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PRESIDENT'S (FIFTEENTH) REPORT

Cougar Mountain: Where We Are Now--The Newcastle Community Plan

When last you tuned in on this station (December 10), our forces had out-testified the land developers before the King County Council by a margin of 33,000 to 8. The Council thereupon voted to please the 8. County Executive Randy Revelle; therefore, on January 7, vetoed the Laing-Reams ordinance that would have given the go-ahead to three "villages" on Cougar Mountain and, effectively, destroyed any chance for a Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. (Certain Council members did not understand this was the effect of the ordinance. They expressed great faith that if they were very nice to the developers, the developers would be very nice to the people. They thereupon rushed out to hang up their Christmas stockings with care, in hopes that St. Nick soon would be there.)

Negotiations then commenced--and continue--between the County Council and County Executive, looking toward a compromise. Another public hearing was held February 28. The Trails Club affirmed its previous stand, supporting the one-village Newcastle Community Plan prepared by the Citizens Committee. However, the club went on record as expressing its serious reservations about all three of the "villages" as presently proposed by the developers:

Western Village. The developer's plan would spill over into the Long Marsh from Red Town nearly to the Far Country, along the slopes of Marshall's Hill. The viewshed of the entire western third of the Regional Wildland Park would be rows of houses. Further, the four-to-six lane arterial would, sure as fate, doom the existing Coal Creek County Park.

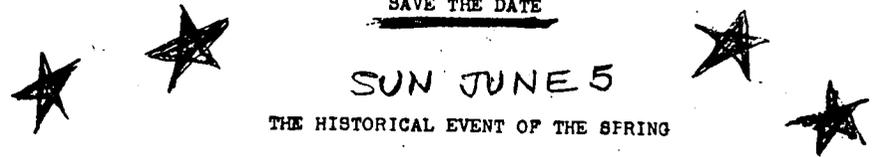
Northern Village. As presently proposed, this urban area also would demand the arterial that would doom Coal Creek--as well as the Lakemont Boulevard up Lakemont Gorge, destroying the most accessible and most popular wildland area of Cougar Mountain--the trailhead right on a METRO 210 bus line at Exit 13.

Eastern Village. The developer insists on siting a major urbanization on Anti-Aircraft Ridge, impacting the viewshed of the entirety of Lane Bear Swamp and Claypit Peak and the Klondike Swamp and Coyote Swamp as far as the Nike Park. He further insists on a four-lane arterial access from Lakemont Boulevard, an arterial that would surely have to come right through the Regional Wildland Park. Incidentally, we long had wondered why this developer called his land atop the mountain, at 1400 feet, his "best land." At the February 28 hearings, Fred Rounds introduced new geologic testimony showing the entire east slope of Cougar is so unstable that major disturbances would likely send a good bit of the mountain down into Tibbetts Creek. The developer admitted its truth, and, in effect, said his land was so bad that the only part really buildable was on top of the mountain!

The direction of a possible compromise was suggested February 28 by members of the Newcastle Citizens Committee who suggested that they felt a second village might be tolerable if an ordinance stipulated it could not be authorized until a first village was well along to completion and had proven the feasibility of the village concept, and that no village could be authorized if it were incompatible with the Regional Wildland Park.

If such a compromise is worked out by the Council and the Executive, the first stage of the Newcastle situation would be resolved in an acceptable manner.

SAVE THE DATE



SUN JUNE 5

THE HISTORICAL EVENT OF THE SPRING

RETURN TO OLD NEWCASTLE (THE PAST)

AND BE INTRODUCED TO THE NEW COUGAR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL WILDLAND PARK (THE FUTURE)

King County Executive Randy Revelle will be there to discuss the Cougar Mountain Park, and maybe lead a hike, and as many members of the King County Council and other governments as we can entice.

Mr. Fred Rounds, our own IATC "consultant" for Newcastle/Cougar Mountain will also be present. Fred worked in the mines as a young man and, at 76, is still working on Cougar cutting fire wood. He is a walking encyclopedia of the area's history.

At this writing, the plans are being firmed up; club members will likely receive a special mailing in Mid-May. We'll need Native Guides, book hucksters, and Hosts/Hostesses at the staging area. (Call any board member to volunteer.)

But mainly, we want you-all to come.

Among the events being noodled around:

Saturday--definite: A Tim O'Brian History Walking Lecture. From the Skid Road along the route of the Yeasler Cable Car Line to Leschi, from which the ferry Issaquah (the one that did not cast shame upon its namesake) once set out across Lake Washington. For details, see Hikes Schedule in this issue.

Sunday--definite: A Ralph Owen History Walking Lecture. Along the route of the old Seattle & Walla Walla Railroad from Renton to the end of the line at Red Town on Coal Creek.

Sunday--tentative: Long Walks. From Red Town along the newly rediscovered route of the old Military Road to the summit of Radio Peak; From Red Town along the Long Marsh to the Far Country; and thence to the summit of Wilderness Peak.

Medium walks. Such as, to Far Country Lookout, De Leo Wall with long views.

Short walks. Such as, around Red Town, to the sites of The Hospital, the Tavern, the Dance Pavilion, the Hotel, and maybe walks to Rainbow Town and Finn Town; see the No. 4 coal seam, the No. 3, the Bagley, the Muldoon, and the sites of strip mines that once supplied the University of Washington with its steam coal.

Self-guiding car tour. To the sites of Old Town, The Farm, and trailheads for Coal Creek County Park. History talks. At a "staging center" at the U-turn of the road at Coal Creek where Lakemont Blvd. changes to Newcastle Road, displays of historic photos, lectures by veterans of the coal mines, etc.

