

# THE ALPINE



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Cougar ▲ Squak ▲ Tiger ▲ Grand Ridge

## The King County Hall of Shame

Harvey Manning

An obelisk will be erected, or a wailing wall, perhaps in Discovery Park overlooking Puget Sound, possibly atop Cougar Mountain at the center of the largest in-urban wildland park in the nation. Certain major crimes will be inscribed in the granite, and the names of the chief scoundrels. Centuries from now little children will be brought on school tour, the names pointed out by teachers and kids told, "See? That was your great-great-granddaddy. He was a dirty rotten villain."

Three initial entries in the Hall of Shame were announced to the July 19 meeting of the KC Council:

### The Flushing of Denny Hill Into Elliott Bay:

The ornament of downtown Seattle, the feature which gave it topographic distinction, was washed into the Bay to create—the Denny Regrade! Three snarls and a hiss for Seattle's Quintessential Engineer, R.H. Thomson.

### The Stinking of West Point:

The most magnificent spit of inner Puget Sound, a supreme example of Wildness Within, Nature and Man together, not apart. Boo! Boo! Boo! for the Metro Council, including the then-mayor of Issaquah and the now-mayor of Seattle.

### The Vandalization of Lewis Canyon

The largest, grandest, most pristine wildland in the City of Bellevue, "Wilderness on the Metro 210", seeming to be from the Olympic Rain Forest. Reserve space in the Inferno of Dante for the entire government of Bellevue, King County Executive Tim Hill, and all members of the King County Council save only Derdowski, Phillips and (absent) Gruger.

The Cougar Mountain Precipice was devised by Nature to be the south boundary of Flatland Bellevue, which never was meant to climb the hills. In the mid-1970's there was not a genuine "City" of Bellevue, but there was a mayor (actually a hand-puppet manipulated by the maestro of Bellevue Shopping Square) and he declared to the press "COUGAR MOUNTAIN IS A CHINESE WALL WHICH MUST BE BREACHED!" Laugh? We thought we'd cry.

The Cougar Mountain Residents Association, headed by King County Councilor Mike Lowry, stuffed down the throats of the engineers and land developers the plans for a "Lakemont Boulevard" ascending Lewis Canyon from I-90's exit 13. This famous victory stimulated the spring 1979 formation of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club.

For more recent events (and the future to come), I refer Trails Club members to our companion organization, Save Lake Sammamish (1420 NW Gilman Boulevard, Issaquah WA 98027). Request a sample copy of their newsletter edited by Joanna Buehler. The entire basin of the lake is SLS domain. The "Manke property" on Highway 18 next to Tiger Mountain State Forest is a current crucial issue. The proposed Manke urbanization-sewerization would doom the main fork of the Issaquah Creek. Other creeks from Tiger Mountain, Squak Mountain, Cougar Mountain and the East Lake Sammamish Plateau are at risk from other greed-works.

As Lewis Canyon goes, so may all of these. On July 19 the King County Council concurred with Bellevue: "Let it go!!!"

Lakemont Boulevard may or may not happen. I suggest that you (The People) attend meetings of the Bellevue City Council, arise en masse, point fingers and cry "Shame! Shame! Shame!" Write letters to King County Council. Although it voted to authorize the vandalization of Lewis Canyon, it did not vote the necessary funds. The 1.2 miles have an estimated cost of \$17 million.

Says Save Lake Sammamish, "It's highway robbery—King County taxpayers to pay for Bellevue." Unless Bellevue gets county money, it will be very dubious about going the project alone.

Two members of the King County Council voted no on the principle of it. Three other members are rumored to be very very doubtful about voting that much money. For a Bellevue road.

Your reporter spotted in Council chambers on July 19 the DST (Designated Sweet Talker) of East-West Partners. Any of you who happen to have a rail handy and a bucket of hot tar and a sack of chicken feathers, please give me a ring. ▲

## Controversial Manke Development

George Comstock

An application for a proposed development of approximately 1700 acres near the Hobart area was submitted to King County in the winter of 1992. This property, owned by the Manke Lumber Co. of Tacoma, is located east of Hobart on the slopes of Taylor Mountain between Seattle's Cedar River Watershed and SR 18. As it is presently proposed, there would be approximately 290 single family units on one-acre lots. Due to the large scope of this project, steep slopes, erosion hazard areas, and salmonid streams, and the expected adverse impacts, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required.

A long list of organizations have already expressed a wide variety of concerns about the impacts of this development. Significant among them are King County Surface Water Management, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, City of Issaquah, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Hobart Rural Association, Save Lake Sammamish, and Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery. Many citizens residing near the area have also expressed serious concerns about the long-term effects on the area. It is widely believed that the impacts will be extremely difficult, if not impossible to mitigate.

The location of this proposed development is certainly of concern to the IATC. As it is situated between Tiger Mountain State Forest and the Cedar River Watershed, its development would mean the loss of approximately one third of the open space between these public lands. This loss of critically located open space is of concern in itself, but it would be much greater if the Manke development represents a continuing pattern of land development for this area. In fact, this open space between Hobart and the Raging River south of SR 18 is the only corridor from the Issaquah Alps to the wilds of the Cascade Range.

The location of this proposed development is also of concern to anyone living downstream along Issaquah Creek. Situated in the fragile headwater area, this project poses a serious threat to the worsening flood problem that many already consider intolerable. In addition, the water quality of Issaquah Creek most likely will be affected, putting endangered salmon runs in even further peril.

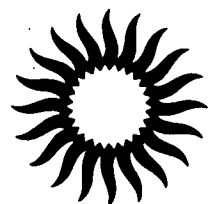
The EIS that must be written is still in its early stages, but it must eventually address all these issues and many more. When it is published, much careful review and public input will be required to ensure that the Issaquah Alps region is protected against further environmental degradation. ▲

## Requests Submitted for Local King County Open Space Funding

Ken Konigsmark

Earlier, IATC had supported Margaret Macleod's (City Trails Coordinator) efforts to obtain funding for "regional" properties through King County Open Space Bond monies. As a follow-on to these requests, Margaret prepared additional requests for funding under the category of "local" properties. Each category has \$15 million in funding available for land acquisition. The latest submittals include

requests for funding four properties on Tiger Mountain, one property on Squak Mountain, and three properties along Issaquah Creek. Again, IATC submitted letters of support for these acquisitions to appropriate County officials. The County Council will determine which nominated properties are approved for funding at a Council meeting in September. ▲



# President's Report      News from the DNR staff at Tiger Mountain State Forest

Ken Konigsmark

The best news since the publication of the previous Alpinist is that IATC now has a city-owned facility, furnished with donated equipment, that enables the Club for the first time ever to have our own "Clubhouse." The old Station Master's house is located at 110 Bush Street in Issaquah, approximately one block south of City Hall, and will serve as our Clubhouse for Board meetings, record and file storage, etc. It's a scary thought, but we might even get somewhat organized now! See the note of thanks elsewhere in the Alpinist to contributors who made this a reality.

