



ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

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THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE
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TWO QUESTIONS: (1) IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP FOR RENEWAL? (2) HAVE YOU RENEWED? IF THE ANSWER TO (1) IS "YES," and to (2) IS "NO" -- THE NEXT YOU WILL HEAR FROM US MAY BE THE SOUND OF SILENCE. SEE PAGE 13

PRESIDENT'S (FOURTH) REPORT

By early June of this year of 1980, the diary of one local pedestrian recorded the flowering in the Issaquah Alps of 150 herbs, shrubs, and trees-- 136 identified and 14 defiant holdouts, these mostly exotics escaped from settlers' gardens or brought in by coalminers' boots and loggers' horses.

As does the flowering, the hiking goes on, to destinations become Traditional Favorites and to new delights constantly being found by intrepid explorers. In this period experimentation continues with the Young Family Specials, last summer's popular Weekday Evening Strolls are revived, and our Staff Geologist is conducting a field trip. The hikes are co-sponsored by Issaquah Parks and promoted or publicized by Bellevue Parks, Mercer Island Parks, Renton Parks, and Seattle Parks. King County Parks is involved as well. Joint hikes are done with Audubon, The Mountaineers, and Washington Native Plants Society. Close relationships continue with Washington Environmental Council, Washington Wilderness Alliance, Sierra Club, and Friends of the Earth.

The high point of single-hike attendance was April 26, when 200-odd members and friends of IATC and other clubs, together with public officials and representatives of newspapers, magazines, TV, stage, screen, and radio, set out from downtown Issaquah and ascended to the Watershed, the Big Trees, Lake Tradition, Many Creek Valley, Poo Poo Point, West Tiger Railroad Grade, and West Tiger 3.

The gala was so much fun, and so well served club purposes, we're not waiting until spring for a repeat. MARK YOUR CALENDAR: OCTOBER 11-12, ISSAQUAH SALMON DAYS. With the co-sponsorship of the League of Women Voters, Lake Washington East, we'll have a booth in the middle of the festivities, manned by volunteers telling the Alps story. Further, during the entire event we'll be periodically sending hike parties up to the Watershed, the lake, the mountain. PLAN TO ATTEND. PLAN TO HELP -- at the booth, on the trails. See the next Alpiner for details.

Sooner than that there'll be a booth in downtown Issaquah, on the Fourth of July. VOLUNTEERS WANTED to spend an hour or two. Call Dave Kuppler, 335-0741.

COMMUNITY PLANS

For several years the King County government, assisted by citizen committees, has been developing community plans to manage growth during the next decade or so. Three of these plans affect the Issaquah Alps.

East Lake Sammamish. Except for Grand Ridge and Lake Sammamish, this plan lies beyond confines of the Alps. However, because it was the first planning effort in our immediate area, the definition of issues and the drawing up of battlelines are of intense interest. Each of us should take the time to study and ponder. As individuals, we should speak our minds at the appropriate places and times.

Tahoma-Rayen Heights. The committee and supporting staff have been at work only since fall. The IATC definitely will contribute to the deliberations, inasmuch as this plan covers the eastern half of Squak and all of Tiger Mountain except the Raging River slopes. No matter where you live, if you hike Tiger and Squak you must concern yourself. Attend committee meetings. Speak up.

Newcastle. Matters are maturing toward the climax, if not quite yet the denouement. Soon you'll be informed of public meetings at which the draft plan (or plans) will be presented. When public input is sought, the IATC will be there (again). But so must you, as individuals, offering the benefit of your personal experience on trails of Cougar Mountain and Squak Mountain, Coal Creek and May Creek and Tibbetts Creek. In hiking the Cougar Wilderness and Cougar Ring, the Far Country and The Boulders and Lakemont Gorge, climbing Licorice Fern Wall and Surprise Wall and Wilderness Peak and Anti-Aircraft Peak, walking the High Marsh and Long Marsh and Lookout Marsh and Trog Swamp, you have become the experts on wildlands of Cougar Mountain. (Also of Squak, doing those trails.)

