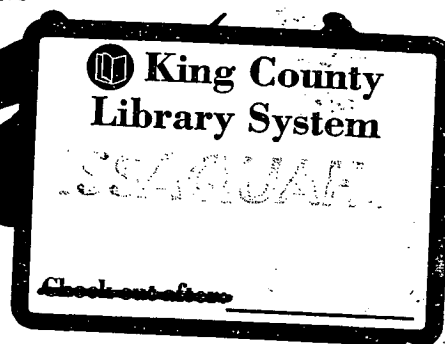


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King County Trails Committee Proposed...IATC Comments

Ken Konigsmark

After reviewing a draft motion for a new King County Trails Committee, IATC recognized potential benefits from such a committee, but also recognized potential "negatives" which could result without careful establishment of such a committee. These are explained below, with a strong IATC recommendation for caution and clarity in defining the charter, goals, and authority of this committee, if it is in fact formed.

1. While IATC strongly advocates recreational trails, there are several qualifiers to this advocacy that must be recognized and utilized to set apart certain issues which are inappropriate for the charter of this proposed committee.

a. "Trails" are not the same thing as sidewalks, bike-ways, multi-use trails, or other recreational facilities commonly, and mistakenly, called trails. Narrow footpaths on Cougar Mountain are clearly distinct from the paved segments of the County Regional Trails Plan. Which of these types of facilities will fall within the scope of the committee? IATC submits that it is inappropriate to allow or consider committee action on existing hiker-only "trails" within the County system. The future of these lesser-standard, hiker-only trails should not suddenly be put into the hands of a multi-user group which clearly has other goals in mind. Specifically, Cougar Mountain hiking trails as well as Rattlesnake Mountain trails should be restricted from discussion by this committee, as well as trails on other County

lands which have already set defined usage standards. We do not wish to participate in the reopening of hard-fought issues, which are inappropriate for further discussion within this committee.

b. We presume one intent for this committee (or at least an intent of some of the members) will be to increase and maximize trail availability and usage, for multiple users, on County lands. While IATC generally supports the notion of additional trails, where appropriate, we clearly wish to state that environmental and ecosystem needs must come first before human recreational needs in most cases, but certainly within those County lands considered "wildlands," preserves, or natural spaces meant to protect the natural environment and wildlife. Public lands do not exist only to be carved up into the greatest number of trails or ballfields to serve the maximum number of humans and their toys. The committee should accept and adopt a statement which recognizes this fact and provides a baseline against which any recommendations must be weighed.

Again, Cougar and Rattlesnake clearly fall within this criteria. These and other sensitive areas have been acquired specifically to protect and preserve their natural qualities first; recreational uses are secondary. Exploitation of these lands for at stake, and the committee must accept and agree to this.

c. IATC believes that all trails and all trail users are not created equal. While equestrians have responsibly recog-

Chronicles of Bellybumper: Where He Danced

Harvey Manning

Some of the players in the corridors of the Courthouse thought Money represented Las Vegas. ("He has that look.") Others theorized Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Cayman Islands. A veteran of the game snorted: "Yuppies! Just plain yuppies! A consortium, a partnership, a pack of Bellevue yuppies!"

Wherever he came from, whomever he fronted for, until I volunteered to guide him he knew nothing about the Mountain except what he was told by Pimp.

The Mountain, said Pimp, was his childhood home, sweet beloved home. Voice quavering, he recited Joyce Kilmer's poem about trees. Yet as I led the group along a trail we Natives had inherited from the animals, it was evident he'd never been closer to this wildness than the tax assessor's map of property ownerships and the USGS map of the forest canopy, the tops of those trees whose lower ends hidden from the camera in the sky.

At the Far Country Lookout, Money gazed out to the metropolis pushing closer and closer to the Mountain on all sides, and to the green wildness within. In years to come, re-

were pressed against the Earth's sweet-flowing forest floor calling his pronouncement there at the Lookout, my blood would run cold: "We owe you a debt of gratitude. The market can't absorb another Somerset. You've shown us how to merchandise the Mountain."

