



ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

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IT'S TIME (PROBABLY) TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! SEE PAGE 12

PRESIDENT'S (THIRD) REPORT

As I type these words the pussywillows have been out for weeks, alder and hazelnut catkins are longer by the day, coltsfoot buds are pushing up, nettles are several inches tall, Indian Plum is coming to full bloom, and in every black-mucky bottom the skunk cabbage is bursting into flame. Once more the yearly miracle (and never mind those snow-flakes floating by my window, here on Cougar Mountain). And soon, the first birthday of IATC. How many of you remember May 5, the Day of Three Lightning Storms? There's other and less pleasant thunder in our club life now. But first, some happy thoughts.

Membership continues to grow at such a rate that, if maintained, by the year 2023 everybody in the world will belong. Our original (and faithfully continuing) co-sponsor of trips, Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department, having set the example, the Parks Departments of Bellevue, Renton, Mercer Island, and Seattle now are co-sponsoring, supporting, or publicizing our trips. The major outdoor and conservation groups are working with us. The news media are emphasizing that all our trips are open to the public.

We're running four hikes every week, some weeks more, newly including flower and wild-life walks, our first overnight backpack, and the Young Family Specials. We've found and scheduled exciting new trails.

Bicycle rides have only just begun but are expected to thrive when the tempests abate. There's more than fun to the rides -- under leadership of Rosemarie Spence, club members are planning a bikeway system for the Alps and environs. Come ride. Come plan. Come to the committee meeting April 9.

Led by Bob Court, the Horse Routes Committee (also seeking recruits) similarly is developing an inventory of places horses can travel without being endangered or harassed by machines and without damaging trails too fragile for heavy feet. Again, the goal is to assure horses a permanent place in the scheme of things Alpine. Call Bob.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AWARENESS HIKE

Mark your calendar: Saturday, April 26.
Be there, in downtown Issaquah (see the Hikes for details).

A hiker-bicycle-horse trail system in the Issaquah Alps can only be attained with support of citizens throughout King County (and parts of Pierce and Snohomish). Therefore, to acquaint public officials with the area, we're inviting them to join us on a walk to Lake Tradition, Mary Creek Valley, and West Tiger 3. Elected officials and administrators. Councils. Park departments. Legislature. Leaders of other organizations. Newspapers and television and radio.

We need your help. Personally invite your representatives in city, county, state government. Attend and serve as assistant leader, native guide, ranger-naturalist, interpreter, spear-carrier in the mob scenes.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN: NEWCASTLE COMMUNITIES PLAN

The Newcastle Citizens Committee soon will present its Draft Plan for (1) review by local governments, and (2) public comment. This means you.

There will be public meetings, announced in the press. The IATC will comment. But the Committee wants to hear from you, too. Attend. Speak up.

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In addition, the Committee will accept written comments from citizens. Get ready to write your letter.

You are the experts on the trails of the Issaquah Alps. Share your knowledge. (See the maps in the last issue of Alpiner, and in this one.)

TIGER BY THE TAIL

In sadness rather than anger, I must report that our relationship with the state Department of Natural Resources, (DNR), which as recently as last October seemed to us open and cordial, has deteriorated. Though we still hope for a change of heart on the part of DNR, it appears we will share the experience of other citizen groups around the state, that we must consider this agency of government not our servant, but our adversary.

We requested an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Newcastle Timber Sale on Cougar Mountain. We were told that if we didn't like the sale, we could sue. Fortunately we didn't have to -- King County did so instead. DNR withdrew the sale, temporarily.

Then came word of an impending sale in Many Creek Valley -- the Stinger Timber Sale, as a DNR wit dubbed it, well knowing who was going to yelp, and why. To be clearcut -- 121 acres. To be gouged for new roads -- 95 acres. Miles of new road -- nearly 1 1/2, not counting cat roads. Slope angle -- over 40%. Tributaries of Issaquah Creek to be logged with no streambank protection -- three. Trails to be impacted -- Many Creek Valley Trail (logged off), West Tiger Railroad Grade (just 200 feet from the clearcut), Section Line Trail (also near the clearcut). Newly added to the realm of the four-wheeler and motorcyclist -- all the valley north of Poo Poo Point, all the way to West Tiger.

