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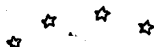
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



THE PRESIDENT'S (34TH) REPORT

November 23, 1987

On August 20 my space here (33rd Report) took County Executive Tim Hill to task for having done "nothing-zero-zip" to complete the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. Upon receipt of his white paper, "Environmental Initiatives," released September 18, I chided him (by letter) for not telling us what he was thinking, thereby inciting me to my unnecessary 33rd Report. Fortunately, before we demasted and hulled Tim with a broadside of letters he raised the white paper. He, and our County Council members, thus were saved a lot of damage-control activity.

As of this date, we hear great things from Tim's staff, particularly Joe Nagel, Director of the Department of Parks, Planning & Resources, and most directly, Russ Cahill, Director of King County Parks. Events will race past my words, I pray, and almost trust. The Council is contemplating a purchase of Marshall's Hill from Burlington Northern and an exchange for the B-N section which includes Wilderness Peak and Clay Pit Peak. We have heard this before. However, we are given to believe 1988 will be a very pleasing year. Watch this space.

Further, the City of Issaquah has been studying at great length and in careful detail the east slope of Cougar Mountain, including the lands behind Protector Ridge which the Creator always has intended to be in the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, and the contiguous lands of the chimerical "Eastern Village." We sense an unprecedented grasp of reality by public officials of Issaquah. We see a coalition of residents, of King County Parks, of City of Bellevue forming to compel Issaquah to do the decent and rational thing.

Of course, one must never underestimate the capacity of sub-critical masses of public intelligence to be turned to Jello by the slide shows produced by the professional fixers and their architects who have zeroed in on Issaquah.

Nevertheless, I wish to end 1987 in a bullish mood. Government-wise, Issaquah is looking better than it has in awhile. Bellevue is trying to annex me, and golly knows what that might lead to. Though the Trails Club does not participate in partisan politics, we do watch elections with interest. We note that we have the vigorous

leadership of Bruce Laing, who won reelection by turning back a challenge from the candidate of the Green Party, whose three (3) write-in votes mean he and his wife weren't the only ones and thus may signal a wave. Lois North, our first park supporter, also won reelection, as did Cynthia Sullivan, another fan. Greg Nickels came newly on, turning out an incumbent whose face always turned a glower at us. Ron Sims and Audrey Gruger and Gary Grant habitually smile our way. Bill Reams owes me one-- that day I took him on a walk from AA Peak to Clay Pit Peak and got lost in the salmonberries, I didn't have to lead him to the Clay Pit, and he had long since run out of cake crumbs. We've no hopes for Paul Bardon; he hates me because he is proud of being a climber and I've done way more peaks than he's ever heard of.

Next time (35th Report) I hope to be able to talk about garbage, floods (pray for rain, lots of rain, LOTS AND LOTS OF RAIN), and some of the other things that are on our mind every month, at the meetings of the board -- to which every member is invited. Come listen. Come volunteer to take on a job. Such as, to lead a squadron of cavalry. Haven't you ever felt like galloping -- galloping into a town and putting somebody to the sword?

Once more unto the breach, dear friends!
For England and St. George!

Harvey Manning



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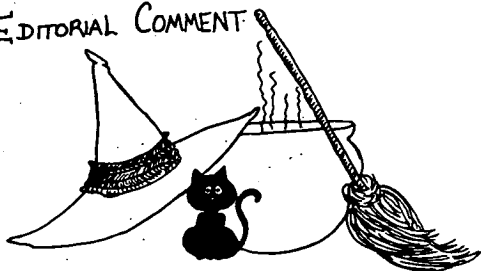
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EDITORIAL COMMENT



Dear Readers,

You will notice a change in this issue of the Alpiner. Due to the higher cost of printing and mailing, we have chosen to discontinue the hike descriptions in the back of the Alpiner.

There are many other articles and notices of upcoming events that we want to bring you, and we do not have space enough for both.

IATC publishes several guides to our hiking areas (see ad elsewhere in this issue). For those of you who need information about a particular hike, the hike leader's phone number is always listed on the calendar.

