



ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE
February 1, 1980

PRESIDENT'S (SECOND) REPORT

A bustling time, these past 3 months. Of 40's scheduled hikes, only 4 didn't go -- on typhoon days of trees swaying and crashing, or arctic days of snow up to a coyote's eyebrows, days when the parties assembled at the Park and Ride and voted no. (Indomitability is all well and good but sometimes to persevere is simply silly, even if a heroic poem was written about the Light Brigade.) Attendance has been as high as 48 but mostly 9-20, fewer midweek.

Membership grew by 50 percent -- our member families now comprise more than 600 individuals. In addition we're pleased to be accompanied by large numbers of non-members who learn of the trips through our original and continuing co-sponsor, Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department, or other parks departments, or newspaper listings or Signpost, or the groups (Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, Washington Environmental Council, Washington Wilderness Coalition,) that are publicizing the Alps and the others (Seattle Audubon, Naturalists of The Mountaineers) that are joint-scheduling trips with us. By the end of our first full year we'll have introduced perhaps 1000 walkers to the Alps on club hikes. Through the ripple effect, who knows how many more?

Obviously, then, we'll keep on hiking. What else?

Bicycle rides, by golly! Rosemarie Spence is organizing an exciting program to lead the way to our Bikeway Future. When your boots are tired, try wheels.

Bob Court is organizing a committee to study the country to determine the good horse routes (and the trails horses should avoid).

Did somebody say, "Issaquah Alps Marathon"? Like, perhaps, a figure-8 around Squak and Cougar? Tim O'Brian is hot to run, wants company. Call him.

Really big news: Bill Longwell is nearly done with his map-trail guide to Tiger Mountain. And Merv Pistrang of the U. S. Geological Survey is preparing a map-guide to geology of the Alps. Inventories of flora and fauna are underway. Finally, bumperstickers are in production, blazoning for all on the highways to marvel at, "Issaquah Alps."

These productions will be priced at just enough to be self-supporting, with a modest profit to the club treasury. For start-up funds, however, we are deeply grateful to a generous and timely grant from Recreational Equipment Inc. ("The Co-op").

The object all sublime of IATC is innocent merriment on the trails. But we have sober civic duties as well. The map (herin) of our proposal for a park and trail system centered on Cougar Mountain has been presented to the Newcastle Citizens Committee, engaged in preparing the King County plan for future development of Cougar and environs. The committee soon will hold a public hearing. Attend and speak. Later the committee plan will be submitted to the King County Council. Talk then and now in person or by phone or letter to your County Councilperson.

Another citizens committee has commenced another community plan, for Tahoma-Raven Heights, including half of Squak and all of Tiger. The IATC will have proposals there too. However, to help refine them we need a new study group -- a Forest Practices Committee -- to discuss a subject that even few foresters know much about -- the technique of multiple-use tree-farming in urban-suburban forests. If interested, call me (SH 6-1017).

We also need (call me) a Valley Floor-Floodplain Committee to study the farms and horse ranches and skyports being processed into shopping centers and business parks. May Valley, Issaquah Creek, Tibbetts Creek, and the Lake Sammamish plain are as quintessential to the "Issaquah Alps personality" as Cougar and Squak and Tiger. We love our cliffs and waterfalls and forests and coyotes. But we also dote on our green pastures and our cows and pigs and sheep and goats and chickens.

Harvey Manning

HELP -- SAVE TIGER MOUNTAIN -- SEND MONEY -- HELP

The suit filed against the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by the Washington Environmental Council, Seattle Audubon Society, and others is whole-heartedly backed by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club.

No group has more to lose than us if present DNR policies are permitted to continue. Tiger Mountain will become -- within the next several years -- entirely one great big screaming frenzy of an ATV "Park" -- logging roads breaking up the trail system, putting noisy wheels on all our formerly peaceful paths.

The suit is not against tree-faring, only against the way DNR goes about it. Other values than cash flow must be given status, especially on such near-urban forest lands as those of Tiger.

Contributions are tax-deductible.

Mail checks to:

Northwest Fund for the Environment
119 South Main
Seattle, Wa. 98104

Mark your check "DNR LAWSUIT -- IATC."

If you've already given, thank you. (Please give more, if you can. It's going to be a long, hard haul.)

MEETINGS

EVERYBODY COME. SAY WHAT YOU'VE GOT ON YOUR MIND.

Hikes Committee

Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m. At Newport Way Library, 14250 S. E. Newport Way, Bellevue. Plan hikes for April-May-June.

Board of Directors

Thursday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. Newport Way Library.

Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. Newport Way Library.

COMMITTEES

EVERYBODY JOIN. EVERYBODY WORK. IT'S EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS.

Some committees are well-organized and operating smoothly -- which doesn't mean they can't use more help. Other committees are just getting started -- everything remains to be done. Still others are itches the club is eager to scratch -- if volunteers can be recruited.

If you are interested in joining a committee, call the phone number listed below. If the committee has no number listed, call Harvey Manning (SH 6-1017).