At this writing I don't know what we're going to do about Stinger. The Issaquah City Council has requested an EIS. The IATC will, at the least, appeal to the Forest Practices Appeals Board. Beyond that -- well.....

We wish to stress a fundamental fact: The IATC supports tree-farming on Tiger Mountain, does not oppose timber harvesting there.

However, we believe the largest urban forest in the Northwest, located on the edge of the largest urban area in the Northwest, cannot be managed in the standard ways perhaps proper to forests in the boon docks. Urban forests have many important "yields" besides timber. They provide easily accessible trail recreation, clean water, clean air, peace and quiet, wildlife habitat, green relief, wilderness-hike experiences with small outlays of time, energy and money, cheap psychotherapy. Management of urban forests must be multiple-use, must preserve stream and major trail corridors, water quality, air quality, sound quality.

There are methods of forest management that can simultaneously produce timber and other good things. They should be substituted for the techniques DNR insists on using on Tiger. (Because they are the only techniques the agency knows?)

We want DNR to discuss the matter through the forum provided by preparation of an EIS for Stinger Timber Sale. To date, their attitude is that Tiger is none of our business. Enough. Before sadness yields to anger. I want to conclude by once more asking your help in the "Plaintiff Trees" suit filed against DNR by Washington Environmental Council, Seattle Audubon Society, and others -- and supported by IATC. Our battles against Newcastle and Stinger and the like are holding action. The decisive confrontation for us and the entire State of Washington is this "environmental lawsuit of the decade". Please give, until it hurts -- hurts an arrogant bureaucracy, that is.

Contributions are tax-deductible. Mail checks to:

Northwest Fund for the Environment
119 South Main
Seattle, WA 98104

Mark your check "DNR LAWSUIT -- IATC."

Harvey Manning
Harvey Manning

STOP THE PRESSES! -- ON MARCH 18, DNR ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL OF THE STINGER PENDING PREPARATION OF AN EIS! WE NOW HAVE A BREATHING SPELL!

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

For information on any subject whatsoever, call any member of the Board of Directors:

Barbara Johnson, 746-4947
David Kappler, 235-0741
Bill Longwell, 255-1295
Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017

Tom Mechler, 255-0922
Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
Marianne Richards, 746-9448
Steve Smith, 226-2694

To volunteer to serve on a committee, or for information about its activities, call the Chairs (if no number is listed, call a Director):

Hikes -- Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
Bicycle Rides -- Rosemarie Spence, 248-1293
Horse Routes -- Bob Court, 235-1033
Issaquah Alps Marathon -- Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
Alpiner -- Yvonne Mechler, 255-0922
Membership -- Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
Publicity -- Barbara Johnson, 746-4947
Nature Studies -- ??
History -- ??
Governmental Contact (Lobbying) -- ??
Telephone Tree -- Marianne Richards, 746-9448
Forest Practices -- ??
Valley Floors-Floodplains -- ??

MEETINGS

All public -- all members invited

All the following meetings are at Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue.

Bicycle Rides Committee

Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. Everyone interested in going on the rides, and in finding good bike routes, and in helping plan and lead trips, please attend.

Hikes Committee

Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m. Help plan the schedule for July-August-September.

Board of Directors

Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. Share in shaping club policies and plans.

Thursday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 26, 7:30 p.m.

THE GUIDEBOOK IS COMING, THE GUIDEBOOK IS COMING

Hikers on Alps trails meeting this fellow with a single bicycle wheel gape and ask, "How do you ride it?" He doesn't, of course. He measures distance, for this is none other than Bill Longwell, and he now has pushed his wheel over every trail and road on Tiger Mountain.

GUIDE TO TRAILS OF TIGER MOUNTAIN, by Bill Longwell, is expected off the press in late April, perhaps early May. Price? Unknown as yet -- but cheap. The text is supplemented by a contour map showing all the routes.

How do you get a copy? We don't quite know yet. Many hike leaders will have it for sale, so ask about it at the Park & Ride assemblies. If you haven't run down a copy by early May, call any Board member or come to a Board meeting. We'll probably figure some way to sell by mail.

By June we hope to have a second guidebook covering Cougar and Squak and environs.

Meanwhile, DO YOU HAVE YOUR ISSAQUAH ALPS BUMPERSTICKERS? 75¢ apiece, two for \$1.00, 50¢ for each additional. Ask at the Park & Ride. Or order by mail from Issaquah Alps Trails Club, P. O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027. To cover costs of mailing add 50¢ for each order.