Our plan for a Cougar Mountain Regional Park (see previous Alpiners) has been approved in principle by an overwhelming majority of the Newcastle Citizens Committee. Approval "in principle" is not the same as "in detail". And "approval" is not the same as "implementation." But if there is a will, there may be a way.

The news media -- and the IATC Telephone Tree -- will alert you. Get ready.

ISSAQUAH WATERSHED -- LAKE TRADITION PLATEAU

For several years the people and government of Issaquah have been discussing how best to manage this unique civic treasure, the plateau that for generations supplied the city with water.

The IATC entered in only recently when the City Council reopened the subject. Individually and in groups, we explored the Tradition Plateau more intensively than ever before, pausing to fully appreciate well-known beauties discovering new and unsuspected ones. The map in this issue of Alpiner notes many! The Springs, the Soap Vists, the Big Trees, a bullteam skidroad, Lake Tradition, Round Lake, Rain Forest East, Round Swamp, West Tiger Caves, Tradition Creek cataracts, sites of homesteads. Less easy to show on a map is the marvelously varied mix of forests: monster Douglas firs up to 1100 years old, the largest stand of old-growth Sitka spruce known so near Seattle the "climax" groves of alder-maple, the jungles of vine maple, the swamp forests of big cedar and huge cottonwood and festoons of moss, the conifer-hardwood second-growth forests.

After extensive studies and workshops, the IATC task force concluded the financial returns from logging in the Watershed, whether by clearcutting or thinning, are not great enough to compensate for the loss of forest diversity. Alder-conversion, Douglas-fir and cedar plantations, and the like are excellent practices -- but we think not for the Watershed, whose "highest and best use," in our opinion, is as a recreational wildland on city's edge -- several minutes' walk from homes, from school classrooms, from the 210 bus

Not hikers, not horse-riders, not scenery-seekers or sunset-watchers or family groups, driving the family car, can enjoy a motorcycle raceway. Something has gone terribly wrong on Tiger in the past dozen years. We know who is responsible but out of politeness will mention no names here.

IATC AND DNR

As you know, the IATC's objections to the Newcastle Timber Sale on Cougar Mountain were shared by King County, which filed suit; DNR withdrew the sale, temporarily.

The Stinger Timber Sale in Many Creek Valley of West Tiger was questioned by the City of Issaquah; DNR withdrew the sale pending preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The IATC hopes that relations with DNR can return to the friendly atmosphere prevailing before the shouting and suing began last fall. Talking is much easier on the ears and nerves and pocketbook.

However, whatever the situation in the Issaquah Alps, and whether or not the present batch of controversies lead to establishment of a King County Forest Service to manage county-owned trust lands, the statewide impasse remains. DNR interprets its legislative mandate differently from citizen groups, and the courts must decide (if the people do not, via the ballot box). Contributions still are urgently needed to support the Washington Environmental Council and Seattle Audubon Society in the pending lawsuit, "Plaintiff Trees."

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

stop. The map indicates our tentative proposals for a trail system. During our tours we saw great blue heron, water ouzels -- and a mature bald eagle. We saw tracks of coyote, deer, bear, elk -- and cougar. Don't see those in Woodland Park, except in the zoo.

On June 9 the IATC presented its position to an Issaquah City Council workshop. Council members surely would like to hear from the public, especially those of you who live in Issaquah. Talk to councilpeople you know, as well as members of Issaquah Park Board. If you know none, attend Council meetings or address a letter to President, Issaquah City Council, Issaquah, WA 98027. Send a copy to the Park Board.

URBAN TREE FARMS

Tiger Mountain. Ownership (inside the fringes): Weyerhaeuser, about 10 sections (square miles), state Department of Natural Resources, managing common school lands and King County trust lands, about 10 sections; Manasha Woodenware, 1 section; Burlington-Northern, part of a section. Existing management of these lands: in large part, tree farming; in some part, chaos.

The time is now upon us when the IATC must begin to formalize its proposals for Tiger. The Tahoma-Raven Heights Plan pertains. So do the corporate plans of Weyerhaeuser and the attitudes of DNR. We need to pin down places where scenic and ecological values overshadow economic values: the Grand Canyon of Fifteenmile Creek, Beaver Valley, Silent Swamp, to cite merely three. We need to specify those very few trail routes we feel deserve "fixed" rather than "floatable" status: the West Tiger Railroad Grade, the Middle Tiger Railroad Grade, to name two.

