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EAST LAKE SAMMAMISH TRAIL COMING

By Doug Simpson

The old railroad bed along the east side of Lake Sammamish has been battled over for years by adjacent property owners and public use advocates. At last, those seeking public access have prevailed. The eleven-mile route, previously open in small sections on either end, will be open in its entirety probably early next year.

King County announced recently that it has received the nine necessary permits to make the full trail from Redmond to Issaquah a reality. The railroad property was acquired through a national program called "Rails to Trails" which exists to convert old railroad beds to private organizations or local governments for use as recreational trails.

"It's been a long time coming," said Issaquah city councilman David Kappler. "We've talked about it since the early years of IATC (Kappler is a former president of the club). Way back then, Harvey Manning said it was coming, and it's finally happened."

In a recent editorial, the *Seattle Times* credits King County Executive Ron Sims for his commitment in time and county funding to make it happen, citing his insistent pursuit of the land. "It was a righteous fight and a worthy investment," the *Times* wrote.

Besides crediting Sims and the county council, Kappler also cited the council of the City of Sammamish. "All the councilmen elected last fall supported the project—and that was a big help."

The interim trail will be gravel, most suitable for hiking, though some bikers will certainly use it too. Eventually it will probably be paved, thus expanding its possible use.

Opposition was heavy from local landowners above the railroad bed who worry for the safety of their property. "A high level of responsible use will be critical," Kappler pointed out. "It will take a real volunteer effort, probably from IATC, to monitor the trail."

The trail will be the last link in a continuous trail system from Ballard to Issaquah (40 miles) and then along Interstate 90 all the way to Idaho. Needless to say, the 11-mile stretch has exceptional water and mountain views.

Kappler, who has already led hikes on the existing portion of the trail from Issaquah, looks forward to leading the first hike sponsored by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club the length of the route.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Doug Simpson

ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT?

Is the president of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club a facilitator whose sole job is to efficiently coordinate the club's three-pronged programs of hiking, trailwork and advocacy? Or should s/he be an activist who battles wherever the need arises? Is IATC an organization of specialists in the three programs, or is central leadership vital to the club's success? Those are questions I have been struggling with recently. When two of our prongs overlap on an issue, can our specialists resolve the issue satisfactorily? I have found myself in this situation recently and determined to take a strong, decisive action that pleased some club leaders and disappointed others. But, as Harry Truman said, "The buck stops here!"

In the IATC's earlier years, there was no such dilemma. Harvey Manning, the club's autocratic and aggressive founder, examined all sides of every issue and did what he determined was the right thing to do—full torpedoes ahead! Advocacy roles were paramount in the early years: the club had to establish places to hike, then establish a hiking program to utilize these spaces, then build and maintain the trails over the years. Eventually, advocacy battles became fewer in number (though they still exist, to be sure), the hikes program continued to expand, and maintaining trails became more and more important. In other words, over the 25 years of IATC's existence, a balance has been achieved between the three prongs—a good thing for our thriving organization.

As I see it, my job is to look out for the best interest of all three divisions of the club. When one of them is slighted, as recently occurred (I am not being specific here, as the issue has at this time been smoothed over), I intend to stand up for that division of the club, even if another squirms a little. The point of all this is that even in a more balanced era of the 21st century, a president still needs to step up and defend his troops, just as the august Mr. Manning did so well for so long.

UNSUNG HERO NO. 1

Much has been written about the vast contributions to Northwest hiking by IATC founder Harvey Manning. Other club leaders are well-known to club members, area hikers, and assorted outdoors/wilderness organization leaders, and even politicians—people like Ken Konigsmark, Steven Drew and Bill Longwell. IATC has been fortunate enough over the years to have strong-minded, independent and dedicated leaders. And please remember that these leaders—board members, hike leaders, trail workers, book writers and map designers—receive zero compensation for their time and efforts.

Unquestionably, these people deserve more recognition than they can ever receive (though most seek none). One of the club's unsung heroes is well-known in Issaquah, yet few people are aware of all he has done and continues to do for the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. This unsung hero is David Kappler.

Dave was a pioneer in the club, so he has been active one way or another for over 25 years. When Manning stepped down after ten years as club president, Dave Kappler was the logical person to succeed him in 1989. He stepped down as president in 1991 when he was elected to a seat on the Issaquah City Council, a post he has held continuously now for the past 15 years. On the Council he has been a dedicated voice of reason for sensible policy, and he certainly does yeoman work on outdoors, recreation and open space issues.

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Despite the considerable demands of city business on his time (not to mention his teaching schedule at Issaquah Middle School), Kappler has never lost interest and concern for the IATC and its issues. Though serving on the board would constitute a conflict of interest, he comes to board meetings whenever he is able. He has always been a valuable source of information and advice to the club. He also maintains involvement in the club by regularly leading hikes, mostly on family trails close to Issaquah proper. In the recent Alpine Days inaugural in Sammamish, he readily volunteered and led not one, but two hikes that day.