However, I had known what I was doing, introducing Money to what his dons or sheiks or dentists had bought sight unseen. I was naive but not stupid, knew better than to appeal to his better nature. His nature was—to quote Nietzsche—"beyond good and evil," purely Bottom Line, as forbidden as the law to be either moral or immoral, by terms of its existence required to be always and strictly amoral. My gamble was that within the confines of amorality a deal could be struck that would give full scope for immorality while reserving an enclave of morality.

Listening to us discuss, Pimp began to twitch. A deal that dispensed with his intermediary services would ruin his Bottom Line.

To earn a fee from Money, he had to have something

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nized this fact and been accepting of limitations on horse usage in sensitive areas, our experience is that there is an unwillingness in the bicycle community to similarly recognize and accept this. Bikes, horses, and hikers cannot coexist on the same trails or same type of trails, unless we create multi-lane trail corridors; an undesirable solution. This issue will need to be clearly understood and accepted up front by all members of the committee or we fear that some committee members will view ALL trails as offering equal opportunities for future recreational usage by any type of trail user. Such posturing would cause the committee's efforts to degenerate into the same type of bickering that has been occurring for several years over trail issues.

2. IATC recommends that a broader coalition of county park and trail users be appointed to the committee. County lands, again, do not exist simply to be maximized for human pleasure. Specific interests, such as those championed by the Audubon Society, Native Plant Society, Washington Trout, Sierra Club, etc. also have deep concerns about how our public lands are used. This committee should include broader interests than those simply represented by recreational users only, or risk later controversies when these other environmental protectors dispute committee recommendations.

3. It seems necessary to have sister agencies represented on the committee as well. For example, DNR and King County jointly manage Rattlesnake. County and State Park lands are directly linked on Squak Mountain. City boundaries overlap with County park lands. Discussions of these County lands cannot take place in a vacuum without participation of these sister agencies, and they must be included. One alternative may be to provide the Interagency Trails

Coordinator (Margaret Macleod) a seat on the committee in order to represent the multiple agency interests. However, her (and the IATC's) focus is on the Issaquah Alps area. Who will represent hiker and/or agency interests in discussions on County lands outside the Issaquah Alps? IATC has no interest in getting involved in discussions about trails on County park lands on Vashon Island or near Auburn, for example.

4. Lastly, we feel the purpose and charter of the committee, as stated in the draft motion, is too broad and open ended. Why is this committee necessary? What are the first issues it will address? Is it needed...why? What weight will committee recommendations have in comparison to recommendations from professional Parks staff? How long will this committee exist? How often will it need to meet? Will it become the detailed reviewing body for every master plan or puny recommendation that comes along? Does majority rule or how will disagreements on recommendations be resolved?

These are critical issues, because they will define the level of commitment expected from participants and, more importantly, the potential for conflict and controversy that is likely to arise in this committee if these issues are not clearly defined and put within boundaries up front.

IATC will support the County's efforts, and remains deeply interested in and committed to protecting our trail and park resources. We do hope to avoid meaningless, unproductive, and frustrating efforts by ensuring that the purpose and goals of this committee get clearly identified at the beginning, and that the committee representation include broader interests than just the demands of recreational users. ▲

Cougar Ballfield Meadow Update

Ann Weinmann

It has been a good spring for the meadow, rain and all. Shooting stars, fawn lilies, both common and death camas, pussytoes, chocolate lilies, and iris all bloomed in the meadow this spring. The lupine and asters are still to come. It is lush with native grasses as well. Several thousand baby plants are at the greenhouse at the University Horticulture Center waiting to be planted, some this spring and also later

in the fall.

Work parties for weeding and planting will be scheduled as needed throughout the summer and fall. We need volunteers, so please call Penny Manning, 865-8619 or Ann Weinmann, 392-9230 if you are interested in helping. ▲

It's a Party!

Come to the New (Old) Station Master's House
Friday, October 18th, 5-8 p.m.! (Special Slide Show at 7:30 p.m.)

