Exploration 8:30 a.m. Class 4C	4
Card Meyer 5 547-7611 West Tiger 1, 2, 3 8:30 a.m. Class 4C	5	6	Pat Kaald 7 746-8741 LK Tradition Plateau Exploration 9:30 a.m. Class 3A	8	Laurene McLane 9 392-0204 Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice 8:30 a.m. Class 3C	10	Hazel Hale 11 243-5376 Mt. Dickerman (1 1/2 hr drive to trailhead) 7:30 a.m. Class 4C	Bob Gross 11 392-0539 LK Tradition Plateau Exploration 12:30 p.m. Class 2A
Virginia Cuykendall 12 746-7280 Wilderness Park Loop (cougar) 9:30 a.m. Class 2B	12	13	Bob Wood 14 324-8416 Granite Mt. (R.S.V.P. - Limit 12-) 8am. Class 4C	15	Ann Leber 16 746-3291 Wilderness Park Loop (cougar) 9:30 a.m. Class 3B	17	George Michler 18 746-8144 Granite Mt. (R.S.V.P. - Limit 12-) 8:00 a.m. Class 4C	Ursula 18 Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034 Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Mt. View Grand Canyon class 8:45 a.m. 3B
Mike Hansen 19 232-1069 West Tiger 3 Youth Hike 9:30 a.m. Class 3B	Ralph Owen 19 746-1070 Old Newcastle to New Newcastle 12:30 p.m. Class 2B	Peggy Owen 20 746-1070 Snow Lake (R.S.V.P. Leader Limit 12-) 9:30 a.m. Class 3C	Gail Palm 21 783-6005 Bob Knutsen 243-4546 Hobart RR Grade Loop 9am. Class 2B	22	23	Laurene McLane 24 392-0204 Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice 8:30 a.m. Class 3B	Ann Leber 25 Snow & Gem Laices (R.S.V.P. - Limit 12-) 8:30 a.m. Class 4C	25
Buzz Moore 26 746-1866 12:30 p.m. Class 2C	26	Betty Culbert 27 641-6451 Tibbetts Creek trail 9:30 a.m. Class 2B	28	Mary Cadham 29 640-4046 Coal Creek Falls- De Leo Wall Loop 12:30 p.m. Class 2B	30	31		

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Don't forget:

Monthly
Meeting

Thurs. - 7:30 p.m.

Newport Coast
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JULY HIKE SCHEDULE

- Wed. July 1: Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition Plateau Exploration. Class 3A.
Meet 9:30 a.m. Al Blalock 746-4155, Ed Bowser 747-3349
- Thurs. July 2: South Cascades. Little Si Summit. Class 2C
Meet 8:30 a.m. Doug Welti 322-7714
- Sat. July 4: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 1 Bootleg Exploration. Class 4C.
Meet 8:30 a.m. Will Thompson 488-8592
- Sun. July 5: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 1, 2 & 3. Class 4C.
Meet 8:30 a.m. Carol Meyer 547-7611
- Tues. July 7: Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition Plateau Exploration. Class 3A.
Meet 9:30 a.m. Pat Kaald 746-8741
- Thurs. July 9: Tiger Mtn. Leaders Choice. Class 3C.
Meet 8:30 a.m. Laurene McLane 392-0204
- Sat. July 11: North Cascades. Mt. Dickerman. Class 4C.
Meet 7:30 a.m. 1-1/2 hr drive to trailhead. Hazel Hale 243-5376
- Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition Plateau Exploration. Class 2A.
Meet 12:30 p.m. Bob Gross 392-0539
- Sun. July 12: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Loop. Class 2B
Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition Trail. Class 2A
Meet 12:30 p.m. Steve Cavit 271-7780
- Tues. July 14: South Cascades. Granite Mtn. Class 4C
Meet 8 a.m. Forest Service limits 12 hikers. 45 min. drive to trailhead. RSVP hike leader Bob Wood 324-8416
- Thurs. July 16: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Loop. Class 3B
Meet 9:30 a.m. Ann Leber 746-3291
- Monthly club meeting at Newport Way Library 7:30 p.m. All members invited.
- Sat. July 18: South Cascades. Granite Mtn. Class 4C. Meet 8 a.m.
Forest Service limit 12 hikers. 45 min. drive to trailhead.
RSVP hike leader George Mischler 746-8144
- Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Summit via Grand Canyon. Class 3B
Ursella & Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034
- Sun. July 19: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 3. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Youth hike.
Mike Hansen 232-1069
- Cougar Mtn. Old Newcastle to New Newcastle. Class 2B.
Meet 12:30 p.m. Ralph Owen 746-1070
- Mon. July 20: South Cascades. Snow Lake. Class 3C. Meet 9:30 a.m.
Forest Service limit 12 hikers. 1 hour drive to trailhead.
RSVP hike leader Peggy Owen 746-1070
- Tues. July 21: Tiger Mtn. Hobart RR Grade Loop. Class 2B. Meet 9 a.m.
Gail Palm 783-6005 and Bob Knutsen 243-4546
- Fri. July 24: Tiger Mtn. Leaders Choice. Class 3B. Meet 8:30 a.m.
Laurene McLane 392-0204
- Sat. July 25: South Cascades. Snow & Gem Lakes. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m.
Forest Service limit 12 hikers. 1 hour drive to trailhead.
RSVP hike leader Ann Leber 746-3291
- Sun. July 26: Cougar Mtn. Lakemont Gorge. Class 2C. Meet 12:30 p.m.
Buz Moore 746-1866
- Mon. July 27: Cougar Mtn. Tibbets Creek Trail. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m.
Betty Culbert 641-6451
- Wed. July 29: Cougar Mtn. Coal Creek Falls & DeLeo Wall Loop. Class 2B.
Meet 12:30 p.m. Mary Cadigan 641-4046