Sunday's events are scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and continue all day long.

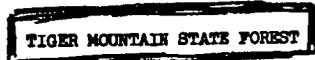
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(President's letter continued....)

However, keep in mind that once there is such a resolution, County Government is likely to turn its attention elsewhere. That's what the developers are counting on.

Fair warning: None of the "villages" as so far proposed is anything less than a disaster for the goals of the Trails Club. We don't plan to go away.

Harvey Manning



The Trails Club has submitted a preliminary Tiger Mountain use proposal to the DNR's TMSF Advisory Committee. The Club position recommends a large portion of Tiger be managed for education, wildlife, water quality, wildlife habitat, history, and recreation. The areas recommended for these uses are the West Tiger - Middle Tiger Area; and the Beaver Valley, Silent Swamp, Raging River Area. The Trails Club position advocates preservation of Tiger Mountain trail corridors; special Tiger Mountain ecosystems; stream corridors and lakes, historic railroad grades, artifacts, mine and homestead sites; scenic corridors. The Trails Club position would confine recreational vehicles to major logging roads, with spur roads closed to any kind of recreational traffic; and only highway-licensed recreational vehicles subject to enforced speed and noise limits allowed anywhere on the Mountain.

Outside the Trails Club's proposed set aside areas, all old growth timber, virgin stands, and old second growth timber are recommended for preservation. Burning and poisoning as timber management practices are rejected.

The DNR's March 9 TMSF Advisory Committee meeting was the first chance to view the proposals of other Tiger Mountain user groups. There is clear basic agreement among IATC, the Mountaineers, Audubon, and the Washington Environmental Council on the basic values and acceptable use of Tiger Mountain. There is basic disagreement between these groups and the advocates of motorized recreation.

Before the DNR's next TMSF meeting March 30, the Trails Club wants to refine its use proposal. Interested IATC members are encouraged to participate in this effort, by meetings, by phone, by letter. Contact Laurene McLane 392-0204 for more details.



All meetings are open to the entire membership and everybody is wanted. Come and listen -- and speak up and help shape club policies. All meetings are at Newport Way Library, 11250 Newport Way, Bellevue, - a bit west of the stop-light in Eastgate at Newport and 150th. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Thursday, April 28
" " May 19
" " June 16

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

For information of any kind, call any member of the Board of Directors:

Harvey Manning, President	746-1017
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Land Development Watcher -- Linda Krumins, 641-9119	
Tailoring hikes for other groups -- Tim O'Brian, 392-7365	
Chief Ranger -- Bill Longwell	255-1295

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors' meetings.

December 15, 1982

1. Staffing. Board positions were numbered and nominations accepted for the coming election. Board Council to attend meetings and receive minutes was suggested.
2. Hikes. No answer yet on West Side Road access. Discussed trails, Carpenter Road, Luther Burbank events.
3. Newcastle Plan. The hearing was well attended - Audubon, Mountaineers, WEC, ourselves. Discussed options for obtaining parklands on Cougar Mountain.
4. E. Sammamish Plan. People were angry at County hearing. 82 speakers signed up. IM spoke to preservation of wetlands around lake.
5. Tiger Mountain. Reviewed maps of old timber, trails, creeks, steep terrain, roads, and document indicating where to log and where not to log. IATC must develop a plan.

January 20, 1983.

1. Board meeting followed Annual Meeting.
2. Officers. 1983 officers were elected unanimously. Harvey Manning, President; Barbara Johnson, Vice President; Connie Dow, Secretary; and Darla O'Brian, Treasurer.
3. Cougar Mountain. Discussed ways to publicize Cougar Mountain, possibly a Return to Newcastle, headquarters of CM Wilderness Park, a one day event with walks, hikes, horse trips, bicycles.
4. Hikes. Dave Kappler volunteered to lead Class I hikes on weekends.

February 17, 1983.

1. Treasury. We have submitted IRS tax exempt statement.
2. Tiger Mountain. Discussed Citizens Committee.
3. Newcastle Plan. Discussed testimony at Feb. 28 hearing. Consensus was to restate our previous position, if necessary.
4. Media Event. Sunday, June 5, at 9:00 AM. Cougar Mountain. Hikes Committee has 25 volunteers. Randy Revelle will attend in the afternoon. Will have historical self-guiding tours, one hour maximum, historical displays of mining in Red Town. On Saturday, June 4, Tim O'Brian will lead his hike along the railroad grade.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON WALKS 1:30-3PM LBP free
 Each Sunday afternoon, rain or shine, a volunteer naturalist will lead a casual stroll through the grounds of Luther Burbank Park. Registration is not necessary. Waterproof boots and warm clothes are recommended. Walks will begin at 1:30pm and last until 3pm. Please meet us in the main parking lot near the tennis courts.

April 10 - Animal Signs	May 22 - Burbank History
April 17 - Spring Birds	May 29 - Lake Critters
April 24 - Mysteries of Burbank	June 5 - Food Chains
May 1 - Plants of the Park	June 12 - Insects
May 8 - Spring Walk	June 19 - Edible Plants
May 15 - Patterns	



Nature Center
 Box 893, Mercer Island, WA 98040

BURBANK NATURE PROJECT

The Burbank Nature Project is a volunteer, non-profit organization located at Luther Burbank Park. All classes noted **LBP** will meet in the main parking lot near the tennis courts. (From the I-90 freeway, take the Island Crest Way exit #7, drive north half-a-block to SE 26th St., turn right one block to 84th Ave. SE, turn left and follow 84th Ave. into the main parking lot). All classes noted **CCMV** will meet at the Mercer-View Community Center just above the park. (From 84th Ave. turn left onto SE 24th St. The Community Center will be on your right in less than half-a-block).

