



ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

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THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE

December 15, 1980

"You have here a basis for civilization on its highest scale, and I am going to ask you a question you may not like. Are you good enough to have this country in your possession?"

--Lewis Mumford to the Portland City Club, 1938

(The question may properly be asked of a number of groups, individuals, and corporations in this year of 1980, in these Issaquah Alps.)

PRESIDENT'S (SIXTH) REPORT

As we enter our third calendar year, let us here highly resolve, as a club and as individuals, to:

1. Seek the adoption by the King County Council of a Newcastle Community Plan that provides for a Cougar Mountain Regional Park serving the entirety of "Puget Sound City," and a system of green-belt trailways for hikers, horses, and bicycles to surrounding communities and Metro bus stops.
2. Inform the people of Seattle and all King County about the Cougar Mountain Regional Park so they will vote YES on the bond issue that will include this among many other parks.
3. Convince the government of Issaquah that the Issaquah Watershed must be preserved, not made into a New City on the Plateau.
4. Work with the (proposed) Issaquah Regional Park District, which we trust will be created early in 1980, to delineate a system of hiker, horse, and bicycle trails.
5. Help the Tahoma-Raven Heights Citizens Committee develop a trails plan for the parts of Tiger, Taylor, and Squak Mountains in its assigned area.
6. Work with government agencies of King County and the state to define the new concept of urban tree farm and seek that status for appropriate portions of Tiger Mountain and other areas.

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# THE FIRST GREAT BIG ANNUAL MEETING • JAN. 15 • 8-10 P. M.

## ISSAQUAH COMMUNITY HALL

(In the Issaquah City Fire Station on the north side of Sunset, at 2nd, just east of the postoffice)

The first order of business: adoption of club by-laws. Any member wishing to study the proposed by-laws before the meeting may contact any present member of the Board of Directors (see listing elsewhere in these pages).

The second order of business: election of club directors. The president appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Betty Culbert, Jerry Wheeler, and Linda Joy Hendricks. They have nominated 5 candidates to fill 5 vacancies on the board. The by-laws provide that other nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

The following incumbent directors will be held over:

Harvey Manning  
Tom Mechler  
Barbara Johnson  
Marianne Richards

The committee has nominated the following to bring membership to 9:

Connie Dow  
Ralph Owen  
Susan Lohrman  
Mike Hyman  
Betty Culbert

In accordance with the by-laws, these directors will elect from the board members a club president and vice-president, and from the club membership a secretary and treasurer who will become members of the board if not so already.

The final order of business will be to review the progress of the club during the past year, and discuss the future, and transact any other business which may come before the meeting.

## OTHER MEETINGS

All these meetings are open to the entire membership and everybody is wanted. Come and listen -- and speak up and help shape club policies.

These meetings are at Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue -- a bit west of the new stoplight in Eastgate at Newport and 150th.

### Hikes Committee

Thursday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone welcome, but hike leaders are particularly urged to attend. Tell the committee what's being done wrong, what right, what can be done better, what new things ought to be done.

This meeting specifically will look forward to the schedule for April-May-June, the season when we resume flower walks, bird walks, and evening walks.

### Board of Directors

Thursday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

In Alpiner we try to keep you up to date on major issues, but only at Board meetings can we thoroughly discuss what the scoundrels are doing in our Alps and how we can frustrate their knavish tricks, confound their politics.



# HISTORY SEMINARS

At our first seminar, in November, Fred Rounds who has mined and logged in the Alps for half a century and more - answered questions from the audience and in the process sketched the history of logging in the Alps from earliest bullteam and horse-logging days through "lokie" logging, truck logging, and cat logging to the present time.

At the second, in December, Fred similarly satisfied our curiosity about coal mining from earliest times, in Newcastle and Issaquah and environs.

However, we only just got well started. Fred again will be the central figure on our seminar panel, but we hope to recruit others who also know the past better than many of us know the present.

The format is loose -- any subject is fair game, every member of the audience is a member of the seminar.

The meetings are jointly sponsored by the IATC and the Newcastle Historical Society, president, Jean Bacon.

The dates: Thursday, February 26, 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 26, 8:00 p.m.

The place: Issaquah Community Hall, in the Issaquah City Fire Station on the north side of Sunset, at 2nd, just east of the postoffice.

## HELP WANTED

We are taping the seminars but need to transcribe them to make the information more widely available. Anyone who can listen - and type - please call Harvey Manning, SH8-1017.