A priority concern to the Club now is the fate of the Pacific Rim Equity lands behind the high school. The developer and the city desire to rezone approximately 100 acres of land from rural to urban zoning, with a plan to build up to 450 condos on the bluff above the school. This property abuts directly to the West Tiger Natural Resources Conservation Area with the boundary lying approximately 1300 feet from the Adventure Trail. IATC is trying to learn more about the proposal and to develop appropriate strategies for voicing our concerns.

During the summer, our hike schedule has gotten a bit slim due to vacations or other plans of the typical hike leaders. The Club could use and effectively employ some new hike leaders who have an interest in sharing the beauty of the Alps with others on a regular or a once-in-awhile basis. If you are interested in becoming a hike leader, please call Fred or Ann Weinmann at 392-9230 for more information. The Weinmanns serve as our capable hiking program coordinators and deserve a pat on the back from all of us for the service they provide in scheduling and leading hikes in the Alps. ▲

Doug McClelland and company

There is always something exciting happening in the Tiger Mountain State Forest. Some highlights of this summer's activities are:

- The Tiger Mountain State Forest Advisory Committee celebrated their 10th anniversary in August. The committee is appointed by the Commissioner of Public Lands Jennifer Belcher and is comprised of a spectrum of interests and involvements. At our August field meeting we looked briefly at past activities and spent most of our time visioning for the future. The committee and the agency has set goals to focus on property acquisitions, developing an effective education and interpretation program, reviewing hunting regulations, and increased emphasis in promoting the activities in the State Forest. Without this committee we never could have made Tiger Mountain what it is today... thanks for your help.
- A new interagency trails coordinator position has been developed. Margaret McLeod, who many of you have already met, is doing a fantastic job for the City of Issaquah, DNR, King County, and State Parks. Her focus on land acquisitions has already benefitted the Issaquah Alps.
- Tiger Mountain has completed its first year of spotted owl surveys. Owl survey crews have canvassed the mountain calling from designated stations. No spotted owls were located in the forest during the 1993 surveys. Surveys will begin again in 1994.

- Trailhead development at Poo Poo Point and Highpoint was completed in July. We now have the ability to conduct environmental education with school classes throughout the year. Interpretive signs will be installed along the Around the Lake Trail later this fall.
- The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation is looking favorably at funding the DNR's phase 2 recreation proposal for the Tiger Mountain State Forest. Phase 2 will result in the development of a trailhead at Tiger Summit just off SR 18 and a trailhead at South Tiger just off Southeast Tiger Mountain Road. It will also involve trail improvement associated with these two trailheads.
- Two timber sales were recently harvested in the Tiger Mountain State Forest. Both of these units, located off Eastside Road, were designed with "new forestry" objectives. One unit is located in the Raging River drainage basin near the Silent Swamp trail; the other unit is located in the East Fork Issaquah Creek basin and is semi-visible from I-90. The Raging unit is a thinning, designed with residual trees left for wildlife, and a multi-aged forest stand. The Issaquah unit is a habitat reserve tree design with some of the residual trees being topped for cavity nesting birds. The sales provided over \$850,000 for new school construction. This summer has been an exciting and busy one! We hope that you continue to enjoy the Tiger Mountain State Forest as much as we enjoy working there. ▲

## Thanks to the City of Issaquah, Todd Shipyards, Marilyn Moon, and the Environmental Task Coalition!!

Ken Konigsmark

Alpinist's longtime IATC dream has now been realized with the establishment of a Club headquarters in the city-owned Station Master's house, one block south of city hall. The city is allowing us use of the building, which will provide the Club with space for storage, record keeping, files, and Board meetings. Club member Marilyn Moon donated and delivered a nice 4 x 5 ft. oak desk for use by the Club. Then Club

member Jim Anderson, an employee at Todd Shipyards, arranged donations of a second desk, bookcase, three file cabinets, a viewfoil projector, and several chairs from Todd Shipyards. Employees Gary Erb, Richard Titus, and Avery Foster were even kind enough to deliver the items to the clubhouse for Todd. (Now they're anxious to go hiking in the Alps). The IATC extends a big THANK YOU to the City, to

Marilyn, to Jim, Gary, Richard, and Avery, and to Todd Shipyards for making our clubhouse a reality. Now, does anyone have a PC or word processor they'd like to donate??

(Long-term, if grant money is approved for refurbishment, the City hopes to utilize the building as a Trailhead Center for the "Trailhead City.")

IATC received an unexpected donation of \$517.07 from Randy Baseler, President of the "Environmental Task Coalition." This local organization was formed in the early 1980's in response to problems with standards at the Cedar Hills landfill. The group is now inactive and, as a final action, agreed to donate all remaining funds to the IATC, to be used for "environmental issues pertaining to Cedar Hills, May Valley, or Squak Mountain." The IATC Board has nominated several possible projects, and will coordinate with Mr. Baseler on the final selection. The IATC extends its thanks to the Environmental Task Coalition for the kind donation! ▲

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# Newsbriefs...

## Licorice Fern Development

John Johnson

The bulldozers are loose. Construction has started in the Licorice Fern development just south of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. Both the new trail and the old extension of the Far Country Trail should be avoided due to blasting, tree felling, and heavy equipment. The new trail should be re-opened around the end of October.

