



ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

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IT'S TIME (PROBABLY) TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! SEE PAGE 4

PRESIDENT'S (SEVENTH) REPORT

A club member attending a recent meeting of the Board of Directors commented, "My gosh! I thought this was a hiking club, not some sort of political movement!"

Those of us who shared in founding the club often are equally consternated. Though from the beginning we had a political agenda, we naively supposed we could get at it mainly with our feet. Wistfully we recall the Day of Three Lightning Storms -- and wonder if Somebody, that day, wasn't trying to tell us something...

Well, let's make one thing perfectly clear: Political activity is not required of IATC members. Or rather, walking trails of the Alps is in itself a political statement of the greatest importance, and so is riding bicycles and horses.

However, at least some of us are going to have to do something more. In months ahead you will be reading about your trail system in the press, hearing about it on radio and television, and thus will know when it's time to attend meetings, telephone public officials, write letters. But also you'll be getting action alerts from the IATC Telephone Tree.

Following are some of the issues that will require your action soon:

Newcastle Community Plan -- Cougar Mountain Regional Park

Public meetings will be held. The plan will move toward the County Council. Letters. Phone calls. Attendance.

The Central Newcastle Property Owners Association (actually representing only a half-dozen high-rolling land-developers who can afford to pay \$150,000 a year for a flak) will (1) try to get county approval for their plan to put 50,000 people -- a second Bellevue -- atop Cougar Mountain; (2) try to throw out the whole, long, county review process by incorporating a new City of Newcastle they expect to be able to manipulate; (3) try to hornswoggle the government, press and populace into believing their "Villages in the Park" scheme is just another name for the IATC Cougar Mountain Regional Park. They are, at present, permanently established in corridors of the King County Courthouse, giving all who will listen to them a deliberately false description of our proposal, and of theirs. We urge you to read the comparison of the two proposals in the new Guide to Trails of Cougar Mountain and Squak Mountain.

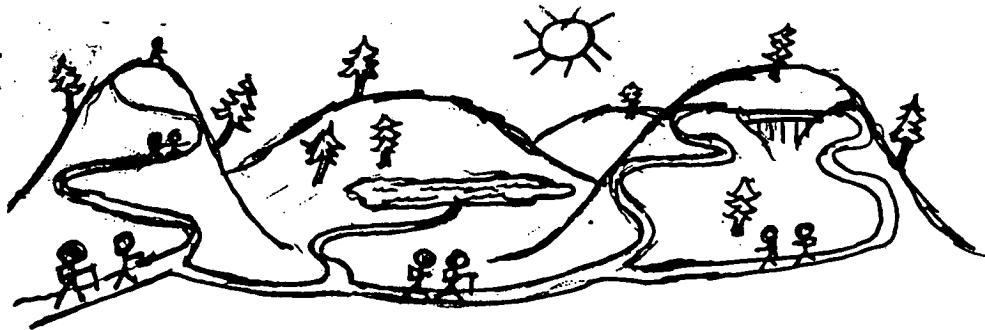
The high-rollers are not proposing villages and they are not proposing a park. What they are proposing is to profiteer at the public expense, to ravage Cougar Mountain, and then move on.

Tiger Mountain

The Trails Club, the City of Issaquah, and the Washington Environmental Council have formally requested the Department of Natural Resources to declare a moratorium on timber sales on Tiger pending preparation of a plan that recognizes it as an urban tree farm, a whole new concept of forest management. Specifically, we want cancellation of the "New Stinger" Timber Sale that would devastate Many Creek Valley and the West Tiger Railroad Grade.

Meanwhile, we are making some progress in obtaining law enforcement on Tiger - in curbing the unrestrained frolics of the ATVs.

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The Happening of the Year

WILDERNESS WALK IN THE ISSAQUAH ALPS

Saturday, May 30

Sponsored by Recreational Equipment Inc. ("The REI Co-op")

and Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound

-- with a little help from their friends, including the
Issaquah Alps Trails Club

Remember the "Wilderness on the Metro 210" mass hike in 1978?

And the Public Officials Awareness Hikes in the springs of 1979 and 1980?

And the Salmon Days weekend of October 1980, when IATC, with the help of Sunset Magazine, gave Issaquah its most successful civic celebration in history?

Those events were just the warm-up for the big show a-coming! REI and Group Health will be inviting all their thousands of members, and the general public of Puget Sound Country and the whole Western World to join in what may turn out to be the largest pedestrian exercise in local history.

★ YOU must be THERE ★

We of the IATC have volunteered to serve as native guides, ranger-naturalists, and "explainers" -- telling about the Alps, about our trail system, about what needs to be done to preserve the trails.