SPRING QUARTER CLASSES - For classes that require registration, call 233-3543. For general information call 232-8072 (mealtimes).

FELT-MAKING WORKSHOP

4/30 Sa. 9-12:00am CCMV D. Skrivanich \$7.00
 Registration required (maximum of 10) ages 12 and up. This workshop is especially enjoyable for kids. Dale Skrivanich, an expert from Wools Unlimited in Gig Harbor, will lead us through the energetic process of making felt. Here's your chance to pound and stomp in a creative way. Please bring 1pr. heavy rubber gloves (found at hardware stores), a medium-size plastic bucket, and old clothes or an apron.

SALMON SPECIAL

4/30 Sa. 1:30-3pm LBP A. Adams no fee
 Back by popular demand, this is a field trip to a salmon hatchery constructed by Dr. Alan Adams who was featured in the January 1983 issue of National Wildlife. He will unveil the mysteries of the salmon cycle and host a tour of the hatchery, fishway and spawning ponds at his Mercer Island home.

STARGAZING

5/7, (5/14 alternative) Sa. 8:30-10:30pm LBP L. Shea no fee
 (Co-sponsored with Friends of the Planetarium at Bellevue Community College). We will set up telescopes at the park site and look for spring constellations and other stars your binoculars would never find. If the weather does not cooperate on the 7th, then we will try again on the 14th. (You can call 641-2670 anytime for a recorded message on Planetarium activities. After 7pm on the 7th and 14th, the message will carry the "go" or "no-go" decision.)

FRESHWATER CRITTERS

4/16 Sa. 10-12:00am LBP B. Russell \$2.00
 Registration required (ages 10 and up). What is pH? How is your pH similar to that found in freshwater and the critters that live there? Come swamp-hopping with hand lenses and collecting jars to look for daphnia, algae, and frogs. Find out which is the biggest and how it affects the freshwater community food chain.

GROW A BUTTERFLY!

5/21 Sa. 1:30-3pm CCMV Watkins/Williams \$3.00
 Registration required (minimum 10) ages 5 and up. This class should be especially fun for families with children. Each participant will receive a butterfly rearing kit complete with live caterpillars to take home and raise for eventual release as Painted Lady butterflies. Members of the Seattle area Butterfly Gardening Project will explain the butterfly's life cycle, and show us how to care for our insect pets. We will also learn what kind of plants we can put in our gardens to attract 23 other kinds of Puget Sound butterflies.

INSECT SURPRISES

5/11 Sa. 1:30-4pm LBP L. Kulzer no fee
 (Co-sponsored with SCARABS, "the bug society"). Come and spend an afternoon walking the park with members of the region's largest insect club as they inventory and explain the insects that we find. Bring some glass jars for the insects, and a picnic dinner for you. At 4pm we will sit down and discuss our discoveries of the day.

NATURAL DYES WORKSHOP

5/14 Sa. 10-12:30pm CCMV D. Skrivanich \$10.00
 Registration required (maximum 10) How did the Indians and pioneers get colorful dyes from our local plants? What is the best time for collecting and preparing dye materials? Dale Skrivanich will guide us through a day of collecting plants, creating dye baths and processing wool samples to take home. BRING a sack lunch, 1 pr. heavy rubber gloves (found at hardware stores), 1 medium-sized plastic bucket and old clothes or an apron.



APRIL MAY JUNE

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 Leber (746-3291), Mid-week 3-4 Hikes; Jenne Mical (747-1457), Troubleshooter; George Jackman (641-2895), Doug Harro (392-8312) and Dwight Riggs (271-8389), Inputs.

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 the scheduled arrival of a 210 bus 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.

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.

NEW HIKE SUB-CLASSIFICATIONS

Since our hikes range from a completely level stroll to a short steep up-hill or a steady moderate climb to a steep bushwhack, we are going to try and be more precise in our designations so that hikers can plan according to their ability. The letters "A", "B", or "C" are being added to the classifications 1, 2, 3, etc. to say something about the terrain. Therefore:

An "A" is generally a good, easy path, mostly level.

A "B" classification means the path may not be quite so good or may be steep, e.g., the Boulders.

A "C" means something a little mean -- a bit of brush maybe, or a few logs to crawl over, or a very steep trail or a muddy one.

The classification does not refer to the whole trail but notes the most difficult stretch you might encounter. So a hike might be an "A" most of the way but a few logs or a creek crossing would mean a "C" terrain.

The number (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) will continue to refer to the time/energy output. That is, a 2 is a half-day (9:30 to 1:00 or 12:30 to 4:00 approximately) at a medium to slow pace. A 3 is a day (8:30 to 3:00 or 9:30 to 4:00 approximately) at a moderate pace. A 4 is a long day at a steady pace, a 5 is all day at an "aerobic" pace.

For example, a 2-A will be easy in energy output and an easy path, like High Point to Issaquah on the railroad grade. A 2-C still will be an easy enough half day but may have some mud, or low bridges, or "ball-bearings" or such; the pace will be slow enough to accommodate but a few challenges might be met.