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Ralph 9 Owen 746-1070 Wilderness Park Loop (Cougar mt.) 9:30 Class a.m. 3C	Diamond 9 Bazzy	10	Connie 11 Dow 392-2190 Middle tiger Summit 9:30 Class a.m. 2C	12	13	Betty 14 Culbeet 641-6451 Shaun Creek Falls (Taylor mt.) 9:30 Class a.m. 2C	George 15 Mischler 746-8144 Rachel MAKE -Limit 12- R.S.V.P. Leader 8:30 Class a.m. 4C (1 1/2 hr. Drive)	15
Jerry 16 Wheeler 242-9344 McClellan Butte/SE. Hike -Mountaineers 8:30 Class a.m. 4C	SNOQUAL-16 MIE RAILS & TRAILS DAY 10 - 5 PM at TRAIN Depot SNOQUALMIE All come!!	17	Bob Wood 18 324-8416 Snow Lake -Limit 12- R.S.V.P. Leader 8 a.m. Class 3C	19	Monthly 20 meeting newspaper Library 7:30 P.M. all welcome!!!	Gail Palm 21 783-6005 Bob Knutsen 243-4546 Tibbets Creek - erratic Rock Loop 9am Class 2B	Trudy 22 ECOB 232-2933 West Tiger 2+3 9:30 Class a.m. 3C	22
Steve 23 Cavir 271-7780 N. Tiger 3 Asa Poo Pt. Loo Poo 9:30	23 30 Bazzy More 746-1866 Lakemont Gorge 12:30 Class a.m. 2C	24 31	Berni 25 Donne 228-5802 N. Tiger 2 Loop 9:30 Class 3C	26	Laurene 27 McLane 392-0204 Middle tiger summit 8:30 Class a.m. 3B	28	29	Bob 29 Gross 392-0539 Caves of West Tiger 12:30 Class a.m. 2B

~~~~ Come to Snoqualmie RAILS & TRAILS Day - August 16, 1987 ~~~~  
~~~~ 10 to 5 p.m. ~~~~