One of the first things the bulldozers did was—oh no!—put a street in the wrong place. Sigh. So how come we can't slide in a few extra forests? ▲

## Victory for Squak Mtn Section 9!!!

Ken Konigsmark

On June 11, the State Parks Commission gave their final approval for Section 9 Phase 1 acquisition at a cost of \$1.8M. A further \$196,000 was also approved for establishment of a trailhead off of the May Valley Road. Competition for funding was intense but these two items were the number one and two priorities on the list for funding. Local State Parks Commission representative Bruce Hilyer played a major role in justifying the need for these funds and for preserving Section 9, and the the other Parks Commission members agreed. Club member Gus Nelson also deserves much credit for his tireless efforts in working to save Section 9. The Trust for Public Land also played a key role in purchasing and holding options on the land until state funding became available. Without these efforts, Section 9 would probably be carved in homesteads by now. Instead, IATC members and the public will enjoy these lands as open space for generations to come. Thanks to our State Parks Commissioners (especially Bruce Hilyer), the Trust for Public Land, and Gus Nelson for your support in preserving Section 9! ▲

## New Forestry on Cedar Butte?

John Johnson

Cedar Butte is a "footstool" peak: only some 1700 feet high, covering hardly one section of land, and nearly lost below the towering heights of Mt. Washington. And yet it is one of the more valuable emeralds of the I-90 Greenway—a hike and views to rival Little Si, geological and historical importance, the delightful "Black Forest" and a strategic location. So it was disappointing to discover several years ago flagging for a new logging road.

Be heartened! The landowner, Champion Paper, is showing great sensitivity to both ecological and public interests, and especially to the principle of the Mountains to Sound Greenway. Among other changes, plans for the new road have been cancelled—instead some of the logging will be done by helicopters! This "new forestry" technique is so novel that Champion may set up a public demonstration in September or October. Champion also plans to do "selective logging" of the land, leaving some 15+ trees per acre. Logging will start September 7 and is expected to continue for several months. ▲

## KC Search and Rescue Needs Your Support

Art Scharf

The King County Search and Rescue Association is a ten-unit rescue organization specializing in everything from communications to tracking to technical mountain rescues. We are on call every minute of every day of the year, holidays included. We search for lost hikers, skiers, and climbers, downed aircraft, missing children and for police evidence. We provide first aid and transportation (ground and air) assistance to people injured during their recreational activities. We also provide first aid and communications assistance for local events such as the hydro races, Seafair, the Goodwill games, The Mountains to Sound traverse, and orienteering competitions and other group and community events. ▲

Last year we were called on 251 missions, travelled 90,656 miles and spent 12,549 hours. We are not funded by the State, County, or by any tax dollars. We have no paid employees and a 100% volunteer organization. Also, we are nationally recognized as one of the top five search-and-rescue organizations with regards to our skill, training, and motivation.

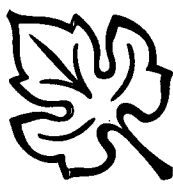
We are trying to raise funds this year for training, specialized equipment and special operations. Please call me at 821-3938 for more information on how you can help us. Thank you! ▲

## Volunteers Needed for Bellevue Parks

Barb Johnson

The City of Bellevue Parks and Community Services needs volunteers to lead nature walks, history walks and talks, conduct school visits, and perform yard and other maintenance for the Bellevue Botanical Gardens, Mercer Slough, and Park Ranger Programs. Volunteers can work weekdays or weekends. Hours are flexible. This is a great opportunity to learn about native plant gardening, environmental education, and have fun while you're doing something for the environment.

All volunteers will be trained by the Parks department. Orientation sessions are Saturdays, October 30 and November 6, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. For more information or to volunteer, please call 451-7225. ▲



## By-Pass Update

George Comstock

Since the last issue of the Alpiner, the Issaquah City Council has approved a Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). This TIP lists projects for which the City hopes to get federal funding and includes many projects totalling approximately \$72 million. Of this total sum, \$44 million is dedicated to the by-pass. The next action by the City will likely be taken soon: an application to the federal government for funding to conduct a "By-Pass Feasibility Study." ▲

## Trails Update

Bill Longwell, Chief Ranger, has completed a new one-mile trail on Rattlesnake and the old trail by the lake has been closed. Signs will be put up soon to mark the new route.

All trails on Grand Ridge are closed to public use.

See the Alpiner article on new handicap-access trail at Tiger Mtn. State Forest's High Point area. ▲

## Puget Sound Open Space Campaign

Ken Konigsmark

IATC has donated \$200 to the Trust for Public Land in support of their initiative to save land in the twelve-county area that comprises the Puget Sound region. Entitled "The Puget Sound Open Space Campaign," the goal is to work with local communities in the Puget Sound region to raise \$3 million to purchase and protect land for parks, recreation, and open space. Included as a priority of the initiative is the preservation of Squak Mountain lands and Mountains to Sound Greenway open space.

For twenty years, The Trust for Public Land has played a critical role in helping to preserve open space in Puget Sound and in the Issaquah Alps. In recognition of these efforts, the Bullitt Foundation awarded an extraordinary \$1 million challenge grant to kick off the "Open Space Campaign." All contributions to this initiative will be matched by the Bullitt Foundation, so each gift is worth \$2 for each \$1 donated. Further,

funds are used to purchase options and to make down payments on threatened lands, which are then conveyed to the ultimate land steward, typically a public agency (State Parks, DNR, etc.) when funding becomes available. This enables a "revolving fund" effect to occur so that TPL spends each dollar donated approximately four times over for land conservation. This truly provides the most bang for your donated bucks!

IATC has submitted a \$200 donation as a Club, and many Board members have sent in individual donations as well. The Board strongly encourages Club members to send a generous gift to this effort, which will help to preserve a natural legacy that will last forever. Please forward your tax deductible donation to: Trust for Public Land, NW Regional Office; 506 2nd Avenue; Seattle, WA 98104. Call TPL at 587-2447 for more information. ▲

## IATC Position on Mountain Bike Use in the Alps

The Board of the IATC, after much discussion and several iterations, has adopted a Club position on usage of mountain (fat-tire) bikes in the Issaquah Alps. As many of you have experienced, this fairly new activity on trails in the Alps has led to problems with trail and resource damage, user conflicts, hiker safety, and enforcement. Concern over these problems have been expressed by Club members to public officials, land management agencies, and to the press. The Board felt it appropriate that the Club establish a documented, clearly defined position on this issue. The Club position is as follows:

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club ("IATC") believes that, within established limits, individuals have a right to enjoy and recreate on public lands in a variety of ways that satisfy their individual preferences. There are, however, conditions that must be considered before any recreational usage of or access to public lands is permitted. For example:

- Any usage must not be detrimental to the overall protection and preservation of lands that serve a recognized "higher purpose," e.g. wildlife corridor or habitat, conservation area, watershed protection, etc.
- Any usage must not endanger other users.
- Any new usage must respect and accommodate the historical priority of other users.