To celebrate the completion of the (old) Station Master's House, rebuilt and ready for occupancy near the end of September, we're having a party! Actually, it'll be more of an open house. Once again, IATC will begin having meetings here at the "clubhouse" and hike leaders will meet hiking participants out front here, as we have in the past.

The open house is planned as a community event, with opening remarks to celebrate an important part of Issaquah's past and present. All IATC members are invited to attend the celebration. Drop in anytime between 5-8 p.m. on Friday, October 18th, for free refreshments and a lookover of the new/old house!

At 7:30 p.m., for those interested, there will be a special slide show on trail maintenance presented by Volunteers of Outdoor Washington. This brief, 30-minute program will give you a good picture of the broad range of ways to maintain trails in our area. A trail maintenance hike/work party is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th, led by Todd Hausman. You can sign up for this at the open house or by calling Todd at 557-1023.

Questions? Call Margaret Macleod (557-3227) or Marilyn Moon (392-1732).▲



Bellevue Parks Programs

Free Nature Walks

Take a walk on the wild side as a Ranger leads a one-hour natural history walk through four of Bellevue's showcase parks. We'll walk through wetlands, forests, and fields to discover where the herons nest, red-tails roost, and otters raise their young. Walks are every Saturday from 11 am to 12 Noon. Locations rotate each week (see below). Call 462-2752 for further information.

1st Saturday of each month	Lake Hills Greenbelt Wetland Walk Meet at the Ranger Station at 15416 SE 16 ST
2nd Saturday of each month	Kelsey Creek Forest Walk Meet at the Kelsey Creek parking lot
3rd Saturday of each month	Mercer Slough Wetland Walk Meet at Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE
4th Saturday of each month	Lakemont Stream and Forest Walk Meet at the Lakemont Park restroom.

IATC Asks Newcastle "What's Going On??"

Ken Konigsmark

(Reprinted here is a letter sent to the Mayor and Council of the City of Newcastle in response to ongoing bulldozing of the forest on western Cougar Mountain):

The Board and Officers of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club (IATC) heard a disturbing report at our Board meeting last night which stated that historic, existing trails have been and will be destroyed by the ongoing development activity in the China Creek area.

Specifically, portions of the China Creek trail (W-5 on the Cougar map) have already been destroyed by clear-cut logging of this area. We are told that no protections, in fact no recognition of other trails (W13 and W12) are included within any development concept. Further, we are told that high density condos may be built to the very edge of the park which, in combination with new golf greens will seriously degrade and negatively impact this entire area of the Regional Park.

We were also told that no finalized plans have been approved to date. We request a status report from you on specifically where this project is within the review and approval process so that we have a clearer understanding of the current situation. Further, we specifically request and urge that you act upon the following recommendations:

1. Maintain and protect the historic, existing trail connections or, at a minimum, at least a mitigated semblance thereof. We were told that the only "trails" planned were a sidewalk along Coal Creek Parkway and a connector to the golf course clubhouse. IATC believes the public may very well have legal, prescriptive rights for historic trail usage on this property. They have been mapped, documented, and publicly used for years, establishing a record of public benefit. It is critical that the City protect and maintain these trail corridor connections.
2. Require permanent and protected setback buffers for any dwellings or human activity from the park boundary. IATC recommends a 150-200 foot minimum buffer be required and dedicated as a Native Growth Protection Easement (NGPE) or as public open space. To allow buildings to the very edge of the park causes intrusions that directly affect at least 1/4 mile into the park itself. These are public lands that must be protected from such intrusions, and it is the responsibility of the developer to provide such protection.

Please advise us of how the City of Newcastle intends to protect the boundaries of Cougar Mountain park, the trails within the park and those that cross through planned development areas, and when and how any proposed development plans can be altered to accommodate these public concerns. We look forward to your response.