Class 2 hikes are only a half day yet we suggest bringing a lunch or snack since driving distances vary and a 2 hour hike might not leave the trailhead till 10:15, meaning a case of hunger pangs might hit your stomach before you return to your car. Suitable hiking shoes will certainly make a more pleasant day too.

GUIDELINES FOR HIKE LEADERS

We have discussed in our hikes committee meetings the following guidelines for hike leaders in order to keep both leaders and hikers in a happy rambling state of mind:

1. It is the leader's responsibility to have checked out the hike and to prepare the hikers for it with a brief description at the Park and Ride of what to expect in terrain and if necessary caution them about exerting themselves if they know of a physical problem which might hinder them. We want to welcome people to hiking and to the Alps, not scare them away with rigid requirements on footwear etc., but if they are going to get wet in what they have on, let them know it. Other discomforts are short lived like a steep, muddy short climb which is soon over and they might need to know that. Our new subclassifications (see above) will take care of most questions about the difficulty of terrain especially in class 2 hikes.

2. It is the leader's responsibility to set a pace which will be comfortable for the whole party. This is especially important on 2 and 3 minus hikes. On a 3 plus or 4 we expect hikers to keep a good pace and if there seems to be a great deal of trouble in keeping up, maybe that individual might have to turn back.

3. Please try and stay on the established route as much as weather and condition of party allow.

4. Any extending of a hike such as a class 2 to make a longer day should only be done in consultation with all the group.

5. Leaders should be flexible and at their discretion a hike can be substituted if weather or size of party dictate. Parking a great number of cars is not possible at all trail heads.

6. Leaders should be familiar with trail conditions at all seasons. Summer growth and winter snows often completely disguise a familiar trail.

7. Each hike leader should have first aid equipment, a flashlight, and a telephone number to call in case of accident. (A committee is working on a telephone list of Medics and Fire Districts in the various areas in which we hike. This will go into the next Alpiner for you to clip out and keep in your pack.)

We hope these guidelines will be helpful and welcome any additions or comment

HIKES SCHEDULE APRIL-MAY-JUNE

WEST TIGER 1-2-3 (Class 3 plus B)

Leaders: Larry Hall 325-9034

This is usually called the wipe-out hike but it hasn't wiped out anyone lately. From High Point along the new section of the TMT to the intersection of the West Tiger 1 trail you will climb steadily. After that it will begin to get steeper till you reach the summit of West Tiger 1. From there with ups and downs between the peaks it shouldn't be too bad. Back along the Tradition Lake Trail to High Point.

Saturday, Apr. 2, 8:30 am

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2 B)

Leaders: Bob and Kate Gross 329-8292

Each leader has his/her favorite route through Issaquah City Watershed, a regional treasure. They choose from the 1,000 year old Big Trees of the Lower Plateau, and the century old cedar puncheon skidroad used by oxen, the trail around Lake Tradition, the "cirque lake" at the base of West Tiger, Round Lake and the Rain Forest East, the Orchard of the abandoned homestead and a greyhound bus, seemingly out of place in this world of deep woods and memories of logging camps.

Saturday, Apr. 2, 12:30 pm

DeLEO'S WALL (Class 2 C)

Leaders: Stan Unger 283-7823

A new route up Marshall's Hill starting from Red Town takes us to the brink of DeLeo's Wall in less time so that we can sit on this aerie 600 feet above May Valley and enjoy the surroundings.

Sunday, Apr. 3, 12:30 pm

CAVE HOLES (Class 2 plus C)

Leaders: Harvey Manning 746-1017

From the ghost mining town of Redtown to Clay Pit Harvey intends to trace some of the famous seams from which issued at least 11 million tons of coal. Names like Bagley and Muldoon you've heard. There is also the famous #3 which caused some trouble when the Nike Site was built. They lost some equipment down that one. There are lots of stories to go along with this trip, more talking than walking says the leader, 3 - 4 miles in 3 to 4 hours.

Tuesday, Apr. 5, 9:30 am

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK/MIDDLE TIGER R.R. LOOP Friday, Apr. 8, 9:30 am

Leaders: Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034

(Class 3 C)

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger RR 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.

SQUAK HI-LITER (Class 4 C)

Leaders: George Jackman 641-2895

The most popular way up Squak seems to be the Thrush Gap route and this will be included on the hi-lites as well as the old tie mill, the stringer trestle, the block house, and the imposing stone fireplace of the Bullit mansion. The return trip will include the new Grizzly Trail back to Thrush Gap and, of course, a short stop at the summit if the views are spectacular

Saturday, Apr. 9, 8:30 am

PLEASE READ!



ONLY REMINDER

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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 15 months.

*So, if you joined before December 31, 1982. pay now. If you joined between January 1 and April 30, 1983, you're in the clear until May of 1984.

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

- \$ 5.00 for the whole family
- \$10.00 or more for a contributing membership
- \$100.00 for lifetime membership
- \$1,000.00 or more we'll rename the club for you

SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM IN THE BACK OF THE ALPINER



PLEASE READ!



KERRISTON (Class 3 minus A)**Saturday, Apr. 9, 12:30 pm**

Leader: Russ Williams 392-5989

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 coal prospecting town of Kerriston.

MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK (Class 3 plus C)**Sunday, Apr. 10, 8:30 am**

Leader: Doug Harro 392-8312

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger Railroad grade, climbing steeply from here we intersect the Tiger Mountain Trail, following a delightful section of this great trail 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.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2 B)**Wednesday, Apr. 13, 9:30 am**

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.

