



## SALMON DAYS NEXT WEEKEND

At Issaquah's annual Salmon Days celebration October 6-7, the Issaquah Alps Trails Club will as usual be well represented at its usual booth location in the section near the salmon hatchery and Issaquah Creek.

Organized once again by Dave Kappler, the booth will have the usual information about the club and its activities, with pictures and printed information. This year Kappler promises special publicity information on the SAVE COUGAR and SAVE DELEO WALL movements prominent in IATC activity at this time.

Members, along with the general public, should stop by and check things out.

## ISSAQUAH STRATEGIC PARKS PLAN

By Doug Simpson

(Ed. Note: This information is culled from the City of Issaquah's 2018 Parks Strategic Plan. This follows the article published in the last Alpiner.)

The City of Issaquah's parks are classified by whether or not they are within the city limits. While open space exists in both, the number and type of amenities—such as picnic tables, shelters, playgrounds, restroom, etc.—are mostly at community parks.

Issaquah's park system has 61.5 miles of trails, most of which are within city limits. Urban trails total 11 miles, and most trails are classified as natural.

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## IATC ISSUES MISSION STATEMENT

Wanting to make its purposes for existence clear, the Issaquah Alps Trails Club for three years has studied the process and at a recent board meeting approved the final Mission Statement. It reads. . .

*The Issaquah Alps Trails Club (IATC) has always been more than a hiking club. From its earliest days, the club has been a voice for the protection of not only trails but open spaces through which they run, achieving unprecedented victories with the creation of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, West Tiger Natural Resources Conservation Area, Tiger Mountain State Forest and numerous parks, open spaces and county and state forests.*

*The advocacy work of the club is ongoing, and takes many forms:*

*Protecting public open space and parks from improper use and the impacts of nearby development.*

*Negotiating and working with developers to secure trails and open space within their projects.*

*Working with public agencies and private landowners to secure more permanently protected parks and open spaces in the Issaquah Alps.*

*Supporting permanent acquisition of lands dedicated to sustainable forestry and agriculture.*

*The IATC engages the public to: \*Preserve \*Protect \*Promote lands, trails, and wildlife of the Issaquah Alps for present and future generations.*

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(Note: All telephone numbers are area code 425 unless otherwise noted.)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*John Sherwin, president of the Issaquah Alps Trails club, has no report to membership for this quarter.*

### WHERE HAVE ALL THE HIKERS GONE?

Statistics from hikes sponsored by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club present an alarming picture. From January through June of this year, 20 hikes were cancelled out of sixty offered, meaning exactly one-third were scrapped.

Twenty hikes cancelled is an inordinately high number. There are always a few cancellations when bad weather keeps people away, but a higher percentage, 37.5% were cancelled in the spring as opposed to 28.6% in the three winter months. Hike leaders can cancel a hike if fewer than two hikers show up or if the weather is too daunting.

Average hike numbers were typical for January-March, 7.95 hikers per outing, but a bit low for April to June, when just 6.55 participated. There were three dog hikes each quarter, but the number of participating canines was not noted.

In the first quarter about two-thirds of the hikers were club members--100 to 51 non-members, with eight not declared. In the second quarter, the numbers were almost even-- just 66 members, 56 non-members, with nine not declared.

Trailwork parties averaged about two persons per outing (winter 14 parties, 27 people, and spring 15 parties with 32 people. Twelve of the 29 outings were held by just one person, the dedicated, hard-working Ed Vervoort. (Ed would probably appreciate a little more help!)

The club held five informative events or meetings in the winter quarter and three in the spring.

Hikers Coordinator George Potter took on these statistical compilations, one of his many contributions to the IATC.

## ADVOCACY REPORT: SPRING 2018

By David Kappler, Vice-President for Advocacy

Sometimes the best news is no news! Trust for Public Land, City of Issaquah and King County are all working on the acquisition of hopefully all of the Bergsma property on the northeast corner of Cougar Mountain. The Trust has taken the lead in working with the proposed developer and is paying for a comprehensive appraisal of the property and has an agreement to see if a purchase agreement can be worked out. We are hearing minimal detail, but encouraging things, from the Trust and the city and county. Given the cost and the complications with this property just knowing negotiations have not blown up is a good thing!

The Margaret's Way property on Squak Mountain was acquired by the Trust with the full support of the county. The back room negotiations went on for an extended time, and we knew that "no news was good news" in that both parties were anticipating and working on a positive conclusion. In the Cougar situation we have the City of Issaquah in addition to the Trust and King County working on hoped for agreement, backed by a 7-0 vote by the city council in support of acquisition.