However, we must also firm up our concept of European-style "urban tree farming," as distinguished from the tree-farming practiced on, and appropriate to, lands at a distance from urban areas. We must then talk to land managers and find out to what extent they can adjust standard practices to make room for non-timber values.

The IATC starts from the assumptions that the dominant use of most of Tiger Mountain in years ahead will be tree-farming and that hiking and horse-riding and tree-farming can co-exist. There will be more logging, and more roads. However, there can also continue to be excellent walking, both on "floatable" trails (relocated around clearcuts) and on roads -- if these roads are not motorcycle raceways.

To be frank, the IATC feels very glum about logging where each and every new road removes a large area from the zone of peace and quiet, opens it to a sport so noisy, so violent, so destructive of plants and soils, it rules out calmer outdoor entertainments.

There must be limits on where machines can go. And how fast. And how noisily. And how much forest soil they can be permitted to erode, how many plant communities devastate. All existing and future roads must be studied to see which are appropriate for machines, which are not. Then there must be enforcement.

A dozen years ago the motorcycles on the Tiger Mountain Road mainly were ridden by folks who came for the beauties of the mountain and horizons, and they got along amiably with family-car sightseers and with hikers. But the Tiger Mountain Road now is so hoodlum a scene that hikers consider it suitable only for weekdays before school lets out. Never on Sundays, when the Staging Area on Highway 18 is roaring.

MEETINGS

Members of IATC have shown a marked preference for meeting on trails rather than in rooms. Nevertheless, to provide an opportunity for folks to speak in high councils, major meetings are hereby announced. Come and listen, or come and talk.

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

Hikes Committee

Thursday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. Help plan the schedule for October-November-December.

Board of Directors

Thursday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. Share in shaping club policies and plans
Thursday, August 21, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 25, 7:30 p.m.

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, SR 6-1017

Tom Mechler, 255-0922
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, SR 6-1017
Bicycle Rides -- Rosemarie Spence, 248-1293
Horse Routes -- Bob Court, 235-1033
Issaquah Alps Marathon -- The Board
Alpiner -- Yvonne Mechler, 255-0922
Membership -- The Board
Publicity -- Barbara Johnson, 746-4947
Nature Studies -- Barbara Ashman, 746-6681
History -- ??
Governmental Contact (Lobbying) -- ??
Telephone Tree -- Marianne Richards, 746-9448
Forest Practices -- ??
Valley Floors-Floodplains -- Marianne Richards, 746-9448

IATC PUBLICATIONS

ISSAQUAH ALPS BUMPERSTICKERS

75¢ apiece, two for \$1.00, 50¢ for each additional.

Ask the trip leader at the Park & Ride.

Or order by mail (see below) -- add 50¢ with each order to cover mailing costs.

TIGER MOUNTAIN MAP, by Bill Longwell

Published in May and a bestselling sensation. \$1.00 each.

Ask the trip leader at the Park & Ride.

Or order by mail (see below) -- add 25¢ with each order for mailing costs. BETTER YET -- stop in your local bookstore and ask for the map. The shops in Issaquah stock it and display it proudly, and so may dealers elsewhere as time goes on.

GUIDE TO TRAILS OF TIGER MOUNTAIN, by Bill Longwell

Delayed at the printer but due off the press in June.

Ask the trip leader at the Park & Ride.

OR CHECK THE ISSAQUAH BOOKSTORES -- they'll stock it as soon as it's ready.

Other distribution isn't arranged yet though we know Seattle Audubon will be selling it.

COMING

Maps and guides to trails of Squak and Cougar and the rest of the Alps. Marv Pistrang's introduction, with map, to Alps geology. And lists of local flowers, birds, animals....

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S. M. S.* !!!!

From the Publicity Chairwoman

*Save My Sanity

HELP!!! I'm drowning in a sea of paperwork. I need people who are willing to do one or two things each. No pressure, nothing overwhelming. Some of the jobs are unglamorous, such as typing envelopes, lists, or smooth drafts of my crummily-typed commentaries; other tasks are only for the brave (or foolhardy), such as calling public officials, TV and newspaper reporters, and public speaking.