MIDDLE TIGER VIA (STILL MORE!) LOGGING R.R. GRADES Thursday, Apr. 14, 8:30 am

Leaders: Hazel Hale CH3-5376 (Class 3 plus B) NOTE Starting time!!!
A new, improved way to ascend this (so far!) un-antennuated alpine aerie and exhilarate over the extensive vistas to the S and W. We totally avoid the short and steep yet oft trod Middle Tiger Trail, instead reconstructing the lives and limbs of oldtime loggers as we walk several miles of various logging railroad grades up, down, and around the aforesaid alp. A full day of about 9 1/2 mi. and 1500' gain and a wee bit of benign brush.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**Thursday, Apr. 14, 7:30 pm**

Meeting place: Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

CAVES OF WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 minus C)**Saturday, Apr. 16, 8:30 am**

Leader: Sue Williams 392-4869

The way to the caves had been well worn by the backside of jeans sliding down the steep path off the Section Line Trail. It is down hill at the hard part and not dangerous just a little rough in spots. Bring a flashlight to explore Don's Cave, an easy walk-in and O'Brien's Cave which requires a short scramble. Both a giant caverns, the largest with room for 100 people, representing the largest known talus caves in the state. A stunning scene even without entering, huge rocks set in deep forest and thick moss.

COUGAR RING (Class 4 C)**Saturday, Apr. 16, 8:30 am**

Leader: Ralph Owen 746-1070

This hike explores the centerpiece of our proposed Cougar Mountain Regional Park. This is a full day, 10 mile hike following old woods roads, bear trails, and red ribbons, (put there by the leader not because he doesn't know the way but so that you will see he does)...visiting the Long Marsh, Far Country, the Wilderness, the High Marsh, the Great Cave Hole, with great views from some of 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.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 1)**Sunday, Apr. 17, 12:30 pm**

Leader: Dave Kappler 235-0741

For details see April 2.

RATTLESNAKE (Class 2 B)**Monday, Apr. 18, 9:30 am**

Leader: Della Boe 1-488-7536

This is a new way for us up to a lovely view of North Bend and Mount Si. Instead of the steep powerline route to the west, we walk a little used service road through old clearcut and up to the high views we enjoy. A great sweep over the Great Western Tree Farm set against the Cascades, achieved 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 the Snoqualmie Falls exit.

SQUAK TRAVERSE (Class 3 B)**Thursday, Apr. 21, 9:30 am**

Leader: Bob Wood 324-8416

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.

COUGAR WILDERNESS (Class 3 C)**Saturday, Apr. 23, 8:30 am**

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. However, we can sign the register there and help carry a rock for the cairn marking the 1595 foot peak. We'll have other views along the way, including Big View Cliff, Long View, Wildview Cliff, and Claypit Peak. We don't promise to see the bear of Shy Bear Pass but we won't leave out the magical Boulder Field and the famous Cougar Mountain Cave in the Beautiful Bottom.

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2 B) Saturday, Apr. 23, 12:30 pm

Leader: Ann Leber 746-3291

The Snoqualmie Forest Theater has built some new trails down from our usual Lake Alice and railroad grade hike and with their permission and a small fee to cover parking and the watchful eye of the ranger on our cars we will explore other wonderful views of the falls. This new way means a longer drive and some definite ups and downs but they are short climbs. Some might like to walk the grade out to the treatle view.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3 plus B)**Sunday, Apr. 24, 8:30 am**

Leader: Falk Krueger 283-7796

This is the classic 11.3 mile trail from near Highway 18 in the south to the newly constructed finish at 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 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. I guess they aren't boys anymore. Time and many feet have walked that trail over the years.

COAL CREEK (Class 2-B)**Sunday, Apr. 24, 12:30 pm**

Leader: Steve Williams 232-8072

This is a special hike focusing on the rich geological history of the Issaquah Alps. We will car pool to fossils, coal mine and bunker sites, and park at the Brick Plant and then follow the grade of the first railroad in King County to an open bank cinder mine. Taking time to look for salt water fossils, and fused minerals and petrified wood, we finally finish up amidst the seams and remains of Redtown (35 million years of history in 3 1/2 hours, not bad for a Sunday afternoon stroll). Warning -- occasional mud and nettles. Long pants and boots recommended. No pets please. We come to see the coyote and deer and not scare them away.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2 B)**Tuesday, Apr. 26, 9:30 am**

Leader: Alan Blalock 746-4155 and Ed Bowser 747-3349.

For description see April 2.

POO POO POINT (Class 3 B)**Friday, Apr. 29, 9:30 am**

Leader: Shirley Lindahl 822-3694

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah Valley. Glider Point may be a more romantic name but the Talki-Tooter is often heard associated with this area too. The route down follows the Many Creek Valley in one of several possible loops.

DICK HEINTZ TR. VICINITY RAMBLETORY (Class 3 C)**Saturday, Apr. 30, 8:30 am**

Leader: Dwight Riggs 271-8389 or 772-1666

A network of logging railroad grades, spurs, and spurs of spurs will make for very unspurious discovery together near the flanks of W. Tiger 1 and East Tiger. The class "C" means probably bad brush, but not in too many places. The "C" goes for the drive over as well! Distance covered depends on what everybody feels like that day.

HIGH POINT TO MANNING'S REACH (Class 3 plus B)Sunday, May 1, 8:30 am

Leader: A. J. Culver 392-3002

From High Point, the Tiger Mountain Trail climbs to the railroad grade and then up again along the flank of West Tiger 2 to the pass between 2 and 3 and out to a wonderful open stretch of the TMT called Manning's Reach. It is a great spot in any season and the highest point on the TMT at 2600 feet. The views are great out to Seattle and the Olympics beyond.