## ALPS PUBLICATIONS



- GUIDE TO TRAILS OF TIGER MOUNTAIN, by Bill Longwell \$3.00  
42 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 inches, covering the entire mountain
- TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL MAP, by Bill Longwell \$1.00  
Shows all roads and trails described in the book
- ISSAQUAH ALPS BUMPERSTICKERS 75¢ apiece, two for \$1.00, 80¢ for each additional

In production, for publication in late winter or early spring:

- MAP AND GUIDE TO GEOLOGY OF THE ISSAQUAH ALPS, by Marv Pistrang
- THE FLOWERING OF THE ALPS, by Harvey Manning and others
- GUIDE AND MAP TO TRAILS OF COUGAR MOUNTAIN, SQUAK MOUNTAIN, TAYLOR MOUNTAIN, GRAND RIDGE, AND RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN, by Harvey Manning

## WHERE DO YOU GET THESE GOOD THINGS??

By mail from Issaquah Alps Trail Club  
P.O. Box 351  
Issaquah, WA 98027 (with each order, add 75¢ for mailing)

Ask at the Park & Ride -- some hike leaders will have a supply for sale.

Most easily, buy from retail outlets:

- In Issaquah -- Front Street Books, in Gilman Village  
The Book People, just off Front Street, next to Thriftway
- In Bellevue -- Backpackers Mountaineering Store, 14100 NE 20th
- On Mercer Island -- Island Books, 3014 78th SE
- In Seattle -- Recreational Equipment Inc., 1525 11th Ave.  
Seattle Audubon Society, Joshua Green Building, 1425 4th Ave.

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

Barbara Johnson		Tom Mechler	255-0922
David Kappler	235-0741	Marianne Richards	746-9448
Bill Longwell	255-1295	Steve Smith	228-2694
Harvey Manning	SH6-1017		

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

Hikes -- Harvey Manning SH6-1017  
Bicycle Rides -- Larry and Susan Lohrman 392-6192  
Horse Routes -- Bob Court 235-1033  
Alpiner -- Yvonne Mechler 255-0922  
Publicity -- Barbara Johnson  
Telephone Tree - Marianne Richards 746-9448  
Valley Floors-Floodplains - Marianne Richards 746-9448  
Forest Practices --- *Harvey Manning*  
History ---  
Issaquah Watcher - Linda Crummins 641-9149  
Squak Watcher -- David Giles 392-9919  
Newcastle Watcher -- Dave Kappler 235-0741



WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL  
WITH US? WILLING TO  
TEACH SCHOOL FOR US?

2/26/79

Members have shown eagerness to learn the natural and human history of the Alps; our flower walks, bird walks, geology tours, and history seminars have been well received.

The question is, do you want something in more depth?

For example, we are considering offering a "flower school" in April-May-June, with perhaps five 2-3 hour sessions on the trails, spaced over a period of weeks. The leader-instructor would be some person knowledgeable about the area and the plants. Would you be interested in such a course? Would you be willing to pay a modest fee to cover expenses of the instructor and the co-sponsoring agency, Issaquah Parks and Recreation?

If so, please drop a postcard to Harvey Manning (who is not the instructor!)  
15819 SE 44th St. Bellevue, WA 98006

At the same time indicate what other subjects you'd like to learn about. Would you take a "bird school"? Geology? Or what?

Also, what subjects would you be willing to teach if a regular continuing program were to evolve?

# BIKE RIDES

Committee chairfolks and trip leaders: Larry and Susan Lohrman, 392-5192

## SPECIAL EVENT: A CLASS IN BEGINNING BIKE REPAIR -- Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m. to noon

If the bike won't go, you can't -- not till you fix it. Learn repair of flat tires, brake adjustment, and derailleur adjustment, taught by Larry Lohrman.

Bike-repair books and tour-route books will be available for student review. Tools suggested: tire irons, patch kit, rags, small crescent wrench, small screwdriver.

The class limit is 10. To sign up, call 392-5192. Offered in conjunction with Issaquah Parks & Recreation, so there'll be a small fee to cover its expenses.

If interest exists, a more advanced repair class will be offered in spring -- watch the Alpiner and the Issaquah Parks flier.

## ALPS BIKE RIDES

These are moderate-paced, short-to-medium distance, day tours. Maps and route descriptions will be available to all participants, enabling the faster riders to go ahead of the main group and set their own pace. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult sponsor.

