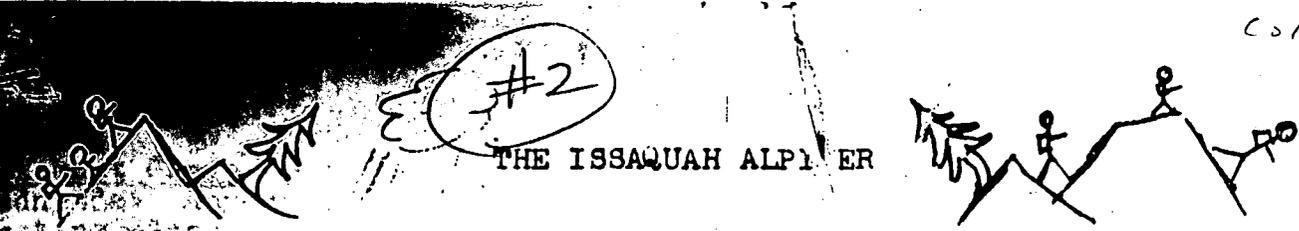


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THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE



The Issaquah Alps Trails Club is well on its way. Our weeknight hikes have been especially well attended and our Saturday trips continue to be very popular. Our membership is building quickly and new people are continually becoming involved.

This newsletter describes 8 hikes planned for July and August and includes a membership application if you are not yet a member, or wish to pass it on to a friend. We have also included a form to list the names and addresses of people you know who might be interested in receiving a complimentary copy of our newsletter.

HIKES FOR JULY AND AUGUST: (It is not necessary to notify the leader you are coming - just show up at the appointed time and place).

Squak Mountain

Saturday, July 14, 9:30 A.M.

Meeting place - Issaquah Fish Hatchery (a bit west of city center on Front St.)
Leader - David Kappler, Phone 235-0741 (in cooperation with Issaquah Parks and Recreation Dept.)

Start at 9:30 A.M., return about 4:00 P.M.

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. Elevation gain 1700 feet.

East Side of Cougar Mountain

Wednesday, July 18, 6:30 P.M.

Meeting place - Issaquah Park and Ride Lot

Leader - Harvey Manning, Phone SH6-1017

Starts at 6:30 P.M., return by 9:00

Start from an old quarry where climbers now rappel, climb high on slopes of Wilderness Peak, Cougar Mountain's highest summit, then contour to the cool gorge of the Wilderness Creek and descend in lovely forest back to Highway, for a loop. About 1-3/4 miles total. High point 725 feet. Elevation gain 350 feet.

Lake Tradition

Wednesday, July 25, 6:30 P.M.

Meeting place - Entrance to Issaquah High School (in front of bus garage)

Leader - Bill Longwell, Phone 255-1295

Starts at 6:30 P.M., ends by 9:00

This will be a 3 1/2 mile hike around Lake Tradition, a small lake owned by the City of Issaquah, on a bench to the east of town. 350-foot elevation gain. End at High School.

Coal Creek County Park

Wednesday, August 1, 6:30 P.M.

Meeting place - About a mile south of Newport High School on the Coal Creek Parkway where it takes a big dip and crosses Coal Creek.

Leader - Bill Longwell, Phone 255-1295

Starts at 6:30 P.M., ends by 9:00

Coal Creek Park extends nearly from I-405 to Newcastle. This hike will explore some of the upper canyon area of the park. A couple of miles total with about a 200-foot gain in elevation.

Lakemont Gorge

Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 P.M.

Meeting place - South side of I-90 where Newport Way and West Sammamish boulevard join. (Exit 13 on I-90)

Leader - David Kappler, Phone 235-0741

Starts at 6:30 P.M., ends about 9:00 P.M.

This is the site of the once proposed Lakemont Boulevard. This is a beautiful gorge and stream that is very close to Bellevue and Issaquah, and is on the Metro bus run. Hike is two miles with 300-foot elevation gain.

Tiger Mountain Trail (TMT)

Saturday, August 18, 9:30 A.M.

Meeting place - Puget Power substation at the turnoff of the SE Tiger Mountain Road from the Issaquah-Hobart Road, about 4½ miles south of the center of Issaquah. Party will drive to trailhead from there.

Leader - Bill Longwell, Phone 255-1295

Starts at 9:30 A.M., ends by 4:00

This will be a nice 6-7 mile trip on Bill Longwell's Tiger Mountain Trail. People are encouraged to bring a pair of pruners, loppers, or a Swede saw for we hope to clear about 2 miles of the trail. This will be our first trail maintenance trip, but it will also be one of the nicer hikes of the year as well. This will provide you with a good chance to learn more about Tiger and make it easier for you and others to travel around this wilderness and reach the many beautiful view points on Tiger in the future. 600 feet elevation gain.

Jordan Creek

Thursday, August 23, 6:30 P.M. (Note this is on a Thursday, for those who can't make it on Wednesdays)

Meeting place - Issaquah Thriftway (downtown)

Leader - Tim O'Brian, Phone 392-7365

Starts at 6:30 P.M., ends by 9:00

Jordan Creek is also called the North Fork of Issaquah Creek and is to the north of the gravel mining operations northeast of Issaquah. This hike will take a couple of hours and cover a couple of miles. The little canyon formed by this creek is quite beautiful. The hike is not difficult but be prepared to cross the creek several times.

South Cougar and a repeat of the Licorice Fern Wall

Wednesday, August 29, 6:30 P.M.

Meeting place - May Valley Elementary School

Leader - Tom Mechler, Phone 255-0922

Starts at 6:30 P.M., ends by 9:00

This trip will begin at May Valley School. There will be two possible trips. The first is a very easy hike to, up, and across the beautiful Licorice Fern Wall. This was a very popular hike in June and a spot everyone should "discover". For those who are more ambitious there will be a chance to venture up on to Cougar and see Doughty Falls, View Creek, and Far Country Creek. The Licorice Fern part totals less than a mile, but the longer hike totals about three miles and is not all on a trail. Total elevation gain for longer hike is 700 feet.