Dave Kappler over the years has been the backbone to the club's Salmon Days booth. He stores the booth materials on his home property and is on the spot every year to lead in setting up and taking down the booth. He has handled the signage for club booths at Alpine Days, Issaquah's Just for Fun activity fair and other such activities.

In the three years I have been active on the IATC board—and in the writing of my Squak Mountain book—Dave has been an invaluable resource for me. He knows everyone, remembers everything, and provides rational, sensitive advice that has always been valuable to me. It is people like David Kappler who have made the Issaquah Alps Trails Club the success it has been. . . and thus he is my first UNSUNG HERO.

Hikers' Corner

As I write this article we are completing the hike schedule for July, August and September. As you review the schedule you will see a number of hikes along the Mountains-to-Sound corridor in addition to our traditional Issaquah Alps hikes. Since many of these hikes along the I-90 corridor are in the Alpine Wilderness area with a restriction of 12 people per group, hikers need to sign up with hike leaders before the hike to check on availability of space. If you need to cancel, please do it at least one day before the hike.

IATC has also modified its guidelines for carpooling and sharing of certain expenses. As usual each hike group will arrange for carpooling from the trail center to the trailhead. In fairness to the drivers, the IATC recommends a .10/ mile gas contribution when carpooling to trailheads. Special parking fees may also require some cost sharing.

Since on many hikes we are going further afield than before, we need to make sure every participant on a hike is properly equipped and prepared for that hike. In order to avoid problems on a hike, hike leaders can turn you away if you are not properly equipped.

I hope you enjoy this expanded hike schedule and will participate on many outings. See you on the trails.

Fred Zeitler, Hikes Coordinator

IATC Needs Donations

Since membership in the Issaquah Alps Trails Club no longer requires a payment of dues, it is critical that supporters of the club make at least annual donations. Ongoing income is necessary to the club publish the quarterly *Alpiner* and its books and maps. Additional expenses are incurred for trail building and maintenance tools, and for activities such as Salmon Days. The next few months are an ideal time to make a contribution, as any donations to the club are tax free. If you are among the numerous members who haven't given in over a year, please consider the importance of well-maintained trails, experienced hike leaders and quality publications to assist you with your hiking. The club needs and deeply appreciates the support of its members.

EARLY INSPIRATION FOR A TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL

by Bill Longwell

The Tiger Mountain Trail, the sixteen mile-long footpath winding across the whole of Tiger Mountain, was long in planning and long in construction. Basically, the sixteen mile trail took sixteen years to construct.

Even before its builders turned the first shovelful of Tiger soil, they had been schooled by construction of other trails, counseled by local officials and had benefited from the wisdom of countless other hikers vitally interested in this trail, now the centerpiece of Tiger trails.

Both people and circumstances helped influence the construction of this now twenty-five year old trail.

THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

I've been keenly interested in the Pacific Crest Trail for 50 years. As a young person I read many tales of people walking this fabled trail and was thrilled whenever I traversed parts of it. Over the past 40 years I have twice walked its entirety in Washington State (500 plus miles), once along the old Cascade Crest Trail route of the 1930s and 1940s version, and once on the newer version the US Forest Service reconstructed to a higher elevation in the 1960s and 1970s. Actually, I have walked the PCT as far south as Mt. Lassen in California. Many long sections I have walked dozens of times.

While I hiked the PCT, I've met and interviewed hundreds of long-distance walkers, many hiking the whole 2700 mile route. I have pages of interview notes and have written several articles on some of these interesting people who come from all over the world. Whenever I'm walking the PCT I am always conscious of its storied history, of the people walking it and where they might be on a particular date, of the magnetic attraction that draws hikers to it, and, of course, of its construction.

When the Forest Service was rebuilding the PCT in the 60's and 70's, I sat on the heels of its builders, in all three West Coast states. I met many of them, took their pictures, interviewed them and saw what they did to build the trail.

While they were building the PCT, I was building the TMT. I tried to transfer this knowledge to the TMT.

One of my favorite hikes in the 70s and 80s was to walk in one day the completed PCT north from Snoqualmie Pass all the way to Park Lakes and back, a distance of 30 plus miles. I did this numerous times. And, as I walked, I picked up piles of blasting wire, survey sticks and wire flags the trail builders left behind. I cleaned up at least 50 miles of PCT, carrying home full backpacks.

With these survey sticks and flags I laid out miles of trail across the trackless Tiger Mountain.

HAZEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

During the thirty years I taught high school, I regularly took my students with me on various hikes. They went on day hikes, on night hikes, on short walks and on long walks, even week-long walks far in excess of 100 miles.

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As most of my hikes with students traversed the Issaquah Alps, it was natural for me, when I began to build the TMT, to invite my students to help me build the trail.

Most of the trail builders came from the neighborhood I lived in, about two miles from Hazen High School, and most were friends of my two daughters, Ann and Gretchen. Over the years several brother and sister combinations came with me to build the TMT.