Meeting place for all rides: Issaquah Park & Ride, at the corner of Newport Way and Renton-Issaquah Road (Highway 900).

**COME RIDE WITH US!** The committee is planning to inventory all bike routes in the Alps -- and prepare an action plan to get more routes established by governmental agencies. All rides are committee meetings! Have a good day and do good work, at the same time.

January 4, Sunday, 10 a.m. -- Issaquah Park & Ride to Marymoor park  
About 20 miles, a nice lake along the way and a great park.  
Bring lunch.

February 14, Saturday, 10 a.m. -- Park & Ride to Fall City  
About 30 miles, with little traffic and lots of nature.  
Bring lunch to eat by the river -- or dine on hot food in a warm restaurant.

February 21, Saturday, 1 p.m. -- Park & Ride to downtown Issaquah and Sunset School  
About 10 miles. An easy-going figure-eight. The first loop is around downtown Issaquah on the level (learn how to avoid the main automobile routes). The second loop from the Park & Ride to Sunset School has two small hills.

March 7, Saturday, 10 a.m. -- Park & Ride to Renton Boeing  
About 30 miles. Come discover a scenic, low-traffic commuter route to Renton Boeing. Bring a lunch to eat in the Renton City Park or bring money for a warm restaurant lunch.

March 22, Sunday, 10 a.m. -- Park & Ride to Maple Valley  
About 30 miles, through the heart of the Alps. Bring lunch.



OUR BOOTH NEEDS A HOME!

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

IF YOU'VE A BOOTH

The booth we use to display our maps and publicize our efforts at Salmon Days and other events needs a new home. It comes apart into seven 4'x 8' sheets of plywood and a few extra 2x4's. We need a dry carport, garage or barn to store it in. Please contact Dave Kappler at 235-0741 if you might be able to store our booth. Thanks.

These are not our only concerns, of course. While saving the Noble Green Hills we want to save the Splendid Green Plains that also are of the essence of the Alps -- the Issaquah Plain, May Valley, pastures of Issaquah and Tibbetts Creeks. We want to keep the creeks hospitable to fish and herons and eagles and water ouzels. We want the wet places preserved as wildlife habitats, natural storm water reservoirs, and creek-and-home protectors. To do all this, we (not just the Directors, but each and every member of the club) must agitate and organize around the county, among the governments of Seattle and Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond, Renton and Kent, Issaquah and Tukwila and Auburn and Woodinville and Bothell, among the mayors and councils and park boards, and among the people of King County government, and the state legislature and officials and agencies -- preaching the uniqueness of the Issaquah Alps and their importance to the future of "Puget Sound City."

Write or call your legislators, your county councilperson, your city councils, your newspaper editors. Carry the message to other organizations to which you belong. Tell your friends.

But that's still not all we have to do. We also must go walking. And riding bicycles. And horses. And if it's a hard winter, maybe snowshoeing around Tradition Lake.

#### THE OLD ORDER CHANGES, A LITTLE

As the founding members recall, the IATC came together rather informally, amid dunder and blitzen and downpour. Not that we're suddenly going to spiffy up and wear tuxedos and gowns, but we are getting legal. A set of by-laws has been drafted and will be presented for adoption at the first Annual Meeting of the club, January 15, at Issaquah Community Hall. At the same time the Nominating Committee will put forth a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. Some founding directors will hold over. Others have chosen to retire. This doesn't mean we've lost them -- they'll continue serving the club. However, I'd like to express on behalf of all of us thanks for good works during this period that began with an idea floated atop Long View Peak during the Day of Three Lightning Storms and culminated in a real, live, going organization that has been denounced by some of the largest landowners and manglers in the state, snorted at by agencies of misgovernment, embargoed by the emirs, and put on the Mafia hit list. (Yes, there are folks who don't need to be told the opportunities presented by the Issaquah Alps -- they flock here from Minnesota and Las Vegas and Amsterdam and Mecca to make a bundle.)

*Harvey Manning*

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P.S. In case you missed the Salmon Days, October 4-5, we led more than 300 people on walks to the Issaquah Watershed, Issaquah Vista, West Tiger Caves, Poo Poo Point, Many Creek Valley, and West Tiger J. More than 1000 People visited our booth to study our maps and buy our guides, and ask for information; half a hundred joined the club on the spot. The attendance at Salmon Days was 60,000, up from a previous high of 20,000. We brazenly claim major credit for the increase because it was due to our efforts that Sunset Magazine featured the Alps, and Salmon Days, in its October issue, published just before the event. The Issaquah Chamber of Commerce has taken a stand against "no growth" and we agree -- we want to flood the Alps with feet.