Much credit must be given to the Save Cougar Mountain group, which has led the acquisition efforts. Their great website is the best place to get updates: [SaveCougarMountain.org](http://SaveCougarMountain.org).

Moving to the southwest corner of Cougar Mountain, we have the DeLeo Wall clear-cutting issue and potential land acquisition. As with the Bergsma issue, we hear much is happening in the background between the City of Newcastle, the county, the land owner and the potential logger. In this case, it is Forterra that has an important role in keeping negotiations going. It is good news that all the parties appear to be working on an acceptable resolution.

Again much credit must be given to the group leading this effort, Save DeLeo Wall. Their website is the best place to get updates: [SaveDeLeoWall.org](http://SaveDeLeoWall.org).

Over the near 40-year history of IATC King County

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## ISSAQUAH STRATEGIC PARKS PLAN

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“One measurement of a park system’s strength is acres of park land per thousands of population comparison. In this measurement, the City of Issaquah is well above the national average for cities of comparable size.”

Based on 2013 population of 48,509, the value of the city’s parks inventory is \$187,949,754, or \$3,874.51 per person. The study factors in population growth to determine the need for future projects. Impact fees are projected to cover much of this need.

*The city’s vision for parks “is to connect residents and visitors to nature and each other through a vibrant parks and trail system within the city, neighborhoods and regional lands that provide recreation and outdoor activities for a balanced, healthy and inclusive mountain, lake and valley community.”*

Through analysis of park maintenance and needs has resulted in a list of 51 strategic projects (too numerous to list all here), enumerating parks, trails and facilities. These are divided into four operational projects: a Recreation Facility Strategic Plan, Initiate Urban Forest/Green Issaquah Program, Improved Park Signage/Trail Wayfinding, and Initiate Neighborhood Park Grant Program.

Five themes have been adopted to reach plan goals: 1) Placemaking, 2) Connectivity, and 3) Innovative Action, to provide for 4) a Vital Environment to support passive and 5) Active Lifestyles.

To clarify these themes, a few specifics are listed here for each theme.

**Placemaking:** Confluence Park (near-term project, #26 of 51) and Corra Creek (near-term #34).

**Connectivity:** Rainier Trail Corridor (near-term @23), Tibbetts Creek Trails (near-term #7),

and Laughing Jacobs Creek Trail (mid-term project #50).

**Innovative Action:** Lake Sammamish State Park (mid-term #42) and I-90 Crossing Lake Tradition to Central Park (long-term project #29).

**Vital Environment:** Lake Tradition Plateau/Park (mid-term #29) and Central Park Open Space (long-term #39).

**Active Lifestyles:** Central Park Pad 2 (near-term #35) and PSE/South 2nd/Rainier Trailhead (near-term #27).

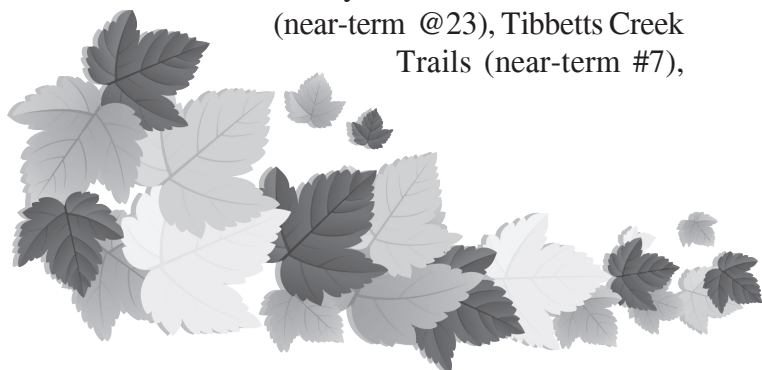
The booklet’s fifth chapter is entitled “How We Will Get There.” It explains goals and policies and various potential partnerships and funding sources. For example, *Policy A2.2 deals with trailheads to the public lands and outdoor recreation opportunities that surround the community. Prioritize and incorporate Issaquah’s current and future network of trails and trailheads into the city park system to improve trail access for Issaquah residents and visitors.*”

And Policy B3 states: *“The city shall promote and protect environmental quality, open space, wildlife habitat, multi-use recreational opportunities, recreational programming, arts and cultural experiences.”* It is followed by B3-1 through B3-6 to further clarify how these goals would be achieved.