LEGENDS OF THE ALPS

One fine morning in the spring of 1979 a very large group of hikers set forth from Sunset and Front. On the way down Second Avenue and up the service road to the powerline the party strung out. When the leader and rearguard assembled them preparatory to going in the forest, they found several hikers missing. And nevermore were they seen again...

Yet there are those who say that on dark nights when the clouds are blowing swift and low over rooftops and wise citizens are snug in their houses, a person abroad in the glo may glimpse, hurrying along sidestreets, to and fro, this way and that, the Phantom Hiker of Issaquah.....

Early in 1980 an IATC hike party climbed West Tiger 3 from High Point, then elected to loop back via Many Creek Valley and the Tradition Lake powerlines. While the rest of the group lingered at the Many Creeks, one hiker went on ahead, alone. No concern was felt because he is so wily in the wilds that were he to be parachuted, blindfolded, at night, into the heart of the Olympic Mountains, he'd instantly know where he was and how to get to civilization.

But he'd never been on Tiger before. Or in Issaquah.

Down the Hobart Road, and at Sycamore, and around the high school, and along 2nd and 3rd and 1st, and Front and Creek Way, folks still are shaking their heads at the memory of a grizzled backwoodsman, wearing boots and parka and rucksack, and carrying an ice ax, knocking on doors and asking, "WHICH WAY IS HIGH POINT?"

At last escaping the dreaded Issaquah Triangle and attaining the freeway, he found access barred by a fence. Boehm's Candy Store was his salvation. There, a friend of the Alps directed him to Sunset Way -- and to sustain him on his journey, provided a large chunk of delicious candy.

This wilderness veteran and famous author (four books and many articles) now leads hikes for IATC. Watch for his special tour of Issaquah streets.

On a non-club trip, a hiker traversing Many Creek Valley on the West Tiger Railroad failed to spot the turnoff down to Issaquah High School and spent much of the winter night inventing a new route straight down Poo Poo Creek to the Hobart Road. Only recently arrived in the Northwest, he met and became intimately acquainted with a plant new to him -- devil's club. Having no idea where he was, he set about knocking on doors for directions. But many doors, having been opened wide enough for residents to see this refugee from thorns and black muck, were slammed instantly shut.

At length he found Issaquah High School and now is a hike leader for the IATC.

BICYCLE RIDES

APRIL-MAY-JUNE

Committee chair: Rosemarie Spence, 248-1293

All bikers are urged to attend the first public meeting of the committee -- Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Newport Way Library, 14250 S.E. Newport Way, Bellevue.

Come learn about the program -- which involves not only going on trips but planning a bikeway system for the Issaquah Alps and surrounding country north to Bothell, east to North Bend, south to Renton, west to Seattle -- and then working to establish the system. Help plan rides. Help lead them.

And if you can't make the committee meeting, come on the trips.

FALL CITY RIDE

Sunday, April 6

Meeting place: Olive Taylor Quigley Park in Fall City on the Redmond-Fall City Road, 10 a.m.

The ride follows the Snoqualmie River, then winds along back roads in the Fall City vicinity. First half hilly, second half relatively flat. Lunch at Pine Lake County Park. Swimming if warm enough. 34 miles; about 4½ hours.

SI VIEW TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS

Sunday, April 20

Meeting place: Si View Park in North Bend, 11 a.m.

Gentle terrain with one hill, on back roads along base of Mount Si. To the falls for picture-taking and lunch. 20 miles; about 2½ hours.

AROUND LAKE SAMMAMISH

Saturday, May 3

Meeting place: Lake Sammamish State Park, 10 a.m.

Gentle countryside skirting the lake. Lunch at Marymoor Park. About 20 miles; 2½ hrs.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN

Sunday, May 18

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

Easy grade first few miles, then steep climb to views of the Olympics and Mt. Baker. Long steep downhill necessitates good brakes. Lunch at Lake Sammamish State Park. Optional stop at Boehm's Candy Store in Issaquah. 25 miles; about 4 hours.

DUVALL TO CARNATION

Saturday, June 7

Meeting place: downtown Duvall, 11 a.m.

Large loop through Stillwater and Carnation, mostly level. If the party wishes, we'll tour 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; about 3½ hours plus optional tour.