You may have noticed in the President's Message, the Issaquah Alps Trail Club is repeating the Public Officials' Awareness Hike. It's scheduled for Saturday of Salmon Days, October 4. We'll have hourly hikes up the scarp, maybe longer treks. The Publicity Committee needs lots of help for Salmon Days and other tasks at other times.

Here's a list of jobs. Please call me if you could do one of these for the Greater Glory of our illustrious Issaquah Alps.

Phoning: Other members to lead a hike on Salmon Days;
Public Officials -- follow-up on written invite;
(If someone knows one of this species personally, please let me know.)
Newspapers, TV, radio for publicity re hikes in general. (Again, does anyone know anybody at KOMO, KIRO, P.I., etc.?)
Park departments, planning commissions -- for publicity re hikes in general.

Typing: Smooth copies of press releases, letters of invitation, addressing envelopes, hiking information. I will compose the rough draft for press releases and letters. Is there another soul (s) out there willing and/or able to compose marvelous communiques for the Fourth Estate?

Speakers' Bureaus: We are developing slide shows about the IATC Cougar Mt. Park and Tradition Lake Watershed proposals. Scripts will be provided. We hope to tour the area peddling our proposals to planning commissions, city councils, community clubs, and other organizations -- anybody who will listen.

If 30 of our members do one thing each, I can spend more time outside hiking and less time inside on the phone or at this *SL* typewriter.

Barbara Johnson
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HIKES

JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

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Hikes Committee: Russ Williams (392-5989), in charge of Saturday hikes; Craig and Pat Taylor (BA 6-4624), Sunday hikes, including Young Family Specials; Virginia Gallagher (255-5591), mid-week 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: In addition to the usual array of hikes, note the Summer Evening Strolls, one or more a week through July and August. Note also that the Young Family Specials have been moved from morning to afternoon.

WEDONA PARK (Class 2) Tuesday evening, July 1
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: George Heiser, 392-2033

SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3) Wednesday, July 2
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Jim and Georgia Klotz, 747-4441
This is the lovely woods-trail route up from the south side.

WEST TIGER CAVES (Class 2+) Wednesday evening, July 2
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
For months the O'Brians have been pursuing the elusive West Tiger Caves and now believe they've found the two largest. One is a walk-in (no crawling) type -- to a room that would hold a hundred people. Bring flashlights.

HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH (Class 1) Thursday, July 3
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Ann Fletcher, 235-0741
Along East Fork Issaquah Creek on the old rail trail.

WEST TIGER 3-CITY LIGHTS AND FIREWORKS SPECIAL (Class 3+ --Backpack) Friday-Saturday, July 4-5
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m., Friday
Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
Our first trip here was so grand we're returning -- this time not only for the lights but the fireworks shows in the lowlands. No experience or fancy gear needed -- just a blanket and a sack of sandwiches -- but also bring liquids from home, since the creeks may be low or dry. Plenty of liquids. We'll ascend leisurely Friday. Those with tents may pitch them near the summit. The leader will just lay out on the rocks in a horseblanket, maybe wrapped in a plastic tablecloth if there's rain. If you plan to cook, bring a stove. No wood fires. Enjoy the dazzling sunset over the Olympics, then the billion-eyed megalopolis, and the rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air.

THE BOULDERS (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 2) Saturday, July 5
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3-) Sunday, July 6
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Steve Smith, 226-2694
The brushy section north of Fifteenmile Creek has been de-brushed, the whole trail is easy.

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2) Tuesday, July 8
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 1+) Wednesday evening, July 9
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Roger Johnson, 746-4947
From Issaquah along East Fork Issaquah Creek, then up to the old rail grade, and up more to the top of the gravel pit and a grand view of the city and Pickering Farm parachutes and sailplanes and lake.

POO POO POINT (Class 3) Thursday, July 10
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989

WEST TIGER BRAVERSE, ISSAQUAH TO PRESTON (Class 1) Saturday, July 12
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Bill Longwell, 255-1295
A one-way walk, with car-switching. Start in Issaquah, climb West Tiger 3, then 2 then 1, and descend to the cars waiting at Preston.