(About that booth of ours -- it needs a home -- see Dave Kappler's plea in these pages.)



## JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH

Hikes Committee: Russ Williams (392-5989), in charge of Saturday hikes; Mike Hyman (392-4901), Sunday hikes; Evelyn Rudolph (392-4060), midweek 2 hikes; Ted and Ann Leber (746-3291), midweek 3-4 hikes; Craig Taylor (BA 6-6626), senior counsel; Paula Clark (271-2771) and Betty Culbert (641-6451), troubleshooters.

### Hike Classification

- Class 1: Suspended for the winter.
- Class 2: Easy morning or afternoon, typically 3 loitering hours.
- Class 3: A fairly full day, from morning to afternoon, typically 5-6 hours on the go, but not madly.
- Class 4: Typically 6-7 hours, more steadily on the go.

### Special Trips

Watch in spring for flower walks, bird walks, and other special events.

Note: Work-party hikes have been discontinued due to poor attendance. However, we expect to do trail work on an invitational basis. That is, somebody may call and invite you to come hack brush. How could you refuse?

### Meeting Place and Time

The usual spot is the Issaquah Park & Ride -- not in Issaquah but 2.5 miles west at Goode's Corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way, 1/2 mile south of I-90 off Exit 15. It's a big lot - we gather at the south end.

For some hikes we assemble in downtown Issaquah or elsewhere. Pay attention.

All hikes are coordinated with the Metro 210 schedule so folks can come to our meeting places by bus. Check your 210 schedule and you'll find a bus arriving at the meeting place 10-30 minutes before the hike assembly.

### Sponsorship

Issaquah Parks and Recreation sponsored these hikes before there was a club and continues to co-sponsor them.

We receive publicity assistance from Bellevue, Mercer Island, Renton, Seattle, and King County Parks Departments.

The public is welcome on all hikes. So are other clubs, youth groups, church groups, etc. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an older person.

### Winter Hiking

Our trips never are cancelled due to bad weather. That is, the leader always shows up at the assembly point. If nobody else does, he or she is not required to do the hike, but if even a single person comes eager to walk, a-walking they do go. So, do not look out the window to a typhoon and go back to sleep, assuming nobody is mad enough to go out in that. We are. To be sure, sometimes the trip doesn't go where advertised, or last as long -- reason frequently does prevail.

Especially don't chicken out because of snow. Except when snow is so deep we can't get to the assembly point, we go. Maybe not to the top of West Tiger, but high in the white where the landscape is transformed, where little critters make tracks.

Wear wool. Wear a rain slicker or carry an umbrella. Carry a flashlight. Maybe have a thermos of hot soup, or hot something.

✓ *morning*

INAUGURATION OF NEW-FOUND TRAILS  
IN ISSAQUAH WATERSHED (Class 2)

Thursday, January 4

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset east of Front, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017  
Start the New Year with a tour of newly discovered trails; the Waterworks Trail that follows the old Issaquah Water Department service road past the reservoir to the collection boxes at The Springs issuing from the base of the scarp; The Springs Trail that contours the sidehill, in and out of green gulches where the Springs gush from aquifers; the Brink Trail on the edge of the Lower Plateau; and the Big Trees-Skidroad Trail. Built by animals and loggers over the centuries, the trails total several hours of leisurely strolling. We'll be back around noon, in plenty of time for The Game.

LICORICE FERN WALL-SURPRISE WALL-  
TROG SWAMP (Class 2)

Saturday, January 3

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.  
Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741  
From the top of Licorice Fern Wall with views over May Valley to amazing Surprise Wall with views over Trog Swamp and Far Country Creek. Some of the best of Cougar Mountain. Explore new Bypass Trail to Far Country, if time allows.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN, NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3)

Sunday, January 4

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.  
Leader: Paul Krug, 255-3877  
The classic tour of Squak Mountain State Park. Splendid forests the whole way. Long views from the summit. Windows down on Issaquah, Thrush Gap. A delightful cliff-stroll along the 1920's narrow-gauge logging-truck trails that contour the face. A visit to the sawdust heap of a tie mill once located here, high in the sky.