Within this context, the IATC believes the recent growth of off-road biking warrants close review and

monitoring in the Issaquah Alps and throughout King County. The IATC supports and encourages implementation of the Issaquah Trails Plan, approved by the city of Issaquah in November 1992, which provides a framework for appropriate bicycle usage within the Alps.

The IATC position on bicycling within the Issaquah Alps is:

1. The IATC believes that all trail users, whatever their mode of transport, must obey the regulations of the land management agency (DNR, State Parks, King County, City of Issaquah, private owners) responsible for the trail or area they are using.
2. The IATC supports the continued prohibition of bicycle usage:
  - Within Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park
  - Within Squak Mountain State Park
  - On all off-road trails within the West Tiger Mountain NRCA
3. The IATC also believes that the following further limitations are prudent and essential:
 

**Squak Mountain:** No bicycle usage on King County lands adjoining the State Park except for the power line trail paralleling SR900, or for specific east-west routes that may be specified as Mountains to Sound (MTS) Greenway routes. Upon State Park acquisition of Section

9, no bicycle usage except for a potential east-west MTS thru-way.

**Tiger Mountain:** Bicycle usage should be prohibited entirely from the Tradition Lake plateau area, roads and trails alike. On East Tiger Mountain, bicycle usage should be allowed only on existing roads and on trails built specifically for bicycle use. Bicycles should not be permitted on any pre-existing trail historically used by horses or hikers.

4. The IATC recognizes that law enforcement is necessary to ensure the protection of public lands and public safety. Legal ordinances must be adopted that specifically address violations and establish strict and timely enforcement procedures. Such ordinances must include a significant penalty for violators who ignore these measures.
5. The IATC believes that, in order to ensure user safety and to accommodate differing speeds of travel, and as outlined in the City of Issaquah Trails Plan, user groups should be physically separated on trails, e.g. hikers should be physically separated from bikers.
6. The IATC also advocates that environmental considerations be a determining factor in deciding whether existing trail routes should be perpetuated or new ones established. ▲

## All Power to the Garbage?

Harvey Manning

On May 26 of this year James O'Connor rejected my appeal from the February 1 decision by Irving Berteig to grant the Coal Creek Development Corporation a permit for a golf course nuzzling the western boundary of the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

This does not mean there will be a golf course.

The Garbage Men don't care. They aren't in the golf business. They are in the money business. My appeal alone cost the Garbage an estimated \$23,000 in Suit time over and above prior expenditures. (My own Suit expense was zero, thanks to the pro bono presence of James Jordan, courtesy of his law firm.) The Garbage doesn't mind the extra cost. When King County ultimately buys the heap (as both I and the Garbage expect) it will pay not garbage prices, but golf course prices. You and I—the public—will foot the bill for the Garbage Suits.

If the Garbage honestly were interested in the golf business, it would be concerned by the competition. In the past five years, 14 new courses have sprung up within an hour of Bellevue. At least seven more are known to be in the promotion stage, three on the East Sammamish Plateau, two on Snoqualmie Ridge, and two at Snoqualmie Pass. Are there sufficient golfers in the area? Not likely. We'll have to import some from Japan.

I did not have the good fortune to meet Gen and Nana Morita, founders of GNAGA (Global Network for Anti-Golf Course Action) on their tour of the United States to promote the first "World No-Golf Day," April 29, 1993. Excerpts from their press release:

"There is not room on Earth to destroy nature for the sake of a mere game... There are now... 13,600 golf courses in the U.S. and thousands of new links are being planned or built. Golf course development in Japan has already covered the small island nation with nearly 2000 greens... Japanese entrepreneurs have moved overseas... Golf is no longer a sport. It is

nothing but a big business. Golf only serves local elites and golf tourists from affluent countries... The International Olympic Committee, responding to concerns about the environmental impacts of golf course construction and operation, has decided not to include golf as a new Olympic sport...."

"There is not room  
on Earth  
to destroy nature  
for the sake  
of a mere game..."

A few additional thoughts from the March 1993 *Friends of the Earth*:

"Tourist resort authorities see golf as "quality" tourism. Golfers spend an average of \$180 per day versus \$26 per day by the average charter flight tourist... An 18-hole golf course uses the same amount of fresh water daily as a village with 8,000 inhabitants... Acolite, a carcinogen, is used to encourage grass to grow and Acrylamid, a highly toxic soil coagulating agent, to hold water in artificial lakes. Neither agent can be removed in water treatment plants...."

On the long, long trail a-winding toward the Coal Creek golf course the Garbage Men and their Suits must turn many blind corners, pass many thickets, bands of Wild Indians crouched in the bushes.

The Chief Suit informed Berteig/O'Connor that hundreds of golf courses have been built in America atop heaps of garbage. *He failed to say how many have been built atop heaps of garbage atop abandoned coal mines.*

"Poisonous liquids and explosive gases are no problem," said the Suits.

"No problem," agreed the loyal servants of Garbage in the humble depths of the King County bureaucracy.

"No problem," ruled Berteig/O'Connor.

I suggest "Scouts forward, Captain Suit! Garbage men, keep both hands on your scalps! Hear that pounding? It's not your blood pressure. Those are tomtoms." ▲

## Hotline Help Wanted!

Jim Cadigan

We need a few good persons to respond to inquiries received on our public access message service. Most inquiries are for general information and are answered through the mailing of printed materials. A few phone calls are necessary. Work can be done in your home and at your convenience (within reason!). Work load will be light if we get enough participation, i.e., 30 minutes per day on your selected day(s) of the week. Volunteers, please call Jim Cadigan at 641-4046 if you are available or need more details. ▲