Dozens and dozens of us must attend to help lead groups and/or talk it up.

Plan to gather in downtown Issaquah at the end of the railroad tracks on Sunset Way just east of Front Street, by 9 o'clock to prepare for the arrival of our guests at 10. Hikes will be offered suitable for short legs and long legs, an hour or two or all day:

1. Issaquah Watershed (Tradition Lake-Big Trees Trail-Waterworks Trail-Brink Trail),...
2. West Tiger Caves...
3. West Tiger 3 and Many Creek Valley and Poo Poo Point...

WHEN -- Saturday -- May 30 -- 9 a.m.

WHERE -- downtown Issaquah

We are pursuing Tiger matters in the Tahoma-Raven Heights Citizens Committee, in the Issaquah City Council, in the King County Government, and with the Department of Natural Resources, both the Olympia headquarters and the Enumclaw office..

Plaintiff Trees

The Washington Environmental Council (of which IATC is a member club), Seattle Audubon Society (which co-sponsors Alps hikes with us regularly), and others are proceeding with a suit against the State of Washington, seeking justice in the courts for 2,100,000 acres of trees managed by the DNR. The forest industry has intervened in the suit and pledged as much money as is necessary to ensure continuation of preferred status on state lands. Our money will be needed to stay in court.

Issaquah Watershed

This pot keeps on simmering but could blow any day. Be warned. The Tradition Plateau is menaced from many directions. The developers still want to build a "New Issaquah" up there.

Harvey Manning
Harvey Manning

P.S. We'd like to call your attention to two organizations with interests allied to ours.

Friends of Washington (FOW)
P.O. Box 1203
Issaquah, Washington 98027
Dues, \$10.00 a year

In our area alone, the developers are plotting to build a Bellevue atop Cougar Mountain, two or three Bellevues on the East Sammamish Plateau, and several new Issaquahs -- on Tradition Plateau, Pickering Farn, wherever. They have formed Property Owners of Washington (POW) to bust the public planning process altogether. FOW was formed to fight them in Newcastle, fight them on the East Sammamish Plateau, fight them in the councils and legislatures.

OPTIONS
6224 129th Place SE
Bellevue, Washington 98006

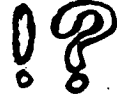
Contributions in any amount gratefully accepted.

One of the strategies the developers are attempting is a "change of venue" -- taking Cougar Mountain out of the King County planning procedures where it has been for more than two years and where it is making good progress, and throwing it into a new City of Newcastle. OPTIONS opposes the creation of a new city -- actually, a non-city. The Trails Club has formally endorsed OPTIONS and urges its support.

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PAGE ONLY--
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ONLY REMINDER
NO SALESMAN
WILL CALL

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS UP FOR RENEWAL*



*probably

To explain:

Every IATC membership runs from May 1 to May 1, no matter when you join-- this is to reduce the record-keeping and volunteer time.

Your first year in the club you may either (1) get gypped, or (2) get a bonus:

- (1) If you join on or before December 31, your membership comes up for renewal May 1 -- your \$5 annual dues may only last you four months.
- (2) If you join on or after January 1, your membership runs through May 1 of the next year -- your dues may last you up to 16 months.

*So, if you joined before December 31, 1980, pay now. If you joined between January 1 and April 30, 1981, you're in the clear until May of 1982.

Your second and succeeding years in the club, May 1 is the day -- pay.

\$ 5.00 for the whole family (YEARLY)
\$10.00 or more for a contributing membership (YEARLY)
\$1,000.00 or more we'll rename the club for you

SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK



HAPPINESS IS A PAID UP
MEMBERSHIP



THIS MEMBER DIDN'T PAY

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 stoplight in Eastgate at Newport and 150th.

Hikes Committee

Thursday, May 7, 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 July-August-September.

Board of Directors

Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 18, 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 seminars in November, December, February and March, 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, and of coal mining from earliest times, in Newcastle and Issaquah and environs, and of early transportation by railroad, horse and buggy, and steamboat. He was joined by Lucile McDonald, well-known regional historian and author of many books and articles, and Jean Bacon of the Newcastle Historical Society.

However, we only just got well started. Fred again will be the central figure on our seminar panel, joined by others who also know the past better than many of us know the present. We'll get into new subjects - early farms, social life in the dens of Tobacco Road - and delve more deeply into logging and mining and all.

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.

The dates: Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 22, 7:30 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.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

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ALPS PUBLICATIONS



GUIDE TO TRAILS OF COUGAR MOUNTAIN AND SQUAK MOUNTAIN, INCLUDING PROSPECTUS FOR A COUGAR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK, by Harvey Manning
84 pages, 8 1/2 x 11.

