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PRESIDENT'S (TENTH) REPORT

Tiger Mountain State Forest

On November 6 the state Department of Natural Resources unveiled a proposal for a 13,500-acre Tiger Mountain State Forest, a "working forest in an urban environment" that would provide "forest products, recreational opportunities, and educational experiences for the state's largest urban area..."

The Trails Club commented to the press that we were delighted. Why not? It's a proposal we've been making a long time.

Under Russ Cahill, the Boyle-appointed supervisor of the DNR, matters are getting off to a fast and smiling start. Negotiations already are underway to amicably trade Weyerhaeuser and other private owners out of the forest boundaries, thus consolidating the land under a single management and for the first time permitting a rational overall plan.

Moreover, on November 6, when I asked Cahill if he had reconsidered our request for a moratorium on timber sales, he said such action was impractical for legal reasons; but on November 23 the DNR announced withdrawal of the two timber sales in immediate dispute, the Sun King on and around Yah-er Wall and the Section 2-Stinger in Many Creek Valley. Consideration of the state forest proposal thus will not commence under a cloud of past confrontation.

So far, so swell. Since Brian Boyle replaced Bert Cole the Olympia leadership of the DNR has listened to all sides of every controversy and been even-handed in deliberations. A year has passed since a DNR official publicly labeled us "the Issaquah PLO."

The next step will be appointment of a citizens advisory committee. Since the DNR will do the appointing, it could predetermine the advice. However, we know it would just as soon get advice from within the committee as without. Of course, it'll get advice both ways and performance to date suggests it will listen. If you are not appointed to the committee, don't feel bashful about writing a letter to Russ Cahill, Department of Natural Resources, Olympia, Washington 98584. You, as an organization, know more about Tiger Mountain than everybody else in the world combined. And that's a fact.

It would be ungracious of us at this moment to pry open the jaws of the gift horse and suspiciously examine the back teeth and esophagus and entrails. We must point out, however, that there is no magic in the phrase, "state forest." The wrong plan could be a charter for swifter and more efficient destruction of the qualities we consider quintessential. For example, it's rather unfortunate that DNR brought up Capitol State Forest in the Tiger context, because for all the good things that can be said (and have been said publicly by me) about that unit, no claim can be made that is has "solved" the vehicular problem that is one of the cruces of the Tiger discussion.

The years of "benign neglect" by the Enumolaw DNR have made Tiger Mountain an illegal ATV "park," and claims are made -- even within the DNR -- that "historical rights" have been established. Happily, Pat McKelroy, Enumolaw manager, told the King County Council he felt Tiger was not an appropriate place for motorcycle sport (as opposed to motorcycle transportation). One could have wished that he had repeated this remark when addressing, the very same day, an Issaquah audience.

We're pleased at the DNR emphasis on "educational experiences." If these truly are given equal treatment with timber harvesting, a whole new generation of environmental impact statements will come into being. Consideration will be given to the educational value of the West Tiger Railroad Grade. Yah-er Wall, the Grand Canyon, Silent Swamp, etc. etc. Stands of virgin forest remaining on Tiger will be compared for classroom and mill values. (A clearcut does not teach us everything we need to know.)

We believe we sense a new awareness in Olympia that on Tiger the water quality -- including streambank quality -- must have absolute top priority, even if this means sacrificing some tree-farming acreage. Good things will come, I think, of a deeper involvement by the state Department of Game in protection of the wildlife.

--Enough for now. The climate is ripe to enlarge our ideas about Tiger Mountain. The Brian Boyle proposal is an invitation to be bold.

### Cougar Mountain Regional Park

Forgive me if I once more touch on that hated subject, "politics." Something good happened for Tiger when Boyle defeated Cole at the polls. --And something good happened for Cougar Mountain when Randy Revelle was elected King County Executive.

Because of this, the Newcastle Community Plan will be reviewed by an Executive who made his support for our Cougar Mountain Regional Park a campaign issue -- by an Executive who did not receive heavy financial contributions from the "Villages in the Park" bunch.

After review, County Executive Revelle will forward the plan, with his comments, to the King County Council. This will happen early in 1982. To repeat:

Write or call your King County Councilperson requesting that he/she VOTE YES on the Preferred Plan, the one that provides a "growth reserve" area on Cougar Mountain;  
VOTE YES on a truly Regional Park serving all of King County;  
VOTE NO on the window-dressing "regional parks" of the "Villages in the Park."