TRAIL PARTY NEWS

TMT:

October 10, 1987, was a big day on the south end of the Tiger Mountain Trail. Gail Palm and Bob Knutsen organized one of the largest trail parties of the current year and completed some much needed repairs and improvements to the trail. Bill Longwell was there to supervise the new bridge work; Beverly and Joe Toynbee, Frank Hagen, and George Mischler were acting as party leaders; Tom and Yvonne Mechler brought the refreshments; and R. D. Hunt, Doug Cole, Dan Reider, Tom Palm, Dave Blawn, Xchi Blawn, Doug Welti, Phil Matten, Tom Abrehamson, John Johnson, Joanne Howe, and Margaritta Affman did all of the work. Gail, the IATC Board of Directors, and the thousands of feet that are using that trail every year thank you all.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN:

On November 15, 1987, Dwight Riggs (volunteer in absentia) led a hard working trail party on Cougar Mountain. We do not have a report on their efforts as yet, but the advance notices are rave (I think every one had turkey wings for lunch). Remember, if your interests include trail maintenance activities, Joe Toynbee (723-6717) and Dwight Riggs (772-1666) organize and lead the unscheduled midweek Weed Whackers Association parties every Wednesday. If you have some frustrations, energy, or unfocused ambitions that need to be expended or channeled; give them a call.

January 21, 1988

Annual Meeting of the TRAILS Club

7:30 p.m. Newport Way Library
(On Newport Way just west of 150th, the street from I-90's Exit 11)

Members, come,

The board of directors will briefly summarize where we went in 1987 and where we got to go in 1988, governmental action-wise, and also describe progress in developing trails. We will then socialize over lemonade and butterfingers.

But first, in accordance with our bylaws, members will elect directors and the directors then will elect officers. The Nominating Committee offers the following candidates for the three open positions on the board of directors (further nominations may be made from the floor):

Terms expiring in January 1991:

Bill Longwell
Steve Cavit
Jim Cadigan

Holdover directors:

George Jackman (term expiring January 1990)
Ralph Owen "
Connie Fair "
Barbara Johnson (term expiring January 1989)
Betty Manning "
Buz Moore "

Meetings are held at Newport Way Library, just east of 150th, the Street from I-90's Exit 11. Time, 7:30 p.m. January 21, 1988.

The central purpose of the meetings is discussion of club business — what to do about and with King County, Bellevue, Issaquah, State Parks, DNR, and other units of government with jurisdiction in the Issaquah Alps; how to go about working with land developers to obtain dedicated trail corridors; organizing Armies to go out and build and maintain trails; and all like that.

For members who want to know what's going on, the listening-in can be very educational. But members also are warmly invited to speak up and join the discussion. Especially if they would like to volunteer to take on a job. (There are a number of attractive openings. The pay is low, but, to compensate, the hours are long.)

We break in the middle of the meeting to get acquainted, answer questions, sip tea if anybody remembered to bring a bag and a thermos jug, and accept your job applications.

January meeting — combined with the Annual Meeting; see above.

February meeting — (Wednesday) (Thursday) February 18, 1988

March meeting — (Wednesday) (Thursday) March 17, 1988

Please call Connie Dow 392-2190 to verify March date!

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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 punchon 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.

For hike information call the
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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).

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.

MOUNT WASHINGTON (Class 4-C) A surprise super hike to Mount Washington, known as "Stranger Mountain" and located east of Rattlesnake Ridge, southeast of Mt. Si, and overshadowing the ancient terminal moraine of the Puget Glacier. This is a 12-mile round trip for strong hikers.

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 transceiver 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).