Every trail we can talk about in public. Book includes separate maps of the Wilderness, Coal Country, The Western Creeks, The Precipice, and Squak Mountain, plus an overall map.

A steal at \$4.50
(Member's price \$4.00)

GUIDE TO TRAILS OF TIGER MOUNTAIN, by Bill Longwell
42 pages, 8 1/2 x 11, covering the entire mountain. Now includes the Tiger map, formerly sold separately. Book and map, \$4.00.

ISSAQUAH ALPS BUMPERSTICKERS 75¢ apiece, two for \$1.00, 50¢
for each additional

In production:

MAP AND GUIDE TO GEOLOGY OF THE ISSAQUAH ALPS, by Mary Pistrang
THE FLOWERING OF THE ALPS, by Harvey Manning and others

WHERE DO YOU GET THESE
GOOD THINGS??

By mail from Issaquah Alps Trails 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.

Committee chairfolks and trip leaders: Larry and Susan Lohrman 392-5192
Jean-Car Brunschwig 641-3641

WANTED: More leaders - to date groups are small. If you have trips you'd like to lead in the summer of 1981, please contact the Lohrman's before May 20th. Short rides, long rides, hilly rides, family in the park rides. If you lead it, the choice is yours.

The Lohrmans will be leading beginning level rides where the newer riders or the slower riders feel comfortable with the pace. Especially to be encouraged are cycling families and surrogate grandparent types.

Jean-Car Brunschwig will be leading the moderate paced rides this spring. He will also teach a maintenance class.

BIKE REPAIR - May 13th - Call Jean (John) to sign up - 641-3641.



BIKE RIDES



Rides will no longer always commence at Park 'n Ride. To sign up contact the leaders.

April 25, Saturday, 10 a.m. Issaquah - Fall City Leader Brunschwig.
About 30 miles, with little traffic and lots of nature. Bring a lunch to eat by the river or dine on hot food in a warm restaurant.

April 26, Sunday, 2 p.m. Fall City - Carnation
16 miles. A flat ride through the beautiful Snoqualmie Valley farm land. Very little traffic. A nice alternative to the Sammamish River Trail. Picnic in the park.

May 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 - BICYCLE WEEK - Join Larry Lohrman as he commutes from Issaquah to Renton via Newport Way and 164th - a scenic minimum traffic route between Issaquah and Renton. 13 miles each way.

May 12, Tuesday day ride, 10 a.m. Sammamish River Trail - led by Susan Lohrman.
Picnic in the park - at the Winery?

May 16, Saturday, 10 a.m. Issaquah - Maple Valley Leader Brunschwig.
About 30 miles, in the heart of the Alps. Bring a lunch.

June 9th, Tuesday day ride, 10 a.m. Fall City - Carnation. Led by Susan Lohrman
See April 26th ride for details.

June 13, Saturday, 10 a.m. Carnation - Duvall - Leader Brunschwig.
About 30 miles - great farm country. Lunch at the Silver Spoon.

June 14, Sunday, 2 p.m. Fall City - Carnation - Leader Lohrmans
See April 26th ride for details.

June 20 - 28, TOURING VACATION - Seattle-Portland-Salem. Return by train.

EASTSIDE BICYCLING ACTIVITIES TO NOTE AND JOIN

Transportation by Bicycle - Classes taught by Reed Waite who is a League of American Wheelmen certified Effective Cycling Instructor. Spring quarter courses are offered by Bellevue Community College (8 sessions, Tuesdays, March 31-May 19) and the Redmond Park and Recreation Department (8 sessions, Mondays and Wednesdays, April 27-May 20).

Basic cycling skills and techniques are practiced each week on the road, supplemented by classroom discussion and readings on traffic safety, road hazards, emergency repairs, group riding and exercise physiology. Graduates are awarded League of American Wheelmen "Effective Cyclist" certificates and patches. Bring your bicycle ready to ride for the first class. The text used is John Forester's Effective Cycling, Available through Custom-Cycle Fittings, 726 Madrona Ave., Sunnyvale, Calif. 94066. 1-408-734-9426.

Reed plans to contact the Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department to see if they will join IATC in sponsoring an effective cycling class in Issaquah. Please let the Park Department know of your interest.

Puget Sound Bicycling Tour - Class at BCC

Get out this spring and discover bicycle touring on some of the finest back roads around the Puget Sound area. Open to anyone with a sound bike and an enthusiasm for cycling. Two evening classroom discussions on bike touring, safety, minor road repairs and equipment, plus two day long Saturday rides and an optional overnight tour. Instructor (Burlingame) has spent ten years touring and leading bicycle tour groups.

Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Class sessions April 8 and 22. Saturday rides April 11 and May 11.

The Mountaineer Bicycle Club and the Cascade Bicycle Club lead several rides on the Eastside. We encourage IATC members with a bicycling interest to join in on these rides. Find a ride you would feel comfortable leading and then offer to lead it for IATC or ask the Lohrmans to include it in their schedule of rides.

Cascade		
Sat., April 10	Fall City to Duvall	
Sat., May 16	Casworks to Marymoor	
Sun., June 7	Cougar Mountain	
Sat., June 20	Fall City	
Mountaineers		
Sat., April 18	Fall City-Cedar Falls	
Sun., May 17	Duvall Fireman's Breakfast	
Sat., June 6	BICYCLE CLINIC	
Thurs., June 11	Mercer Island evening ride	
Sat., June 27	Social Ride - Sammamish Trail	

Cycle Mobs are a slower paced group based on Mercer Island. They ride every Thursday starting at 9 or 10 a.m. They ride the Sammamish and Green River trails, Mercer Island, Medina, Issaquah, etc. They carpool to a wide area to begin their rides. Ride information is published in Mercer Island's newspaper.

Bicycling and American Wheelman are monthly magazines filled with ideas, motivation and how to's of bicycling.

Want a bike trailer to haul groceries, kids, etc.? A good review was in the March 1981 issue of Bicycling.

Want to learn some rules of the road? The Lohrmans have some free copies of the Washington Bicyclist Guide published by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. We have other safety pamphlets available by the time you receive your Alpiner.

HAVE QUESTIONS ? NEED HELP ?

A great source of information about bicycling in the Puget Sound area is the Cascade Bicycle Club's bike hot line. 522-BIKE. Want to become a bicycle activist and work for safer spaces to ride? Join Cascade's Bicycle Action Committee in their tremendous effort of prompting government agencies to do something for bicycling.

The Bicycle Action Committee is searching for a bicyclist(s) to provide input to the Ravensdale Community (area south of Issaquah) Land Use Plan. If interested, call Bob Bergstrom, BAC Chairman, 782-3901 (H) or 632-2664, or David Mark, 344-7402 at King County.

FOOD CO-OP BUYING CLUB

Amy Carlson, 344-3900 at King County Cooperative Extension Service wants to hear from IATC members interested in starting an IATC food buying co-op. She would help get it organized. If you have any interest, please call her. She can also provide good information on buying fresh produce.

NOTE ♪

YOUR DUES MAY BE DUE

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UNTIL DUES ARE PAID!

LAST REMINDER

DON'T SAY WE
DIDN'T REMIND YOU!



APRIL-MAY-JUNE 81

Hikes Committee: Betty Gulbert (641-6451), Chairman; 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 (746-4291), Midweek 3-4 Hikes; Paula Clark (271-2771), Troubleshooter.

Hike Classification

- Class 1: Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a just-walker or a parent with a babe on back, and perfect for studying birds and beetles and all.
- Class 2: Easy morning or afternoon, typically 3-4 hours at a loitering pace, perhaps going 5 miles on the flat, or less if some elevation is gained.
- Class 3: A fairly full day, from morning to afternoon, typically 5-6 hours on the go, but with plenty of stops. Small children often come along, sometimes on parental backs.
- Class 4: Steady-going day, typically 6-7 hours but not really grueling. A person should be sure Class 3 is no strain before trying these.

Special Trips

We are repeating our popular evening Flower Walk on May 1st and will have two after dinner hikes in June.

Meeting Place

Virtually all hikes assemble at the Issaquah Park & Ride lot, west of Issaquah at Goode's Corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way, about 1/4 mile south of I-90. We gather at the south end.

For some hikes we assemble in downtown Issaquah and occasionally someplace else. Take note of the stated meeting place for each hike.

Most hikes are coordinated with the Metro 210 schedule. That is, hikes generally leave the Park & Ride lot at 8:30 or 9:30 in the morning or 12:30 in the afternoon, in each case shortly after scheduled arrival of a 210 from points west. Check your 210 schedule.

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.

SEAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3)

Thursday, April 2

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

Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

The southern route to the summit following a long lovely valley to Thrush Gap, site of a 1920's logging camp. The climb then takes us to the towers which don't grace the top but the views are worth it to Seattle and the Olympics and Mount Rainier.

MAY CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2)

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

Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072

A lovely park but less well known because of the difficult and confusing trail system. A work party has tried to remedy this and with a leader who is an expert this should be a special but possibly wet walk. Rubber boots would help.

Saturday, April 4**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Meeting place: Newport Library, 7:30 p.m., 11250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue

You're all invited.