A Message from your Hike Coordinator

This summer's hike schedule was one of the briefest I can remember. We all have abundant choices for summer activities which is probably one reason; we choose other places to go and things to do July through September. However, given a continuing population increase in the Seattle area and one of the most accessible areas to hike, we can still question why the decreasing interest in leading hikes as a club activity. Both the number of hikes and the number of participants has decreased over the last few years. Do we need to extend the area of our hikes, broaden our repertoire (youth hikes, nature, etc.) or other changes? I need to hear from both our members who feel hiking is an important part of our club's function and those of you who have so willingly led hikes. Ken has agreed to set aside 7:30-8:30 pm September 23 at the board meeting to discuss options available to us. I encourage our hike leaders, potential hike leaders, and any other interested members to attend this meeting to share your thoughts and concerns. The board meets at the new community center in Issaquah.

Sincerely,

Ann Weinmann 392-9230

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Hikes and Events

October

Tuesday October 1

Lower Middle Tiger Loop
2B 5.5 Mi. 1000 ft.
10:00 a.m.
Warren Jones 888-0262

Thursday October 3

Lake Tradition
2B 9:30 a.m.
Al Blalock 746-4155

Saturday October 5

Sunday October 6
SALMON DAYS

Friday October 11

Cougar Mtn. Wilderness
and Boulders Loop
2B 9:30 a.m.
Betty Culbert 432-7387

Saturday October 12

Tiger Mt. old TMT forest loop
3C 4.5 mi. 1500 ft.
9:00 a.m.
Bert Drui 746-0709

Monthly Womanwalk Hike

3B 9:30 a.m.
Marilyn Moon 392-1732

Sunday October 13

Cougar Mtn. Marshall Hill
DeLeo Wall and fossils
3B 9:30 a.m.
Ann Leber

East Tiger Loop

3C 11 mi. 2300 ft.
8:30 a.m.
Ralph Owen 746-1070

Monday October 14

Squak Mtn. Trails
Hiking boots required
2C 9:30 a.m.
Mary Cadigan 641-4041

Thursday October 17

Squak Mt. via Phil's Creek Trail
3C 9:30 a.m.
Eva Black 646-9558

Saturday October 19

Rattlesnake Ledge
1C 3 mi. 1100 ft.
1:00 p.m.
Bob Gross 529-2139

Sunday October 20

Tiger-Poo Poo Point
and Talus Caves
3C 11 mi. 2200 ft. 9:00 a.m.
Fred Zeitler 882-3435

Cougar: Fantastic Erratic

2A 2-3 mi. 1,000 ft. 10 a.m.
Harvey Manning 746-1017

Tuesday October 22

Twin Falls
2B 9:30 a.m.
Al Blalock 746-4155

Thursday October 24

Squak Mt. trails
3C 9 Mi. 1700 ft.
9:00 a.m.
Fred Zeitler 882-3435

Saturday October 26

Tiger Mtn. Nook Loop
2B 9:00 a.m.
Trudy Ecob 232-2933

Sunday October 27

East Cougar
2B 10:00 a.m.
Dave Kappler 392-3571

Monday October 28

BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Location to be announced

Thursday October 31

Rattlesnake Mt. East Peak
3C 8 mi. 2800 ft.
8:30 a.m.
Ralph Owen 746-1070

November

Saturday November 2

Tiger Mt. to Snoqualmie Ridge
4 Tiger Trails, a paved railway
grade and a steep mystery trail.
4D 8:00 a.m.
Bill Longwell 222-6775

Cougar Mt. DeLeo Wall via Almost Nowhere Trail and China

Creek
2B 9:00 a.m.
Jamie McKenzie 746-6683

Sunday November 3

Cougar Mt.: Two Falls and
a Ball Park
2B 9:30 a.m.
Ann Leber

Tuesday November 5

Rattlesnake Ledge
2B 9:00 a.m.
Peggy Owen 746-1070

Thursday November 7

Cougar Mt. views
3B 10 mi. 1500 ft.
9:00 a.m.
Fred Zeitler 882-3435

Saturday November 9

Tiger 3 via Nook and
Section Line trails
3C 8:30 a.m.
Janis Stiewing 868-7188

Sunday November 10

Lower Tiger Traverse;
Preston to Issaquah
3C 9 mi. 8:30 a.m.
Joe Toynbee 723-6716