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						1 HARVEY MANNING 746-1017 President's Teddy Bear Walk. Issaquah Alps 10am 2A	2 Stan Unger 283-7823 Tiger Mt. W.Tig 3 8:30am 3B	2 Bob Gross 392-0539 Cougar Mt. Coal Creek Fall 12:30 pm 2B
3 Dwight Riggs 772-1666 Tiger Mt. Exploratory Bushwhack -8:30 am 3C	3	4 Will Thompson 488-8592 Tiger Mt. Leaders Choice 8:30 am 3C	5 Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280 Leaders Choice Toddlers & Parents Parents Walk 9:30 am 1A	6 Al Blalock 746-4155 Ed Bowser 747-3349 Nisqually Delta Bird Sanctuary (1 hr drive to trail) (NO DOGS) 8:30 am 2A	7	8	9 Dave Kappler 392-3571 Cougar Mt. Work Party. China Creek & DeLeo Wall. 9 am	9
10 Ralph Owen 746-1070 Cougar Mt. Wilderness Park Loop 8:30 am 3C	10 Larry Hansen 392-2458 Tiger Mt. Lake Tradition Exploration 12:30 pm 2A	11	12 Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280 Leaders Choice Parents and Toddlers Walk 9:30 am 1A	13	14 Note ↓	15 Connie Dow 392-2190 Tiger Mt. Many Creek Valley 8:30 am 3B	16 Russ Williams 392-5989 Tiger Mt. Poo Poo Point 8:30 am 3B	16 Tim O'Brian 324-1609 Seattle Georgetown History Walk Meet Airport Wy & Lucille St. in Seattle. 10 am 2A
17 Tom Mechler 255--0922 Tiger Mt. W. Tiger 3 Loop via caves 8:30 3C	17	18 Jim Cadigan 641-4046 Tiger Mt. Middle Tiger Loop 8:30 am 3C	19 Berni Dionne 228-5302 Tiger Mt. W. Tiger Variations 9:30 am 3C	20 Note →	21 Annual Meeting 7-30 Newport Wy Library	22 Betty Culbert 432-7387 Cougar Mt. Coal Creek Falls & DeLeo Wall Loop 9:30am 2B	23 Geo. Mischler 746-8144 Little Si. Summit. 9:30 am 2C	23 Jerry Wheeler 242-9344 Tiger MT. Poo Poo Pt. Joint hike with Mountaineers. 9:30 am 3B
24 L. & U Eisenberg 392-4034 Little Si 3B 9:30 am 9:30a 2C W. Taylor Mt. Trail G. Jackman 221-3925 31	24 2B 12:30 Cougar park Geol S. Williams 453-8997 31	25	26 Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280 Leaders Choice Parents & Toddlers Walk 9:30 am 1A	27 Ann Leber 746-3291 Cougar Mt. Tibbets Ck. Loop 9:30 am 3B	28	29 Mary Cadigan 641-4046 Tiger Mt. Lake tradition Exploration. 9:30 am 2B	30 Stan Unger 283-7823 Cougar Mt. Leaders Choice 9:30 am 3C	30 Steve Cavit 271-7780 West Tiger 3 12:30 pm 3C

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- Fri. Jan. 1: Issaquah Alps. Presidents Teddy Bear Walk. Class 2A. Meet 10 a.m. Harvey Manning 746-1017
- Sat. Jan. 2: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 3. Class 3B. Meet 8:30 a.m. Stan Unger 283-7823
- Cougar Mtn. Coal Creek Falls. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Bob Gross 392-0539
- Sun. Jan. 3: Tiger Mtn. Exploratory Bushwhack. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Dwight Riggs 772-1666
- Mon. Jan. 4: Tiger Mtn. Leaders Choice. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Will Thompson 488-8592
- Tues. Jan. 5: Leaders Choice. Toddlers & Parents Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Wed. Jan. 6: Nisqually River. Nisqually Delta Bird Sanctuary. Class 2A. Meet 8:30 a.m. One hour drive to trail. (NO DOGS) Al Blalock 746-4155 & Ed Bowser 747-3349
- Sat. Jan. 9: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Trail Party. Meet 9 a.m. COFFEE & DONUTS. Dave Kappler 392-3571
- Sun. Jan. 10: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Loop. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Ralph Owen 746-1070
- Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition Exploration. Class 2A. Meet 12:30 p.m. Larry Hansen 392-2458
- Tues. Jan. 12: Leaders Choice. Toddlers & Parents Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition Variation. Class 2B. Meet 10 a.m. Gail Palm 783-6005 & Bob Knutsen 243-4546
- Fri. Jan. 15: Tiger Mtn. Many Creek Valley. Class 3B. Meet 8:30 a.m. Connie Dow 392-2190
- Sat. Jan. 16: Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point. Class 3B. Meet 8:30 a.m. Russ Williams 392-5989
- Seattle. George Town History Walk. Class 2A. Meet 10 a.m. at Airport Way & Lucille Street in Seattle. Tim O'Brian 324-1609
- Sun. Jan. 17: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 3 Loop via Caves. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Tom Mechler 255-0922
- Mon. Jan. 18: Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Loop. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Jim Cadigan 641-4046
- Tues. Jan. 19: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger Variations. Class 3C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Berni Dionne 228-5302
- Leaders Choice. Parents & Toddlers Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Fri. Jan. 22: Cougar Mtn. Coal Creek Falls & DeLeo Wall Loop. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Betty Culbert 432-7387
- Sat. Jan. 23: Little Si. Little Si Summit. Class 2C. Meet 9:30 a.m. George Mischler 746-8144
- Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Joint hike with Mountaineers. Jerry Wheeler 242-9344
- Sun. Jan. 24: Mt. Si. Little Si Summit. Class 2C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg 392-4034
- Tues. Jan. 26: Leaders Choice. Parents & Toddlers Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Wed. Jan. 27: Cougar Mtn. Tibbetts Creek Loop. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Ann Leber 746-3291
- Fri. Jan. 29: Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition Exploration. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Mary Cadigan 641-4046
- Sat. Jan. 30: Cougar Mtn. Leaders Choice. Class 3C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Stan Unger 283-7823
- Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 3. Class 3C. Meet 12:30 p.m. Steve Cavit 271-7780
- Sun. Jan. 31: Taylor Mtn. West Taylor Mtn. Trail. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. George Jackman 221-3925
- Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Geology Hike. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Steve Williams 453-8997