There cannot be the Regional Park we seek unless all of King County, as represented by all of the County Council, wants it. Wherever you live in the county, speak up!

### PRO PARKS

The other good news of the recent county elections: contrary to pessimistic predictions, the people voted YES on money issues. This does not mean the PRO PARKS bond issue will have easy sailing -- it won't -- but it does dispel the gloom-and-doom about its chances.

The more significant, then, that on December 2 the PRO PARKS Citizens Committee, while trimming some other projects, maintained the full \$10,000,000 for our Cougar Mountain Regional Park. Indeed, a committee member described it and two other trail projects as the "glittering stars of the package."

To conclude, for Tiger and Cougar (if not for every place in our little world) 1981 was a very good year.

BUT... 1981 was all preliminaries. The year of decisions lies ahead.

Let me wish you (and me too)  
HAPPY 1982!

*Harvey Manning*

You say you think some of our Alps trails get a little brushy? Obscure? Mean and nasty? DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!!

## ADOPT A MILE

MILE OF TRAIL

(Or a half mile. Or a kilometer.)

If 60 families would adopt a section of trail, say a half mile or a whole mile, our IATC could keep our trail system in superb shape.

To do the work, what you need is a good brushing tool, a bow saw, perhaps a shovel. Kick a rock from the trail here and there, drop a few rocks on a muddy section. Heavy work could be performed by a few trail crews on special sections.

A number of our members already have their pet trails they keep up, and it makes them feel good! You too can be an Issaquah Alps ranger!

Call Bill Longwell, 255-1295.

## NEEDED: AN ARMY



Next spring Bill Longwell needs an army of hikers. A hundred at least. He wants to relocate the northern and last two miles of the Tiger Mountain Trail. One hundred hikers, a veritable army, can do the job. Watch for the spring Alpiner.

# ANNUAL MEETING

COME ONE! COME ALL!

JANUARY 14 -- 7:30 -- Newport Way Library

The first thing we do is elect directors, as follows:

### ELECTIONS

In accord with the by-laws, elections to the Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting. Four directors must be elected. The Nominating Committee has submitted the following names:

	<u>Term</u>
Harvey Manning - Incumbent	3 years
Ralph Owen - Incumbent	3 years
Linda Burke	3 years
Ed Barraclough	1 year (to complete M. Richards' two-year term)

Susan Williams, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, will present the committee's candidate recommendations. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Then, the officers will review events of the past year, forecast the future, and open the meeting to general discussion.

# MEETINGS

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

The meetings are at Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue - a bit west of the spotlight in Eastgate at Newport and 150th.

Thursday, January 14, 7:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting  
 Thursday, January 21, 7:30 p.m. - Board of Directors  
 Thursday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. - Hikes Committee  
 Thursday, February 18, 7:30 p.m. - Board of Directors  
 Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. - Board of Directors

# OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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

Harvey Manning, President	746-1017
Barbara Johnson, Vice President	--
Connie Dow, Secretary	392-2190
Linda Joy Hendricks, Treasurer	--
Betty Culbert	641-6451
Susan Lohrman	392-5192
Tom Mechler	255-0922
Ralph Owen	746-1070
Marianne Richards	746-9448
Larry Vinter	746-5775

To volunteer to serve on a committee, or for information about its activities, call the Chair:

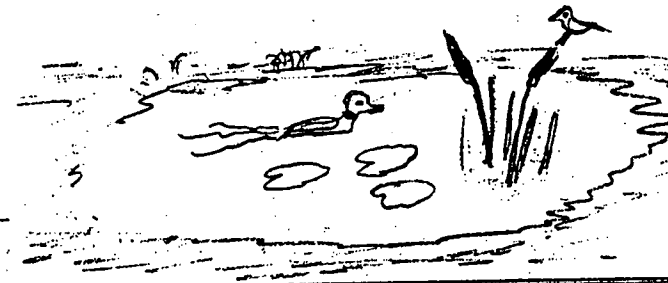
Hikes -- Betty Culbert	641-6451	
Bike Rides -- Larry and Susan Lohrman		392-5192
Horse Routes -- Bob Court	235-1033	
Alpiner -- Yvonne Mechler	255-0922	
Publicity -- Barbara Johnson		
Telephone Tree -- Barbara Johnson		
Valley Floors/Floodplains -- Ruth Kees,	392-3410	
	Linda Krumins,	641-9149
Tiger Watcher -- Laurene McLane	392-0204	
Squak Watcher -- David Giles	271-8681	
Newcastle Watchers -- Dave Kappler,	235-0741	
	Ralph Owen,	746-1070
Land-Development Watcher -- Linda Krumins		641-9149
Book Publisher -- Susan Williams	392-4869	
Public Rousing -- Jim Jordan	746-2990	
History Seminars -- Ralph and Peggy Owen		746-1070
Chief Ranger -- Bill Longwell	255-1295	
Membership -- Paula Clark	271-2771	