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2)

Tuesday, January 6

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060  
From beautiful downtown Issaquah we cross East Fork Issaquah Creek to the railroad grade and the Monster Erratic, climb to the top of the moraine plateau, and walk to the scarp of the gravel pit, with awesome looks down into bowels of the moraine and broad vistas over the Issaquah Plain and Lake Sammamish. See the gray glacial drift of the Vashon advance and the iron-stained drift of the earlier Salmon Springs advance, respectively 12,000 and 30,000 years old.

GRAND CANYON FIFTEENMILE CREEK-MIDDLE TIGER  
RAILROAD OR TMT LOOP (Class 3)

Thursday, January 8

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775  
From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger Railroad, sidetrip to Fifteenmile Creek in its wildest stretch, passing site of the famous Horseshoe Trestle, then loop back via either the railroad or the Tiger Mountain Trail, in both cases descending the Middle Tiger Trail. Choice depends on weather, party ambition, leader's mood.

MARSHALL'S HILL--DE LEO WALL (Class 3)

Saturday, January 10

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.  
Leader: Kent L. Cootes, 392-2667  
Walk the new Bypass Trail from Surprise wall and Trog Swamp to Far Country Creek, proceed onward to the Far Country and Marshall's Hill, the peak of Cougar Mountain that overlooks Renton. Carefully skid down to the brink of De Leo Wall, Cougar's grandest precipice, and one of only two known places in the Alps where Oregon white oak grows.



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WATERWORKS TRAIL, SPRINGS TRAIL, BRINK TRAIL,  
BIG PICES TRAIL (Class 2)

Sunday, January 11

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset east of Front, 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Steve Smith, 226-2694

For those who couldn't get up on New Year's morning, a chance to be introduced to the new trails we've found in the Issaquah watershed, the trail the loggers wish we didn't know about. For details see January 1.

COAL CREEK, UPSTREAM FROM THE  
FARM TO THE FALLS (Class 2)

Wednesday, January 14

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

Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

Start from the upper end of Coal Creek County Park and tour the proposed park addition upstream. Walk the grade of the old Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad that carried Newcastle coal to Seattle docks. See the gaudy Cinder Mine, where mine waste was cinderized by spontaneous combustion. Pass old orchards and gone-wild rose gardens. See the North Fork Falls. On the return, perhaps descend from The Farm to the duck pond and the sandstone gorge of Coal Creek. Possibly visit the Mary Tunnel.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)

Thursday, January 15

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

Leader: Craig Taylor, BA 6-6626

Craig doesn't invariably get lost in The Wilderness, so this is a chance not to be missed, especially by those of our trip leaders who do. See The Boulders, Big View Cliff, Wild View Cliff, the Fall Line Trail, the summit of Wilderness Peak, Blackwater Pond, the Clay Pit, Shy Bear Pass, and possibly Long View Peak. If Craig does get lost, golly knows what you'll see.

PRESTON TO ISSAQUAH (Class 2)

Saturday, January 17

Meeting place: Downtown Issaquah, corner of Front and Sunset (Gull Station), 11:45 a.m.

Leader: Bob Eschrich, 232-5764

A unique walk, distinctively appealing. We ride the Metro 210 noon bus to Preston County Park, then walk back to downtown Issaquah, first along a country lane, remnant of the old Sunset Highway built when cars were few and narrow, then on the abandoned grade of the Northern Pacific branch line. See salmon spawning in East Fork Issaquah Creek, maybe. Goggle at the Giant Erratic. Perhaps sidetrip off the end of the grade for views of the Issaquah Plain. Walk under I-90, by the creek, and so into town, with its famous twin fire stations and majestic City Hall.

WEST TIGER CAVES (Class 3-)

Sunday, January 18

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

Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365

Rejoice, all ye who have heard terror tales about this trip. Now that the Caves Loop Trail has been flagged and largely boot-beaten into good tread, there is no danger and little labor. Note that the walk has been demoted to 3-. Bring a good flashlight to explore Don's Cave, an easy walk-in, and O'Brian's Cave, which requires a short but easy and safe scramble. Both are giant caverns, the largest known talus caves in the state. There are other caves as well, only partly explored. Even if you don't go very far underground the scene is stunning -- huge blocks of mountain that tumbled here in a cataclysm eons ago, forming not only caves but slots and chasms and knolls, all in deep forest and thick moss. The Loop Trail itself is a joy, passing and crossing Round Creek, Cave Creek, and Tradition Creek.