We started back in July, 1974, to begin laying out the TMT's original route on a two-day backpack, up High Point Creek, and across West Tiger Mountain, then called Mt. Issaquah. One student with me then, after tramping for a day through deep woods without a trail, and seemingly far away from home, was absolutely sure we would never find our way back home.

When construction began in late 1976, Hazen students were building with me. Hazen students were responsible for most of the eleven original TMT miles. Their names commemorate certain areas where they worked. Their names garnish signs along the whole length of the original TMT. Read about them in the Tiger Guide.

The last time Hazen students worked with me came in late 1989 when the IATC was building the south extension, from near Hobart to the West Side Road. That's a span of 14 years of student-trail building.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO BUILD THE TMT

In a May, 1972, meeting of a Seattle Mountaineer committee about a potential Tiger Mountain trail, members chose Phil Hall and me to head up construction, mainly because we were the only people who knew the mountain.

At that meeting, Jim Vernon of DNR's North Bend office quickly gave his permission for the Mountaineers to build a trail across Tiger Mountain. In 1974 DNR owned about half of Tiger and Weyerhaeuser owned the other half. I really don't think he knew any more about Tiger than did most of the Mountaineer committee, but he was amenable to the trail. I am sure he didn't expect much to come from that committee, but he didn't know Phil and me.

By the time Weyerhaeuser had given its permission in late 1976 to build a trail across its Tiger lands, Phil and I had already plotted out a desired route across the whole mountain.

We didn't deal too much with the DNR (I didn't think they wanted to be bothered) until April 1977, when trail construction had climbed up High Point Creek and had reached a point on West Tiger about a mile west of Fifteenmile Creek.

When I told Sam Quigley, a local DNR employee, about our work, he said, "You know, I guess I should get up there and see what you've been doing." I don't know if he ever did "get up there."

"CHAINS" AND DOUG MCCLELLAND

In 1978 we started building between Fifteenmile Creek and the West Side Road. By that time DNR had a new person running the local DNR office, Doug McClelland. His strong influence greatly changed the dynamic of Tiger Mountain. He loaned us tools and told us about the "chain."

A "chain" is basically a long metal tape measure. Doug said we should use it to lay out the trail.

So, armed with this giant tape measure or "chain," and hundreds of survey sticks and wire flags from the PCT, a group of my Hazen students and I started in a series of hikes from both ends of the

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unbuilt trail across trackless Middle Tiger. Two people would drag the chain, a hundred feet at a time. One person would pound in a survey stake, and a fourth would write appropriate notes on a work sheet, all this over rugged terrain.

By the time we had reached the Middle Tiger Trail (the only real trail then on the south side of Tiger), we knew how long the trail would be when we finished building it. Use of the chain gave us a sense of professionalism, but it did add considerable work.

DNR was basically a non-entity on Tiger (even though it was the land owner) until Doug McClelland arrived. He changed the whole local agency. Everything became upgraded after Doug arrived.

Over the years, Doug has been so helpful, has given so much good advice, has been such a friend to the IATC, and has given so much of himself to Tiger, that he has enriched the whole Tiger Mountain complex by his presence.

In late October, 1977, the Mountaineers sponsored a large work party that began from the Middle Tiger Trail (even Weyerhaeuser employees showed up for this work party). We had walked up and over Middle Tiger and down to the newly "chained" TMT location, and started to build the tread toward Fifteenmile Creek. Doug had driven all the way to Enumclaw to pick up 25 grub hoes and other assorted tools and had met me in Maple Valley to loan them to me.

After the work party, and after dragging all the tools back to my car, I was horrified to discover that one of the grub hoes was missing. By that time, it was too late in the day to climb back over Middle Tiger to look for it. I called Doug to report the loss and he told me not to worry. I did worry. I felt I would let Doug down if I didn't find that tool.

So after teaching school the next Monday, I took my daughter Gretchen and drove back to Middle Tiger, climbed up and down to the newly constructed trail, and began to search for the missing tool, all the while walking in a raging snowstorm. In the snow and the growing darkness, we did manage to find that tool, lying below the trail. We climbed back over Middle Tiger and drove back down the mountain in the snow and darkness.

PROPOSED TMT EXTENSIONS

When I wanted to extend the TMT's length to sixteen miles, both on the south and the north ends, Doug gave us his permission.

Over December and January, 1989-90, after crews had built the south extension from near Hobart to the West Side Road, I took Doug and his office crew along the newly constructed tread. We walked its whole length one rainy afternoon, and he approved our work by commenting that he "would hire us as a fire crew. You know how to build a great fire-line." I took that comment as a compliment.

Twice, once in July, 1989, and another time in January 25, 1990, Doug "tramped" with us in trackless forest, climbing over countless logs, through nettles and devil's club, marking a proposed extension of the TMT from High Point Creek to Lake Tradition. (We didn't use the chains.)