## Burbank Nature Project

A number of Issaquah Alps members and others with a common interest in things natural are now getting together at the caretaker's house in Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island to form the "Burbank Nature Project." Goal for the project is the development of a naturalist center and packaged interpretive programs like those now offered at Discovery Park in Seattle. Since the Burbank Park District includes May Creek, Coal Creek and Cougar Mountain, many of these programs will happen on Issaquah Alps turf and be of value to I.A. members no matter where their feet take them.

Courses planned for winter quarter include "Winter in the Woods" for pre-schoolers; "Ethnobotany at Burbank" - a look at edible and useful plants; "Winter Birds" - three separate day hikes; and "Geology of Coal Creek" - a day hike reading what both man and nature have written on the land.

Do you have an interest in Marsh Ecology, Insects, Stream Life, Hawks and Owls, Flowering Plants, etc. etc.? Volunteers are needed to brainstorm courses, do research, share experience, scrounge materials, answer the phone, etc. etc. A Christmas gathering/celebration is planned for December 28th. Please call 232-8072 to offer your help or join in the fun!



## NOTE!



If you change your address, please drop us a line and give us your new one, so that you will continue to receive the Newsletter. We'll no longer have "Return Address Requested" on our mailings -- it has become too costly and time consuming.

## HELP! HELP! HELP!

Does anyone have a computer or access to one who could volunteer to do a workup of our membership and label lists? Call Yvonne Mechler, 255-0922 or Florence Boyce, 226-9459.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes on topics discussed at the monthly Board of Directors meetings.

September 17.

1. Developer's obliteration of trail from Licorice Fern Wall to Marshall's Hill.
2. Overuse of the Caves area - too much trash, no more moss and ferns. Will have a moratorium on this area for the winter. Also discussed debris and trash on 15 Mile Creek trail and Poo Poo Point.
3. Hikes Committee reported that we scheduled 61 hikes in the second quarter of the year, and reports were received on 41, indicating 540 people-trips during the quarter.
4. Membership list has been purged of nonpaying members. Total is now 660 memberships.
5. Salmon Days - discussed hikes, scheduling for the booth, publicity, publications for sale.
6. Need more hike leaders and hike committee members, including senior coordinator and Other Club-Joint Trip Coordinator.

October 15.

1. PRO PARKS - Community meetings have been held in Seattle, Auburn, Bellevue. Discussed sending questionnaire to those who could not attend.
2. Guest speaker - Wally Toner, representing Central Newcastle Property Owners Association. His new plan is to have three villages plus an "employment center" the size of the airport at Eastgate, with 3-5000 employees, plus a Salishan type resort area. The plan takes the guts out of the Cougar Mountain Regional Park.
3. Issaquah Watershed - We'll be making a plan to present to Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Cougar Mountain - Developers proceeding on Far Country Creek, removing dirt and dumping it in May Valley.
5. Discussed the Newcastle Environmental Impact Statement.
6. Salmon Days - We signed up 20 new members and seven renewals and sold a goodly number of books. Next year we'll join the parade.
7. Tiger Mountain - Discussed New Stinger Sale.

November 19.

1. Nominating Committee - Sue Williams will be chairman. Harvey Manning, Ralph Owen and Susan Lohman are standing for reelection. Directors will be elected at the annual meeting on January 14.
2. Membership - Stinson Bullitt was given an honorary membership for his gift to the State of one square mile on Squak Mountain. We have 687 memberships of record now, and will send a flier to 200 who have not renewed.
3. Hikes Committee - discussed Tiger Mountain during hunting season - probably no more dangerous now than any other time since everything west of Highway 18 is limited to shotguns. Bill Longwell presented his program to have each of us adopt a small portion of trail to maintain, and suggested rebuilding a portion of the TMT and Poo Poo Point Trails.
4. Cougar Mountain - Discussed Regional Park, Newcastle Plan, short plats on Wilderness Creek, and developer's problems behind May Valley School.
5. Tiger Mountain - We need representatives on the citizens' committee for the Tiger Mountain State Forest. Discussed Sun King Timber Sale and petitions to DNR.