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2-) Sunday, July 13
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-4947
Our recent discovery on the east side of Tiger is gaining fame fast. Beaver dams, stands of Sitka spruce and silver fir, salamanders, a half-dozen mosses and several liverworts and lots of ferns. The beaver labored here some 50 years before moving to Fifteenmile Creek a year or so ago.

LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT (Class 1) Wednesday, July 16
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

LAKEMONT OOROE (Class 1 or 2) Thursday evening, July 17
Meeting place: parking area south off I-90 on Exit 13, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

BREW HILL (Class 3) Friday, July 18
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Leonard and Ursula Eisenberg, 392-4034
A new hike for us -- to the east peak of Taylor Mountain and broad views over the Raging River to the little-known upper Cedar River, and mountains from Baker to Rain

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2) Saturday, July 19
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
A stunning overlook of Hobart and Cedar River country, and long views out to Tacoma, Rainier, and where St. Helens used to be.

TIGER MOUNTAIN YAH-ER WALL (Class 3-) Sunday, July 20
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Mike Hyman, 392-4901
A new trip for us. We've all gaped at that terrific cliff above the Hobart Road. Now, due to a new logging road (through virgin forest, sob), we can readily walk the air below the brink makes a parent nervous.

KERRISTON (Class 3-) Monday, July 21
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989

THE BOULDERS (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922

Tuesday evening, July 22

GEOLOGY OF THE ALPS -- LECTURE/TOUR (Class 1)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Marv Pistrang, 363-0293
Marv, who is preparing a geologic map of the Issaquah Alps to be published by the Club this fall, will lead an introductory tour of sites where the earth reveals secrets of its past.

Wednesday evening, July 23

LAKEMONT BOULEVARD (Class 1 or 2)
Meeting place: parking area south off I-90 on Exit 13, 210 stop, 10 a.m.
Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

Thursday, July 24

SQUAK MOUNTAIN WEST FACE (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Robert and Kate Cross, 743-0925

Thursday evening, July 24

WEST TIGER 1 (Class 3+)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2933

Saturday, July 26

SQUAK MOUNTAIN WEST FACE (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

Sunday, July 27

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 1)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Leslie Lund, 392-5478

Monday, July 28

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK-MIDDLE TIGER RAILROAD LOOP (Class 3) Tuesday, July 29
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: George Heiser, 392-2033
One of our new trips, exploiting the great Middle Tiger Railroad, connected to the Grand Canyon by a route we've flagged. Possible sidetrip up Middle Tiger.

Tuesday, July 29

LICORICE FERN AND SURPRISE WALLS, TROG SWAMP (Class 1 or 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

Wednesday evening, July 30

LICORICE FERN AND SURPRISE WALLS, TROG SWAMP (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Mark Follett, 937-2746

Saturday, August 2

MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922

Sunday, August 3

COAL CREEK PARK (Class 1)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Barbara Smith, 226-2694

Tuesday, August 5

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

Wednesday, August 6

SQUAK MOUNTAIN WEST FACE (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 1 and 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

Thursday evening, August 7

KERRISTON (Class 3-)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989

Saturday, August 9

COAL CREEK PARK (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Steve Williams, 232-1791

Sunday, August 10

LICORICE FERN AND SURPRISE WALLS AND TROG SWAMP (Class 1 1/2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 1 p.m.
Leader: Craig Taylor, BA 6-6626
This is a Young Family Special, designed for parents with small children, and the pace and the pauses appropriate for same.

Sunday, August 10

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Jim and Georgia Klots, 747-4444
Look out in the sunset to see Hobart and Renton and Rainier. Don't see St. Helens.