# Issaquah Alps Trails Club Hikes and Events

## October Hikes

- Saturday, October 2**  
Taylor Mtn. Shaun Creek Falls  
8B 9:30 a.m.  
George Jackman 221-3925
- Sunday, October 3**  
Words to Plowshares: Nike Missiles to Lay Pit  
8A 9:00 a.m. 3.5 mi/260 ft.  
Bert Drui 746-0709
- Monday, October 4**  
Whidbey Island Ebey's Bluff and Beach  
8A 10:00 a.m.  
George Jackman 221-3925  
Call leader for meeting place
- Friday, October 8**  
Cougar Mtn. Leader's Choice  
8B 9:30 a.m.  
Betty Culbert 432-7387
- Saturday, October 9**  
Palus Caves  
8B 12:30 p.m.  
Bob Gross 392-0539
- Sunday, October 10**  
Poo Poo Point  
8C 8:00 a.m.  
Bill McFerren 391-3359
- Sunday, October 10**  
Beyond the Alps: Mt. Margaret Loop  
8B Boots required  
8C 8:30 a.m.  
Warren Jones 888-0262
- Monday, October 11**  
Cougar Mtn.: Marshall Hill  
DeLeo Wall loop  
8B 9:30 a.m.  
Mary Cadigan 641-4046
- Tuesday, October 12**  
TMT Traverse aaaaaall the way!  
8A All colors abound!  
8D 8:00 a.m.  
Joanne Howe
- Thursday, October 14**  
Twin Falls  
8B 9:30 a.m.  
Al Blalock 746-4155
- Saturday, October 16**  
Coal Creek to Tree Fossils  
8B 9:30 a.m.  
Ann Leber
- Sunday, October 17**  
TMT Trail Work Party  
8C 8:30 a.m.  
Joe Toynbee 723-6716
- Wednesday, October 20**  
Tradition Plateau Animal Tracks  
8A 4:00 p.m.  
Robert McGraw 821-4250

- Thursday, October 21**  
Anti-Aircraft Peak  
1A 10:00 a.m. Family Hike  
Peggy Barchi 432-5466
- Saturday, October 23**  
Rattlesnake Ledge via  
Bill and Joe's New Trail  
2B 9:30 a.m.  
Fred and Ann Weinmann 392-9230
- Sunday, October 24**  
Tiger Mtn South Tiger Loop  
2B 10:00 a.m.  
Ralph Owen 746-1070
- Saturday, October 30**  
Twin Falls and more  
3B 9:30 a.m.  
Ann Leber
- Sunday, October 31**  
Cougar Mtn.: DeLeo Wall and  
Coal Creek Falls Loop  
3C 9:00 a.m.  
Peggy Owen 746-1070

## November Hikes

- Tuesday, November 2**  
W. Tiger 1 via Hidden Estates Trail  
4 mi/1500 ft gain  
2C 9:30 a.m.  
Warren Jones 888-0262
- Thursday, November 4**  
Mt. Little Si  
2B 9:30 a.m.  
Al Blalock 746-4155
- Friday, November 5**  
Twin Falls  
2B 9:30 a.m.  
Betty Culbert 432-7387
- Saturday, November 6**  
Tradition Lake Stroll  
2A 1:00 p.m.  
Ted Thomsen 454-8643
- Sunday, November 7**  
Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice  
2B 9:00 a.m.  
Bill McFerren 391-3359
- Coal Creek Falls**  
2B 1:30 p.m.  
Steve Cavit 271-7780
- Tuesday, November 9**  
Cougar Mtn. Leader's Choice  
3C 9:00 a.m.  
Joanne Howe
- Thursday, November 11**  
Cougar Mtn. Wilderness  
2C 9:30 a.m.  
Mary Cadigan 641-4046
- Saturday, November 13**  
TMT Preston Logging History  
3B 8:30 a.m. slow pace  
Bill Longwell 222-6775
- Sunday, November 14**  
West Tiger 3 & 2 Loop  
3C 9:00 a.m. 7 mi/2500 ft  
Bert Drui 746-0709
- Thursday, November 18**  
Timberlake Park Family Hike  
1A 10:00 a.m.  
Peggy Barchi 432-5466
- Saturday, November 20**  
Railroad Grade to Tiger 3  
3B 8:30 a.m.  
Trudy Ecob 232-2933
- Sunday, November 21**  
Tradition Plateau Best Trails  
2A 1:00 p.m.  
Ted Thomsen 454-8643
- Bus Road-Poo Poo Pt. Trail**  
Erosion: Another Point of View  
2C 2:00 p.m.  
Robert McGraw 821-4250
- Tuesday, November 23**  
Lake Tradition  
2A 9:30 a.m.  
Al Blalock 746-4155
- Saturday, November 27**  
Licorice Fern to DeLeo Wall  
2A 10:30 a.m.  
John Johnson 633-3805
- Sunday, November 28**  
Lake Tradition Plateau  
1B 1:00 p.m.  
Bob Gross 392-0539
- Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Loop**  
3C 9:00 a.m.  
Ralph Owen 746-1070

## December Hikes

- Thursday, December 2**  
Twin Falls  
2B 9:30 a.m.  
Al Blalock 746-4155
- Saturday, December 4**  
Cougar Mtn. Afternoon Ramble  
2C 12:30 p.m.  
Joe Toynbee 723-6716
- Sunday, December 5**  
Cougar Mtn. Exploratory  
2B 9:00 a.m.  
Bill McFerren 391-3359
- Tuesday, December 7**  
Tiger Mtn. Annual Cookie Tasting  
and Bird Tree Decorating.  
Bring 1-1/2 dozen cookies to share  
2C 9:30 a.m. Joanne Howe
- Thursday, December 9**  
Lake Hills Green Belt  
1A 10:00 a.m. Family Hike  
Peggy Barchi 432-5446
- Saturday, December 11**  
Rattlesnake Ledge  
2B 12:30 p.m.  
Bob Gross 392-0539
- Sunday, December 12**  
Coal Creek: 100 years of  
history and fossils, too  
2B 9:00 a.m.  
Bert Drui 746-0709
- Saturday, December 18**  
TMT to Railroad Grade  
3B 8:30 a.m.  
Trudy Ecob 232-2933
- Tiger Mtn. Caves Loop**  
2B 10:00 a.m.  
Robert McGraw 821-4250
- Sunday, December 19**  
Squak Mtn. via West Side  
2C 10:00 a.m.  
Ralph Owen 746-1070



## Hike Information

### HIKE LEADERS

The hike leaders are volunteers who have donated their time to lead people who want to hike and explore trails in the Issaquah Alps and other nearby foot hills in King County. Hikes are scheduled on a regular basis regardless of weather. Minimum age is 12, including the leader.

The weather in the Issaquah Alps may be good or bad, easy or hard, muddy or dry, brushy or clear, steep or flat. Hikes are all of the above. Some are not much more than animal trails. As volunteers, neither the hike leaders, the Trails Club or club directors are in any way responsible for hiker's comfort, training, safety, or general wellbeing while hiking to and from the trailhead or while hiking on any trail.