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.

Price \$5.00  
Member's price \$4.00

GUIDE TO TRAILS OF TIGER MOUNTAIN, by Bill Longwell  
48 pages, 8 1/2 X 11, covering the entire mountain - includes oversize map.

Price \$4.00 (includes map)

BEDROCK AND BOOTSLES - AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GEOLOGY OF THE ISSAQUAH ALPS, by Marvin Pistrang  
13 pages, 8 1/2 X 11, includes 3 maps.

A thorough but simple chronology of the geology in the Alps, taking us from early Eocene time (about 50 million years ago) to the modern day.

Price \$1.50  
Members price \$1.00

FLOWERING OF THE ISSAQUAH ALPS, by Harvey Manning  
34 pages, 8 1/2 X 11.

A great companion guide to pictorial books, describing most species of trees, flowers, shrubs and ferns in the Alps, where to find them and organized by monthly flowering.

Price \$2.50  
Members Price \$2.00

WHERE DO YOU GET THESE GOOD THINGS??

By mail from Issaquah Alps Trails Club  
P. O. Box 351  
Issaquah, Wa. 98027

(Please include 75¢ postage)

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

Most easily, ask at your local bookstores or backpack-recreational retail outlets in Issaquah, Bellevue, Seattle, Kirkland, Bothell, Mercer Island, and Redmond.

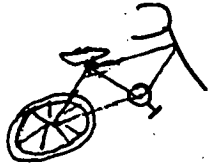


# BIKE RIDES



Co-sponsored by Issaquah Alps Trails Club and Issaquah Parks and Recreation Dept. Winter moderately paced rides on Thursdays and Saturdays. Call Susan Lohrman for schedule at 392-5192.

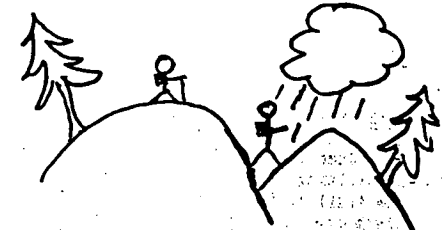
# BIKE REPAIR



Learn flat tire repair, brake adjustment and derailleur adjustment for 5 or 10 speed bikes. Bike repair books and tour route books available for student review. Tools suggested for class are tire irons, patch kit, rag, small crescent wrench, small screw driver. If interest exists more advanced repair classes will be offered in the spring. Pre-Registration at Park Dept. is required. For further information call 392-5192.

Date: Saturday March 13  
Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Fee: \$3.00 for ages 10-15  
\$5.00 for ages 16 through adult

Class Limit: 10  
Place: Issaquah Community Hall  
Instructor: (John) Jean-gar Brunschwag  
Ages: 10 through adult



## JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH

Hikes Committee: Betty Culbert (641-6451), Chairman; Russ Williams (392-5989), in charge of Saturday Hikes; Mike Hyman (392-4901), Sunday Hikes; Mary Cadigan (641-4046), Mid-Week 1-2 Hikes; Ann and Ted Leber (746-3291), Mid-Week 3-4 Hikes; Jenne Mical (747-1457), Troubleshooter.

### HIKE CLASSIFICATION

- Class 1:** Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a just-walker or a parent with a baby 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.

## NOTE! WHERE TO MEET

### ★ MEETING PLACE ★

In order to reduce confusion all hikes will assemble at the Issaquah Park and 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.

Most hikes are coordinated with the Metro 210 schedule. That is, hikes generally leave the Park and Ride 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 bus from points west. Check your 210 schedule.

### NEW TRIPS:

We are introducing a new concept in hikes called HIGH ADVENTURE and we might make it a monthly affair. They will not necessarily be high up on the mountains, but should also provide a mental high, like excitement. Using fool-proof directions from our own publications, we will try and make up some new hikes on the spot, impromptu so to speak. The familiar by-ways will be expanded by lesser known routes to come up with some new and possibly more interesting hikes to add a spark of adventure for those who walk regularly on mid-weeks. Everyone can practice being leader. Good training ground.

### SPONSORSHIP

Issaquah Parks and Recreation sponsored these hikes before there was a club and continue 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.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL-YAH-ER WALL (Class 3)

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

Friday, January 1, 9:30 AM

Jump into the New Year from Yah-er Wall with the President of the IATC. Harvey plans an exciting trip (a secret new step into space?). There will be some exploring to connect the trail to Poo Poo Point. The DNR Sun King sale of the timber surrounding this unique plant community has been postponed. The Weyerhaeuser clear-cuts are still an eyesore from the Hobart Road so we are hoping the sale will never touch the brink with its manzanita, poison oak and other unusual species.