CEDAR FALLS

Sunday, June 15

Meeting place: Si View Park in North Bend, 11 a.m.

Ride along moderate terrain through old railroad country. Short hill early in ride, rest relatively level. 19 miles; about 3 hours.

HIKES

APRIL-MAY-JUNE

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

**** For hike details not given here, see the separate publication, Introduction to IATC *****

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN: With this quarter we begin another experiment -- the Young Family Specials -- Sunday morning walks for kids up to 5 or so who don't want to walk too far or too fast (or whose parents don't wish to carry them too far too fast). The classification will be about 1½ -- more than a Toddlers' 1, but not a full 2. Two such hikes are offered this time, April 13 and May 11. If you like the idea and are willing to help out, call the subcommittee chairman, Craig Taylor (BA 6-6626).

LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK (Class 1)

Tuesday, April 1

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.

Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-4947

Leader will have a small child along.

MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-)

Friday, April 4

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

Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

DOUBLEHEADER: GRAND TRAVERSE OF TIGER MOUNTAIN/MIDDLE TIGER RAILROAD LOOP (Class 4 &

Saturday, April 5

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

Leaders: Bill Longwell (255-1295) and Harvey Manning (SH-6-1017)

Here's a brandnew jimdandy trip -- actually two trips -- exploiting two old railroad grades recently discovered by intrepid explorers. In the morning we place some cars at Preston, then drive around to the SE Tiger Mountain Road to start walking. The two parties set out together and ascend the Grand Canyon of Fifteenmile Creek to the trail end. Then take a newly flagged route a short way up the hill to the magnificent Middle Tiger Railroad Grade and follow it to the site of the famous Curved Trestle over Fifteenmile Creek. The Class 4 party then climbs via Mudflow Trail and Fifteenmile Railroad Grade. Fifteenmile Pass, intersects the old railroad grade being incorporated in the Heins Trail follows it to the Preston Trail (also built by Dick Heinz), and descends to the cars at the Preston Trailhead. Meanwhile, the Class 3 party sorties on up the hill to the Tiger Mountain Trail, which leads to the fantastic vistas from Denny's Bulge, thence back via the Middle Tiger Trail (summit sidetrip possible) and West Side Road to the start. Who

Traverse about 11 miles, elevation gain about 1800 feet

Loop about 7 miles, elevation gain about 1400 feet

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

Sunday, April 6

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

Leader: Kent LeCootes, 392-2667

GOODE'S CORNER TO ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 3) Monday, April 7

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

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

Ascend near the historic Post Road on big-view powerline swath, then woods paths, the undeveloped county park atop Cougar. Descend via the incredible Big Tree Ridge, an astounding stand of old-growth Douglas fir along the proposed Precipice Trail.

HILLTOP NATURE TRAIL (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 1)
Meeting place: Eastgate Park & Ride (northwest of Eastgate Interchange), 10 a.m.
Leader: for information call Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591
Thursday, April 10

SOUTH TIGER MOUNTAIN VISTA (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Dick and Barbara Ashman, 746-6681
A new trip for us, climbing the powerline swath from Highway 18, proceeding to a stunning overlook of Hobart and Cedar River country, and long views out to Rainier and Tacoma.
Round trip 2 miles, elevation gain 500 feet. High point 1500 feet.
Saturday, April 12

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3+)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344
Sunday, April 13

HOOR TRAIL (GRAND RIDGE) (Young Family Special -- Class 1 1/2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Craig Taylor, BA 6-6626
See the note at head of trip listings -- we've done the trip before, but this time the walk is aimed at Young Families -- and anybody else who likes mudpuddles and frogs.
Sunday, April 13

SILENT SWAMP-BEAVER VALLEY (TIGER MOUNTAIN) (Class 3-)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
Another spectacular recently explored. Not so much time will be spent walking as gawking. We begin by examining the fascinating system of railroad switchbacks through Silent Swamp, where the skunk cabbage grows rank, then ascend waterfalls of Hatchery Creek. Finally we prowl to the very headwaters of Hatchery Creek -- and there examine no less than 18 beaver dams!
Round trip about 5 miles, High point 2120 feet. Elevation gain 800 feet.
Tuesday, April 15

WEDONA PARK (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Bob Lynette, 392-5969
Wednesday, April 16