At that time we found an enormous glacial erratic with a long overhang. We always wanted to build the TMT under that overhang, but that never worked out. The TMT now passes above that glacial erratic and most people don't even notice it.

Doug also provided a DNR trail crew in March, 1990, to begin building the northern extension. This crew built the first mile south of Lake Tradition and later built several of the early bridges across difficult spans in High Point Creek.

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JULY

IATC encourages carpooling to trailheads.
In fairness to drivers, IATC recommends a
\$0.10 per mile gas contribution when carpooling.

Saturday, July 2, Call leader
McClellan Butte
Trail switchbacks steeply up the mountain
through old-growth forest then excellent
views of Puget Sound, Rainier and more.
Call leader for reservation and start
time.

4D, 9 miles, 3600 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Sunday, July 3, 9:00 AM
West Rattlesnake Ridge Circuit
Hike from old winery to two scenic
viewpoints and lunch at Stan's Overlook.
2C, 5 - 6 miles, 1300 ft. gain
Mary Nolan 425-837-1535

Saturday, July 9, Call leader
Snow Lake
Hike to beautiful lake in Alpine Lakes
Wilderness. Max group size limit is 12.
3C, 7 miles, 1700 ft. gain
Doug Simpson 425-392-6660

Sunday, July 10, 9:00 AM
North Tiger Loop
Hike from trailcenter up High School trail
and Section Line trail to Talus Caves.
2C, 6 miles, 1300 ft. gain
Tom Palm 206-783-6005

Saturday, July 16, 9:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Double loop around Wilderness Peak
and on to Longview Peak.
3C, 7 miles, 1900 ft. gain
Scott Prueter 425-369-6016

Saturday, July 16, 10:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
History Hike. See old Newcastle and
inspect coal mining artifacts from 1863.
2A, 2 miles, 100 ft. gain
Bert Drui 425-746-0709

Sunday, July 17, Call leader
Olallie Lake via Pratt Lake trail
Hike to beautiful lake in Alpine Lakes
Wilderness with stop at Mt. Rainier vista.
Group size limit is 12.
3C, 8 miles, 2300 ft. gain
Denis Harney 206-245-2829

Sunday, July 17, 1:00 PM
Lake Sammamish Ramble
Loop hike using Sammamish Park
trails and Pickering trail.
2A, 4 - 5 miles, 0 ft. gain
Dave Kappler 425-392-3571

Saturday, July 23, Call leader
Granite Mountain
Trail climbs to a fire lookout at the
summit. Expect wildflowers and great
views (on a clear day). Group size is 12.
4D, 9 miles, 3800 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Sunday, July 24, 9:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Multiple loops on Eastside of mountain,
up Bear Ridge trail around AA peak.
3C, 8 miles, 1800 ft. gain
Fred Zeitler 425-882-3435

Saturday, July 30, 9:00AM
PooPoo Point
Up Chirico trail to views of Mt. Rainier
and Mt. Baker. Return via High School
trail.
3C, 7 miles, 1900 ft. gain
Bob Gross 425-427-8449

Sunday, July 31, 8:30 AM
Little Si and Mossy Vistas
Hike to popular Little Si, then return
via 2 beautiful Mossy Vistas
3C, 7 - 8 miles, 2000 ft. gain
Ralph Owen 425-746-1070

AUGUST

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\$0.10 per mile gas contribution when
carpooling.

Friday, August 5, 10:00 AM
NW Cougar Loop
Full circle between Redtown and AA Peak
2B, 6 miles, 900 ft. gain. Slow pace.
Warren Jones 425-391-7409

Saturday, August 6, Call leader
Melakwa Lake
Enjoy new Denny Creek bridge and hike
past splashing waterfalls to peaceful
Alpine Lake. Max group size limit is 12.
3C, 9 miles, 2300 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Sunday, August 7, 9:00 AM
Rattlesnake Ledges (3)
Popular hike to great views
2C, 5 miles, 1400 ft. gain
Mary Nolan 425-837-1535

Saturday, August 13, 8:30 AM
Rattlesnake Mountain, Donna's Pinnacle.
Climb from Snoqualmie Point past West
Rattlesnake Peak to a seldom visited
viewpoint.
4D, 11 miles, 2600 ft. gain
Ralph Owen 425-746-1070

Saturday, August 13, 9:00 AM
Squak Mountain
Loop hike over Central Peak and West
Peak with Rainier view for lunch.
3C, 7 - 8 miles, 1800 ft. gain
Scott Prueter 425-369-6016

Sunday, August 14, 9:00 AM
Iron Horse trail and Cedar Butte
Stroll along Iron Horse trail from exit 38
to Rattlesnake Lake with climb to Cedar
Butte.
2C, 7 miles, 1200 ft. gain
Joe Toynbee 206-723-6716

Saturday, August 20, Call leader
Defiance
Hike new trail to Mason Lake then on
to summit for great views. Alpine Lakes
Wilderness area. Group size limit is 12.
Call leader for reservation and start time.
4D, 11 miles, 3500 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Saturday, August 20, 10:00 AM
Tiger Mountain
Find Tiger Mountain caves and lakes
then look for the "Swamp Monster".
2B, 4 miles, 600 ft. gain
Bert Drui 425-746-0709

Sunday, August 21, 9:00 AM
Little Si
Hike to popular destination with great
views.