AUGUST HIKE SCHEDULE

- Sat. Aug. 1: Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Loop. Class 3B. Meet 8:30 a.m.
Jim Cadigan 641-4046
- Sun. Aug. 2: South Cascades. Lake Malakwa. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. 45 min.
drive to trailhead. Forest Service limit 12 hikers. RSVP hike leader
Ann Leber 746-3291
- Enumclaw Plateau. ^{Pete} Mt. (Peak) Summit. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. at
Black Diamond Bakery. Gil & Marlene Bortleson 886-1939
- Tues. Aug. 4: Raging River Valley. Kerriston Beach & Townsite. Class 3B. Meet
9:30 a.m. Al Blalock 746-4155 & Ed Bowser 747-3349
- Thurs. Aug. 6: Cougar Mtn. Tibbets Creek Trail to Park & Erratic Rock Loop.
Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Jim Cadigan 641-4046
- Sat. Aug. 8: Squak Mtn. Squak Mtn. Exploration. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m.
Tom Mechler 255-0922
- Sun. Aug. 9: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Loop. Class 3C. Meet 9:30 a.m.
Ralph Owen 746-1070
- Tues. Aug. 11: Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Summit. Class 2C. Meet 9:30 a.m.
Connie Dow 392-2190
- Fri. Aug. 14: Taylor Mtn. Shaun Creek Falls. Class 2C. Meet 9:30 a.m.
Betty Culbert 641-6451
- Sat. Aug. 15: South Cascades. Rachel Lake. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Forest
Service limit 12 hikers. 1-1/2 hrs. drive to trailhead. RSVP hike
leader George Mischler 746-8144.
- Sun. Aug. 16: South Cascades. McClellan Butte. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m.
45 min. drive to trailhead. Joint hike with Mountaineers. Jerry
Wheeler 242-9344
~~3 Noqualmie Rails & Trails Day - 10-5 PM - TRAIN DEPOT.~~
- Tues. Aug. 18: South Cascades. Snow Lake. Class 3C. Meet 8 a.m. Forest Service
limit 12 hikers. 1 hr. drive to trailhead. RSVP hike leader Bob
Wood 324-8416
- Thurs. Aug. 20: Monthly Club Meeting at Newport Way Library. 7:30 p.m.
ALL MEMBERS INVITED.
- Fri. Aug. 21: Cougar Mtn. Tibbets Creek & Erratic Rock Trail Loop. Class 2B.
Meet 9 a.m. Gail Palm 783-6005 and Bob Knutsen 243-4546
- Sat. Aug. 22: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 2 & 3. Class 3C. Meet 9:30 a.m.
Trudy Ecob 232-2933
- Sun. Aug. 23: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 3 & Poo Poo Point Loop. Class 3C.
Meet 9:30 a.m. Steve Cavit 271-7780
- Tues. Aug. 25: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 2 Loop. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m.
Berni Dionne 228-5302
- Thurs. Aug. 27: Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Summit. Class 3B. Meet 8:30 a.m.
Laurene McLane 392-0204
- Sat. Aug. 29: Tiger Mtn. Caves of West Tiger. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m.
Bob Gross 392-0539
- Sun. Aug. 30: Cougar Mtn. Lakemont Gorge. Class 2C. Meet 12:30 p.m.
Buz Moore 746-1866

September 1987

| SUNDAY
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| | | | Al Blalock 1
746-4155
Ed Bowser
747-3349
SNO-FALLS
Exploration
9:30 a.m. class
5B | Joe Toyne 2
723-6716
N. TMT Loop
Potluck Lunch!
9:30 a.m. class
3C | 3 | Mary 4
Cadigan
641-4046
Wilderness Park
Loop (Cou)
9:30 a.m. class
2B | Jim 5
Cadigan
641-4046
Cougar-Wilderness
Park Exploration
8:30 a.m. class
3B | 5 |
| Falk 6
Krieger
525-4544
McClellan
Butte
8:30 Class
a.m. 4C | 6 | 7 | Jim Cadigan 8
641-4046
Rattlesnake Ledge
& Beyond
8:30 Class
a.m. 4C | 9 | George 10
Mischler
746-8148
Snow & Gem
Lakes
(R.S.V.P. Limit 12)
8:30 Class
a.m. 4C | 11 | Bob 12
Wood
324-8416
Hurricane Ridge
Hikes
(R.S.V.P. Leader)
class
2C | 12 |
| Bob Wood 13
324-8416
Elwha River
Trail
(R.S.V.P.
Leader for
details) class
3C | 13 | 14 | Connie 15
Dow
392-2190
Tibbets Creek
Trail
9:30 Class
a.m. 2C | 16 | Al Blalock 17
746-4155
Ed Bowser
747-3349
Annette Lake
9:30 Class
a.m. 3B | 18
Monthly
Meeting
9/17/87
Newport
Library
7:30 p.m. | Mike 19
Hansen
232-1069
Youth Hike
Annette Lake
8:30 a.m. class
3B | Barbara 19
Johnson
DeLeo Wall
NOTE
TIME
9:30 Class
a.m. 2B |
| STEVE 20
CAVIT
271-7780
Wilderness
Park Loop
9:30 Class
a.m. 2B | 20 | 21 | Gail Palm 22
783-6005
Bob Knutsen
243-4546
Tradition Lake Plateau
Exploration
9:00 a.m. class
2B | JoAnne 23
Howe
432-0741
West Tiger
1, 2, 3 Loop
8:30 Class
a.m. 4C | 24 | Betty 25
Culbert
641-6451
Leader's
Choice
Cougar mt.
9:30 Class
a.m. 2B | Jerry 26
Wheeler
242-9344
Joint Hike w/
Mountaineers
Bandera
mt. class
8:30 3C | Steve 26
Irby
255-3211
De Leo
Wall (Cougar)
12:30 Class
p.m. 2B |
| Steve 27
Williams
453-8999
Coal Creek Geol
ogy Hike
12:30 Class
p.m. 2B | 27 | 28 | Bob Gross 29
392-0539
N. TMT Loop
12:30 Class
p.m. 2B | Pat Kaald 30
746-8741
Snoqualmie Falls
Exploration
9:30 Class
a.m. 3B | | | | |