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- Tues. Feb. 2: Leaders Choice. Parents & Toddlers Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Wed. Feb. 3: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Exploration. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Ann Leber 746-3291
- Thurs. Feb. 4: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 3. Class 3C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Laurene McLane 392-0204
- Sat. Feb. 6: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 3. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Russ Williams 392-5989
- Sun. Feb. 7: Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Loop. Class 3B. Meet 8:30 a.m. A. J. Culver 392-3002
- Cougar Mtn. Old Newcastle to New Newcastle. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Ralph Owen 746-1070
- Tues. Feb. 9: Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Variation. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Gail Palm 783-6005 and Bob Knutsen 243-4546
- Leaders Choice. Parents & Toddlers Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Wed. Feb. 10: Snoqualmie Valley. Lake Alice to Snoqualmie Falls. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Al Blalock 746-4155 and Ed Bowser 747-3349
- Fri. Feb. 12: Cougar Mtn. Tibbetts Creek Loop. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Connie Dow 392-2190
- Sat. Feb. 13: Tiger Mtn. Leaders Choice. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Dwight Riggs 772-1666
- Cougar Mtn. DeLeo Wall. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Stan Unger 283-7823
- Sun. Feb. 14: Mt. Si. Little Si Summit. Class 2C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Tom Mechler 255-0922
- Tues. Feb. 16: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Exploration. Class 3C. Meet 9 a.m. Joe Toynbee 723-6716
- Leaders Choice. Parents & Toddlers Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Wed. Feb. 17: Tiger Mtn. Leaders Choice. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Will Thompson 488-8592
- Fri. Feb. 19: Cougar Mtn. Tibetts Creek Loop. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Betty Culbert 432-7387
- Sat. Feb. 20: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 1, 2 & 3 Loop. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Ralph Leach 783-6345
- Seattle. Pioneer Square History Walk. Class 2A. Meet 10 a.m. at pergola in Pioneer Square. Tim O'Brian 324-1609
- Sun. Feb. 21: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 2 & 3 Loop. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. George Mischler 746-8144
- Tues. Feb. 23: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger Variations. Class 3C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Berni Dionne 228-5302
- Leaders Choice. Parents & Toddlers Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Fri. Feb. 26: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Loop. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Mary Cadigan 641-4046
- Sat. Feb. 27: Tiger Mtn. Tiger Mtn. Trail. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Involves car switch. ~~Met~~ & Larry Hansen 392-2458
- Tiger Mtn. West Tiger Caves. Class 2C. Meet 12:30 p.m. Bob Gross 392-0539
- Sun. Feb. 28: Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Loop. Class 3B. Meet 9:30 a.m. George Jackman 221-3925
- Snoqualmie Valley. Preston to Lake Alice Road. Class 2B. Meet 12:30. Dave Blawn 271-1677
- Mon. Feb. 29: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 2 Loop. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Jim Cadigan 641-4046