2C, 5 miles, 1300 ft. gain
Mary Nolan 425-837-1535

Tuesday, August 23, 7 PM
Hike Leaders' Meeting
Issaquah Trail center, 1st and Bush

Saturday, August 27, Call leader
Olallie Lake
From Denny Creek to beautiful lake in
Alpine Wilderness area. Group size limit
is 12.

3C, 8 miles, 2300 ft. gain
Doug Simpson 425-392-6660

Sunday, August 28, 1:00 PM
Tradition Lake Plateau
Loop hike from trail center to Plateau
and around two lakes.
2B, 5 miles, 600 ft. gain
Dave Kappler 425-392-3571

Tuesday, August 30, 6:00 PM
Issaquah city hike.
Visit Issaquah creek special places.
1A, 3 - 4 miles, 0 ft. gain
Dave Kappler 425-392-3571

SEPTEMBER

IATC encourages carpooling to
trailheads.
In fairness to drivers, IATC recom-
mends a
\$0.10 per mile gas contribution when
carpooling.

Saturday, September 3, Call leader
Bandera Mountain
Hike new trail to Mason Lake rim, then
climb
to crest and first summit. Group size
limit 12.

3D, 8 miles, 2800 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Sunday, September 4, 9:00 AM
Cedar Butte
Hike to seldom visited hill with great
views.
2B, 5 miles, 1000 ft. gain
Jackie Hughes 425-641-3815

Monday, September, Call leader
Snow and Source Lakes
Labor Day hike to beautiful Alpine
Lakes. Group size limit is 12.
3C, 8 miles, 1900 ft. gain
Fred Zeitler 425-882-3435

Saturday, September 10, 10:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Hike to AA Peak from Newport Way
via old and seldom used trails.
2C, 6 miles, 1400 ft. gain
Bob Gross 425-427-8449

Sunday, September 11, Call leader
Kendall Katwalk
Hike along the Pacific Crest trail to a
spectacular view of the Gold Creek
Valley.

Group size limit is 12.
4D, 11 miles, 2700 ft. gain
Tom Palm 206-783-6005

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 AM
North Tiger Mountain
Loop hike from Trail center up High
School
trail and Section Line trail to Talus
Caves.
Return via Tradition and Round Lakes.
2C, 6 miles, 1300 ft. gain
Scott Prueter 425-369-6016

Sunday, September 18, 10:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Hike beautiful Lewis Gorge through
Mossy Canyon and Lakemont Urban
trail.

Checklist:

- Food
- Water
- Daypack
- Rangeland
- Warm clothes
- Hiking Shoes

Each item is required in order to participate in an
Issaquah Alps Trails Club hike!

Don't leave the trailhead without them!

2A, 4 miles, 400 ft. gain
Bert Drui 425-746-0709

Sunday, September 18, 1:00 PM
Lake Sammamish Ramble
Loop hike using Sammamish Park
trails and Pickering trails.
2A, 4 - 5 miles, 0 ft. gain
Dave Kappler 425-392-3571

Saturday, September 24, Call leader
Pratt Lake
Hike past Talapus and Olallie Lakes to a
saddle with great views of Mt. Rainier,
then

down to a beautiful alpine lake.
Group size limit is 12.
3D, 11 miles, 3000 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Sunday, September 25, 9:AM
Squak Mountain
Loop hike from Mountinside to both
summits and Rainier view.
3C, 8 miles, 2000 ft. gain
Doug Simpson 425-392-6660

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Tiger Mountain would be much the less without Doug McClelland.

HARVEY MANNING

By the late 1970's I had been walking Tiger Mountain for 15 years and had yet to see hikers. Tiger was my private preserve.

Harvey Manning changed all of that.

In early 1977, as I was building the TMT up High Point Creek from the now long-gone parking lot along the old frontage road that ran along Tiger's lowest slopes from Issaquah to Preston (does anybody remember this old road?), Harvey Manning sat on **my** heels, taking notes for his soon-to-be-published **Footsore** books.

As he explored the newly-built TMT, his curiosity about the trail and its builders got the best of him. He called me and arranged to meet and discuss the trail in early May at Phil Hall's house in May Valley. By that time the TMT had reached West Tiger Mountain and I had written the trail log that Harvey could use for his **Footsore**.

I felt privileged to meet such a famous Seattle Mountaineer and renowned outdoor author.

The publishing of Harvey's first **Footsore** book radically changed the hiker dynamic on Tiger Mountain.