SEPTEMBER HIKE SCHEDULE

- Tues. Sept. 1: Snoqualmie Valley. Snoqualmie Falls Exploration. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Al Blalock 746-4155 & Ed Bowser 747-3349
- Wed. Sept. 2: Tiger Mtn. North TMT Loop. Class 3C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Lunch potluck. Joe Toynbee 723-6716
- Fri. Sept. 4: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Loop. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Mary Cadigan 641-4046
- Sat. Sept. 5: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Exploration. Class 3B. Meet 8:30 a.m. Jim Cadigan 641-4046
- Sun. Sept. 6: South Cascades. McClellan Butte. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. 45 min. drive to trailhead. Falk Krueger 525-4544
- Tues. Sept. 8: Rattlesnake Mtn. Rattlesnake Ledge & Beyond. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Jim Cadigan 641-4046
- Thurs. Sept. 10: South Cascades. Snow & Gem Lakes. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. 1 hr. drive to trailhead. Forest Service limit 12 hikers. RSVP hike leader George Mischler 746-8144
- Sat. Sept. 12: Olympic Mtns. Hurricane Ridge afternoon & evening hikes. Class 2C. Camp or motel in Port Angeles area. RSVP to hike leader for details. Bob Wood 324-8416
- South Cascades. Little Si Summit. Class 2C. Meet 12:30 p.m. Ursella & Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034
- Sun. Sept. 13: Olympic Mtns. Elwha River Trail. Class 3C. Camp or motel in Port Angeles area. RSVP to hike leader for details. Bob Wood 324-8416
- Cougar & Squak Mtns. Wilderness Park to Squak Mtn. Loop. Class 4C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Ralph Owen 746-1070
- Tues. Sept. 15: Cougar Mtn. Tibbets Creek Trail. Class 2C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Connie Dow 392-2190
- Thurs. Sept. 17: South Cascades. Annette Lake. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. 45 min. drive to trailhead. Al Blalock 746-4155 & Ed Bowser 747-3349
- Monthly Club Meeting at Newport Way Library. 7:30 p.m.
ALL MEMBERS INVITED.
- Sat. Sept. 19: South Cascades. Annette Lake. Class 3B. Meet 8:30 a.m. 45 min. drive to trailhead. Youth hike. Mike Hansen 232-1069
- Cougar Mtn. De Leo Wall. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Barbara Johnson
- Sun. Sept. 20: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Loop. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Steve Cavit 271-7780
- South Cascades. Little Si Summit. Class 2C. Meet 12:30 p.m. Tom Mechler 255-0922
- Tues. Sept. 22: Tiger Mtn. Tradition Lake Plateau Exploration. Class 2B. Meet 9 a.m. Gail Palm 783-6005 & Bob Knutsen 243-4546
- Wed. Sept. 23: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 1, 2 & 3 Loop. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. JoAnne Howe 432-0741
- Fri. Sept. 25: Cougar Mtn. Leaders Choice. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Betty Culbert 641-6451
- Sat. Sept. 26: South Cascades. Bandera Mtn. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Joint hike with Mountaineers. 45 min. drive to trailhead. Jerry Wheeler 242-9344
- Cougar Mtn. De Leo Wall. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Steve Irby 255 3211
- Sun. Sept. 27: Cougar Mtn. Coal Creek Geology Hike. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Steve Williams 453-8997
- Tues. Sept. 29: Tiger Mtn. North TMT Loop. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Bob Gross 392-0539
- Wed. Sept. 30: Snoqualmie Valley. Snoqualmie Falls Exploration. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Pat Kaald 746-8741

Cougar & Squak Mountain Hikes

(For more detailed descriptions of hikes see the newly published guide books, \$6.50 each through the IATC).

Cougar Mountain

THE BOULDERS OF WILDERNESS CREEK (Class 2-C) - The trail established by the Trails Club members five years ago was the first unit of the Cougar Mountain Regions Wildland Park. The short steep path follows near the waterfalling creek to the Boulders, monster chunks of andesite fallen from the glacier-oversteepened cliffs of Wilderness Peak, Cougar's highest. Moss and ferns growing on the rock beside the creek create a magic spot. A short climb to Big View Cliff is worth the effort if a crystal clear day reveals Mount Rainer against the southern sky.