EAST TIGER VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3)

Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344

Saturday, January 2, 8:30 AM

Due to DNR's "tolerance" policy this route can be a roaring freeway of razzers, but the trail through Silent Swamp is a quiet by-pass. Possible side trip to Beaver Valley.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)

Leader: Buss Moore, 746-1866

Sunday, January 3, 12:30 PM

A wild stream tumbles down a gorge planned as the route of Lakemont Boulevard which is back on the maps of the Villages in the Park proposal. Ascend a virtual rainforest, side-tripping to the 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. Boots are recommended.

HIGHPOINT TO ISSAQUAH (Class 2)

Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

Tuesday, January 5, 9:30 AM

An easy stroll on the abandoned grade which runs from Issaquah to Preston and beyond to the trestle crossing at Snoqualmie Falls. This stretch of the soon to be developed King County bike-foot-horse trail starts at High Point close to I-90 but leaves it in stretches for a quiet woods walk. At the end near Issaquah a short climb takes you to an overlook of the plain and a visit to the Big Erratic.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK AND MIDDLE TIGER RR LOOP (Class 3)

Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg, 392-4034

Thursday, January 7, 9:30 AM

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.

THE BOULDERS (Class 2)

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

Saturday, January 9, 12:30 PM

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 the effort if a crystal clear winter day will give you a view of Mount Rainier.

SQUAK SUMMITS (Class 3)

Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

Sunday, January 10, 8:30 AM

Dave has done his share of exploring Squak so will have no trouble following in the footsteps of Bill Longwell's fall hike, a 10 mile traverse of the various summits of Squak.

RATTLESNAKE (Class 3-)

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

Tuesday, January 12, 9:30 AM

This is a new way for us up to a lovely view of North Bend and Mount Si. We found the powerline right of way up the west side too steep but this little used service road leads through old clear cuts and up to the high views we enjoy. A great sweep over the Great Western Tree Farm set against the snowy Cascades done with very little effort. Some new logging at the road end has destroyed the forest but a plateau just above the waterfall is a nice picnic spot. Plan on a longer drive out to Snoqualmie Falls exit.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

Leader: Beryl Bell, 255-6399

Wednesday, January 13, 9:30 AM

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.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS

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Thursday, January 14, 7:30 PM

Meeting place: Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue, - a bit west of the spotlight in Eastgate at Newport and 150th. Y'all come.....pulees.

ISSAQUAH TO PRESTON AND RETURN (Class 3, 10 miles)

Leader: Bill Longwell, 255-1295

Saturday, January 16, 8:30 AM

Bill claims this is a delightful hike which he first did in the summer but it should be a good workout even if snow falls higher on Tiger. Starting from the Issaquah Railroad grade and climbing to Lake Tradition and on to High Point, you end up near Preston outskirts on the Powerline swath which roams up and down the lower slopes of Tiger, through open meadows and by some old farms. The route back will be on the Frontage Road from west of Preston to Issaquah via High Point.

MAY CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2)

Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072

Sunday, January 17, 12:30 PM

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

ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK VIA LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 3)

Leader: Ann Leber, 746-3291

Tuesday, January 19, 9:30 AM

Anti-Aircraft Peak has been temporarily closed to us from the east but the resourceful Owens have marked out and partly built a new trail which starts at Lakemont Gorge. It climbs steeply after crossing Peltola Creek and passes some lovely waterfalls and seeming-virgin fir. This peak of Cougar is the undeveloped land which the County owns and we hope will be the central part of the larger Regional Park. The views of Lake Sammamish from here are smashing.

THE BOULDERS (Class 2)

Leader: Mary Cadigan, 641-4046

Thursday, January 21, 9:30 AM

See January 9 for details.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue.

Thursday, January 21, 7:30 PM

You're all invited.

KERRISTON (Class 2)

Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989

Saturday, January 23, 12:30 PM

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

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK TO MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3)

Leader: A. J. Culver, 392-3002

Saturday, January 23, 8:30 AM

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. Climbing steeply from this railroad grade we intersect the Tiger Mountain Trail, following a delightful section of this past Denny's Bulge to the branch up to Middle Tiger. The climb is short and steep to views of Rainier and the West. The way down crosses the TMT and drops to the lower Railroad grade and back to the West Side Road. A good workout. More so if it snows.