Thursday, April 16**COUGAR MOUNTAIN RING TRAIL (Class 4 or less)**

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

Leader: Ralph Owen, 746-1017

This hike explores the centerpiece of our proposed Cougar Mountain Regional Park which is expected to be voted on by all of King County this year. This is a full day, 12 mile hike following old wood roads, bear trails, and red ribbons - visiting the Long Marsh, Far Country, the Wilderness, the High Marsh, the Great Cave Hole with great views from some of the three or four summits of Cougar.

Sunday, April 5**SQUAK WALK (Class 3)**

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

Leader: Bob Wood, 324-8416

A new route with old connections or the other way around. Come and enjoy Issaquah's own mountain which is becoming a popular spot in all seasons. Our leader promises that the route is on trails and roads with no bushwacking.

Monday, April 6**KERRISTON (Class 2)**

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

Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989

A walk which follows old logging roads up the valley of Ragging River between Rattlesnake on one side and Tiger and Taylor on the other to the site of the old sawmill and coal prospecting town of Kerriston.

Friday, April 10**GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK - MIDDLE TIGER****RAILROAD GRADE OR TMT LOOP (Class 3)**

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

Leader: AJ Culver, 392-3002

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger Railroad grade, side tracking to 15 Mile Creek in its wildest stretch and passing the site of the famous Horseshoe Trestle, looping back via either the railroad grade or the Tiger Mountain Trail.

Saturday, April 11**NEW WATERWORKS TRAIL (Class 2)**

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

Leader: Steve Smith, 226-2694

A new trail system looping back and forth through the Issaquah Watershed - visiting the collection boxes at the Springs issuing from the base of the scarp, the Brink Trail on the edge of the lower plateau above and the Big Trees trail where the 1000 year old fir is the centerpiece. Skid Road Trail takes us over the old road which was laid to haul out the other giant firs, brothers to the remaining trees. Dream of what it would have been like to walk here 150 years ago.

Sunday, April 12**SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)**

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

Leader: Beryl Bell, 255-6399

A short uphill hike on one of Tiger's smaller flanks opens to broad views across Issaquah Creek to May Valley and Squak Mountain and on out to Seattle, down to Hobart and south to Rainier. Possibility of seeing a plume of Mt. Saint Helens.

Thursday, April 16**GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK - MIDDLE TIGER****RAILROAD GRADE OR TMT LOOP (Class 3)**

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

Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg, 392-4034

See Saturday, April 11 for details.

Friday, April 17**LICORICE FERN WALL (Class 2)**

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

Leader: Stan Unger, 283-7823

From the top of this wall covered with licorice fern and moss there is a charming view of May Valley. Onward to another wall and a view down or even a visit to Trog Swamp. Far Country by the new by-pass is not far away if time allows.

Saturday, April 18**CAVES OF WEST TIGER 3, THE SUMMIT OF THE MOUNTAIN****AND LOOP BACK TO POO POO POINT (Class 3+)**

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

Leader: Mike Hyman, 392-4901

This is a new route being introduced by our intrepid leader who will include the section line trail somewhere along the way. The caves have become a popular addition to our hiking repertoire. Anyone who hasn't enjoyed the 360 degree view from the top of W. Tiger 3 is missing one of the great alpine experiences in the Issaquah Alps.

Sunday, April 19**LAKE ALICE TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2)**

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

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

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

Sunday, April 19**THE BOULGERS (Class 2)**

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

Leaders: Yvonne Mechler and Florence Boyce, 255-0922 or 226-9459

In the valley of Cougar Mountain Wilderness Creek lie house-size chunks of andesite which tumbled off the cliffs above. Moss and ferns growing on the rocks beside the creek waterfalls create a magic spot. A short climb up to Big View Cliff is worth it for the view, not of Sunset Quarry but of May Valley and Mount Rainier beyond.

Tuesday, April 21**ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK (Class 3)**

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

Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg, 392-4034

Visit the area of Cougar which the county owns but has not developed as yet. Imagine what a lovely park this will make with fantastic views across Lake Sammamish to Mount Baker.

Thursday, April 23**HISTORY SEMINAR**

Meeting place: Issaquah Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

See page 5 for details.

Friday, April 24**SQUAK MOUNTAIN-NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3)**

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

Leader: Paul Krug, 255-3877

Climb the west scarp into Squak Mountain State Park, a one mile wilderness which the Bullet family gave to the state on condition that it remain that way. Only the impressive stone fireplace stands to remind us that civilization did reach way up here. More modern civilization on the summit where

Saturday, April 25

the towers can be ignored to face the views of the Cascades, the Olympics, Rainier and Baker. Looping back via the precipitous northeast face with views down to Issaquah, you walk a 1920 truck-logging grade through splendid forests to a sawdust heap of a tie mill once located here.