COAL CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 3-)
Meeting place: Eastgate Park & Ride (northwest of Eastgate Interchange), 9:45 a.m.
Leader: Bob Eschrich, 232-5764
On this trip we start at The Farm, tour old cowpaths down past the duck pond to the sandstone gorge of Coal Creek and the mouth of the Mary Tunnel, a century or more old. Then we follow Coal Creek up to North Fork Falls and the site of Red Town. Be prepared to wade the creek and crawl over a few logs. But worth it!
Saturday, April 19

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Jim Sanford, 244-3429
If some members want a 2+, a loop return is possible via the new-found Middle Tiger Railroad Grade.
Sunday, April 20

MAIN TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291
A quiet weekday walk, in big views and deep forest, up the East Side Road to the pex of the Issaquah Alps, 3000 feet. See over the Raging River to Rattlesnake Mountain and the Cascades. Possible shortcut via Silent Swamp.
Wednesday, April 23

EAST FORK ISSAQUAH CREEK -- HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 1)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060
Thursday, April 24

*** PUBLIC OFFICIALS AWARENESS HIKE -- LAKE TRADITION AND WEST TIGER 3 (Class 1-2-3-4)
Meeting place: railroad tracks just west of Issaquah City Hall, 8:30 a.m.
Leaders: The Board of Directors of Issaquah Alps Trails Club
Coordinator: Barbara Johnson 746-4947
Saturday, April 26

On April 22, 1979, a party of 60 people set out from downtown Issaquah. Among them were representatives of the governments of Issaquah, Bellevue, Seattle, Mercer Island, Renton, King County, the State of Washington, and the U.S. of A. The aim was to acquaint them with the Issaquah Alps and make them aware of the area's regional significance. Now we're doing it again. Everybody come. Some of the party likely will be content with ascending the scarp to the Tradition Plateau and views of the city and of Squak and Cougar and Lake Sammamish. Others will proceed to a loop of the Lake Tradition Wilderness (proposed). Still others will ascend to the West Tiger Railroad Trail and onward to the summit of West Tiger 3. Sailplanes will attend, if Sky Sports is still in business.

LAKEMONT GORGE (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 2)
Meeting place: parking area south off I-90 on Exit 13 (210 stop near), 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Buz Moore, 746-1866
From the rain forest to haunted ruins of an abandoned homestead and a lichen-gray orchard. Possible additional walk to nearby Timberlake Park on Lake Sammamish. Also, sidetrip west to enormous lake views from proposed Precipice Trail.
Sunday, April 27

TRADITION LAKE -- BIRDWATCHING SPECIAL (FROM ISSAQUAH) (Class 2)
Meeting place: downtown Issaquah, 210 bus stop at Front and Sunset, 10 a.m.
Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591
Wednesday, April 30

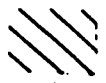


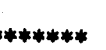
RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN VISTA (Class 3)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291
To the easternmost peak of the Alps and smashing views of North Bend and Mt. Si -- and Tiger Mountain and Seattle's University District.
Thursday, May 1