POO POO POINT AND MANY CREEK VALLEY (Class 3)

Leader: Kent Cootes, 392-2667

Sunday, January 24, 8:30 AM

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah Valley. Glider Point may be a more romantic name but the sound of the Talki-tooter may be heard again in that vicinity. Come before it is all changed and take the West Tiger Railroad Grade looping back through Many Creek Valley.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Leader: Connie Dow, 392-2190

A short uphill hike on one of Tiger's smaller flanks opens to broad views of May Valley and Squak Mountain and on out to Seattle, down to Hobart and south to Rainier.

Wednesday, January 27, 9:30 AMSQUAK TRAVERSE (Class 3)

Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775

Starting from Thrush Gap in the south this hike will require a car switch to meet the party exiting from the north. The route will be on the Northeast Face after a lovely climb in Thrush Gap and a lunch stop at the sawdust heap of the old Tie Mill. The northern route will follow a lower road on the East Face, intersect with the Northern Ridge Road and back to transportation.

Friday, January 29, 9:30 AMWEST TIGER 1, 2, 3 FROM HIGH POINT AND BACK (Class 4)

Leader: Sarah Allen, 228-3852

This hike has been called the wipe-out loop and we only hope it didn't mean the snow dips out the trail as it has in past winters on a Tiger Mountain hike. The adventuresome can follow our leader on this strenuous trail being assured that weather could change any plans for a full day. Your 10 essentials should include a flashlight.

Saturday, January 30, 8:30 AMLAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

Leader: Bill Daly, 392-1405

See January 13 for details.

Sunday, January 31, 12:30 PMGRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2)

Leader: Della Dahl Boe, 488-7536

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.

Tuesday, February 2, 9:30 AMPOO POO POINT (Class 3)

Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg, 392-4034

See January 24 for details.

Thursday, February 4, 9:30 AMBEAVER VALLEY (Class 2)

Leader: Barbara Johnson, 392-5989

Though the beaver colony emigrated several years ago, they left behind 18 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. A lovely place of quiet especially with a light dusting of snow.

Saturday, February 6, 12:30 PMTIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3 +)

Leader: Falk Krueger, 283-7796

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 West Tiger 2. The scenic spots along the way have been named for the boys who helped Bill Longwell build the trail.

Sunday, February 7, 8:30 AMSQUAK MOUNTAIN NE FACE LOOP (Class 3)

Leader: Ann Leber, 746-3291

Climb the west scarp into Squak Mountain State Park, a one mile wilderness which the Bullitt 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/the summit where the towers can be ignored for the views of the Cascades, the Olympics and Baker. Looping back via the precipitous north-east 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.

Tuesday, February 9, 9:30 AMHILLTOP (Class 1)

Leader: Pat Kaald, 746-3291

By courtesy of Hilltop residents, we are permitted to walk their nature trail, a loop around this 1000 foot peak of Cougar. Thanks (no thanks) to forest-obliterating new subdivisions, the views of Bellevue, Seattle and Rainier which we loved through windows in the forest are now enormous.

Wednesday, February 10, 9:30 AMHIKES COMMITTEE MEETING

Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue.

Hike leaders are particularly urged to attend, but everyone is welcome. The committee needs to know what you think we're doing right, what wrong and what we can do better.

Thursday, February 11, 7:30 PMWEST TIGER 1 (Class 3)

Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2993

This highest peak of West Tiger is over populated at the summit with radio towers, but the walk there is a lovely wildwood trail built by Dick Heins with samples of quiet ridges and valleys of the mountain. Views over Puget Sound and the Cascades.

Saturday, February 13, 8:30 AMEAST FORK OF ISSAQUAH CREEK TO HIGH POINT (Class 2)

Leader: Roger Johnson, 392-5989

Follow the lovely Issaquah Creek from downtown, under the freeway, and then climb slightly up to the Railroad Grade, a nice level stroll to High Point, woody and quiet stretches away from I-90.

Sunday, February 14, 12:30 PMPRESIDENTS' DAY HIKE - AN ABBREVIATED RING TRAIL (Class 3-)

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

Harvey will shorten the Ring Trail to compensate for the shorter days of winter but it will still introduce you to the wonders of the center of the Cougar Mountain Wilderness including Shy Bear Pass, and the edge of the Far Country, passing a few of the infamous mine cave-ins which are scheduled to be capped. The Employment Center is not open at present.