RATTLESNAKE LEDGE (Class 3)

Sunday, April 26

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

Leader: Mark Fellett, 937-2114

The ledge is the most spectacular part of the mountain with a cliff so tall and steep it would give a goat the vertigo. The trail, however, is safe and short, though very steep and views include the North Bend plain, the fault scarp of Mount Si, the lake below and several river valleys. Spectacular.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2)

Sunday, April 26

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

Leader: Ginnie Black, 527-5466

Ascend Tiger Mountain's largest stream to the slot canyon sliced in sandstone and coal. Search for fossils and amber. A possible loop can be made to the Middle Tiger Railroad grade, following it back to the Middle Tiger Trail and descending to the West Side road. This loop adds an extra hour to the trip.

THE WILDERNESS (Class 3)

Wednesday, April 29

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

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

We start by climbing in the forest along Wilderness Creek. From here there are as many choices as there are leaders, but so much to see except the view from Wilderness Peak from which there is none. So we take in other views along the way, including Big View Cliff, Long View, Wild View, Claypit Peak via Blackwater Pond. We don't promise to see the bear of Shy Bear Pass but we won't leave out the magical Boulder Field.

FLOWER WALK - SQUAK MOUNTAIN (Class 1)

Friday, May 1

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

Leader: Bill Longwell, 255-1295

The first of May may have occurred already the first of March but the flowers hadn't appeared then so on an evening lengthened by Daylight Savings Time we will walk a little and look a lot for growing things to be identified by our leader. Last year we counted over 50 varieties of flowers, ferns, shrubs and trees.

LAKE MONT GORGE (Class 2)

Saturday, May 2

Meeting place: Exit 13 off I-90. Concrete area on South side of Freeway.

Leader: Buzz Moore, 746-1866

12:30 p.m.

A wild stream tumbles down a gorge planned as the route of Lakemont Boulevard which is far from dead and probably will be revived soon to connect all the new homes being planned on the plateau to the east above where the trees are being felled fast and furiously. Ascend a virtual rain forest, side-tripping to waterfalls. Visit an abandoned homestead where the local bears come for an annual feast of apples along with other four and brave two footed creatures.

POO POO POINT (GLIDER POINT) (Class 3)

Sunday, May 3

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

Leader: Jim Sanford, 241-1190

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah valley. Glider may be more romantic but the sound of the Talki-tooter will be heard

again from the heights if the Stinger Sale starts. As of present, DNR plans to turn the railroad grade trail into a log-hauling truck road. Come before it is all changed and take the West Tiger Railroad grade looping back through Many Creek Valley. Can we save them all?

VISIT TO WESTWOOD FARM (Class 1)

Tuesday, May 5

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

Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

The day was planned for the children of hikers by our leader whose farm on Squak Mountain will have baby animals to pet and hold and ogle. Chicken, ducks, goats as well as larger animals. Come all mommies and children for a day of play in the Merry Month of May.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)

Wednesday, May 6

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

Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

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

HIKES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 7

Meeting place: Newport Library, 7:30 p.m.

Come and discuss what hikes to do this summer, and what went wrong or right this spring. Welcome all suggestions, members and especially hiking leaders.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3-)

Thursday, May 7

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

Leader: Shirley Lindahl, 822-3694

One of the favorite viewpoints in the Alps, between West Tiger and East Tiger and South Tiger. No road climbs to the top so you arrive via a lovely but steep trail from the south end of the Tiger Mountain Trail, to a very alpine-feeling summit with wild flowers like lupine and spring gold in season. The views are mostly south and west, Seattle, and Mount Rainier, but if only Lake Sammamish shows through the fog don't despair, there is a lovely stand of fir trees for a sheltered lunch out of the elements.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 4)

Saturday, May 9

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

Leader: Bill Longwell, 255-1295

This is the classic 10.3 mile trail from near Highway 18 in the south to High Point. With a car switch, we can do it all in a single day in deep woods, over creeks, along railroad grades, with broad views from the slopes of Middle Tiger and W. Tiger 2. Our leader is the builder and the scenic spots along the way have been named for the boys who helped him. If you bring a saw, you might have to work.

THE BOULDERS (Class 2)

Sunday, May 10

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

Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922

See April 21 for details.

LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK (Class 1)

Tuesday, May 12

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

Leader: Barbara Smith, 226-2694

Leader will have one or possibly two small children along. A nice open area of lawns near the lake where birds of all descriptions await handouts. Walking along the shore the Alps seem to tower around you and the lake stretches

north to Mount Baker. Possible longer excursion across the bridge and along the Issaquah Creek to where it feeds into the lake.