In discussing public partnerships, it states: *“Issaquah recognizes connection to the approximately 25,500 acres of neighboring publicly owned rural open space, commonly known as the Issaquah Alps,”* mentioning state and county area designations such as Squak Mountain State Park and State Department of Natural Resources and the Tiger Mountain State Forest.

Funding issues are also discussed at length in Chapter 5, as well as checklists for measuring the success of parks programs.

In the Chapter 6 conclusion is this statement: *“The Parks Strategic Plan is a dynamic document intended to be updated every six years to evolve with the changing needs and conditions of the community.”*





# REMEMBER THE TRESTLE?

By Bill Longwell

*(Ed. Note: This article is reprinted from the spring 1999 issue of the Alpiner.)*

I used to stand at the site of the old Squak Mountain tie mill and watch the yellow and black Northern Pacific trains work through Issaquah, roll past the old town station, make the horseshoe curve to wind behind Issaquah High School, and then crawl across the high trestle that spanned Highway 10 (now I-90). The train then pursued its path to Snoqualmie Falls. The sight of that slow-moving train was always the viewing highlight of my Squak Mountain eerie.

That trestle across Highway 10 stood in its two forms from 1888 to 1975 as a major Issaquah landmark to car travelers on their east-west journeys. Its two concrete pillars with the red and black Northern Pacific monad marked for the westbound driver an exit from mountainous terrain or the beginning for those heading east. In the railroad's early days (then called the Seattle, Lakeshore and Eastern—the “eastern” goal was Walla Walla through Dutch Miller Gap--



*No more tracks cross Issaquah  
(Photo courtesy of Issaquah Historical Society.)*

this trestle marked the end of immigrant civilization in the area.

The track carried trains past stations in Preston, Lake Alice, Snoqualmie, and North Bend. The original Snoqualmie station still stands with signs that read “Elevation 420 feet” and “Seattle 56.2 miles.) The line ended in Tanner at Salal Prairie (about two miles east of North Bend).

Northern Pacific built the wooden portion of the trestle in 1902 for \$8,792. The concrete pillars followed in 1939 to ease the construction of Highway 10. Northern Pacific's successor, Burlington Northern, sold the trestle and right-of-way to Preston to the Washington Department of Transportation (DOT) for \$100,000. The DOT almost tore down the trestle in January 1975 to make way for a wider I-90.

Today, hikers and bike riders ply the old grade. A huge highway interchange will rise here in the near future.



*Making way for Interstate 90.  
(Photo courtesy of Issaquah Historical Society.)*

# HALLOWEEN BUST ON SQUAK MT.

By Bill Longwell

*(Ed. Note: This article may be apochrophal to many, but it's worth a reprint from the fall 2000 issue of the Alpiner)*

In the 60s and early 70s, Squak Mountain ruled as my favorite walk. In some of those years I reached its 2000-foot summit as many as 70 times.

My children and several of my students learned its trails, routes, and various summits. My interest in trail building received its birth pangs in those Squak years.

Occasionally several of us would take night walks on Squak. Once my younger daughter and I began hiking at 10 on a cold, clear December night (the first evening of Christmas vacation), walked up the service road a mile and a half, ate a light dinner, all the while listening to the howls of numerous coyotes on that moonlit night.

Another time I took students who had hiked with me for years to Squak's summit where we remained for a midnight supper. We listened to two-way conversations from radios inside the building and then walked downhill in the new morning to our cars for the ride home.

Once in a late October, a former student called and wondered where he could go with friends on a Halloween hike. I told him about Squak and my dark hikes. He took his friends to the summit.

On Monday morning, he came to tell me he had been arrested there. Before the major fences on Squak's summit were placed, hikers could seek shelter in the doorway nooks of the several buildings there. But after someone dismantled and stole the first fence, authorities began to "bug" the buildings. Until that Halloween, we found the bugs only amusing.

My student and his friends had reached the summit, had begun to eat their dinners in a protected nook when a voice from a radio inside a building demanded they "identify yourselves." They did. The voice then told them "to wait right there." They did.

Half an hour later a state patrolman arrived to arrest the whole group. However, all were underage except

for my student. He was arrested. Shortly after, he received a summons to appear in court. He was distraught. So was I.

I did what I could. On the night before the trial, I called the judge at his home and told him the whole story, all the while expecting him to cut me off. But he patiently listened and ended our conversation by saying, "You know, when I was young, I often climbed Squak Mountain."