YAH-ER WALL, TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3)

Tuesday, January 20

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

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

Walk a new logging road through a tragic clearcut, enter big-tree virgin forest, and emerge atop the dizzy cliff we've all gaped at above the Hobart Road. Those 1000 feet of empty air are good for thrills -- and views. The DNR plans a "Sun King Timber Sale" here, adjoining the enormous Weyerhaeuser clearcuts. We are pleading for protection of the wall brink. The plant community includes our finest mass of manzanita and a number of unusual (for the Alps) species -- including poison oak!

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Thursday, January 22

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

Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

Broad views across Issaquah Creek to May Valley and Squak Mountain and out to Seattle, down to Hobart, and off toward Enumclaw, Rainier, and where St. Helens used to be.

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3+)

Saturday, January 24

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

Leader: A. J. Culver, 392-3002

The summit of West Tiger that hangs in the air over Issaquah City Hall, within which some folks care about the peak and others don't. The grandest of views from San Juan Islands to Olympics to Rainier, including towers of downtown Seattle and the University District. Bellevue, too. Do not stay home if the peak is hidden by clouds or covered by snow -- A.J. will get us through.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)

Sunday, January 25

Meeting place: Exit 13 off I-90, stub of concrete on south side of freeway, 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Buzz Moore, 746-1866

The gorge of Lewis Creek, proposed for a Bellevue-Renton Freeway (sugar-coated as "boulevard"), a scheme defeated 4 years ago but now trying to be born again. Ascend rainforest-like mixed forest, sidetripping to waterfalls. Visit an abandoned homestead where local bears come in fall to harvest apples.

PUO PUO (GLIDER) POINT --

MANY CREEK VALLEY LOOP (Class 3)

Wednesday, January 28

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

Leader: Henry Steinhardt, 232-0554

A fine view of Issaquah Valley, Squak, and downtown Issaquah. From the point hang-gliders plummet to the cows. The return is via the West Tiger Railroad, curving in and out of Many Creek Valley. See the red paint of the DNR's proposed Stinger Timber Sale -- temporarily withdrawn but not shelved. Let us save the railroad. Let us save the Many Creeks.

LICORICE PEHN WALL-SURPRISE WALL-

TROG SWAMP (Class 2)

Friday, January 30

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

Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775

For details see January 3.

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)

Saturday, January 31

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

Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

Ascend Tiger's largest stream to its finest mile, the slot canyon sliced in sandstones and coal. Search for fossils and amber. Poke noses (not bodies) into old mines. If some members want added exercise, the leader may take, or send, an Eager Section on a loop return, climbing a short way to the Middle Tiger Railroad and following it to the Middle Tiger Trail for a descent back to the West Side Road. The loop adds an extra hour or so.

MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-)

Sunday, February 1

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

Leader: Jim Sanford, 244-3429

One of the favorite viewpoints in the Alps, between west Tiger and East Tiger and South Tiger, and the valleys of Fifteenmile Creek and Holder Creek. Approach via Tiger Mountain Trail from the south, then climb to the bald summit for vistas from Issaquah to Seattle to Tacoma to Rainier. Some of our hotfoot hikers complain it's too easy a day, they get back too early. The leader may therefore split off an Eager Section to descend open woods (no trail) the short way down the north side of Middle Tiger to hit the TMT, then follow it back, with a sidetrip to Denny's Bulge.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN, WEST FACE

9:30 - 1:30

(CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2+)

Tuesday, February 3

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

Leader: Leslie Lund, 392-5478

A deep-woods trail on the steep west face, featuring ancient stringers of a bridge rumbled across by logging trucks in the 1920's, now a "nurse-bridge." The way climbs near the west peak of Squak -- or can if party desires and loops back by one of several alternate ways.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3)

Thursday, February 5

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

Leader: Paula Clark, 271-2771

A third great way up Squak, from the south, following a long, lovely valley to Thrush Gap, site of a 1920's logging camp, then climbing to the summit and views from Rainier to Seattle to Bellevue.

RATTLESNAKE LEDGE (Class 3)

Saturday, February 7

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

Leader: Mark Follett, 937-2746

At the absolute east edge of the Alps is the most spectacular part of Rattlesnake Mountain, a cliff so tall and steep it would give a goat the vertigo. But the trail is safe and short -- though very steep. Views of the fault scarp of Mount Si, the North Bend plain, moraines of the Puget Lobe of the continental glacier, valleys of the Middle and South Forks Snoqualmie and Cedar River. Straight-down looks to Rattlesnake Lake and the gravel "cirque" made by the Boxley Burst of 1918, when the City of Seattle thought to use the moraine as a dam and found it wouldn't hold water.