Tuesday evening, August 12

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3+)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Robert Wood, 324-8416

Wednesday, August 13

SAMMAMISH RIVER TRAIL (Class 1)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

Thursday, August 14

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)
Meeting place: parking area off I-90 on Exit 13, 210 stop, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Buz Moore, 746-1866

Saturday, August 16

POO POO POINT (Class 3)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344

Sunday, August 17

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10 a.m.
Leader: Mary Alice Willson, 232-1793

Monday, August 18

LAKE TRADITION (Class 1 or 2)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

Wednesday evening, August 20

MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Shirley Lindahl

Friday, August 22

COUGAR RING TRAIL (Class 4)
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. Walk some 12 miles through The Far Country, The Wilderness, The High Marsh, and the Long Marsh, plus three or four summits of Cougar.

Saturday, August 23

PRESTON TO ISSAQUAH (Class 2)
Meeting place: Downtown Issaquah, 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 along the creek -- which we cross on a footbridge, no fence-under crawling.
Leader: Roger Johnson, 746-4947

Sunday, August 24

MAIN (EAST) TIGER MOUNTAIN--VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3)
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365

Monday, August 25

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

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

Leader: Leslie Lund, 392-5478

Case down on the ashfall areas of Hobart and Maple Valley, and out to where St. Helens used to be.

Tuesday, August 26

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.

Leader: Buss Kahn, 392-7167

Wednesday evening, Aug. 27

PRESTON TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2)

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

Leader: Phillip and Ann Beckley, 255-1308

Saturday, August 30

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)

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

Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

Sunday, August 31

MARSHALL'S HILL (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 3)

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

Leader: Jim and Georgia Klotz, 747-4444

From May Valley, Licorice Fern and Surprise Walls to the Far Country and the summit of the southernmost peak of Cougar, with views down to Renton, out to Rainier.

Tuesday, September 2

LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT (Class 1)

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

Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

Thursday, September 4

SQUAK MOUNTAIN, NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3)

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

Leader: Tom Reynolds, 633-3460

Saturday, September 6

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 1+)

Meeting place: parking area off I-90 at Exit 13, 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Craig Taylor, BA 6-6626

Another Young Family Special, for folks with small children who want to poke along, play in the mud, play tag. The children, that is.

Saturday, September 6

MAY CREEK PARK (Class 2)

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

Leader: Steve Williams, 232-1791

Sunday, September 7

LAUGHING JACOBS CREEK (Class 1)

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

Leader: Barbara Smith, 226-2694

From the Hans Jensen Area of Lake Sammamish Park, up into a gorge of cedar trees and waterfalls and all.

Monday, September 8

MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-)

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

Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

Wednesday, September 10

FOUR TRAIL -- GRAND RIDGE (Class 2+)

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

Leader: Bill Daly, 392-1405

Saturday, September 13

GRAND CANYON FIFTEENMILE CREEK-MIDDLE TIGER RAILROAD LOOP (Class 3) Sunday, September 14

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

Leader: Steve Smith, 226-2694

Our longtime-favorite Grand Canyon trail has been linked to our new-found Middle Tiger Railroad by a flagged route. Sidetrip possible to summit of Middle Tiger, or along the Tiger Mountain Trail.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 1 or 2)

Meeting place: parking area off I-90 on Exit 13, 10 a.m.

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

Tuesday, September 16

POO POO POINT (Class 3)

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

Leader: Shirley Lindahl

Thursday, September 18

WEST TIGER 3-2-1 WIPEOUT LOOP FROM HIGH POINT (Class 4)

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

Leader: A. J. Culver, 392-3002

Start from High Point and return there, doing all three peaks via a loop route.

Saturday, September 20

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

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

Leader: Phillip and Ann Beckley, 255-1308

Sunday, September 21

LAKE TRADITION FROM ISSAQUAH (Class 2)

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset Way just east of the four-way stoplight, 10 a.m.

Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344

(Note: all Lake Tradition hikes may include the Big Trees, Rainforest East, Round Lake, The Springs, and whatever else the leader has an inclination to do.)

Wednesday, September 24

SQUAK MOUNTAIN NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3)

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

Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017

Friday, September 26

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)

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

Leader: Ginni Block, 392-8331

Saturday, September 27

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3+)

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

Leader: Tom Mechlter, 255-0922

With the brush cleared from the center section, the TMT now is a breeze. Except in a foot of snow...

Sunday, September 28

TIGER MOUNTAIN YAH-ER WALL (Class 3-)

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

Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017

For details see July 20.

Monday, September 29

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