THE BEAUTIFUL BOTTOM TRAIL (Class 2-C) - This trail continues from the boulders to more enchanting places and the site of the famous Cougar cave. Climbing still along the waterfalls, the trail intersects with Shy Bear Trail. A left loop would take you to the Long View lookout point and the Ring Road back to the Boulders.

THE BOULDERS-WILDERNESS PEAK LOOP (Class 2-C) - This trail continues from Shy Bear Trail to the top of wilderness peak, descending by Jim's new and less steep trail to Wildview cliff and a lunch stop at Big View where the view might await you.

COAL CREEK AREA HIKES - Coal Creek Townsite off the Coal Creek-Newcastle Road is the trailhead for a number of hikes in the new Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland (and Historic) Park. Along these trails you can explore the ghost towns of the Coal Country and the few remaining artifacts and also discover the wilderness which is creeping back to cover a once populated area. Just inside the gate is the trailhead to Red Town. The way leads up Hill Street toward Cave Hole Road and beyond to the Ball Park, looping back via the Wild Side Trail with side trips to the steam hoist and Ford Slope. Cave Hole Road with its cavities on both sides leads you to the upper park and Clay Pit Road but on the way you pass the trail to Coal Creek Falls. The creek tumbles from the headwaters basin of Klondike Swamp over a 30-foot mossy cliff into lovely pools which make a cool spot for a summer day and in winter icicles glisten from every hanging place. Here you can have your wilderness experience.

Another trailhead from Red Town gate is the Wild Side Trail described elsewhere.

The older townsite of Newcastle can be reached via the Seattle and Walla Walla railroad grade just across the road. Elizabeth's Trail leads down from the field, past the foundation of the Coal Town Hotel and along the site of the former tramway to the terminus of the railroad. Walking this grade past many relics of mining you reach the Cinder Mines. Waste rock which burned at high heat has left interesting deposits, fused minerals and petrified wood for the Coal Creek Geology Hike. Leaving the railroad grade for short walk along Coal Creek Newcastle Road you reach old Newcastle and a visit to the Baima House, a company house built before 1880 and now on the State Historical Register. Looping back past the bunkers the Old Town Trail climbs a plateau, passing the China Creek and Marshall's Hill trails before descending toward New Newcastle or New Town, formerly Coal Creek. In this historic area trails lead into the nooks and crannies of the past, the sites of old churches, saloons, bunkers and wash houses. Just stay clear of the holes and be prepared for wet, muddy spots on the trails.

COAL CREEK FALLS - See Coal Creek Area Hikes

COAL CREEK GEOLOGICAL TOUR - See Coal Creek Area Hikes

COUGAR MOUNTAIN PARK LOOP (Class 2-B) - Starting from the top of Anti-Aircraft Peak, the site of the new park, we descend down the Lost Beagle Trail to the Klondike Swamp. Bill's trail along the dry side of the swamp goes through a new logging area which makes for nice views. A side short climb might be included to capture that rare Rainier View. We intersect the Clay Pit road near the site of Nike Site and might detour there for a bit of history. The loop back will be a climb up Anti-Aircraft Ridge from either Clay Pit or the Klondike Road. The loops are endless in possibilities and length. Expect some mud in a few places.

COUGAR RING (Class 4-B) - The hike explores the center of the Cougar Mountain Region at Regional Wildland Park. This is a full day, 10 mile hike following old woods roads, bear trails, and red ribbons (put there by the leader not because he doesn't know the way but so that you will see he does), visiting the Long Marsh, Far Country, the Wilderness, the High Marsh, the Great Cave Hole, with great views from some three or four summits of Cougar.

DE LEO'S WALL (Class 2-C) - This amazing near vertical wall of Marshall's Hill rises about 900 feet from the floor of May Valley. We do not try a rock climb however, but take a more gentle approach from Red Town, the site of the old company coal town. Each leader has a different approach to this area where the views of the valley and Mount Rainier make a delightful backdrop for lunch. The loop back can also be done either via the Wildside Trail or the Indian Trail to the ball park, or via China Creek.

EAST COUGAR MT. LOOP (Class 3-C) (1300' elev. gain: 4-5 hrs.) - Starting at State Highway, we will climb to Claypit Peak via Newcastle Queen Trail. After visiting Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park and enjoying the beautiful view overlooking Lake Sammamish, we will return to the starting point by way of Claypit Creek ridge. The return will be exploratory.