Hikes -- Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
Bicycle Rides -- Rosemarie Soence, 248-1293
Horse Routes -- Bob Court, 235-1033
Issaquah Alps Marathon -- Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
Alpiner -- Ivonne Mechler, 255-0922
Membership -- Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
Publicity -- Barbara Johnson, 746-4947
Nature Studies -- ??
History -- Virginia Gallagher -- 255-5591
Governmental Contact (Lobbying) -- ??
Telephone Tree -- ???
Forest Practices -- ???
Valley Floors-Floodplains -- ???

FEBRUARY-MARCH BICYCLE RIDES

Welcome to the Issaquah Alps Bikers! Our first rides will be along easy routes which can be enjoyed by anyone with any sort of bike. Later rides will vary in mileage and challenge.

I hope to see many fellow riders on our first trips. I will be very interested in suggestions you may have for other rides.

If you have any questions, please call me. If you'd be willing to help lead trips, I'd like to hear from you.

--Remember, our group has the responsibility to develop a Bikeways Plan for the Issaquah Alps area and work with other groups to obtain its establishment. So, we'll study as we ride.

Rosemarie Spence
Chairperson, Bicycle Rides Committee
248-1293

SAMMAMISH RIVER TRAIL

Saturday, February 16

Meeting place: Marymoor County Park (Redmond) entrance, 11 a.m.

A flat, paved trail between the river and farms. Motorized traffic prohibited. About 18 miles round-trip. With lunch stop, about 2½ hours. (Note: those who so wish needn't go the whole distance.)

SI VIEW PARK TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS

Sunday, February 24

Meeting place: Si View Park in North Bend, 10 a.m.

Gentle terrain with one moderate uphill grade, on back roads along the base of Mt. Si and then to the falls for lunch and picture-taking. About 20 miles round-trip, 3½ hours. (Note: this trip is "Issaquah Alps business" because there soon will be a bikeway from Issaquah to Snoqualmie Falls.)

COUGAR MOUNTAIN

Saturday, March 1

Meeting place: May Valley School, at 164th and S. E. May Valley Road, 10:30 a.m.

One steep uphill near the start, then more moderate terrain, along quiet back roads. Lunch at Lake Sammamish State Park. Optional stop at Boehm's Candy Store in Issaquah. 25 miles round-trip, about 4 hours.

DUVALL TO CARNATION

Saturday, March 8

Meeting place: downtown Duvall, 10:30 a.m.

A large loop through Stillwater and Carnation, on mostly flat terrain. If the party wishes, we also will tour the Carnation Farms, an interesting 45 minutes. Please bring a chain and lock, in case we make this tour. Lunch at Carnation Memorial Park. 25 miles round-trip, about 3½ hours plus the optional farm tour.

(Note: again this is Issaquah Alps biking country because our to-be-built Issaquah-Snoqualmie Falls Trail will connect to a to-be-built Snoqualmie River Trail extending all the way to Monroe.)

HIKES FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH

Hikes Committee: Harvey Manning (SH 6-1017), chairman; Russ Williams (392-5989), in charge of Saturday hikes; Craig and Pat Taylor (BA 6-6626), Sunday hikes; Virginia Gallagher (255-5591), midweek 1-2 hikes; Ted and Ann Leber (746-3291), midweek 3-4 hikes.

For hike details, see the separate publication, Introduction to IATC.

POC POC POINT (Class-3)

Saturday, Feb. 2

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: George Heiser, 392-2033

LICOPICE FERN WALL-SURPRISE WALL (Class 2)

Sunday, Feb. 3

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922

Something new has been added -- in the valley of Far Country Creek, Surprise Wall and Trog Swamp. Fantastic!

- SQUAK MOUNTAIN -- NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3)** Monday, Feb. 4
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
 Leader: Laurie Leber, 746-3291
- MARYMOOR PARK (Class 1)** Thursday, Feb. 7
 Meeting place: entrance to Marymoor Park, 10 a.m.
 Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-4947
- PRESTON TO ISSAQUAH (Class 2)** Saturday, Feb. 9
 Meeting place: downtown Issaquah, #210 bus stop at corner of Front and Sunset
 (Gull Station), 11:50 a.m. (to catch noon 210 to Preston, from where we walk
 back to Issaquah)
 Leader: Mark Follett, 937-2746
- SQUAK MOUNTAIN -- NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3)** Sunday, Feb. 10
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
 Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
- COAL CREEK PARK EXPLORATION (Class 3)** Tuesday, Feb. 12
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
 Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291
 A part of the park few know -- The Farm. Visit the Mary Tunnel, a duck marsh,
 the astounding Sandstone Gorge. Then explore upstream in the proposed addition to the
 park -- past Cinder Mine to North Fork Falls and Red Town.
- LAKE TRADITION (FROM HIGH POINT) (Class 1)** Wednesday, Feb. 13
 Meeting place: downtown Issaquah, #210 bus stop at Front and Sunset, 10 a.m.
 Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591
- MARSHALL'S HILL (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 3)** Saturday, Feb. 16
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741
 A new trip for us, by a route to be determined, but certainly including the terrific
 De Leo Wall and possibly, as well, the Surprise Wall, Trog Swamp and The Far Country.
- FOREST THEATER TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS (Class 2)** Sunday, Feb. 17
 Meeting place: Preston County Park (210 bus stop), 12:30 p.m.
 Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280
 Another new trip, from the famous Forest Theater to the bottom of the falls, where
 the water thunders and the spray billows.
- SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 1+)** Tuesday, Feb. 19
 Meeting place: Preston County Park (210 bus stop), 10 a.m.
 Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060
- GOODE'S CORNER TO ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 3)** Wed., Feb. 20
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
 Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
 Ascend near the historic Post Road on big-view powerline swath, then woods paths, to
 the undeveloped county park atop Cougar. Descend via the incredible Big Tree Ridge -- an
 astounding stand of old-growth Douglas fir on the proposed Precipice Trail.
- GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)** Saturday, Feb. 23
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
 Leader: Phillip and Ann Beckley, 255-1308
- MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-)** Sunday, Feb. 24
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
 Leader: Kent Le Cootes, 392-2667