HANS JENSEN CENTER (Class 1)Sunday, May 1, 12:30 pm

Leader: Dave Kappler 235-0741

An easy family excursion into the valley of Laughling Jacobs Creek through a lovely cedar grove to the laughing waterfalls. The boat launch area of Lake Sammamish across the highway offers another attraction with lake views and duck feeding.

Tuesday, May 3, 9:30 am**WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 C)**

Leader: George Jackman 641-2895

The 360 degree view from West Tiger 3 is always a great attraction. This summit, though lower, is more isolated and alpine than the other summits with their forest of antennas. The climb is steep in places but not hard and the rewards all along the way are certainly worth it.

Thursday, May 5, 9:30 am**HISTORIC ROADS ON COUGAR (Class 2 B)**

Leader: Harvey Manning 746-1017

From Redtown Harvey will lead you onto some of the original grades which served the town. The Military Road was originally only a slash cut trail over Cougar for foot traffic not wagons. A county road, route 66, was built during the 1890's and some of it has been modernized and is in use today. Other stretches have been so overgrown that even Harvey didn't know he parked his Beetle almost daily where Military Road crosses Clay Pit. Both old roads intersect at one point, so this should make a nice loop.

Saturday, May 7, 12:30 pm**THE BOULDERS (Class 2 B)**

Leader: Peggy Owen 746-1070

In the valley of Cougar Mountain Wilderness Creek lie house-sized 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 day reveals Mount Rainier against the southern sky.

Sunday, May 8, 8:30 am**TIGER MOUNTAIN HI-LITER (Class 4)**

Leader: George Jackman 641-2895

This trip really will hit the hi-lites of West Tiger from Poo Poo Point trail to Many Creek Valley on the 1900 foot railroad grade to Manning's Reach and the TMT to West Tiger 3 summit down the Tradition Trail to the Caves via the Section Line Trail and a final stop at Round Lake to catch your breath before the drive home. A 10 to 12 mile route in not less than 7 to 8 hours. Bring a flashlight.

Wednesday, May 11, 9:30 am**GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2 B)**

Leader: Della Boe 1-488-7536

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 which adds an extra hour to the trip.

Friday, May 13, 9:30 am**SUPERSTITION HIKE (Class 3 plus C)**

Leader: Bob Wood 324-8416

For those who believe in such superstitions, maybe this hike should be avoided. No aspersions intended on the leader who is not revealing the wheres and whens of this trip. We know that his hikes are always an adventure and all who go are usually richly rewarded, if worn out at the end.

Saturday, May 14, 8:30 am**WEST TIGER TRAVERSE (Class 3 plus C)**

Leader: Stan Unger 283-7823

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

MIDDLE TIGER VIA (STILL MORE!) LOGGING R.R. GRADES Sunday, May 15, 8:30 amLeader: Dwight Riggs 271-8389 or 772-1666 (Class 3 plus B)
For description see April 14.**MAY CREEK (Class 2 C)**Sunday, May 15, 12:30 pm

Leader: Steve Williams 232-8072

Steve has been leading groups in the uncharted county park for a year at least and still recommends rubber boots for the possible creek crossing. This trip will be a one way walk from Honey Creek Farm to Coal Creek Parkway, through spring greenery brightened with spring flowers.

NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2 C)Monday, May 16, 9:30 am

Leader: Barbara Johnson 746-3291

The newly rerouted end of the TMT makes a wonderful beginning for a hike which climbs from High Point through old fir to a bright open alder forest. Lovely stream crossings, on well made bridges (one would make a picnic spot) lead to the intersection of the old TMT and the other side of the loop to the cars. Some steady climbing but not too steep and the total loop is 4½ miles.

SQUAK VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3 B)Thursday, May 19, 9:30 am

Leader: Ann Leber 746-3291

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 rather steeply to the towers which don't grace the tops but the views are worth it to Seattle, the Olympics, and Rainier.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGThursday, May 19, 7:30 pm

Meeting place: Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

BOEING PAR COURSE (Class 1)Friday, May 20, 9:30 am

Pat Kaald 746-8741

Our first exploration of a new exercise trail around part of the airport at Eastgate. Boeing's new Computer Center is on the fringes and the company helped fund the trail. This season the rhododendrons planted in the landscaping should be colorful. A short walk from the northern end of the trail to Phantom Lake public area is planned for the picnic spot.

WEST TIGER 1 (Class 3 plus C)Saturday, May 21, 8:30 am

Leader: Trudy Ecob 232-2933

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

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2 B)Saturday, May 21, 12:30 pm

Leader: Russ Williams 392-5989

For description see Apr. 13.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3 plus B)Sunday, May 22, 8:30 am

Leader: Jerry Wheeler 242-9344

For description see April 24.

VISIT TO WESTWOOD FARM (Class 1)Monday, May 23, 10:30 am

Leader: Virginia Gallagher 255-5591

This is a return invitation by our leader to her farm on Squak Mountain. Note the time is a little later so that the children and parents can have lunch and so extend their stay among the animals. Hopefully there will be baby animals to pet and hold as well as larger animals to watch -- ducks, chickens, goats, etc.