ELIZABETH'S TRAIL - See Coal Creek Area Hikes

LAKEMONT GEORGE (Class 2-C) (lower part of Peggy's Trail) - 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 Issaquah Alps. Visit an abandoned homestead where the local bears come for an annual apple feast. In wet conditions, the mud can be a problem both for depth and slippery conditions on steep sections.

OLD NEWCASTLE TO NEW NEWCASTLE - See Coal Creek Area Hikes

A PEAK AND A HALF (Class 3-C) (1600 ft. altitude gain; 6-7hrs.) - The hike starts at the new Cougar Mt. Park (where our park ranger lives), traverses the east side of Cougar by way of the Pioneer Trail, drops down to Highway 900, then begins a traverse of Squak Mountain to its summit, finally descending by way of Phil's Creek. Car swap necessary.

PEGGY'S TRAIL TO COUGAR MOUNTAIN PARK (Class 3-C) - This has become one of the most popular trails in all the Issaquah Alps since Peggy and her friend, Ralph, identified the route, flagged it, and built it. The way starts at exit 13, off I-90 - and thus is a great trailhead for hikers dependent on the Metro 210, which passes by. The ascent of a rainforest-like valley of Peltola Creek (Lakemont Gorge), leads to the steeper ascent of the gorge wall, past the most spectacular waterfalls of the Alps, and continues to the summit of Anti-Aircraft Peak, site of a newly-opened county Park, and views over Lake Sammamish to the San Juan Islands and Mt. Baker and all that. In a few years thousands of people will climb the trail every nice weekend. Come while it's still lonely, and help make footsteps.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3-B) - The southern route to the summit follows a long, lovely valley to Thrush Gap, site of a 1920's 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 TIBBETTS CREEK - BEAR RIDGE TRAILS (Class 3-C) (4 mile roundtrip, elev. 1100') - Your vice-president recently stumbled upon a pair of trails that from the evidence have been traveled by Europeans for scores of years and previous residents for thousands, and before that very likely by woolly mammoths, lame pterodactyls, and tricky crocodiles. It now serves as a major arterial for bear, cougar, coyotes, and griffins commuting from Cougar Mountain to Squak, and thence to Tiger and the heart of the dark Cascades. This is a new trip for us, but will instantly become a standard, because the wild heights of Bear Ridge, between the wild gorges of Claypit Creek and West Fork Tibbetts Creek, are some of the grandest country hereabouts. This whole area distinctly must be a dedicated greenbelt, giving people access to the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, and other of God's Children a route from Cougar to the adjoining wildland east.

WILD SIDE TRAIL (Class 2-B) - Return to the days of 1884 in Red Town. Walk through an area which rivalled Seattle in size. The Ford Slope is still there and instead of the flooded entrance try and picture coal cars heading down into the mines. The Wild Side Trail has been extended along Long Marsh to the Far Country Falls, intersecting the De Leo's Wall Trail.

Tiger Mountain Hikes

ARTIFACTS TRAIL See Middle Tiger Mining and Logging Sampler.

BIG TREE TRAIL (Class 2-A) - See Lake Tradition Plateau Hikes

CAVES OF WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3-C) - The way to the caves has 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 dangerous, 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.

15-MILE CREEK-MIDDLE TIGER-HOBART RR GRADES AREA - Hikes on Middle Tiger include on the south side an easy level stroll through the 15-Mile-Creek Grand Canyon (Class 1A); a short, steep climb along the canyon to the Hobart RR Grade (Class 1B); a longer climb and loop to include the Tiger Mt. Trail (Class 1C); and assorted loops to Middle Tiger's 2607' peak. The most direct route to the peak is a 1400' climb straight up in 1-1/2 miles (Class 1C). Other routes to the peak may include the south slope attractions and RR grades and logging artifacts on the east slope of Middle Tiger (Class 2C and 3C).

GRAND CANYON OF 15-MILE CREEK - MIDDLE TIGER RR LOOP (Class 3-C) - See 15-Mile Creek-Middle Tiger-Hobart RR Grades Area

explore the old RR grades ascending West Tiger from the old Preston Sawmill. The trail passes through fine old growth forest, staying at about the 1100-foot level, except for stream crossings.