Cougar: Big Tree Ridge-Military Rd.
2A 2-3 mi.. 1,000 ft. 10 a.m.
Harvey Manning 746-1017

Monday November 11

Cougar Mtn. AA Park
Wilderness Loop
2B 9:30 a.m.
Mary Cadigan 641-4041

Saturday November 16

Cougar Mt. Loop Wilderness Creek,
DeLeo Wall and Coal Creek Falls
3C 9:00 a.m.
Fred Zeitler 882-3435

TMT to Railroad Grade

2B 9:00 a.m.
Trudy Ecob 232-2933

Sunday November 17

Upper Cougar sites
3B 5 mi. 710 ft.
9:00 a.m.
Bert Drui 746-0709

Rattlesnake West Peak

North Ridge to winery
4C 11 mi. 2000 ft.
8:00 a.m.
Ralph Owen 746-1070

Friday November 22

Cougar DeLeo Wall and Wildside
2B 9:30 a.m.
Betty Culbert 432-7387

Saturday November 23

Cougar-West Tibbetts
2B 10:00 a.m.
Dave Kappler 392-3571

Sunday November 24

Tradition Plateau from Iss.
2B 1:00 p.m.
Steve Cavit 271-7780

Monday November 25

BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Location to be announced

Saturday November 30

Twin Falls
2B 10:00 a.m.
Marilyn Moon 392-1732

December

Sunday December 1

Lake Tradition Plateau
2A 5 mi. 400 ft.
1:00 p.m.
Bob Gross 529-2139

Wednesday December 4

Tiger Mtn. Preston Trail
to 15-mile Pass
2C 9:30 a.m.
Mary Cadigan 641-4041

Thursday December 5

Twin Falls
2B 9:30 a.m.
Al Blalock 746-4155

Saturday December 7

Lake Tradition Adventure
Trail and more.
2A 9:30 a.m.
Ann Leber

Sunday December 8

Tradition Plateau
1A 10 a.m.
Bill McFerren 641-1853

Monday December 9

Birding in lower Snoqualmie
Valley; return via METRO.
3A 8:00 a.m.
Bill Longwell 222-6775

Saturday December 14

Cougar-Coal Creek Downstream
from Redtown
2A 7mi. 250 ft.
10:00 a.m.
Bert Drui 746-0709

Sunday December 15

Cougar-Wilderness Creek
from route 900.
2B 1:00 p.m.
Steve Cavit 271-7780

Thursday December 19

Lake Tradition
2B 9:30 a.m.
Al Blalock 746-4155

Saturday December 21

Winter Botanizing on Tradition
Plateau
2A 10:00 a.m.
Fred Weinmann 392-9230

Sunday December 22

Wilderness Creek: Lower-Upper
Boulders and Big Bottom
2A 2-3 mi. 1,000 ft.
Harvey Manning 746-1017

Monday December 23

BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Location to be announced

Sunday December 29

Cougar: Coal Creek Falls "iced"?
2A 10 a.m.
Bill McFerren 641-1853

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By Fred and Ann Weinmann and Harvey Manning. 1996 updated edition. This new edition lists trees, shrubs, ferns and flowers found in the Issaquah Alps. Flowers are listed by color, season when flowering, and where many of the plants can be found. \$9.00 (includes shipping and handling)

▲ *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 listed below, tax and shipping)

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Money needed, information. (Or misinformation.) Facts. (Or a plausible substitute.) A number of engineers and scientists were serving Pimp as "expert consultants," paid to lie on cue or at least keep their mouths shut. What could he offer Natives who were the great and only experts on Wilderness but too primitive to value cash?

It was our own map that showed him the way. On it, we had invoked the ancient power of Naming Magic. We had rescued peaks and valleys, creeks and marshes from anonymity, from nullity. We had given the Mountain history and geography and ecology and humanity, we had breathed life into the sterile paper and ink of the assessor's map.