The club's sole purpose is to show hikers where the trails are and to lead the way. The public, other clubs, church groups, church groups and others are welcome and are heartily invited to join with the club and others who want to hike these trails. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. No pets on these hikes.

### HIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

Each hike has a number and letter designation after it (e.g., 2A). Numbers indicate the hiking time and letters indicate the degree of difficulty.

#### Hiking Time

Class 1: 1-2 hours

Class 2: 2-4 hours

Class 3: 4-6 hours

Class 4: 6-8 hours

These are approximate hiking times, not including travel to and from the trailhead (20 to 70 minutes, depending on the hike) and meal times (lunch

will add another 20-70 minutes, depending on the mood of the group). The times are based on an assumption of a two mile per hour pace, with a half hour added for each 1000 feet in elevation gain. Trail conditions, weather, and unexpected hazards can extend the hiking time.

### Degree of Difficulty

A: little or no elevation gain, up to 500 feet, no difficulties for average walker

B: some climbing: up to 1200 feet, or some other difficulty

C: more climbing: up to 2500 feet, or some other difficulty

D: much climbing: over 2500 feet elevation gain

This is an estimated degree of difficulty. Most trails in the Issaquah Alps are not up to the high standards of state and national parks. Issaquah Trails can be very steep in parts or muddy and brushy. Hikers may gain 1000 feet in just one mile of a five-mile, 1500-foot elevation gain hike. Sometimes there are trees to climb over or nettles and berry bushes to beat through. *Short* doesn't automatically mean easy and *long* doesn't automatically mean tough.

### HIKE DESCRIPTION MODIFIERS

#### Leader's Choice

The leader had not decided where to hike before publication of the hike schedule.

#### Trail Party

Trail maintenance work party.

#### Exploratory

The leader goes cross country off the main trail system to explore animal trails, canyons, old logging roads, or old railroad grades. Expect to go through brush, over logs, tiptoe through wildflowers and/or mud and have a good time hiking where others seldom tread.

### Family Hike

For parents and children. Easy pace. Call leader for hike particulars.

### MEETING PLACE

Trails Club hikes meet in the parking lot just south of Issaquah City Hall. To get there, take Exit 17 (Issaquah-Front Street) off Interstate 90 and turn south into downtown Issaquah. Go one mile or so down Front Street, past the light at Sunset to S.E. Andrews. Turn left into the KC Foods complex. Go one block to parking area between First Avenue and Rainier Blvd. Park south of Andrews Street.

### CLOTHING

Dress for the Pacific Northwest outdoors—expect rain, snow, sunshine, fog and everything in between. Bring extra clothing, rain gear, food, drink, matches, flashlight and first aid supplies. Wear comfortable hiking boots or hiking shoes.

### TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Volunteers organize and schedule trail maintenance parties periodically as listed in the hike schedule. These work parties meet at the same place as the regular hikes (see "Meeting Place" above). The Club is well supplied with heavy trail maintenance tools, but workers may also bring their own loppers, weed whackers and other tools. Trail work parties last at least four hours. *Trail maintenance is vital to the Club's work and an integral part of the DNR management plan for Tiger Mountain.* Work parties must limit their activity to those trails listed by DNR as scheduled for maintenance—**no construction of new trails is allowed.** Work parties are a great way to meet people! Individuals and groups are also encouraged to adopt a trail, or section of trail, and be responsible for maintaining it. ▲



## Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park: The Master Plan

Survey Manning

As these words are written in August, the master plan is being finished up by King County Parks, the Portico Group, and the Citizen Advisory Committee. We are sure the membership of the Trails Club will be as delighted as we are who have participated in the master plan. The plan recommends that virtually the entire park be preserved for open space, wildlife habitat, low impact wildland recreation, and interpretation of history and the ecosystems.

The whining protest of the jittering hyperkinetics is all flat. Two of their "mass meetings" this summer had a total attendance of 10, five of whom were to protest the shoddy tactics of the protestors. King County Council is not expected to pay much attention to the silly allegation that the Trails Club is to "bar children from the park."

Nevertheless it can do no harm for low impact recreationists to convey their views to the councilors.

The time to convey your views is as soon as you read this report, because shortly after you do, the Council will meet to take action. That action lies weeks ahead in my real-time future. So does information on how much Cougar Mountain will be allocated from open space funds. We consequently will defer to the next issue of the *Alpiner* a detailed description of the master plan.

But I cannot resist sharing the great news given to the Citizens Committee at its July 29 meeting. It appears that we are on the verge of getting an extension of the park far down the east slope, including the possibility of future increments all the way to State Highway 900. The next *Alpiner* will carry a map of the augmented park as well as acquisitions still needed. We can then mobilize for the Final Big Push to the Ultimate Park. ▲

## Come Hike With Us, Too!

The Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club is just like the IATC. Except in a different place, "beyond the Alps," in a neighboring and by no means despicable mountain range, the Cascades. The concept behind the success of the IATC—make defenders of the trails by putting feet on them—needed to be extended. And so it has been.

"You don't have to be a member to hike with us!" But if you are a member, you get the newsletter listing the upcoming hikes. If you love the IATC, you'll go crazy over the SVTC. For further information call 888-2426. Or send \$10 (check or money order) to Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club, 45053 SE 166th, North Bend, WA 98045. Annual dues are \$10 (family). Memberships are renewable on May 1. Memberships received after January 1 are applied through April of the next year. ▲

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## Shaun Falls: A Gem of a Hike