ISSAQUAH WATERWORKS (Class 2-B) - See Lake Tradition Plateau Hikes

LAKE TRADITION (Class 1-A) - See Lake Tradition Plateau Hikes

LAKE TRADITION PLATEAU HIKES - Each leader has a favorite route through the Issaquah Watershed, a regional treasure: the trail around Lake Tradition (Class 1-A) is an easy stroll, with possible loops to include Round Lake and the Rain Forest East, the orchard of the abandoned homestead and a lost forgotten Greyhound bus. The Big Tree Trail (Class 2-A) leads to the 1,000-year-old Big Tree of the Lower Plateau, and the century-old cedar puncheon skid road used by oxen. Dropping lower on the hillside is the Brink Trail which leads us in a loop to the Issaquah Water Works (Class 2-B) which once supplied Issaquah with water, a fascinating tour of the past.

MANNING'S REACH (Class 3-B) - From High Point, the Tiger Mountain Trail climbs to the railroad grade and then 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-C) - See 15-Mile Creek-Middle Tiger-Hobart RR Grades Area.

MIDDLE TIGER MINING AND LOGGING SAMPLER (Class 3-4C) - See 15-Mile Creek-Middle Tiger-Hobart RR Grades Area

MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON (Class 3-C) - See 15-Mile Creek Area

NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2-3-C) - The north end of the TMT make a wonderful beginning for a hike which climbs from High Point through old conifers 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. Another route starts as in the above hike, turning off the Tiger Mt. Trail at Dwight's Trail and heading off toward the Preston Trail. Once on the Preston Trail, it is a steady and sometimes steep climb. Lunch stop is usually sunny at the old log cabin site. Where the trail meets the side route down to the TMT again (2250') is as far as we climb. Return trip is fast to the cars.

POO POO POINT AND MANY CREEK VALLEY (Class 3-B) - A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah Valley. The Talki-Tooter once heard here in olden days gives us the name, if you are wondering. . . . The route follows the Many Creek Valley in one of several possible routes.

TIGER MOUNTAIN HISTORY HIKE (Class 3-C) - This 11-mile up-and-down hike covers the early history of mining and logging on Tiger Mountain. It not only follows railroad grades and caches of artifacts from mining days, but also may include a sidetrip to a summit. You will appreciate the days long gone by after listening to Bill Longwell's discourse.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (CLASS 3-C) - This is the classic 11.3-mile trail from near Highway 18 in the south to the newly constructed finish at High Point. With a car switch we can do it all in a single day, in deep woods, over nicely bridged creeks, along railroad grades and with open views from the slopes of Middle Tiger and West Tiger 2. The scenic spots along the way were named for the boys (men by now, no doubt) who helped Bill Longwell build the trail. Time and many feet have trod here over the years. Don't expect a wide and level trail as in Rainier Park but one which might be narrow, slippery and brushy in places but which has constantly been worked by many loving hands.

WEST TIGER CIRCUMAMBULATION (Class 3-B) (12 miles) - Beginning at the east trail head at High Point, we hike the TMT and Dwight's Way, up the Preston Trail to the Dick Heinz Trail. From there we go through 15-Mile Pass via the 15-Mile RR Grade and again to the TMT, then back to High Point. A traverse of the Tiger 2 summit is optional.

WEST TIGER I) (Class 3-C) - From the east trailhead at High Point we hike the TMT and Dwight's Way, cross the Preston Trail, then climb steeply to West Tiger I's peak at 2948 ft. Return trip (or alternate ascent) is back down the steep West Tiger I Trail to the Preston Trail, then along the Preston Trail to the TMT and back to High Point.

WEST TIGER 1 - 2 - 3 (Class 3-C) - This is usually called the "wipe-out hike" but it hasn't wiped out anyone lately. Ascend the highest of the three peaks, West Tiger 1 first, (see description above). Proceed along a service road to West Tiger 2. From West Tiger 2 descend to Mannings Reach and follow the TMT to the turn off for West Tiger 3. Descent from West Tiger 3 can be via the TMT with part of the West Tiger RR grade included, or down the Lake Tradition Trail to the west trailhead at High Point.

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 forest of antennas. The climb is steep in places but not hard and the rewards all along the way are certainly worth it. From High Point we take the TMT or the Lake Tradition Trail. The route can include part of the West Tiger RR grade.

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BEYOND THE ALPS

LITTLE SI (Class 2-C) - A new trail, the upper half built from scratch this past summer by Will Thompson, the lower half rebuilt this fall by Thompson's Army, leads in 2-odd miles and 1000 feet a superb view of the North Bend Plain, bed of a Pleistocene lake. On the way it traverses the Rift - an earthquaked gap between Little Si and Big Si - and passes under the Great Overhang. Come now, and enjoy it before the crowds find out about it.