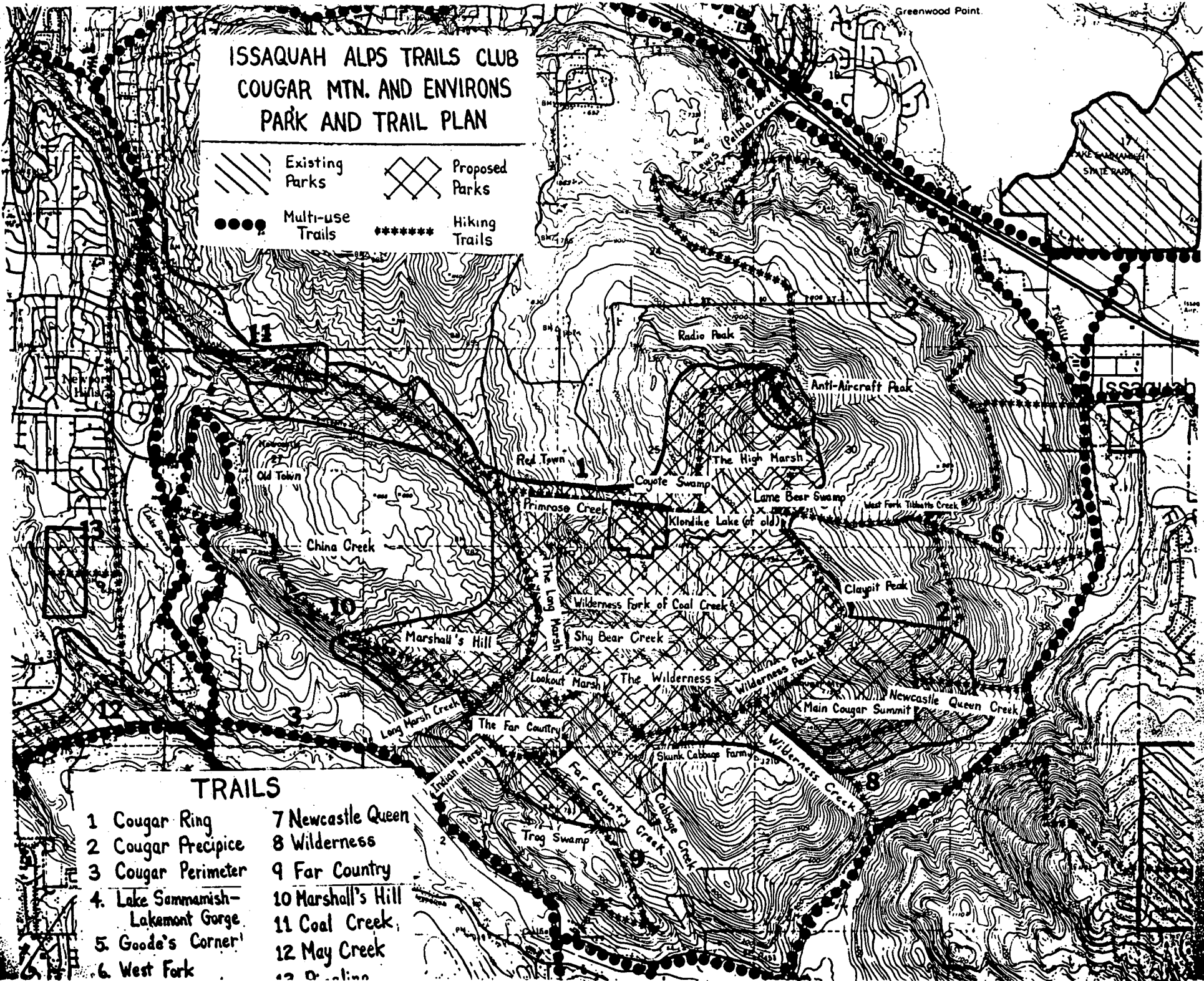
SQUAK MOUNTAIN FLOWER WALK (Class 1)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6 p.m.
Leader: Bill Longwell, 255-1295
An evening walk. To enjoy the spring bloom of flowers in the good old Daylight Saving Time. Not much walking but lots of looking, with identification by the Squak Mountain Chief Ranger himself.
Friday, May 2

TAYLOR MOUNTAIN RAILROADS (Class 3)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Stan Unger, 283-7823
A new trip for us -- an exploration of old logging railroad grades on the southernmost peak of the Alps, one we've not previously toured. Who knows what ghost towns -- and ghost mills? -- we'll find. Ask Stan.
Saturday, May 3

COAL CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2)
Meeting place: Eastgate Park & Ride (northwest of Eastgate interchange), 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Steve Williams, 232-1791
This trip is from Coal Creek Parkway upstream to vicinity of Mary Tunnel and The Farm.
Sunday, May 4

ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB COUGAR MTN. AND ENVIRONS PARK AND TRAIL PLAN

	Existing Parks		Proposed Parks
	Multi-use Trails		Hiking Trails



TRAILS

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| 1 Cougar Ring | 7 Newcastle Queen |
| 2 Cougar Precipice | 8 Wilderness |
| 3 Cougar Perimeter | 9 Far Country |
| 4 Lake Sammamish-Lakemont Gorge | 10 Marshall's Hill |
| 5 Goode's Corner | 11 Coal Creek |
| 6 West Fork | 12 May Creek |

EAST FORK ISSAQUAH CREEK -- ISSAQUAH TO HIGH POINT (Class 1) Thursday, May 8
Meeting place: downtown Issaquah, 210 stop at Sunset and Front, 10 a.m.
Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-4947
Defying established authority, a recent hike party found a better way from Issaquah to the old railroad grade -- no fording the creek, just an easy trail, over a bridge, past Liberty Lanes, under I-90, up to the RR. (Also, no crawling under a fence.) Leader will have small child in tow.