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13 Ralph Owen 746-1070 Cougar Mt. Wilderness Park Loop 8:30 am 4B	13 Steve Irby 255-3211 Cougar Mt. DeLeo Wall 12:30 pm 2B	14 Jim Cadigan 641-4046 Mt. Si Summit via Old Trail 8:30 am 4C	15 Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280 Leaders Choice Parents & Toddlers walk 9:30 am 1A	16	17 Board Meeting ?? 7:30 Newport Way Library	18 W. Thompson 488-8492 Tiger Mt. Leaders Choice 8:30 am 3C Betty Culbert 432-7387 Arboretum & RR Grade (lake Wilderness) 9:30 am 2B	19 Trudy Ecob 232-2933 Tiger Mt. W. Tiger 2 & 3 Loop 8:30 3C	19 Peggy Owen 746-1070 Cougar Mt. Coal Creek Falls DeLeo Wall Loop 12:30 pm 2B
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27 Hazel Hale 243-5376 Mt. Washington on Rattlesnake Ledge (depends on snow) 8:30 am 4C	27	28	29 V. Cuykendall 746-7280 Leaders Choice Parents & toddlers walk 9:30 am 1A	30 Joe Toynbee 723-6716 Tiger Mt. W. Tiger 2 Summit Loop 8:30 4C	31			

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- Leaders Choice. Toddlers & Parents Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Wed. Mar. 9: Snoqualmie Valley. Lake Alice to Tokul Creek. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. POTLUCK. Al Blalock 746-4155 & Ed Bowser 747-3349
- Fri. Mar. 11: Cougar Mtn. Coal Creek & Wildside Trail Loop. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Mary Cadigan 641-4046
- Sat. Mar. 12: Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Summit via 15 Mile Creek. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg 392-4034
- Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Exploration. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Steve Williams 453-8997
- Sun. Mar. 13: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Loop. Class 4B. Meet 8:30 a.m. Ralph Owen 746-1070
- Cougar Mtn. DeLeo Wall. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Steve Irby 255-3211
- Mon. Mar. 14: Mt. Si. Mt. Si Summit via Old Trail. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Jim Cadigan 641-4046
- Tues. Mar. 15: Leaders Choice. Parents & Toddlers Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Fri. Mar. 18: Tiger Mtn. Leaders Choice. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Will Thompson 488-8492
- Lake Wilderness. Arboretum & RR Grade. (new hike) Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Betty Culbert 432-7387
- Sat. Mar. 19: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 2 & 3 Loop. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Trudy Ecob 232-2933
- Cougar Mtn. Coal Creek Falls DeLeo Wall Loop. Class 2B. Meet 12:30 p.m. Peggy Owen 746-1070
- Sun. Mar. 20: Tiger Mtn. Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Summit. Class 3C. Meet 8:30 a.m. George Mischler 746-8144
- Tues. Mar. 22: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger Variation. Class 3C. Meet 9:30 a.m. Berni Dionne 228-5302
- Leaders Choice. Parents & Toddlers Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Thurs. Mar. 24: Mt. Si. Mt. Si Summit via Old Trail. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Joanne Howe 432-0741
- Fri. Mar. 25: Snoqualmie Valley. Lake Alice to Snoqualmie Falls. Class 2B. Meet 9:30 a.m. Pat Kaald 746-8741
- Sat. Mar. 26: Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Park Perimeter Trail Party. Meet 9:30 a.m. COFFEE & DONUTS. Jim Cadigan 641-4046
- Sun. Mar. 27: Mt. Washington or Rattlesnake Mtn. Mt. Washington Summit or Rattlesnake Ledge & Beyond. (depends on snow level). Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Hazel Hale 243-5376
- Tues. Mar. 29: Leaders Choice. Parents & Toddlers Walk. Class 1A. Meet 9:30 a.m. Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
- Wed. Mar. 30: Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 2 Summit Loop. Class 4C. Meet 8:30 a.m. Joe Toynbee 723-6716



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Dear Issaquah Alpinists,

You and I are tending our own backyard, and doing rather a nice job of it, if I do say so. However, you and I often leave our backyard to walk other trails of the state. Further, hikers from elsewhere in the state often lend us a hand in our backyard. The Trails Club does not stand alone.

I urge you to join the organization that is becoming the lead advocate of the hiker in our state.

In less than two years, Washington Trails Association (WTA) has come from out of just about nowhere to move to the front in the fight against the encroachment of off-road vehicles on traditional foot trails.

WTA has taken on the likes of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC). WTA led the successful drive to reallocate the IAC's \$3.5 million a year fund away from 100% off-road vehicle projects. Now the IAC provides money for hiking and equestrian trails, not just ORV trails.

WTA has been at the fore of the effort to get Wenatchee National Forest to listen to the needs of the hiker. Wenatchee has had a terrible record of catering to the ORV community at the expense of the hiking community. Recent statements indicate it may be changing its tune.

WTA went to bat for Issaquah Alps in Squak Mountain State Park. We got the funding for the barricades and signs (to be installed in 1988) largely because WTA joined the Trails Club in making a hard push for the project.