On the morning of his court appearance, my student stood before the judge with a letter I had written explaining the students' innocence and my guilt. After he looked at the letter, the judge took one look at my young student and said to him, "Case dismissed."

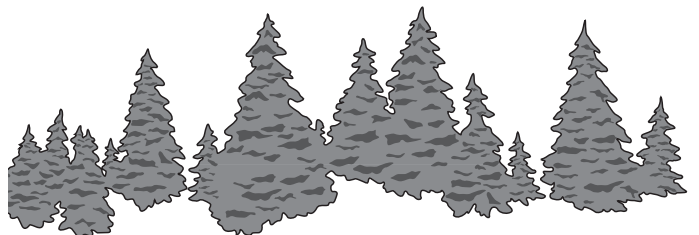
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## HIKING SOLO

Make your sole hiking experience the best it can be with ten tips for hiking alone.

1. Choose the right trail—and ease into it.
2. Build your confidence.
3. Grow your skills.
4. Tell someone where you are going.
5. Prepare to feel alone.
6. Have a game plan for interactions.
7. Bring protection you are comfortable with.
8. Know your limits.
9. Have a way to call for help.
10. Have fun!

For full details of these tips see "Washington Trails," July-August issue, pp. 29-31.



IATC HISTORY: CHAPTER 21 (2000)

# NEW TRAILS HEIGHTEN GROWTH

By Doug Simpson

## *January - March: East Cougar Village*

In her report as president of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club, Barbara Johnson complimented treasurer Steve Drew for his new bookkeeping system, Dan McCrea for improvements in memberships records, and Bill Longwell and Charles McCrone for their trailwork efforts.

Ken Konigsmark reported on the cooperative collaboration with Intracorp for development of East Cougar Village on Cougar Mountain's east side. Intracorp made several commitments to maximize preservation of open space and trails, "the first time IATC has had an opportunity to collaborate on a proposed development from its beginnings." The urban village was to include 1,800 residential units as well as office and retail space. It was approved by the City of Issaquah on December 6, 1999.

Charles McCrone initiated a four-part series of articles on the preservation and development of Cougar Mountain. "I imagine greenways—a multiplicity of ways across and around the mountain linking Squak Mountain, Cougar Mountain, May and Coal Creek neighborhood parks and trails, Bellevue, Renton, and Issaquah." As Harvey Manning once stated, "Everything we did seemed impossible at the time."

Bill Longwell detailed the history of "the old crew" of trailworkers, which focused on the Issaquah Alps from November to May and the Alpline Lakes from May to November. Leading devotees to Longwell's 30 years of service were Joe Toynbee (26 years), Debbie Anschell and Ken Hopping (8), Larry Hanson and Chip Curtis (6), Bob Zeigler and Fred Zeitler (5), Marty Hanson, Dick Clark and Ron Howatson (4).

## *April - June: Acquisitions Mount Up*

Elected as IATC's officers were Steven Drew as president (he remained as active treasurer), Barbara Johnson as vice-president for operations, Kitty Gross as secretary and Ken Konigsmark staying as vice-president for advocacy. The only new board member chosen was David Langrock. Holdovers besides the

officers were Christina Jackson, Bill Longwell, Dan McCrea, and Charles and Malena McCrone. Linda St. John continued as editor of the *Alpiner*.

President Drew reviewed his planned activities as president and encouraged interested persons to get involved by leading hikes, working on trailwork or helping plan the club's twentieth anniversary celebration. "Enjoy your favorite trail or lend us your talents as we work to build upon what those before us have achieved."

Konigsmark discussed how two parcels totaling 433 acres were acquired through the efforts of the new Transfer of Development Credits (TDC) program. The two parcels were in the Grand Ridge and Mitchell Hill areas. He complimented King County Executive Ron Sims, Issaquah Mayor Ava Frisinger and Mark Sullitto, the TDC program manager, "for being so visionary and tenacious in making sure this happened."

Part two of McCrone's series on Cougar Mountain focused on the area west of Red Town, the Coal Creek Trail and its ultimate connection to Newcastle Beach. He cited concerns for future developmental impacts.

Hikes Coordinator Fred Zeitler reported that 11 rain-outs (mostly in the fourth quarter) were among 160 scheduled hikes in 1999. The total of 1300 hikers averaged out to nine per hike, though four hikes exceeded twenty participants.