A year after that May Valley meeting, as I was building a foot bridge across swampy terrain, a mile-and-a half up from the West Side Road, the then TMT south trailhead, eight backpackers suddenly burst in on me. Backpackers!

Amazingly, they held in their hands, copies of Harvey's **Footsore**, and were reading aloud hiking directions of the TMT I was still building!

The TMT has never been the same since that day.

THE WEEDWHACKERS

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By the time we had reached the Middle Tiger Trail (the only real trail then on the south side of Tiger), we knew how long the trail would be when we finished building it. Use of the chain gave us a sense of professionalism, but it did add considerable work.

DNR was basically a non-entity on Tiger (even though it was the land owner) until Doug McClelland arrived. He changed the whole local agency. Everything became upgraded after Doug arrived.

Over the years, Doug has been so helpful, has given so much good advice, has been such a friend to the IATC, and has given so much of himself to Tiger, that he has enriched the whole Tiger Mountain complex by his presence.

In late October, 1977, the Mountaineers sponsored a large work party that began from the Middle Tiger Trail (even Weyerhaeuser employees showed up for this work party). We had walked up and over Middle Tiger and down to the newly "chained" TMT location, and started to build the tread toward Fifteenmile Creek. Doug had driven all the way to Enumclaw to pick up 25 grub hoes and other assorted tools and had met me in Maple Valley to loan them to me.

After the work party, and after dragging all the tools back to my car, I was horrified to discover that one of the grub hoes was missing. By that time, it was too late in the day to climb back over Middle Tiger to look for it. I called Doug to report the loss and he told me not to worry. I did worry. I felt I would let Doug down if I didn't find that tool.

So after teaching school the next Monday, I took my daughter Gretchen and drove back to Middle Tiger, climbed up and down to the newly constructed trail, and began to search for the missing tool, all the while walking in a raging snowstorm. In the snow and the growing darkness, we did manage to find that tool, lying below the trail. We climbed back over Middle Tiger and drove back down the mountain in the snow and darkness.

PROPOSED TMT EXTENSIONS

When I wanted to extend the TMT's length to sixteen miles, both on the south and the north ends, Doug gave us his permission.

Over December and January, 1989-90, after crews had built the south extension from near Hobart to the West Side Road, I took Doug and his office crew along the newly constructed tread. We walked its whole length one rainy afternoon, and he approved our work by commenting that he "would hire us as a fire crew. You know how to build a great fire-line." I took that comment as a compliment.

Twice, once in July, 1989, and another time in January 25, 1990, Doug "tramped" with us in trackless forest, climbing over countless logs, through nettles and devil's club, marking a proposed extension of the TMT from High Point Creek to Lake Tradition. (We didn't use the chains.)

At that time we found an enormous glacial erratic with a long overhang. We always wanted to build the TMT under that overhang, but that never worked out. The TMT now passes above that glacial erratic and most people don't even notice it.

Doug also provided a DNR trail crew in March, 1990, to begin building the northern extension. This crew built the first mile south of Lake Tradition and later built several of the early bridges across difficult spans in High Point Creek.

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Tiger Mountain would be much the less without Doug McClelland.

HARVEY MANNING

By the late 1970's I had been walking Tiger Mountain for 15 years and had yet to see hikers. Tiger was my private preserve.

Harvey Manning changed all of that.

In early 1977, as I was building the TMT up High Point Creek from the now long-gone parking lot along the old frontage road that ran along Tiger's lowest slopes from Issaquah to Preston (does anybody remember this old road?), Harvey Manning sat on **my** heels, taking notes for his soon-to-be-published **Footsore** books.

As he explored the newly-built TMT, his curiosity about the trail and its builders got the best of him. He called me and arranged to meet and discuss the trail in early May at Phil Hall's house in May Valley. By that time the TMT had reached West Tiger Mountain and I had written the trail log that Harvey could use for his **Footsore**.

I felt privileged to meet such a famous Seattle Mountaineer and renowned outdoor author.

The publishing of Harvey's first **Footsore** book radically changed the hiker dynamic on Tiger Mountain.

A year after that May Valley meeting, as I was building a foot bridge across swampy terrain, a mile-and-a half up from the West Side Road, the then TMT south trailhead, eight backpackers suddenly burst in on me. Backpackers!

Amazingly, they held in their hands, copies of Harvey's **Footsore**, and were reading aloud hiking directions of the TMT I was still building!

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Interagency coordinator Margaret Macleod announced the recent grant. Macleod called the mile-long trail "a vital link."

COAL CREEK TO BELLEVUE

King County Parks has 550 fewer acres to superintend due to the recent transfer of the Coal Creek Regional Park to the City of Bellevue. The park will remain as a greenspace link between the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park (Red Town) and Lake Washington to the west.

"Our King County Parks team looks forward to working with our neighbor agency," stated Bobbi Wallace, the King County Parks Resource Section Manager. "With this recent transfer to the Bellevue Parks and Recreation, we will continue support and stewardship to our beloved Coal Creek Park through various collaborations.