Pimp cannily perceived our special passion for wetness in any of its manifestations from rain to the ocean. One of our group had flown back and forth over the Mountain, spotted wetnesses we had not yet found afoot, and given

them Names, conjured Something out of Nothing. All were on our map, now, nevermore to be shrugged off as "mudpuddles" or "ditchwater."

Returning along the trail from the Far Country, Pimp found an opportunity to get me aside, to back me up against a thorny thicket, and assume the intimate position which had given him the name by which he was known in the corridors of the Courthouse. Exhaling directly into my nostrils, half-stupefying me with echoes of his luncheon garlic and beer, in bedroom murmur he said: "You know, Harvey, you're doing good work out here. Play your cards right and *someday we may name a swamp after you.*" ▲

You May Have Noticed...We Have a New Format This Issue

The IATC Board has been attempting to reduce expenses throughout the budget. One of the largest expenses is printing The Alpiner. By going to a reduced size and with a few other changes, we can save a good deal of money. Let us know what you think about this new format. Write: Alpiner Editor, P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027 or e-mail me at: Rdtlhawk@aol.com ▲

IATC Supports DNR Exchange for Tiger Lands

Ken Konigsmark

Most people are not aware that a gaping hole (640 acres in Section 12 owned by Talmo) exists in the heart of Tiger Mountain State Forest that is privately owned and that could potentially be divided up into private home sites. It would be disastrous for public recreation, wildlife, and forestry on Tiger Mountain if this were to happen.

To prevent this, it is imperative that DNR acquire this large holding and add it to its Tiger Mountain ownership. Talmo wishes to trade this 640 acres for 160 acres of DNR land nearby in the Webster Lake area off of Issaquah-Hobart Road. IATC has considered this issue carefully and fully supports such an exchange for several reasons:

- 640 acres for 160 acres is a good deal for the public and the trust
- The whole of Tiger Mountain State Forest gets pro-

tected as a large, intact block

- All of the public benefits by gaining control of existing trails, scenic views, and important waterways on Tiger
- The 160 acres to be traded is an isolated parcel surrounded by home sites
- Neighbors of the 160 acres may lose a chunk of public land in their backyards, but ensure future viability of a 13,000 acre forest within two miles of their homes.
- It appears likely that a good portion of the 160 acres could remain as open space with public trails, even after trade and future development by Talmo. IATC will help lobby for this.

For these critical reasons, IATC has gone on record strongly supporting the proposed trade, and urging DNR to move ahead with such an exchange. ▲

New Volunteer Coordinator For DNR

Barbara Johnson

Pete Kalasountas is the new volunteer coordinator for Tiger Mountain State Forest. He is an enforcement officer with the City of Medina. His duties will be to patrol Tiger and Marckworth Forests to educate visitors about appropriate trail use and to formalize the ongoing volunteer patrol program.

When asked why he is doing this as a volunteer himself, Pete responded that he knew Jim Russell (the DNR law enforcement officer) and asked Jim where would be a good place to ride horses. Jim told him about Tiger and the Volunteer Coordinator position. It seems to be a good match. Pete loves horses, the outdoors and people. So he will be doing what he loves while helping out DNR.

Pete is a native Eastsider. He grew up in Bellevue, graduating from Interlake High School. He attended BCC and the UW. He has worked for Medina Police for 7 years. Prior to that he was an assistant Park Ranger for Bellevue (Yes, this was a reunion for the interviewer and interviewee!), and a reserve officer for Carnation Police. Pete is married and has a 17-month old daughter. The Kalasountases live in Renton. ▲

Oral History Workshop

Have you ever wondered what your community was like in the past? History can often be revealed through the personal story of a neighbor or a relative. The Center for Puget Sound History and Archaeology and the King County Park System Interpretive Programs Office are offering a two-session training in oral history. Participants will learn the preparation, interview techniques, and documentation necessary to produce an in-depth personal history.