THE BOULDERS (Class 2)

Sunday, February 8

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

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

In the valley of Cougar Mountain's wilderness Creek lie house-size chunks of andesite tumbled from glacier-steepened cliffs above. Moss and ferns drape the rock. The creek waterfalls beside. Possible 10-minute sidetrip up to Big View Cliff, best vantage point for seeing the Sunset Quarry. May Valley and Rainier, too.

PRESTON TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2+)

Wednesday, February 11

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

Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

walk the abandoned grade of the Northern Pacific branch line, now owned by King County Parks and soon to be developed as a bike-foot-horse trail all the way to Snoqualmie Falls. We don't go quite that far, due to a perilous trestle, but do end at a fine vista of the Snoqualmie Valley and the falls, plus Mount Si. Nice creeks, great forests.

MAIN (EAST) TIGER MOUNTAIN  
VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3)

Friday, February 13

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

Leader: Jim and Georgia Klotz, 747-4141

This walk ain't much fun on weekends due to the roar of the razzers so we do it on weekdays when it's a quiet delight. The trail through Silent Swamp is worth the trip all by itself. Distinctive views over the Raging River valley to Rattlesnake and the Cascades. Possible sidetrip to Beaver Valley. This is the highest peak of Tiger. Watch out for blizzards, eruptions, black cats, ladders, and all-around bad luck.

LAKE TRADITION WILDERNESS AND  
ISSAQUAH WATERSHED (Class 2)

Saturday, February 14

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

Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344

Will you be Bubbles' Valentine? If so, he'll lead you to Lake Tradition, either from High Point or downtown Issaquah, and around the lake, and if the candy holds out, to the Big Tree-Skidroad Trail, Brink Trail, or perhaps even to the Greyhound Bus.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)

Sunday, February 15

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

Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

For details see January 15. Dave knows several interesting ways to get lost in The Wilderness.

PRESIDENTS' DAY SPECIAL:

COUGAR KING TRAIL (Class 4 or less)

Monday, February 16

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

Leader: Harvey Manning

Scheduled for a holiday so everybody can come. The centerpiece of our proposed Cougar Mountain Regional Park -- which is expected to be voted on by all of King County this year. The full trip is a 12 mile, all-day, steady-going, up-and-down tramp. However, there are several good cop-out spots that let folks escape in case of need. Visit the Long Marsh, Far Country, The Wilderness, High Marsh, the Great Cave Hole. Views from Far Country Lookout, Claypit Peak, and Anti-Aircraft Peak. Will not be cancelled if there's snow -- that makes it all the better.

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HOOR TRAIL (GRAND RIDGE) (Class 2+)

Thursday, February 19

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

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

A forest loop on Grand Ridge. A trail that takes a horse one hour and hikers a good bit more. The way samples county land ultimately to be a park with trail connections to Issaquah. Watch out for lions and tigers and bears.

WEST TIGER 1/PRESTON TRAIL (Class 3+)

Saturday, February 21

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

Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2933

The trail Dick Heinz built is the plushest in the Alps, beautifully built, lovingly located to sample ridges and valleys. Though this highest peak of West Tiger is over-decorated, the route there is as fine a wildwood walk as we have.

MAY CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2)

Sunday, February 22

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

Leader: Steve Williams, 232-1791

The lonesome green depths of May Creek's canyon are less known than those of Coal Creek, due to the lack of a connected trail system -- a defect we are remedying. On this trip the leader will introduce us to a route blazed by the previous work party. However, wear rubber boots if you have them. Be prepared to wade the creek and black muck. Not difficult, but wet.

MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-)

Tuesday, February 24

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

Leader: Tom Reynolds, 633-3460

For details see February 1.

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WATERWORKS TRAIL, SPRINGS TRAIL, BRINK TRAIL, BIG

TREE-SKIDROAD TRAIL (Class 2)

Thursday, February 26

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset east of Front, 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Craig Taylor, BA 6-6626

For details see January 1. Come enjoy the Issaquah Watershed before the loggers succeed in getting the City to make hiking there a penitentiary offense, in order to make the watershed safe for logging.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN, WEST FACE

(CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2+)

Saturday, February 28

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

Leader: Bob Gross, 743-0925

For details see February 3.