So, please, join WTA. Annual dues are \$10 (cheap).

There's an even bigger bargain. WTA publishes Signpost Magazine, the only regular source of up-to-date trail information throughout the state and reports on trail affairs — and WTA programs. The subscription is \$20 (also cheap).

But for \$25 a year you get both the membership and the magazine.

Such a deal! Personally, I wasn't able to pass it up, being a very cheap person as I am.

It is not compulsory for you to be cheap. WTA needs cash money to fight off the machines. Your gift of \$50, \$100, or what-have-you-got would be tantamount to swatting a trail bug.

Join me, join WTA!

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RECYCLE: 1.5 miles roundtrip; elevation gain nil.

In a 6 1/2 minute round trip by car from the Issaquah Park & Ride meeting spot, you can recycle glass, tin, aluminum, newspaper, cardboard, slick magazines and batteries. Open 24 hours a day, the recycling center is maintained by Community Enterprises of Issaquah, a non-profit organization providing training and employment for developmentally disabled adults. To get there from the P & R, proceed east toward Issaquah on Newport Way for 0.6 mile. Turn left at Juniper St. (shabby, homemade street sign). Turn left from Juniper at 7th Ave. NW. The Center is on the right of 7th NW. It is not well marked, but look for dumpsters and newspaper bins.

We're all part of the trash problem. But it is easy to to be part of the solution too. RECYCLE ,

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Enclosed is my check for \$10, (\$20, \$30) for a one-year
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Enclosed is my check for _____ as a donation to help WTA
clean up the backcountry.

Name

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WORK PARTIES ~ FUN AND (supply your own word)

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JANUARY 9. (SAT) 9 am. COUGAR MT. WILDERNESS PARK.
West Cougar Mt. and China creek trail, and DeLeo Wall. Pruning and trail building. Dave Kappler. 392-3571

FEBRUARY 21. SUN) 8:30 am. COUGAR MT.
North Cougar Mt. Peggys Trail. Build bridge and general trail work. Buzz Moore. 324-1317

MARCH 5. (SAT) 8:30 am. TIGER MT.
Tiger mt. trail from West Creek to Mannings Reach. The last 1 mile on TMT that needs work. Bill Longwell. 255-1295.

MARCH 26. (SAT.) 9:30 am. COUGAR MT. WILDERNESS PARK.
Perimeter trail party. Jim Cadigan. 641-4046

RETURN TO NEWCASTLE VI (Sunday June 5th, 1988)

RETURN has introduced thousands to Cougar Mt. - to its history and natural wonders.

RETURN has been key to the creation of Cougar Mt. Wildland Park.

RETURN will lead to the long term solution for preserving and presenting Cougar Mt. history.

Your help is needed to make sure that RETURN VI is a success. We need help with the following: ideas, suggestions, volunteers.

Please fill out and mail in the following questionnaire.

1) What should RETURN VI look like? What should we continue, what should we change or drop? What new things should we be doing?

2) Who should be asking or contacting for help or suggestions?

3) Which of the following can you help on?

General planning and coordinating _____

Publicity _____

Exhibits _____

Site and trail preparation _____

Sales and distribution on event day _____

Traffic _____

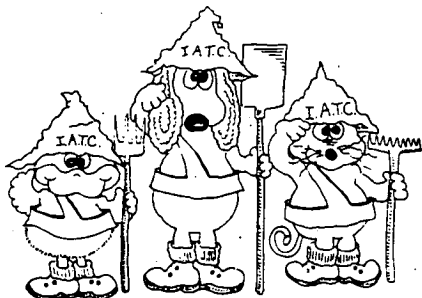
Lead hikes or walks _____

Other tasks - typing, sign painting, booth painting, envelope addressing, or what ever you can contribute _____

Please send to David Kappler: 255 SE Andrews St., Issaquah, WA 98027

Feel free to call to discuss the possibilities - 392-3571 or 567-4900 or leave message on the hotline 328-0480.

JOIN THE ARMY AND SEE THE ALPS!



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TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL

October 10 (Saturday)

Assemble at Issaquah Park & Ride Lot at 8:30. Coffee and donuts. Then carpool caravan to the trailhead.

This is "the greatest near-city wildland trail in America," the masterpiece of our Chief Ranger, Bill Longwell. Come help make it greater.