ISSAQUAH WATERSHED (Class 2)

Wednesday, May 13

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

Leader: Craig Taylor, BA 6-6626

The watershed plateau hikes include the Big Trees, the Rainforest East, Round Lake, The Springs, maybe the Greyhound Bus, and of course, Lake Tradition. Our leader will make the final decision, depending on weather and size of party.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 14

Meeting place: Newport Library, 7:30 p.m.

14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue

MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 3)

Friday, May 15

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

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

Walk the new Bypass trail from Surprise Wall and Treg 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 Lee Wall, Cougar's grandest Precipice, and one of only two known places in the Alps where Oregon white oak grows.

HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH BY LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

Saturday, May 16

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

Leader: Joe Tynbee, 723-6716

Starting from High Point off I-90 avoids a climb up to the plateau but all the usual attractions are there to be enjoyed at leader's choice. A view down to Issaquah is a must. See May 13 and April 12 for details about the watershed plateau.

WEST TIGER CAVES (Class 3)

Sunday, May 17

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

Leader: Tim O'Brien, 392-7365

We don't expect anyone to get lost on this trail now, including the leader. The way in is well worn and flagged but requires a few rough scrambles over tree trunks after leaving the section line trail. Bring a flashlight to explore Don's & O'Brien's Cave, which requires a short but easy and safe scramble. Both are giant caverns, the largest with room for 100 people representing the largest known talus cave in the state. A stunning scene, not to be missed, all in deep forest and thick moss.

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2)

Sunday, May 17

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset east of Front. 210 bus stops a block away near the Gull Station on the corner, 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

From beautiful downtown Issaquah we cross the East Fork Issaquah Creek to the railroad grade and then on to the top of the moraine plateau and out to the scarp of the gravel pit, with awesome looks down into the pit, and broad vistas over Issaquah Plain and Lake Sammamish. See the gray glacial drift of the Vashon advance, Pickering Farm, and parachutes, and sailplanes, and on and on.

SQUAK TRAVERSE (Class 3)

Tuesday, May 19

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

Leader: Tom Reynolds, 633-3460

This hike with a car shuttle will make it possible to combine in one day the best scenery of the southern and northern approaches to Squak Mountain summit. See April 2 and 25 for a taste of what to expect.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2)

Thursday, May 21

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

Leader: Shirley Lindahl, 822-3694

See April 26 for details.

HISTORY SEMINAR

Friday, May 22

Meeting place: Issaquah Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

See page 5 for details.

GRAND TIGER TRAVERSE (Class 3+)

Saturday, May 23

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

Leader: Mark Pollett, 937-2114

The really-truly way to do this hike is by ascending from the Middle Tiger Railroad to Fifteenmile Pass and then descending via a new railroad trail to the Dick Heinz Trail to Preston. A fantastic one way trip due to car-switching. No steps retraced and lots of ground covered.

PRESTON TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2)

Sunday, May 24

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

Leader: Philip Beckley, 255-1308

Walk the abandoned grade of the Northern Pacific branch line now owned by King County Park and soon to be developed as a bike-foot-horse trail all the way to Snoqualmie Falls. The way is through fine forest above the Raging River, which is at length crossed. The route then contours above Fall City and the Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater to a superb viewpoint of the falls, Mount Si, and the Cascades. When the trail is finished the trip will continue a mile or so farther to the top of Snoqualmie Falls where we do not venture yet due to a perilous trestle.

HILLTOP (Class 1)

Wednesday, May 27

Meeting place: The parking lot next to the Eastgate Baptist Church at 150 Ave. SE and SE 39th St where the 252 bus stops. 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Tia Leber, 746-3291

By courtesy of Hilltop residents, we are permitted to walk their nature trail, a loop around this 1,000 foot peak of Cougar. Thanks (no thanks) to forest-obliterating new subdivisions, the view of Bellevue, Seattle, and Rainier which we loved through windows in the forest is now enormous.

GUEST LECTURER AT REI

Thursday, May 28

Bill Longwell will be speaking at the REI Seattle Store on Hiking in the Issaquah Alps, 7:00 p.m.

POO POO POINT (Class 3)

Friday, May 29

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

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

See May 3 for details.

HOOR TRAIL (GRAND RIDGE) (Class 2)

Saturday, May 30

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

Leader: Bill Daly, 392-1405

It's called the Hoor Trail because that's how long a horse takes to go clear around the loop. Walkers will take longer due to a maze of trails with signs back to the ranch which the hiker doesn't want to follow. An undeveloped King County park is traversed and many loops are possible including a lovely path along a gorge with screened views of the Snoqualmie Valley. This is a very wet area in the spring so boots are recommended.