BEAVER VALLEY VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3 minus B)Tuesday, May 24, 9:30 am

Leader: Laurene McLane

With the road open again we can park at the trailhead to Silent Swamp and enjoy this quiet bypass to Beaver Valley. The 18 dams are still there, some old and silted in, others looking brand new. Their engineering, plus the climate in this cool corner of Tiger have resulted in an ecotone where Sitka spruce, a coastal tree, and Pacific silver fir, a mountain tree, mingle.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2 C)Thursday, May 26, 9:30 am

Leader: Mary Cadigan 641-4046

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 sidetrapping to the waterfalls. Visit an abandoned homestead where the local bears come for a n annual feast of apples along with other four and brave two-footed creatures. Boots are recommended.

CLAY PIT BACK DOOR TO ANTI AIRCRAFT RIDGE (Class 3 B) Saturday, May 28, 8:30 am

Leader: Harvey Manning 746-1017

The back door to Clay Pit is on a 1920 Railroad grade which Fred Rounds helped build. Passing the open pit seam of the Bagley, the Muldoon airshaft hole, and Bile Pond you reach Clay Pit with a view of the Cascades and hopefully Mount Baker. Dropping down toward Lane Bear Swamp off Clay Pit road, you join a new trail up a forested ridge strewn with a giant's matchstick firs. Many more stumps tell of a big logging operation here but nature has reclaimed it and more pleasant climb on Cougar I haven't had. Anti-Aircraft Peak has more views and new picnic tables and maybe even a ranger in residence soon. Back by way of the Lost Beagle Trail to Klondike Swamp and the intersection with Clay Pit Road again.

WATERWORKS (Class 2 C)Sunday, May 29, 12:30 pm

Leader: Virginia Cuykendahl 746-2895

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.

MIDDLE TIGER VIA (STILL MORE!) LOGGING R.R. GRADES Wednesday, June 1, 9:30 am

Leader: George Jackson 641-2895

(Class 3 plus B)

For description see April 14.

YELLOW LAKE (Class 2 A)Friday, June 3, 9:30 am

Leader: Harvey Manning 746-1017

The wonderful wildlife refuge around Yellow Lake in the middle of the Heatness Property on the Sammamish Plateau has been a birdwatcher's paradise for years. Will 10,000 people be watching each other in 3,000 closely built condos 20 years from now? Don't wait for the answer but come and visit this wet and wild area which contains the finest pristine sphagnum peat bog near Seattle. The full community of flowering plants characteristic of Horse Lake and other bogs are Labrador tea, bog laurel, and carnivorous sundew which perhaps might be in bloom at this time.

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS (Class 2 B)Saturday, June 4, 12:30 pm

Leader: Peggy Owen 746-1070

For description see April 23.

SEATTLE HISTORY HIKE (Class 2 B)Saturday, June 4, 9:00 am

Leader: Tim O'Brien 392-7365

MEETING PLACE: Seattle's Pioneer Place (under the Pergola)
As part of our historical weekend you are invited to take a 2 mile guided tour of the Official Seattle Historical District with a resident and expert followed by a three mile walk up Yealer on the old cable car route. Approximately 100 buildings (more than 50 of these built between 1889 and 1893) will be viewed for their historical and architectural significance. Names like Issaquah Saloon and Newcastle Logging House make you realize the link between the two sides of the lake. At the Lechl landing the coal from Newcastle was unloaded after being ferried across the lake. The wonderful old depot and ferry wharf are no longer there and you won't be able to take the cable car back down to the city but busses leave every 30 minutes and in 10 you'll be back at First and Yealer, having traveled back 100 years in history. Approximate return 1 pm.

RETURN TO OLD NEWCASTLE AND SEE THE NEW PARKSunday, June 5, 9:00 am on

Hikes are planned all day for both class 2 and 3 hikers starting from 9 a.m. See page 2 for details.

MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 3 C)Tuesday, June 7, 9:30 am

Leader: Betty Culbert 641-6451

A new route up Marshall's Hill starting from Red Town takes us to the brink of DeLeo's Wall in less time so that we can sit on this cliff 600 feet above May Valley and enjoy the surroundings. The return is a loop climbing to the top of Marshall's Hill and through deep woods to an old logging road back down to the Baseball field.

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2 B)Thursday, June 9, 9:30 am

Leader: Barbara Johnson 392-5989

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.

COUGAR PRECIPICE EXPLORATORY (Class 4 C)Saturday, June 11, 8:30 am

Leader: Ralph Owen 746-1070

An exploratory hike is always more strenuous but what adventure isn't? Climbing from Exit 13 to the so-called Stagecoach Road and heading east to the Fantastic Erratic you'll be entering an area of old pulp logging. Here's where the exploring begins, many ravines to choose from or old overgrown roads leading in different directions. This is a one way trip and the descent will bring you down the Wilderness Creek unless Ralph decides this is the day to explore the ridge of virgin fir off the Wilderness Peak.

LAKE TRADITION TRAIL (Class 2 B)Sunday, June 12, 12:30 pm

Leader: Tom Hamman 641-3408

For description see April 2.

NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2 C)Wednesday, June 15, 9:30 am

Leader: Connie Dow 392-2190

For description see May 16.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGThursday, June 16, 7:30 pm

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THE CAVES (Class 3 minus C)Friday, June 17, 9:30 am

Leader: Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034

For description see April 16.