Planning was underway way for the 10th anniversary Mountains to Sound March scheduled for July 13-22. Since the initial hike "over 80,000 acres of land have been acquired by the public to protect forests. Thousands of trees have been planted, new trails constructed and planned, and miles of logging roads restored." Furthermore, the I-90 Greenway became officially a National Scenic Byway. The March will cover over 120 miles in ten days.

## *July - September: Diversity Thrives*

Fred Zeitler announced that on August 3 he would lead the club's first ever dog hike, requiring a leash and

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## NEW TRAILS HEIGHTEN GROWTH

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doggie bags. The outing was planned for 4.5 miles on Squak Mountain with over 1200 feet of elevation gain.

President Steve Drew cited efforts for a more varied hiking schedule, including Woman Walks dog hikes and “our first annual IATC Clubwide Barbecue Hike and Celebration.” He commented in his Report that the club was building more all-weather trails and was partnering with other organizations to bring more resources to the club.

McCrone’s third article on Cougar Mountain focuses on the north end of the park. It dwells on Betty’s Trail (or Saddleback Trail) and Peggy’s Trail, built by Betty Culbert and Peggy and Ralph Owen. McCrone cites Bellevue’s purchase of the Peltola pasture for a new Lewis Creek Park east of Lakemont Boulevard. He worried over construction projects near Lakemont and the spillover from the Montreaux development.

Betty Manning announced the passing of long-time club activist Gail Palm. “IATC is fuller and richer for Gail’s energetic and enterprising contribution to the evolution of this club in its first decade.”

Pointing to the Kelkari development and coming Mountains to Sound Greenway March as critical factors, Charles McCrone praised the cooperation of many diverse groups in the development of the Squak Mountain Access and East Ridge trails: Cascadia Quest, State Parks, County Parks, Washington Trails Association, Student Conservation Association and, of course, the Issaquah Alps Trails Club.

### *October – December: Cougar Book and New Leadership*

The club promoted McCrone’s new edition of “Guide to the Trails of Cougar Mountain,” which he spent two years revising and updating the old 1991 edition written by Harvey Manning and Ralph Owen.

In his fourth article on Cougar Mountain, McCrone focused on the east side. His article featured the unspoiled Precipice area and urged acquisition of the private land between the coming East Village and the northeast corner of the park.

The first dog hike was a great success, with 15 hikes and their well-behaved dogs exploring Squak Mountain. Participants urged more such hikes, which Fred Zeitler promised would be in the works.

King County’s wildlife program, begun in 1992, was honored nationally for its “linked networks” of habitat between streams and wetlands and from mountains to lowlands. The program provides for protecting wildlife through incentives, education and grants.

Six club members were honored by the Volunteer Trailwork Coalition (VTC) for completing training to make them qualified trail crew leaders: Steve Drew, Frank Gilliland, David Langrock, Sandra Reubel, Scott Semans and Jeff Warren.

New hike leaders in 2000 were *Steve Drew, Lauren Hutchinson, David Langrock, Matt Neville and Aurelia Sequoia.*

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## TRAILHEAD PROGRAM IS WORKING

Trailhead Direct continues to be very popular. In the season up to the end of July, there have been over 10,000 boardings on the Issaquah Alps and Mount Si services alone. This means those two services are averaging close to 200 boardings each day they run.

Trailhead Direct will be running through late October/early November with the specific routes and dates depending on ridership and weather.

Ben Hughey of Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is seeking stories of riding experiences. “If you or someone you know has used the service and is willing to share a story or anecdote about their experience, please email Elena (elena\_arakaki@tws.org). These stories will be used to shape promotional messaging and help planning for next season.”



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has been one of our best partners in acquiring and managing thousands of acres in the Issaquah Alps and beyond. King County recognizes that they need to come up with new ways to acquire park, forest and agricultural lands before they are developed and become even more expensive to acquire. The county executive has proposed a land conservation initiative (LCI) with near total support of the King County Council and full support of the environment and park supporting communities.

To get the greatest and latest on this essential effort, we encourage you to go online and search for “King County Land Conservation Initiative.” As with the above-mentioned hoped-for acquisitions, this is an ever-changing issue, but unlike those acquisitions there is much public information available, and direct public engagement is desired and helpful.