KERRISTON (Class 3) Friday, May 9
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
In 1897 A.S. Kerry founded Kerriston, in the era of logging by bullteam, before the ascendance of the "lokies." Many area residents recall when folks still lived in Kerriston. Now, just ghosts. But also, the Raging River and Kerriston Creek.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN, NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3) Saturday, May 10
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
Leader: Henry Steinhardt, 232-0554

WEST TIGER 3 -- CITY LIGHTS SPECIAL (Class 3+ -- Backpack) Sat. - Sun., May 10-11
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
Leader: Kent LeCootes, 392-2667
Our first overnight backpack. No experience or fancy gear necessary -- just a blanket and a sack of sandwiches. We'll ascend at a leisurely pace Saturday. Those with tents or tarps may pitch them near the summit, those without can wrap up in an old tablecloth or just lay out in sleeping bag or horseblanket. Carry liquids, and foods that either don't require cooking (sandwiches) or can be cooked on a backpacker stove. Enjoy the dazzling panorama of sunset over the Olympics, then the billion-eyed megalopolis. (Or, enjoy the clouds and winds?) The route home on Sunday can be any of a bunch of loops on Tiger Mountain Trail, West Tiger Railroad Trail, etc.

SQUAK WEST FACE -- CHYBINSKI TRAIL (YOUNG FAMILY SPECIAL) (Class 1 1/2) Sunday, May 11
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Craig Taylor, BA 6-6626
See the note at head of the listings -- this is another Young Family Special -- a familiar trip, but done to a different drummer.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3) Monday, May 12
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2) Wednesday, May 14
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Joe and Dina Chybinski, 722-2865

KERRISTON (Class 3) Saturday, May 17
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Phillip and Ann Beckley, 255-1308
For more details see May 9.

THE BOULDERS (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 2) Sunday, May 18
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2) Tuesday, May 20
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060
A new trip. For details see April 12.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN, NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3) Wednesday, May 21
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
Leader: Robert Wood, 324-8416

LAKE TRADITION WILDERNESS -- FROM ISSAQUAH (Class 2) Saturday, May 24
Meeting place: Downtown Issaquah, 210 bus stop at Sunset and Front, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365

MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-) Sunday, May 25
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
Leader: A. J. Culver, 392-3002 Middle
Possible alternate loop return via new-found/Tiger Railroad Grade.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN RING TRAIL (Class 4) Monday, May 26
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Harvey Manning
Explore the route of the centerpiece of the proposed Cougar Mountain 2000-acre regional park. Walk some 12 miles through The Far Country, The Wilderness, The High Marsh, and the Long Marsh, plus three or four summits of Cougar.

LAKEMONT GORGE NATURE WALK (Class 1) Thursday, May 29
Meeting place: parking area south off I-90 on Exit 13, 10 a.m.
Leader: Barbara Smith, 226-2694
The leader will have a small child along. Flowers and beetles and mudpuddles are the game. Birds, too.

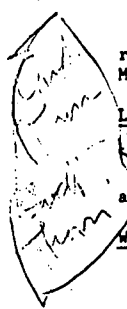
WEST TIGER 1 -- PRESTON TRAIL (Class 3+) Saturday, May 31
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2933
Via the handsome trail built by Dick Heinz. Possible sidetrip along his new trail toward Fifteenmile Pass.

MAY CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2) Sunday, June 1
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

COAL CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 1) Tuesday, June 3
Meeting place: Eastgate Park & Ride (northwest of Eastgate interchange), 10 a.m.
Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-4947
This is a tour of The Farm -- cowpaths, duck pond, fields, woods, and Coal Creek's waterfalls through blocks of sandstone. Leader will have a small child in convoy.

POO POO POINT (Class 3) Thursday, June 5
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451
The route will pass through the state DNR's Stinger Timber Sale -- for which we are trying to obtain an Environmental Impact Statement. (Note: On March 18 DNR announced withdrawal of the Stinger pending preparation of an EIS!)