EAST FORK ISSAQUAH CREEK - HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 1) Wed., Feb. 27

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Barbara Smith, 226-2694

MAIN TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3)

Thursday, Feb. 28

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

We've not done this trip before because on weekends the razzers roar. Weekdays, though, it's a lovely, quiet walk via the East Side Road, with fine views over the Raging River to Rattlesnake Mountain to the Cascades. --And the summit is the apex of the Issaquah Alps, 3004 feet.

WEST TIGER 1 (Class 3+)

Saturday, March 1

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2933
Via the Preston Trail, a new route for us.

GRAND RIDGE -- THE HOUR TRAIL (Class 2+)

Sunday, March 2

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Craig and Pat Taylor, BA 6-6626

LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK (Class 1)

Tuesday, March 4

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-4947

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3+)

Friday, March 7

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Harvey Manning SH 6-1017

COAL CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2)

Saturday, March 8

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: John Bartels, 432-9136 (a neighbor's phone, so use sparingly)

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN (Class 3)

Sunday, March 9

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Steve Smith, 226-2694

A new trip for us -- to the easternmost peak of the Alps and pow views of North Bend and Mt. Si.

MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-)

Monday, March 10

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

SAMMAMISH RIVER TRAIL (Class 1 or 2, depending on party desire) Wed., March 12

Meeting place: Redmond City Hall parking lot, 10 a.m.
Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3+)

Saturday, March 15

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: A. J. Culver, 392-3002

SQUAK MOUNTAIN, WEST FACE -- CHYBINSKI TRAIL (Class 2)

Sunday, March 16

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Dick and Barbara Ashman, 746-6681

COUGAR MOUNTAIN RING TRAIL (Class 4)

Tuesday, March 18

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 A.M.
Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017

Explore the route of the centerpiece of the proposed Cougar Mountain 2000-acre regional park, 12 miles through The Far Country, The Wilderness, The High Marsh, and The Long Marsh, plus three summits of Cougar.

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

Thursday, March 20

LAKEMONT GEORGE (Class 2)

Meeting place: parking area south off I-90 on Exit 13 -- stub-end of what once was planned to be Lakemont Boulevard. (210 stop)

Leader: Buzz Moore, 746-1866

From the rain forest to haunted ruins of abandoned homestead, lichen-gray orchard. Possible additional walk, for those who desire, to nearby Timberlake Park on Lake Sammamish. Also, sidetrip west to the enormous views from proposed Precipice Trail.

Saturday, March 22

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.

Leader: Craig and Pat Taylor, BA 6-6626

Sunday, March 23

FOREST THEATER TO SHOQUALMIE FALLS (Class 2)

Meeting place: Preston County Park (210 stop), 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Bob Lynette, 392-5969

For details see February 17.

Wednesday, March 26

CEDAR RIVER PARKS AND TRAIL (Class 3-)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

A different Cedar River trail than we hiked before (John's Wilderness). This is through undeveloped county parks beside the river, connected by the Trail of the Iron Horse.

Thursday, March 27

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3+)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Stan Unger, 283-7823

Saturday, March 29

LAKE TRADITION (FROM ISSAQUAH) (Class 2)

Meeting place: downtown Issaquah, 210 bus stop at Front and Sunset, 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Joe and Dina Chybinski, 782-8349

Sunday, March 30

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Names _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Individual \$3.00 Family \$5.00 Contributing \$10.00 or more

Interested in working on following committees or activities:

Hikes Bicycle Rides Horse Routes Marathon Alpiner

Membership Publicity Nature Studies History Government Contact

Telephone tree Forest Practices Valley Floors-Floodplains










Please send membership information to:

Names _____

Addresses _____

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Park and Recreation Facilities

-  Neighborhood Park
-  Resource Based Park
-  Community Park
-  Regional Park
-  Private Facility
-  Elementary School Playground
-  Junior and Senior High School Playfield
-  Hiking Trail
-  Multi-use Trail