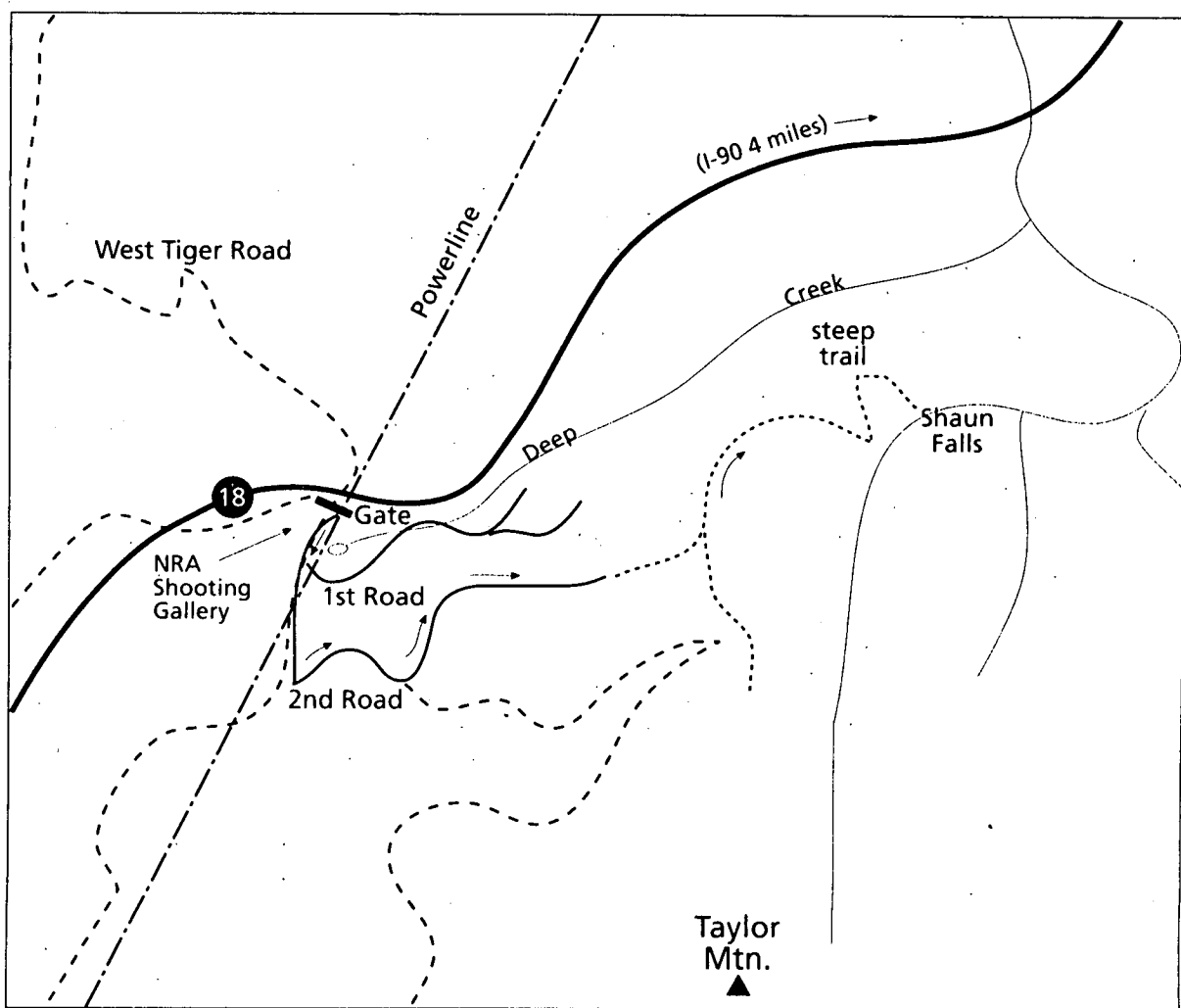
Will you get away from the hordes, bikes, horses crowd the Plateau on a weekend? Want to enjoy a secluded pristine (once logged over) forest westward of the Tigers and yes, the hike for yourselves? Try this one.

I've been trying to find Shaun Falls for a year reading about it in the Mountaineers 1989 publication *Hikes Along I-90*. Finally after three abortive attempts I found this little treasure of a hike...

On a rainy, cool Sunday in July I made my fourth attempt. Carefully following the Mountaineers' suggested directions I drove the four miles south on SR-18 and parked on the east side of the road directly opposite the Tiger Summit trailhead and entrance.

Walk quickly by NRA Heaven at a small pond and about 100 feet from the gate, go directly up the powerline road past the first road, and turn left on the second. The signs all have been shot into oblivion—even the metal posts were pockmarked. Go uphill on a wide Weyerhaeuser road for half a mile to a fork. Take the left branch onto a less well maintained road which shortly leads to expanding views westward as you climb.

In another short half mile at road's end, continue on to a small pleasant trail which soon crosses Dow Creek, then along a scenic ridge with views westward and down to SR-18. Soon the trail ducks into the lush forest crossing another streamlet, then along an old railroad grade which is now a very pleasant woods trail. Within minutes the sounds of Gun City fade with the roar of SR-18 and all is velvet green. In another half mile you reach a marked intersection with the



Park at gate across from Tiger Summit. Walk past first road and go left at second road. Uphill at fork go left again. At end of this road the trail continues and is well marked and signed.

West Tiger Mountain trail. Go left on a well marked trail and in half a mile you'll begin a steep westward descent to Shaun Creek and Falls. Take in the solitude and quiet while resting for your return.

The entire trip is about 6 miles with a 500' gain in and out. Allow two hours going and a bit less hours for the return. Go home and write letters to Weyerhaeuser and the State—this is a hike to savor. ▲

## New Handicap-Access Trail

Pamela Wallenstein

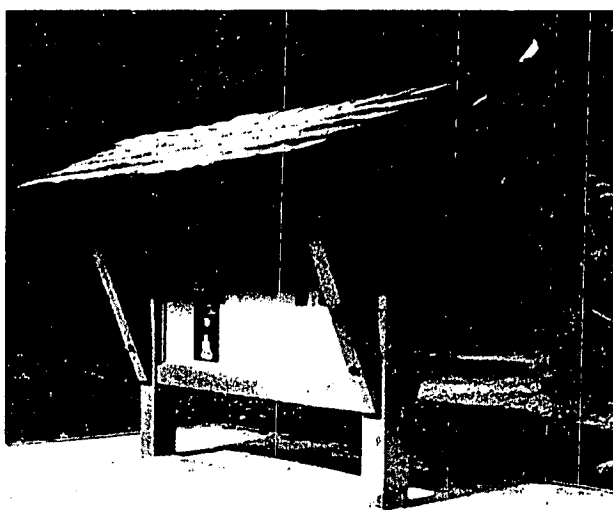
A new interpretive center and handicap-accessible trail has opened at the Tradition Lake trailhead on Tiger Mountain. Dedication of the new facility took place on August 11 with many organizations represented.