LICORICE FERN WALL -- SURPRISE WALL -- TROG SWAMP (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 2) Saturday, June 7
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Ginni Block, 392-8331



RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN VISTA (Class 3)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Mark Follett, 937-2746
For details see May 1

Sunday, June 8

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 1)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Hazel Blake, 255-1077

Thursday, June 12

An old farm, creeks, woods on the abandoned railroad grade -- route of someday-to-be Issaquah to Snoqualmie Falls Trail and Bikeway.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3)

Friday, June 13

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

A new trip for us, starting on the south side, ascending the service road a bit, then cutting off to join the superb woodland trail to Thrush Gap. The trail then climbs to the summit and the views.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3-)

Saturday, June 14

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Joe Toynbee, 723-6716

PRESTON TO ISSAQUAH (Class 2)

Sunday, June 15

Meeting place: Downtown Issaquah, 210 bus stop at corner of Front and Sunset (Gull Station), 11:45 a.m. (to catch the noon bus to Preston, from where we walk back to Issaquah -- without fording the creek or crawling under a fence)

Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922

GRAND CANYON-MIDDLE TIGER RAILROAD LOOP (Class 3)

Monday, June 16

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017

We'll start in the Grand Canyon of Fifteenmile Creek, climb to Middle Tiger Railroad Grade, follow it to Fifteenmile Creek and the site of the famous Curved Trestle, then loop on back by one of a couple possible routes, perhaps the Tiger Mountain Trail, with its fantastic views from Denny's Bulge.

IRVING PETITE'S TIGER MOUNTAIN RANCH (Class 1)

Thursday, June 19

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

The Thoreau of the Issaquah Alps has invited us to tour the pastures he has carved out of stumplands over the past 35 years, and written about in many books and articles. Note: for this trip only, the party size will be limited to a number that can conveniently study the flowers and won't scare the chickens. So, call the leader in advance. If the trip is full up, the leader will see if Irving will host another group on another day.

NOUR TRAIL (GRAND RIDGE) (Class 2+)

Saturday, June 21

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Kent LeCootes, 392-2667

PGO POO POINT (Class 3)

Sunday, June 22

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
Leader: Mike Hyman, 392-L901
See June 5.

DE LED WALL -- MARSHALL'S HILL (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 3)

Tuesday, June 24

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Ted & Ann Leber, 746-3291
From May Valley past Surprise Wall to The Far Country, thence into The Long March and up Marshall's Hill, the peak of Cougar dominant from Renton. Giddy views from astounding De Leo's Wall.

TRADITION LAKE -- FROM HIGH POINT (Class 1)

Wednesday, June 26

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)

Saturday, June 28

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:45 a.m.
Leader: Steve Smith, 226-2694

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)

Sunday, June 29

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Mark Follett, 937-2746
For the ambitious, possible loop return via Middle Tiger Railroad Grade.

IT'S TIME (PROBABLY) TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

To conserve funds and the time of volunteers, we've adopted the following system of membership renewals:

Memberships run from May 1 to May 1.

If you joined on or after January 1, your membership runs to May 1 of the following year. Your first year in the club, therefore, you get as many as 4 extra months, a very nice bonus.

If you joined on or before December 31, your membership runs to May 1 of this year. Your first year, therefore, you get perhaps as few as 4 months plus a day, a real GYP. But it's only the first time around.

To summarize, if you joined on or before December 31, 1979, your membership renewal is due May 1. In other words, now.

We ask for your understanding, sympathy, patience -- and money.

We're chagrined to report that when we set the dues last year, deliberately keeping the amount as low as possible, we went too low. The costs of photocopying, printing, a postage have been pushing us to the perilous brink.

REI ("The Co-op") came to the rescue with a timely and generous grant of \$500 that bailed us out of our immediate troubles -- and permitted us to proceed with the Guide to Tiger.

However, to cover the increasing expense of working to preserve our trail system (see the President's Report), we've had to drop the \$3.00 individual membership. Henceforth the \$5.00 family membership is the bottom rung.

Keep in mind, though, that all trips will continue to be open to non-members. Everybody welcome, now and always. If you can't afford 5 bucks, or simply don't want to join another club, come hike with us anyhow. And ride bikes, too.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

In the early days of the club when record-keeping was very informal (chaotic), we lost a certain number of membership applications. That's why some of you who volunteers for certain jobs weren't asked.

So, in renewing membership, can you please volunteer again? Just check the boxes. IATC wants YOU.