



THE ISSAQUAH ALPINEER



The first meeting of the "Issaquah Alps Trails Club" (name voted in by those in attendance) was held on May 19, 1979, at the Issaquah Sportsmen Club House. The meeting was well attended and included representatives from the Dept. of Natural Resources, Weyerhaeuser, and Burlington Northern; each of whom advised us on their land use policies.

Presentations were made by Harvey Manning and David Kappler regarding the Issaquah Alps and the formation of a hiking club. Seventeen individuals/family groups signed up for membership. An assessment of \$3.00 per individual or \$5.00 per family was agreed to. (See application at end of newsletter.)

Committees were established to draw up the bylaws and articles of incorporation which are required for the formation of a non-profit corporation. These items will be presented to the membership for approval at the next meeting. (See the July newsletter for location and time.) The following is a tentative list of purposes of the group:

- 1 Work to establish a public trail system to, on and around Cougar, Squak, and Tiger Mts. (The Issaquah Alps).
- 2 Promote the Issaquah Alps as a recreation area of regional significance.
- 3 Promote trail establishment and use that will protect the rights of present and future property owners.
- 4 Work to strictly limit the use of motorized vehicles for recreational use in the area.
- 5 Work to establish walk-in campgrounds and other parks which compliment the use of the trail system.
- 6 Promote the development and/ or establishment of parks, viewing points, and trails which meet the needs of all ages and for those with physical handicaps.
- 7 Promote recreation uses which will be compatible with the development and recovery of renewable and nonrenewable resources.
- 8 Promote the maintenance and "signing" of trails.
- 9 Promote adequate law enforcement along trails and in parks.
- 10 Encourage local park departments to establish regular programs that make use of the Issaquah Alps.
- 11 Encourage the development of trails appropriate for walkers, joggers, hikers, bicyclists and equestrians.
- 12 Encourage the use of public transit and other energy efficient transportation in, and to the Issaquah Alps.
- 13 Establish a hiking program that emphasizes all parts of the region and meets the needs of both beginners and those wishing more difficult challenges.

14 Preserve history

It was agreed that the group would schedule mid-week hikes as well as weekend hikes and that these hikes would be listed in the newsletter and also submitted to the press for release.

The following hikes are scheduled for June and subsequent hikes will appear in future newsletters.

June 6, Squak Mountain

Meet at 6:30 P.M. at Goode's Corner (Issaquah Park and Ride Lot). See rattlesnake plantain and old logging bridge; walk Chybinski Trail, 3 miles, 750 ft. elevation gain. Return to cars by 9:30 P.M. Leader, Bill Longwell, 255-1295.

June 16, Middle Tiger Mountain, elevation 2607 feet

One of Tiger's -- and the Issaquah Alps' -- very best viewpoints. And no road to the top, a genuine trail. The party will assemble at 9:30 A.M. at the Puget Power sub-

station at the turnoff of the SE Tiger Mountain Road, from the Issaquah -Hobart Road, about 1/4 miles south of the center of Issaquah. Party will drive to trail-head on West-Side Logging Road and hike Bill Longwell's new Tiger Mountain Trail. This is a different route from last time, though the assembly point is the same. Total distance, about 6 miles, elevation gain about 1200 feet (less than last time). Return to cars by 4:00 P.M. Leader, Tim O'Brian, in cooperation with the Issaquah Parks and Recreation Dept.

June 20, May Valley Vista -- Licorice Fern Wall, elevation 575 feet

Meet at 6:30 P.M. at May Valley School (Coalfield). Leader, Dave Kappler, 235-0741. Total round-trip distance about 1 1/2 miles, elevation gain about 300 feet. One of the finest displays of forest flowers in the area, climaxing in the astounding Licorice Fern Wall, a rock cliff all covered with moss, draped with Licorice fern, decorated with flowers. From the top, a charming view of pastoral May Valley. Return to cars by 9:00 P.M.

June 27, Stagecoach Road, elevation 700 feet

Explore the grade, still partly preserved in wildwoods, of the old Stagecoach Road, first road from Issaquah over Cougar Mountain to the Newcastle mines, built a century ago. There also are fine views out to the Issaquah plain. Meet at 6:30 P. at the Issaquah Park and Ride Lot (Highway 900 and Newport Way). This is historic Goode's Corner. Climb steep trail to views -- then into the woods to soak up the history. Total round-trip distance, about 3 miles. Elevation gain, 600 feet. Return to cars by 9:00 P.M. Leader, Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017.

July 14, Squak Mountain, elevation 2000 feet

Meet at 9:30 A.M. at the Issaquah Fish Hatchery, a bit west of the city center on Front Street. The hike will follow old woods roads and trails through the undeveloped Squak Mountain State Park to the summit, taking a loop route to explore the wild East Face, steepened by the glacier and richly forested, including some virgin forest. Hike length about 8 miles. Return by 4:00 P.M. Leader, David Kappler, 235-0741, in cooperation with the Issaquah Parks and Recreation Dept.

We are requesting that all parties interested in the club and its activities become members. The \$3.00 individual/ \$5.00 family yearly membership is a modest fee for the many benefits that may be derived from this club. Your support will defray expenses for filing fees with the State and printing and mailing costs for the newsletter. Due to the vast response to the spring hikes and additional inquiries received we believe there is a need for an organization such as ours.

If you are not already a member, please complete the information on the following form and return with your remittance.

Issaquah Alps Trails Club, P. O. Box 351, Issaquah, Wa, 98027

Name/s _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Individual \$3.00

Family \$5.00

Will Help

Plan Hikes Trail Maint. & Planning Lead or help lead hikes Club Officer

Serve on Committee

Bylaws Typing Newsletter Phoning Membership