Issaquah Mayor Hinds spoke about the interagency effort behind the project. The High Point Interpretive Center is the result of cooperation between DNR, King County, State Parks, and the City of Issaquah. Leon Kloss, City Administrator, mentioned that the idea for the trailhead originated more than 14 years ago. It is a real pleasure for him to "be here and see how ideas become a reality." Mr. Kloss also spoke about how this facility will tie into the Mountains to Sound Greenway. He along with City officials are excited about this addition to the regional trail system.

Bonnie Bunning, Regional Manager for DNR, claims that the trail system in this area was first envisioned by Bill Longwell. She too spoke of the "vision of cooperation and common interests" among the groups involved in the facility planning. At this time there are about 70 miles of trails on Tiger Mountain and over 2000 acres have been set aside for special protection. In her mind Tiger Mountain is a working forest that is very much part of the Greenway.

The trailhead is located on Issaquah city land that is leased by DNR for use as a recreational trailhead. DNR acquired money from a grant from the Interagency Organization for Outdoor Recreation to develop a shelter for environmental education and a facility for handicapped users.

Doug McClelland from DNR showed the composting toilets. They are unique as they don't need to



▲ New Tradition Lake trailhead and interpretive center on Tiger Mountain. Doug McClelland discusses DNR's contribution to the new trailhead. ►

be pumped out (pumping costs about \$400). They are also odorless and the compost from them can be safely spread in the forest.

Jim Ellis from the Greenway showed an informational sign that explains the Greenway. This sign will be a permanent part of the facility and was donated by Plum Creek Lumber Company. He said the new trailhead will be "everyman's access" to Tiger. The bulletin board was built by DNR and will include a map of the trail system. There are plans to have handouts of the trails available for people to take hiking with them. New trail signs have been placed throughout the area especially at trail junctions.

Four picnic tables are located at the site. They have been specially designed with longer ends so that



they accommodate wheelchairs. Susan Combs-Bauer, Park Planner and landscape architect, explained how the handicap trail was built. It is currently approximately a half mile long and is made of compacted stone; the use of asphalt was deliberately avoided in order to give the trail a more natural look. The trail can be used by sight impaired and wheelchair users.

The trail ends at an overlook of Lake Tradition. When grant money becomes available, the trail will be continued around the lake in a loop. Ultimately it will be two miles long. This new community resource has been beautifully built and is great addition to the High Point Lake Tradition area. ▲

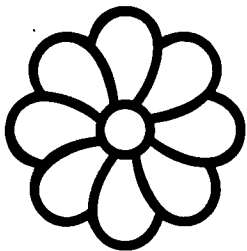
## New Releases from the Greenway

Ted Thomsen

Our informative and visionary map with text (draft concept plan) of the Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor from Seattle to Elk Heights is now available for review and comment. For your free copy, please send a written request to Mountains to Sound Greenway, 506 Second Avenue, Suite 1502, Seattle WA 98104. This draft map, which shows existing and proposed features of the Greenway, is the product of a year-long effort by our 50-person Technical Advisory Committee. We are planning a series of public meetings later this year to solicit comments and suggestions for improving the draft plan prior to its adoption in final form by our Board.

Our beautiful and inspiring book, *Mountains to Sound, the Creation of a Greenway Across the Cascades*, authored by Dan Chasan, published by Sasquatch Books, and funded by the Bullitt Foundation, is now available in area bookstores. It may also be purchased directly from the Greenway Trust by sending your check payable to the "Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust" to the address above; the single copy price, including sales tax and postage, is \$31.12 for the hard cover and \$23.07 for the soft cover edition. This photograph rich book, which includes an absorbing history of the Greenway corridor and the Greenway concept, as well as our vision of the Greenway, will stir your heart and bring tears to your eyes—I guarantee!

The third Greenway related release, *Hiking the I-90 Greenway, From Seattle to Snoqualmie Pass*, by Harvey Manning and Ira Spring, and published by the Mountaineers, will be available in area bookstores before Christmas. In addition to the new and updated information on hiking trails along the Greenway, this timely book is peppered with Harvey's inspiring editorial comments and historical tidbits. This is a must for any real or armchair hiker's Christmas stocking. ▲



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## Issaquah Alps Trails Club Membership Application

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ New ☐ Renewal

- ☐ Annual Regular Dues ..... \$10
- ☐ Annual Contributing Dues ..... \$20
- ☐ Lifetime Membership ..... \$100
- ☐ Limited Income ..... \$5

▲ All memberships cover the entire family.

▲ A regular annual family membership is \$10. This covers the cost of printing and mailing the Alpiner and a part of the club's overhead expenses.

▲ Contributing memberships at \$20 or more cover the rest of the club's overhead expenses and allow us some financial leeway in planning special events, publishing trail guides and keeping our trail maintenance tool supply fit and ample.

▲ Lifetime memberships at \$100 give us room to be creative and visionary, to venture forth on projects otherwise beyond our means and dreams.

☐ I would like to get involved with the club's activities. Please send me a volunteer questionnaire.

## Issaquah Alps Trails Club Mail Order Service

P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027

▲ *Guide to Trails of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, Coal Creek Park, May Creek Park*

By Harvey Manning and Ralph Owen. 1990 updated edition. This new edition brings you all the old favorites plus new favorites—new trails on the west side connecting to Renton and May Creek plus *all new maps!* \$10.00 (includes map, tax and shipping)

▲ *Guide to Trails of Tiger Mountain*

By Bill Longwell. 1989 updated edition. New trails: Tradition Plateau Trail (adding Swamp and Wetlands Trails), the new Bootleg Trail, the new Preston Trail. Plus encounters with animals. \$10.00 (includes map, tax and shipping)

▲ *The Coals of Newcastle: A Hundred Years of Hidden History*

By Richard K. McDonald and Lucille McDonald. A complete history of the once-thriving coal mining area on Cougar Mountain, now hidden from all but hikers. More than 100 photos, four maps and Tim O'Brian's account of the incredible Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad. \$12.00 (includes tax and shipping)

▲ *Tiger Mt. map* \$2.00 (includes tax and shipping)

▲ *Cougar Mt. map* \$2.00 (includes tax and shipping)

▲ *Tradition Lake map* Free with self-addressed stamped envelope.

▲ *T-Shirt: "Issaquah Alps Trails Club"* Specify size (S,M,L,XL) color (blue or white) and sleeve length. Short sleeve: \$11, long sleeve: \$15.00.

▲ *T-Shirt: "Mountains to Sound March"* Specify size (S, M, L, XL). \$11.00. All shirts are blue and short-sleeved.

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