"Together our Natural Resource staffs create a powerful team for civil service to the regional community, who we know place high value on natural areas through King County," Wallace added.

IRVING PETITE AND MR. B

by Bill Longwell

Irving Petite, long-time resident of Tiger Mountain, died last December in Keller, Washington. A published writer of nature and rural life, Irving Petite was known locally as "the Issaquah Thoreau," according to the Seattle Time.

Right now I'm looking at the cover of a book I've owned for over 20 years. On the cover picture a bear cub and a cocker spaniel snuggle together and prepare themselves for a night's sleep.. The dog is "Stella" and the bear is "Mr. B."

One of Tiger's early residents (he moved to Keller, Washington in 1984) Mr. Petite, former merchant seaman, former mailman turned naturalist writer, was always a friend of the IATC and was most interested in its development.

Irving Petite homesteaded a stump ranch along the banks of Fifteen Mile Creek. He found many logging artifacts from the days of the original Tiger railroad loggers. He was the first to rediscover the long-lost and fabled curved railroad trestle of upper Fifteen Mile Creek.

While he lived on his 165 acre ranch on Tiger, Irving Petite wrote numerous articles for national magazines and at least four books with Tiger as the backdrop: *The Elderberry Tree*, *Life on Tiger Mountain* and *The Best Time of the Year* were three.

However, *Mr. B*, his all-time most famous book, chronicled the antics of an orphaned bear cub that valiantly tried to enter Irving Petite's family of people, dogs, cattle, chickens and goat s. *Mr. B*

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became a national best seller in the early 1960s.

The pictures alone tell the story of this bear that charmed all life that came into contact with him. Almost all life.,

If you want to know about Tiger Mountain, before trails and people, before developments and clearcuts, when life was more harmonious than today, read all these books. But be sure to read the unforgettable and gratifying story of that little bear, Mr. B.

Buy a copy.

Squak Mountain and Olallie

by Heather Hansen, Squak Mountain State Park

Spring is fading quickly into summer, and everyone is lacing up those hiking boots, ready to hit the great outdoors. I'm Heather Hansen, the park ranger at Squak Mountain State Park and if you're looking for adventure close to home, I recommend heading out to see what's new at Squak Mountain. If you're heading a little further out, I urge you to explore beautiful Olallie State Park. These diverse parks always have lots to see and interesting projects going on, and I thought I'd update you on the latest developments.

The biggest ongoing project on Squak this past year has been the rerouting of the north end of the Phil's Creek Trail. Many large crews, including school groups and corporations like Microsoft, Starbucks, and REI, came out in all kinds of weather with the Washington Trails Association to bring this large-scale project within sight of the finish line, cutting out fallen trees and roughing trail in places where finding mineral soil often meant pulling out tangles of old windfall several feet deep! And after some minor tweaking, this reroute, a project that has been in the works for many years, will be complete.

The new trail near the May Valley trailhead is also inching ever closer to being opened. The rough work was finished last summer and WTA built a bridge in February over the one wet crossing, using the structure work as training for their assistant crew leaders. Final touches, more for visitor safety than aesthetics, are all that remain before it can be opened. An interpretive activity for children, created as an Eagle Scout project, will be added soon. It will consist of several stations along the trail educating kids about local wildlife, each with a raised animal footprint they can create rubbings of on a provided activity sheet.

The IATC hiking area has expanded in recent months and now that treks further up the I-90 corridor have been added to the list, I'd like to introduce a park out that way – Olallie State Park. Run by Ranger Shana Stromer, Olallie is a wonderful day-use park just east of North Bend with a variety of activities available, as well as a wide range of hiking opportunities, from the Iron Horse railroad grade trail to the peaceful interpretive trail. Many of you are probably most familiar with the enormously popular Twin Falls Trail, a family favorite that ascends through old-growth Douglas-fir stands along the south fork of the Snoqualmie River to gasp-inducing views of the falls from a bridge that crosses the gorge between two cascades. Recent maintenance on this heavily traveled trail has focused on erosion control, specifically blocking unplanned shortcuts that can tear apart the hillsides and can create landslide danger.

The landscape is always changing, and the efforts of countless volunteers help keep our trails open for everyone to enjoy. For the incredible work that continues year in and year out on the Squak Mountain and Olallie State Park trail systems, Shana and I thank you all!

Thanks for reading and we hope to see you out on the trails!

Hiking Information

Hike Leaders

Hike leaders are volunteers who donate 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 unless severe conditions pose a safety hazard.. Minimum attendance is three, 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—or all the above. Some are not much more than animal trails. As volunteers, neither hike leaders, the Issaquah Alps Trails Club (IATC), or Club directors are in any way responsible or liable for a hiker's comfort, transportation, property, safety, or general well-being while traveling to and from the trailhead or hiking or working 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, youth groups, church groups, and others are welcome and wholeheartedly invited to join hike leaders and others who want to hike these trails. Children under 18 should be accompanied by an adult. Please, no dogs on hikes.