Monday, February 15, 9:30 AMLAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)

Leader: Mary Cadigan, 641-4046

See January 3 for details.

Thursday, February 18, 9:30 AMBOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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HIGH ADVENTURE WITH YOUR LEADER (Class 3)

Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775

This is the hike described under New Trips on page 9. You are part of the adventure so bring your own maps and ideas and partake of an exciting day exploring.

Friday, February 19, 9:30 AMLICORICE FERN WALL (Class 2)

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

From the top of this wall covered with licorice fern and moss there is a charming view of May Valley. The way onward to the Second wall Surprise, overlooking Frog Swamp has recently been bulldozed in preparation for a subdivision so it is not as scenic but it is passable. In the future we will help build a new corridor up one side of the Far Country Creek.

Saturday, February 20, 12:30 PMSQUAK MOUNTAIN NE FACE LOOP (Class 3)

Leader: Jim Sanford, 241-1190

See February 9 for details.

Sunday, February 21, 8:30 AMCOAL CREEK PARK (Class 2)

Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072

Steve plans to touch on the geology of the area which is rich in deposits of coal. Visiting the cinder mine with many examples of rock deposits, some fused and some petrified wood, mixed with the burned tailings of the old mines. Explore the mouth of the Mary Tunnel. To venture further is too dangerous but maybe a side trip can be made to the old town of Newcastleshire where a bunker still stands and a mine shaft splits the earth. This is one of the many such holes that dot the hill above.

Sunday, February 21, 12:30 PM

- MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON (Class 3)  
Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775  
See January 23 for details.  
Wednesday, February 24, 9:30 AM
- HOOR TRAIL (Class 2)  
Leader: Linda Joy Hendricks, 641-4046  
It's called the Hour 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 ravine with screened views of the Snoqualmie Valley. A wet area in most seasons so boots are recommended.  
Friday, February 26, 9:30 AM
- WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3)  
Leader: Joe Toynbee, 723-6716  
This used to be the most isolated and alpine feeling of all the summits in the Issaquah Alps. The cat-track that laid the cable to Tiger 2 left scars which are slowly being repaired by nature. 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 the route down. Call if you have any questions.  
Saturday, February 27, 8:30 AM
- LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)  
Leader: Buss Moore, 746-1866  
See January 3 for details.  
Sunday, February 28, 12:30 PM
- SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)  
Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591  
See January 27 for details.  
Tuesday, March 2, 9:30 AM
- WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3)  
Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg, 392-4034  
See February 27 for details.  
Thursday, March 4, 9:30 AM
- WATERWORKS TRAIL (Class 2)  
Leaders: Betty Manning and Darla O'Brian, 746-1017, 392-7365  
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 among these giants 150 years ago.  
Saturday, March 6, 12:30 PM
- FOO FOO POINT (Class 3)  
Leader: George Jackman, 641-2895  
See January 24 for details.  
Sunday, March 7, 8:30 AM
- COAL CREEK PARK (Class 2)  
Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072  
See February 21 for details.  
Sunday, March 7, 12:30 PM
- LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2)  
Leader: Meryl Bell, 255-6399  
An old farm, creeks, woods on the abandoned railroad grade, route of someday-to-be Issaquah to Snoqualmie Falls Trail-Bikeway. A nice level stroll all the way.  
Wednesday, March 10, 9:30 AM
- MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3-)  
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. Mount Rainier is visible on a crystal clear day but if it rains there is a nice shelter under the fire.  
Friday, March 12, 9:30 AM
- COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)  
Leader: Bob Eschrich, 232-5764  
We start by climbing in the forest along the 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 Cliff, 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.  
Saturday, March 13, 8:30 AM
- 9 CREEKS OF WEST TIGER (Class 3)  
Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365  
Tim has found three more creeks and so this hike south of Lake Tradition will be exciting even for those who did his last 6 Creek hike. Discover newly named Issabitty Creek (formerly Round Creek) and many other unnamed streams. There are no real trails but following the beds in the winter won't be too hard. He hasn't promised no bushwhacking, however, so be prepared.  
Sunday, March 14, 12:30 PM
- LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2+)  
Leader: Peggy Owen, 746-1070  
A wild stream tumbles down a gorge planned as the route of Lakemont Boulevard. Ascend a virtual rainforest to several waterfalls in deep ravines. Peggy's route up is steeper and longer so this is classed a plus. Boots are recommended.  
Sunday, March 14, 12:30 PM
- TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3+)  
Leader: Laurene McLane, 392-0204  
See February 7 for details..  
Tuesday, March 16, 9:30 AM
- RATTLESNAKE (Class 2)  
Leader: Della Dahl Boe, 488-7536  
See January 12 for details.  
Thursday, March 18, 9:30 AM
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- SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)  
Leader: Tom Mechler 255-0922  
See January 27 for details.  
Saturday, March 20, 12:30 PM
- MIDDLE TIGER LOOP ON THE TMT (Class 3)  
Leader: Mike Hyman, 392-4901  
This hike is a variation on the Tiger Mountain Trail and still includes a car switch. Starting from the southern end of the TMT and ascending Middle Tiger if the weather permits, you will follow the TMT to West Tiger 3. Descending on the section line trail, you will arrive back at the Issaquah High School after a good workout.  
Sunday, March 21, 8:30 AM
- LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT (Class 2)  
Leader: Pat Kaald, 641-4046  
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 January 13 and March 6 for details of the watershed plateau.  
Wednesday, March 24, 9:30 AM
- MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 3-)  
Leader: Sue Williams, 392-4869  
A new route up Marshall's Hill takes us to the brink of DeLeo's Wall in less time so that we can sit and enjoy the surroundings. Depending on how early spring comes you might see some of the many varieties of plants which flower here, serviceberry, fields of wild strawberry, blue-eyed Mary, Indian paintbrush, easterlily, chocolate lily, vetch, plus trees like mahonia, dogwood and the grove of Oregon white oak. No wonder it is one of our greatest walks.  
Friday, March 26, 9:30 AM