TAYLOR MOUNTAIN RAILROADS (Class 3)

Sunday, March 1

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

Leader: Mike Hyman, 392-4901

Southernmost peak of the Alps, Taylor is largely off-limits in the Cedar River Watershed. However, the old logging railroad grades out of Hobart are open and lead to the most interesting of our ancient trestles, as well as plenty of nice woods and creeks and all.

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2)

Tuesday, March 3

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

Leader: Paula Clark, 271-2771

Though the beaver colony emigrated several years ago, they left 18-odd dams, some old and silted in, others looking brandnew. Their engineering, plus the climate in this cool corner of Tiger Mountain, have resulted in an "ecotone" where Sitka spruce, a coastal tree, and Pacific silver fir, a mountain tree, mingle. Later in spring the rough-skinned newts disport in Salamander Lake. A place very high on our Ecosystems to be Saved list.

WEST TIGER CAVES (Class 3-)

Thursday, March 5

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

Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775

For details see January 18.

GRAN. CANYON FIFTEENMILE CREEK - MIDDLE  
TIGER RAILROAD OR TMT LOOP (Class 3)

Saturday, March 7

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.  
Leader: Bill Daly, 392-1405  
For details see January 8.

SOUP: TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Sunday, March 8

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.  
Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5939  
For details see January 22.

THE BOULDERNS (Class 2)

Wednesday, March 11

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Jim and Georgia Klotz, 397-4141  
For details see February 8.

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3+)

Friday, March 13

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Betty Culbert, 391-8451  
For details see January 24. Who's superstitious?

COAL CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2)

Saturday, March 14

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.  
Leader: Virginia Quaykendall, 746-7180  
What with all the unprotected places we're trying to save, it's nice to visit a safe sanctuary. --Or is it safe? Note how the "accidents" the developers are having on the slopes of Hilltop and Somerset are silting up the creek, destroying the fisheries. Somebody needs to get sued. Nevertheless, the gorge is a delight of green things and black coal. Rubber boots are advised because the trail crosses the creek several times -- easy and safe wading but wet.

GRAND TIGER TRAVERSE (Class 3)

Sunday, March 15

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.  
Leader: Kent L. Clotes, 392-2667  
Pioneered by Bill Longwell, this classic traverse has been repeated only once because subsequent leaders have substituted the West Tiger 3-2-1 Wipeout (that's a 4). The really-truly "Grand" ascends from the Middle Tiger Railroad to Fifteemile Pass and descends via a new railroad trail to the Dick Heinz Trail - Preston. Fantastic. A one-way trip, due to car-switching. No steps retraced, lots of ground covered.

IRISH POPPUCK WITH OL' GRIZZ (Class 3)

Tuesday, March 17

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Robert Wood, 324-8416  
Our leader refuses to divulge his itinerary, either because he hasn't decided where to go or because he expects not to know where he is when he gets there, unless it's Boehm's Candy Kitchen, which has a soft spot for lost hikers carrying ice axes. Expect a long, hard day -- not from the walking but from his complaining about not getting any respect.

LAKE TRADITION WILDERNESS-

ISSAQUAH WATERSHED (Class 2)

Thursday, March 19

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060  
For details see February 14.

POO POO (GLIDER) POINT -  
MANY CREEK VALLEY LOOP (Class 3) Saturday, March 21  
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.  
Leader: George Helser, 392-2033  
For details see January 28.

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2) Sunday, March 22  
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.  
Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922  
For details see March 3.

S-UAK MOUNTAIN NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3) Wednesday, March 25  
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291  
For details see January 4.

LAKE MONT GORGE (Class 2) Friday, March 27  
Meeting place: Exit 13 off I-90, stub on south side of freeway, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: For information call Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2) Saturday, March 28  
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.  
Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344  
For details see January 6.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 4) Sunday, March 29  
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.  
Leader: Mike Hyman, 392-4901  
The classic of classics, 10.3 miles from Otter Lake to High Point. By using a car switch we do it all in a single day, from south to north. Old railroad grades. Vistas from slopes of Middle Tiger and West Tiger 2. Many creeks, many fine forests. The lengthening days just about guarantee getting out before dark. Watch out for Bill Longwell, who may be improving the trail.

GRAND CANYON FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2) Tuesday, March 31  
Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591  
For details see January 31.

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