Hike Classifications

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

Hiking Time

Class 1: 2 hours Class 3: 6 hours
Class 2: 4 hours Class 4: 8 hours

These are approximate hiking times. They do not include travel time to and from the trailhead (20 to 40 minutes depending on the location of the hike) or meal times (lunch will add another 20 to 40 minutes depending on the mood of the group).

Times are based on an assumption of a two-mile-per-hour pace with one-half hour added for each 1000 feet of elevation gain. Trail conditions, weather, and unexpected hazards could 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 of elevation gain.

Hike Description Modifiers

Leader's choice: The leader had not decided where to hike before publication of the hikes 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 while having a

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good time hiking where others seldom tread.

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

NOTE: Group hikes do not lend themselves to dogs. Please leave your dogs at home when going on a Trails Club hike.

Meeting Place

Trails Club hikes meet in the parking lot at the corner of First and Bush streets next to the IATC clubhouse (the little yellow 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, then go two blocks past the light at Sunset Way, and then turn left on Bush Street. Go two blocks to Rainier and turn into the lot on the left.

Clothing

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

Trail Maintenance

Volunteers periodically organize and schedule trail maintenance parties as listed in the hikes schedule. Work parties meet at the same place as hikes (see above). The Club is well supplied with heavy trail maintenance tools, but workers may also bring their own loppers, weed whackers, and other tools.

Checklist:

- Food
- Water
- Daypack
- Raingear
- Warm clothes
- Hiking Shoes

Each item is required in order to participate in an Issaquah Alps Trails Club hike!

Don't leave the trailhead without them!

Trail work parties last at least four hours. Trail maintenance is vital to the Club's work and is an integral part of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management plan for Tiger Mountain.

Work parties must limit their activity to trails listed by the DNR as scheduled for maintenance. Construction of new trails is not allowed. Work parties are a great way to meet people! Individuals and groups are encouraged to adopt a trail—or section of trail—and take the responsibility of maintaining it.

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Publications Order Form

Return this completed form along with your check to:

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Publications, P.O. Box 466, Issaquah, WA 98027

Name: _____ Address: _____

ITEM	PRICE*	QTY.	TOTAL
Book: The Flowering of the Issaquah Alps--Revised!	\$ 9.00		
Book: The Authoritative Guide to the Trails of Cougar Mountain Wildland Park and Surrounds	15.00**		
Book: Guide to Trails of Tiger Mountain	15.00***		
Book: The Coals of Newcastle: A Hundred Years of Hidden History	15.00		
Book: Eastside Family Hikes	3.00		
Book: Squak Mountain: An Island in the Sky	15.00		
Map: Issaquah Alps Tiger Mountain, 1998 revision	2.00		
Map: Issaquah Alps Cougar Mountain, 2001 revision	2.00		
Green Trails Map: Tiger & Taylor Mountains, Map 204S	7.00		
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*All prices include shipping and handling.

**One (1) IATC Cougar Mountain Map included.

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Total: _____

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Foundation and Membership Request Form

Name: _____

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All donations are tax deductible. Your donations fund The Alpiner publication costs and the club's minimal operating costs first, with 100% of remaining funds being directed where they can best address the trail design, construction, maintenance and advocacy needs throughout the Issaquah Alps. **Note:** Membership does not require a donation; however, donations help us preserve and enhance your Issaquah Alps.

Annual donation levels:

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Note: All of the following prices include shipping & handling.

- ❑ ***Flowering of the Issaquah Alps***—Revised! 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.
- ❑ ***Guide to the Trails of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park and Surrounds***—By Charles McCrone. 2000 edition. Completely updated version gives historical background and descriptions for every park trail, plus 30 other trails in the surrounding area including Bellevue, Newcastle, Renton, and the Precipice. \$15 (includes map listed in next column).
- ❑ ***Guide to Trails of Tiger Mountain***—By Bill Longwell. 2003 revised edition. Updated trail information, two new trails and numerous photographs. \$15 (includes map listed in next column).
- ❑ ***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 of Cougar Mountain now hidden from all but hikers. 100+ photographs, 4 maps, and Tim O'Brian's account of the incredible Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad. \$15.

- ❑ ***Eastside Family Hikes***—By Peggy Barchi. 2001 revised and updated edition. Descriptions of family hikes (annotated for stroller use and picnicking) on the Eastside. \$3.
- ❑ ***Squak Mountain: An Island in the Sky*** By Doug Simpson with trail descriptions by David Langrock. Provides a history of Squak Mountain and its gestation as a park. Includes 4 loop hikes covering most of the mountain trails. Includes many earlier writings by Bill Longwell and vignettes by others. \$15.
- ❑ ***Green Trails Tiger & Taylor Mountain***. Map 204S. \$7.
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