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 base to summit than our Tiger, and a thousand-odd feet higher toward true alpine-ness. We will go as high as the snow and typhoons allow on the day in question - to Haystack Basin and its eagle-eye views west to Olympics, Seattle, and, of course, the Issaquah Alps.

SNOQUALMIE FALLS - PRESTON - LAKE ALICE ROAD AREA (John Wayne Trail) - Hikes range from very easy: Preston to Lake Alice Road, also known as the John Wayne Trail, (Class 1-A); Lake Alice Road to Snoqualmie Falls Vista (Class 2-A), to the more difficult hike beginning at the Lake Alice Road junction with the John Wayne Trail, dropping down to the Forest Theatre on the banks of the Snoqualmie River and on to the base of Snoqualmie Falls (Class 2-B). A new scratch trail, rough and difficult, continues from the end of Snoqualmie Falls Vista hike by dropping under the old abandoned trestle and regaining lost elevation to the Powerhouse, making a loop by way of the Forest Theatre (Class 3-B).

** Remember - Call the
Leader for Out-of-Area
Hike Information and
Signup. Limit 12 in
most cases.*

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN

Rattlesnake Mountain is oriented on a NW-SE axis with summits on the NW end (3200') and the SE end (3500'). The NE side of the mountain is mostly second growth timber and steep, the SW side is more gradual, has been logged off, and is crisscrossed with logging roads. Both the summits and the ridge between them are accessible by service and logging roads and one trail (the roads are gated and usually locked). There are four transeiver tower locations on the two summits and the ridge between them. The NW summit is usually reached by hiking the service road that starts close to the intersection of I-90 and state high 18, or, by ascending the power line service road and underground power line swatch on the NE side. The SE summit and Rattlesnake Ledge can be reached by hiking the Rattlesnake Ledge trail, which starts at the county park on Rattlesnake Lake, and continues on up to the SE summit.

Hikers are rewarded with spectacular views from either summit, from the roads on the SW side, and from Rattlesnake Ledge. There is an abundance of wildflowers, wildlife, geological formations, and huckleberry to be investigated, appreciated, and harvested. It is easy to get confused on which roads to follow. Most hiking routes are steep and/or long. Guides are recommended for your first time up.

TAYLOR MOUNTAIN

Taylor Mountain is oriented on an east-west axis and the summit is almost indiscernible because it rises only 100 feet from the two mile ridge on top. The top of the ridge and the majority of the southside of the mountain is part of the Seattle Cedar River Watershed, as such that part of the mountain is fenced and posted "NO TRESPASSING". Much of the west side and the lower portion of the north and east sides have been recently logged. The west ridge is accessible by logging road, or the West Taylor Mountain Trail (WTMT) which follows an old railroad grade through the remaining forest to the top. On the north side of the mountain, Shaun Creek Falls is accessible by a trail that branches off of the WTMT.

Hikers have a spectacular view of Mt. Rainier and the southern Cascades from the West Ridge Vista; a terrific 50' waterfall in Shaun Creek Canyon, an abundance of wildflowers and wildlife, great wild blackberry picking in clearcut areas, and relatively moderate elevation gains (easy hiking) to all points of interest.

RAGING RIVER VALLEY

The headwaters of the Raging River forms the geographic boundary between Rattlesnake Mountain on the NE side and Taylor Mountain on the SW side. The whole valley, except for isolated tracts, has been logged recently. Access to Raging River valley is via the service/logging roads on both sides of the valley. Access for hiking on the roads is via the service road near the I-90 and State Hwy. 18 intersection, or the Kerriston logging road on the east side of Hwy. 18 just south of the Raging River Bridge. Both roads are gated and usually locked except when logging. Another activity taking place on the logged off slopes of Rattlesnake Mountain just north of the old Kerriston Townsite, they bring tank trucks of Metro sludge from the sewage treatment plant and spray it on the land to get rid of the stuff and promote timber growth.

Hikers can enjoy open road hiking to the old Kerriston Townsite for artifacts, to the old Kerriston sawmill where foundations of the sawmill still exist, quiet and peaceful picnics along the river banks or on the one remaining bridge that spans the Raging river, and wildflowers and wildlife (including spawning steelhead in season).

Brush a trail today
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adopt a trail

AND OWN YOUR OWN PIECE OF THE ALPS. . .

Public agencies presently have no funds for trail maintenance in the Issaquah Alps. It's up to us to keep the footpaths open to feet.

Our previous adoption program has fallen apart. The old faithfuls continue valiant service, but many who had initial enthusiasm gave up their trails and have not been replaced.

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