If you are interested in documenting your community or your family history with oral interviews, this class is for you. The instructor will be Lorraine McConaghy. Dr. McConaghy is one of the authors of the recent articles in the Sunday *Seattle Times* on the history of Seattle and the *Seattle Times* and a contributor to the new book on the same topic.

Location: Bellevue Community College, 3000 Landerholm Circle

Dates: Saturday, October 19, 1996, Session 1

Saturday, October 26, 1996, Session 2

Time: 10 am to Noon

Cost: \$15 for the two sessions.

For information or to register, call (206) 603-4189. Leave your name and mailing address if a message machine answers and a registration form will be sent.

Department of Deja Vu
Harvey Manning

—From Hobsbawm, *The Age of Empire, 1875-1914*

Golf clubs were to play an equally important role in the Anglo-Saxon masculine world of middle-class professional men and businessmen...The social potential of this game, played on large, expensively constructed and maintained pieces of real estate by members of clubs designed to exclude socially and financially unacceptable outsiders, struck the new middle classes like a sudden revelation. before 1889, there had been only two 'golf links' in all of Yorkshire (West Riding): between 1890 and 1895 twenty-nine of them were opened.

Women, if in small numbers, were members of the new touring clubs and mountaineering clubs, and that great engine of freedom, the bicycle, emancipated the female proportionately more than the male, since she had more need of free movement. It gave more freedom even than that enjoyed by the horsewomen of the aristocracy, who were still obliged by feminine modesty, at substantial physical risk to themselves, to ride sidesaddle.

...from Paul Dorpat, "Bikes to Boston," August 11, 1996, *Seattle Times*

In 1896 bicycles were a national craze. (Most of the cyclists who set out on the) 4000-mile adventure...were driven back by the mud (on the way) to Black Diamond...In 1896 the highway over Snoqualmie Pass was still 19 years away. These riders took to the rails or the grades beside them, with predictable risks. Meeting a passenger train on a trestle west of Maple

MEETING PLACE

Trails Club hikes meet in the parking lot at the corner of 1st and Bush next to the "IATC Clubhouse," the little gray Stationmaster's house. To get there, take Exit 17 (Issaquah Front Street) from Interstate 90 and turn south into downtown Issaquah. Go about one mile through town on Front Street past the light at Sunset and turn left on Bush Street. Go one block and turn into the lot on the left. Park beside the Clubhouse or on the east side of the logs opposite the Issaquah Food Bank. Do NOT park on the side of the logs closest to the Food Bank.

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. ▲

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Membership Application

P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

☐ New

☐ Renewal

- ☐ Annual Regular Dues \$15
- ☐ Annual Contributing Dues \$25
- ☐ Lifetime Membership \$200
- ☐ Limited Income \$6

▲ All memberships cover the entire family.

▲ A regular annual family membership is \$15. This covers the cost of printing and mailing the Alpiner and a part of the club's overhead expenses.

▲ Contributing memberships at \$25 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 \$200 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.

Hike Information

24-HOUR HIKE HOTLINE: 328-0480

HIKE LEADERS

The hike leaders are volunteers who have donated their time to lead people who want to hike and explore the trails in the Issaquah Alps and other nearby foothills (Cascades) in King County. Hikes are scheduled and led year-round regardless of weather. *Minimum attendance is 3, including the leader.*

Trails in the Issaquah Alps may be good or bad, easy or hard, muddy or dusty, brushy or clear, steep or flat, easy or hard—or 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 or liable for hiker's comfort, transportation, property, safety, or general well-being while traveling to and from the trailhead or while hiking or working any trail.

The club's sole purpose is to show hikers where the trails are and to lead the way. The public, other clubs, youth groups, church groups and others are welcome and wholeheartedly invited to join with the hike leader and others who want to hike these trails. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. *Please, no pets on these hikes.*

HIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

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

Hiking Time

Class 1: 2 hours

Class 2: 4 hours

Class 3: 6 hours

Class 4: 8 hours

These are *approximate* hiking times, not including travel time 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.

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