HIGH POINT TO WEST TIGER 2 (Class 3)

Saturday, March 27, 8:30 AM

Leader: Bob Gross, 329-8292

The 2757 foot summit of West Tiger 2 is where Boeing put their new tower, but you won't have to follow the scar that cable left if you take the steep climb on the High Point Trail which follows the route of the old powerline, bulldozing for which destroyed an even older route of the incline railway which lowered logs from West Tiger Railroad grade to the mill at High Point. A few remnants remain in the form of cables, pots and pans and pieces of wood stoves. You will reach the 1900 foot railroad grade in less than 3 miles and then start a climb on the Tiger Mountain Trail of more than a dozen switchbacks to arrive at the rock cairn on the north ridge of West Tiger 2. There are great views from here, Grand Ridge close-by to the north and Mt. Baker and Glacier Peak much further north but still visible on a clear day. This might be all the climb you need but just above is a 360 degree view which includes two more volcanoes and the remains of one.

MIDDLE TIGER RAILROAD GRADE (Class 2)

Saturday, March 27, 12:30 PM

Leaders: Betty Manning, 746-1017 and Darla O'Brien, 392-7365

Another railroad grade took the logs out from the southern end of the mountains to Hobart. Walk this historic stretch from the West Side Road looking for artifacts. Follow an old sky line cable now grounded and eventually arrive at the spot where the famous horseshoe trestle crossed 15 Mile Creek. Probably built by "Trestle" Hanson of Hobart Mill, it was still standing after WWII. Now only a few remains lie in the creek bed.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBENSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)

Sunday, March 28, 12:30 PM

Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

A deep woods trail steady going up the steep west face, featuring ancient stringer of a bridge which logging trucks rumbled across in the 1920's, a beautiful "nurse bridge" now growing good-size trees. It's possible to cross but slippery with moss. The usual way is to descend in the lovely ravine and then rejoin the grade. The way climbs near the west peak of Squak - or can, if party desires and loops back by one of several alternate ways.

COUGAR RING TRAIL (Class 3+)

Sunday, March 28, 8:30 AM

Leader: Ralph Owen, 746-1070, and Steve Simester, 747-2842

This hike explores the centerpiece of our proposed Cougar Mountain Regional Park which will be included in the King County Park Bond issue soon. This is a full day, 10 mile hike following old woods 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. Ralph is always discovering something new and making new trails so there may be a few surprises in store.

WEST TIGER 3 VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON 12 MILE LOOP (Class 3+)

Tuesday, March 30, 9:30 AM

Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775

This loop repeats only a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile stretch returning you to your car on the SE Tiger Mountain road. Starting up the 15 Mile Creek Canyon, the hardest part of the climb, you arrive at the Tiger Mountain Trail and head north to West Tiger 3. From there descending on the short and steep section line trail to the railroad grade, you follow the grade to Poo Poo Point and meet the West Side road, taking that down to where you started. An interesting new idea, combining some of our favorite trips.