For information call Gale Palm 783-6005 or Bob Knutsen 243-4546.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL WILDLAND PARK -- ACCESS TRAIL FROM SOUTH

OR WEST

November 15 (Sunday)

Assemble at Issaquah Park and Ride at 8:30. Carpool-caravan to trailhead -- after the coffee and donuts and maple bars.

The objective will be either the Far Country Creek Trail ("John's Trail") from May Valley or the China Creek Trail from Old Newcastle, depending. Both need to be done -- and will be done -- by Armies this fall-winter-spring. (The land-eaters are on the scene, gulping.)

The leader is Dwight Riggs, a Tiger Mountain Ranger who has agreed to come to Cougar for the day. For information call Cougar Mountain Ranger Dave Kappler, 392-3571.

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Board of Directors

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors meetings.

September 17, 1987

Membership. Annual purge brought membership to 975. 41% of renewals were for \$10 or more.

Treasurer. Discussed report and payments for printing Alpiners and a guidebook reprint. Board voted to pay \$500 to attorneys in support of Lake Sammamish State Park lawsuit. Darla has asked to be relieved of duties as Treasurer.

Cougar Mountain. Ginger Kalenbach of Federal Office of Surface Mines reported on area closures. Ford Slope will be capped. Discussed problems with China Creek-DeLeo Wall area - developer has wiped out much of China Creek. No sign of our trail corridor. City of Issaquah's proposed road over SE 60th and other access ideas for the North Village, plus Metro's refusal to provide bus service up there were discussed also. We will have our trail corridor through Lakemont ravine.

Squak. State Parks now has ranger on Squak - shared with Lake Sammamish Boat Launch and Olallie.

October 15, 1987.

Organization Business. Jack and Linda Price are moving to White River beneath Mt. Pete. Jack will be leaving Board. Need to appoint Nominating Committee for directors. We need a Publicity Chair. Urgently. We may have volunteer for Club Historian-Archivist.

Pickering Petition. Greater Issaquah Coalition is circulating a petition urging that the State purchase 138 acres of Pickering Farm.

Citizens Train. Citizens Train, with program of "Peace, Justice & Environment" will send trains from across America to Washington D.C. next spring. IATC will decide later on organization support.

Armies. We need to have trails through Northern Village in place before development begins. November meeting will address schemes for all Armies.

Salmon Days Review. Marty reported on sales of books, maps, memberships. New flag should be installed next year. We need a Return Committee - and a Salmon Days Committee.

Trails and the State. State Parks went to NOVA (Wheelies) Committee with request for \$20,000 for vehicle control on Squak. No vote taken, but reaction negative. Tom will write letter to IAC outlining legal ramifications, and also see that Washington Trails testifies to IAC. DNR Recreation Advisory Committee has inventory of DNR trails. Washington Trails is working on the Forest plans and has proposed 75 mile ORV route on old roads as trade-off for getting ORVs off Mad River trail system.

East Cougar. Discussed development of upper slope and lower, SE 60th road project proposal, high and low densities. Urged everyone to attend October 29 meeting.

November 18, 1987.

Organization Business. Virginia Cuykendall appointed Club Historian. Membership reported 200 new members. We're going into new printing on Newcastle History book. Lennoxes and friends have obtained an extension to June 1988 on new towers on Cougar. Bellevue to annex Mannings.

Issaquah the Trailhead City. We receive \$500 to pay for Trailhead signs.

Armies. Future projects include Rainier Crest, Licorice Fern, Wilderness Creek, Peggy's Trail, Bear Orchard to Lakemont, somewhere on Tiger.

Stinkers. Discussed trash burner, use of wetlands for retention ponds, extension of Coal Creek Dump, Superfund.

Squak Mountain. Money approved for barricades and signs on Squak Mt. State Park!!!!

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(All memberships cover the entire family. No matter when you join, your membership is renewable May 1. However, applications received after January 1 will apply through April of the following year.)

Regular annual family membership remains at \$5.00. This covers (almost, not quite) printing and mailing of the Alpiner.

Contributing memberships at \$10 or more not only permit us to hold the regular membership at \$5, but allow us to do more: to sponsor special events, to venture new trail guide publications, to buy trail maintenance tools.

Lifetime memberships at \$100 help keep us in business and support club overhead.

All memberships cover the entire family and any membership in excess of \$5 is deductible from your income tax.

On the subject of volunteering - the club continues through the efforts of volunteers.