WILDERNESS WALK IN ISSAQUAH ALPS (Class 3)
See details on page 2 of Alpiner.

Saturday, May 30

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3+)

Sunday, May 31

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leaders: Susan and Steve Williams, 392-4869
This used to be the most isolated and alpine feeling of all the summits in the Issaquah Alps. Maybe this spring the scars of the cat-track that laid the cable to Tiger 2 will have been covered with new growth. It is still a fantastic place for views to all points of the compass. The climb is done in various ways by various leaders as is also the route down. Call if you have any questions.

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

Tuesday, June 2

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.
Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6452
Due to DNR's "tolerance" policy, this route can be a roaring freeway of razzers, but on weekdays the road is quiet and especially in the area of the Silent Swamp Trail. Views are eastward over the Raging River to Rattlesnake and the Cascades. Possible side trip to Beaver Valley.

LAKE MOUNT GORGE (Class 2)

Thursday, June 4

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.
Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591
See May 2.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)

Saturday, June 6

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Bob Gross, 743-0925
See May 6.

SQUAK EXPLORATORY HIKE (Class 3+)

Sunday, June 7

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741
Our leader is anxious to show others what he has discovered by bushwhacking around Squak's southwest side. He promises views of Mount Rainier, and Lake Washington with the smaller lakes of Kathleen and McDonald in the Renton-Issaquah outskirts. Sounds like another cliff like DeLeo's Wall.

COAL CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2)

Sunday, June 7

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072
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. Explore upstream in the proposed addition to the park, past Cinder Mine to North Fork Falls. Be prepared to wade the creek and crawl over a few logs, but worth it!

LAKE TRADITION PLATEAU (Class 2)

Wednesday, June 10

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.
Leaders: Yvonne Mechler and Florence Boyce, 255-0922 or 226-9459
See May 13 and April 12.

FCC POO POINT (Class 3)

Friday, June 12

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.
Leader: Henry Steinhardt, 232-0554
See May 3.

AFTER DINNER WALK ON SQUAK'S CHYBINSKI TRAIL (Class 2)

Friday, June 12

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
Leaders: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291
See May 6. Bring flashlights.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Saturday, June 13

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Stan Unger, 283-7823
See April 16.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN NE FACE LOOP (Class 3)

Sunday, June 14

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Bob Wood, 324-8416
See April 25.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Tuesday, June 16

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.
Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060
See April 16.

WEST TIGER 1 (Class 3)

Thursday, June 18

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9:30 a.m.
Leader: Tom Reynolds, 633-3460
For those of us who never seem to make the weekend trip to the highest peak of West Tiger this is a chance to walk the lovely wildwood trail built by Dick Heins to give samples of quiet ridges and valleys of the mountain before we arrive at the overpopulated summit. Views over Puget Sound and the Cascades.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, June 18

Meeting place: Newport Library, 7:30 p.m.
You're all welcome.

THE WALL (Class 3)

Saturday, June 20

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Kent Cootes, 392-2667
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 1,000 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!

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2)

Sunday, June 21

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017
Though the beaver colony emigrated several years ago, they left behind 18 odd dams, some old and silted in, others looking brand new, here at the headwaters of Hatchery Creek. 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. In the spring the rough-skinned newts hatch in Salamander Lake. Their home in these woods is very high on our "Ecosystems to be Saved List".

TAYLOR MOUNTAIN RAILROADS (Class 3)

Wednesday, June 24

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

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

The 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. Be prepared to fight off the Devil's Club. A very brushy walk until we beat it down with more feet.

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2)

Thursday, June 25

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

Leader: Paula Clark, 271-2771

See June 21.

AFTER DINNER WALK TO ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2)

Friday, June 26

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

Leader: Paula Clark, 271-2771

See May 17. Bring flashlights.

THE WILDERNESS (Class 3)

Saturday, June 27

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

Leader: Ralph Owen, 746-1070

See April 29.

LIGORICE FERN WALL (Class 2)

Saturday, June 27

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

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

See April 18.

MAIN (EAST) TIGER (Class 3)

Sunday, June 28

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

Leaders: Ann and Ted Leber, 746-3291

See June 2.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3)

Tuesday, June 30

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

Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

See April 2.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN ISSAQUAH

We will repeat our West Tiger 3 City Lights and Fireworks Special on Saturday - Sunday, July 4-5. This is a class 3+ - backpack, spending the night and viewing the fireworks plus the sunrise. More details in the next Alpinist.

IATC will have a booth at the July 4th Celebration in Issaquah. Dave Kappler would like volunteers to call him for staffing the booth. No hike leading, just handing out info on the club. Call him at 235-0741.