## 9 COMMANDMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

1. I recognize that most users of outdoor facilities do no work to maintain them, and I am not bitter about this.
2. I recognize that most land management agency employees operate within a complex set of rules and regulations, and cannot always act as I might like.
3. I recognize that selected officials are much more concerned about issues such as education and health care than they are about funding outdoor recreation.
4. I recognize that I am blessed to live in such a beautiful area, and it is a privilege for me to be able to contribute to its maintenance.
5. I recognize that other outdoor volunteers might have motivations and perceptions different from my own.
6. I recognize that as an outdoor volunteer one of the most powerful things I can do is to set an example: hard work, proper use of tools, respect for the environment, etc.
7. I recognize that, in lieu of monetary reward, a volunteer has right to expect a well-organized, worthwhile project.
8. I recognize that of the three project components of people, equipment and planning, people are the most important.
9. I recognize that volunteering for trailwork does not necessarily make me more virtuous and noble than anyone else.

## 11 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR MARK (Without Leaving a Trace)

*(Ed. Note: This article is reprinted in part from WTA's "Washington Trails" magazine for Nov.-Dec. 2016)*

Go beyond leaving no trace. Leave a place better than you found it by packing out trash and litter.

1. Learn the fine art of making a trail by joining a work party.
2. Foster awe for wild places in a child or a teenager.
3. Leave a financial legacy (or donate) to protect trails.
4. Share responsibly on social media.
5. Use your trail experience to speak up for trails—help convince legislators that trails are worth funding.
6. Consider if your project (stacking rocks or leaving treasures) will negatively impact the experience of other hikers.
7. Think about what you're hoping to get from your photos before snapping them. Looking up from your camera more frequently might serve you better.
8. Share trips via trip reports for fellow hikers.
9. Consider sketching a view rather than photographing it—you'll spend more time taking in details.
10. Take a hike just for yourself. Leave your phone turned off and your camera at home.

# 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, dogs only on designated dog hikes.

## Degree of Difficulty

**Very Easy:** up to 4 miles and 600 feet of elevation gain – for beginners.

**Easy:** up to 6 miles and 1200 feet gain – not difficult for occasional hikers.

**Moderate:** up to 10 miles with 1200 to 2500 feet gain – usually not difficult for regular hikers.

**Strenuous:** up to 12 miles and 3500 feet gain – for experienced hikers in good condition.

**Very Strenuous:** over 12 miles and/or over 3500 feet gain – only for experienced hikers in very good physical and aerobic condition.

## 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.

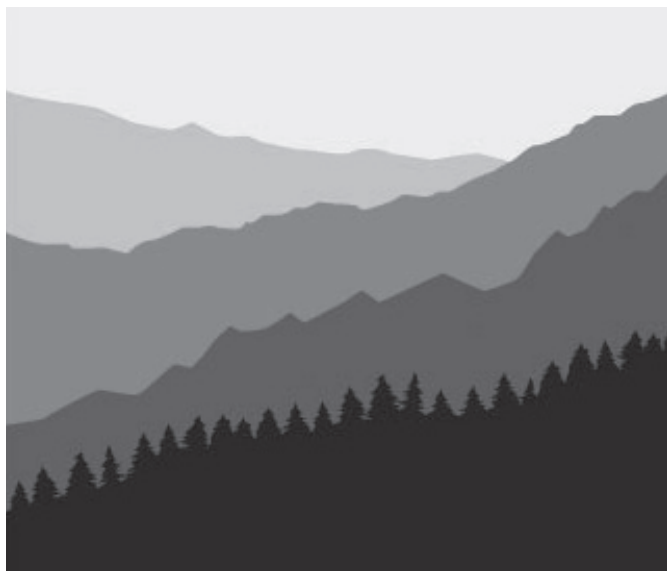
**Exploratory:** The leader goes cross country off the main trail system to explore animal trails, canyons, old logging roads, or old railroad grades.

Expect to go through brush, over logs, tiptoe through wildflowers, and/or mud while having a good time hiking where others seldom tread.

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## WEBSITE HELP NEEDED

IATC wants to update its website and could use help. If you are knowledgeable and can help, please contact George Potter at 425-557-6554.



## HIKING INFORMATION

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

*NOTE: Group hikes do not lend themselves to dogs unless on designated dog hikes.*

### 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.

Trail work parties last at least four hours. Trail maintenance is vital to the Club's work and is

## ✓ 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!

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!





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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.

**Don't forget to renew your membership!**

☐ \$20 Membership Renewal (PDF Newsletter)

☐ \$25 Membership Renewal (Print Newsletter)

**IMPORTANT:** This form and your donation and/or membership request form should be mailed to:  
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