SQUAK MT. (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2 C)Saturday, June 18, 12:30 pm

Leader: Dave Kappler 235-0741

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 sized trees. It's possible to cross but slippery with moss. The usual way climbs near the west peak of Squak or can, if party desires, loop back by one of several alternative way

WEST TIGER 3 CAVES AND POO POO POINT (Class 3 plus C) Sunday, June 19, 8:30 am

Leader: Mike Hymen 392-4901

A visit to the popular caves before the clamber up the Section Line Trail (that means the almost straight way up) to the summit might be the only breather in this long day. A great 360 degree view is the prize from West Tiger 3 before descending to the 1900 foot high railroad grade through Many Creek Valley to Poo Poo Point and another great viewing spot. Then back down to the cars at the High School.

HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH ON R.R. GRADE (Class 1) Tuesday, June 21, 9:30 am

Leader: Nancy England (with a four year old) 641-8925

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 partially completed 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.

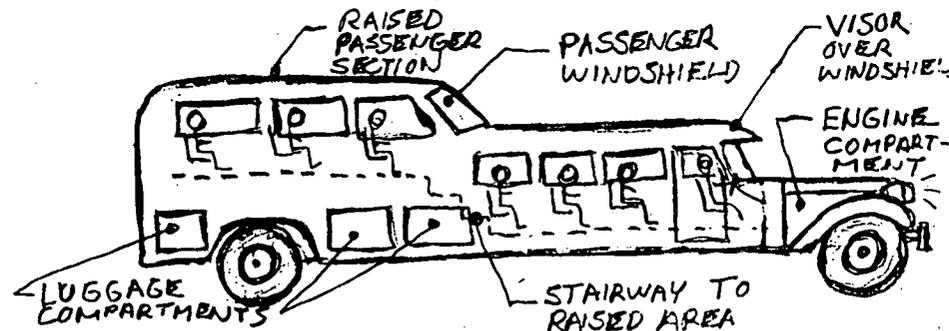
HISTORY CORNER

The Famous Greyhound Scenicruiser

As we see it now in the Issaquah Watershed -- lying on its side, shot full of holes, rusted and rotted, apparently used by a farmer of the 1940s-50s (?) as a chicken coop or storage shed -- it's a far cry from a 707 or 747 or whatever other numbers are flying nowadays at 35,000 feet.

However, there was a time when the Scenicruiser was the palace of the highways. Lounging at leisure in cushioned seats high above the ditches, a person could gaze over the tops of the lowly passenger autos, far out into the fields and forests.

In this sketch, Staff Artist Tom Mechler has righted the bus and shown it as it was, then, before retirement to the Watershed.



How Would You, Issaquah Gal, Like to Go To The Dance at Newcastle?

Fred Rounds has exploded the myth (which he originally foisted on us trusting newcomers) that the "Stagecoach Road," or "Stage Road," ran from Goodes Corner up over the top of Cougar Mountain and down to the mines in Coal Creek. The stages ran the long way around via May Valley and the Thomas Rouse Road.

The Military Road (Road No. 66 on county maps) that did run over the mountain top was merely a trail -- good enough for horses, cavalry or other, and hot-footed miners and the gals they were sparking. Two long stretches of old No. 66 remain in quite pristine shape, one between the powerline corridor above Goodes Corner and the top of Big Tree Ridge, the other between Clay Pit Road and Red Town. We hope to preserve them, if not for the vanished stages, for this memory:

When Fred (or any other gallant miner) invited an Issaquah lass to the dance at Newcastle, he quite naturally picked her up at her doorstep. This meant walking from Red Town to Issaquah, over the mountain and across the great green plain. The two of them then would walk together over the great green plain and across the mountain. And dance.

However, gallantry must have limits. When the dance was done, Fred (or any other miner) would go home to bed, because in a few hours he'd have to go down in the mine. His sweetie would walk up and down the mountain and over the plain. (Alone? Or in company of a whole bunch of Issaquah gals? Fred doesn't say. He was asleep by then.)

The next time you hike a Cougar Mountain route, and maybe at day's end feel a little footsore and pooped, think of those Red Town dances.

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

Leaders: Ann Leber 746-3291

Thursday, June 23, 9:30 am

With the logging finished on the East Side Road the views out to the Cascades have opened. Look out, not down, at the ravaged hills. The quiet bypass of Silent Swamp is a pleasant interlude on the otherwise road walk to the highest peak of the Tigers at 3004 feet. Views are sweeping in all directions but not all at once -- you get them both going and coming.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3 plus B)

Leaders: Joe Toynbee 723-6716

Saturday, June 25, 8:30 am

For description see April 24.

COAL CREEK (Class 2 C)

Leaders: Steve Williams

Sunday, June 26, 12:30 pm

From the Coal Creek Parkway going up stream along the creek and sometimes in the creek bed (rubber boots recommended) Steve will lead you to the old Farm Site owned by King County but undeveloped. It is a quiet spot yet not far from the mad pace of building which is taking place on the hills above. The way back will be by way of the ridge above and along the south fork of Coal Creek.

YAH-ER WALL (Class 3 B)

Leaders: Laurene McLane 392-0204

Tuesday, June 28, 9:30 am

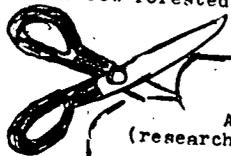
This is definitely going to be one of the favorite hikes on Tiger and we can climb to the dizzy heights of the wall directly from Hobart Road. Leaving one or two cars at the High School we can continue from the brink with its unique plant community of manzanita, poison oak, and other unusual species, on to Poo Poo Point and descend through the old fir forest to the woody road gently dropping down to the power line four corners. A wonderful one way trip through many different forest environments from clearcuts to rainforests.

PRESTON TO LAKE ALICE ROAD (Class 2 A)

Leaders: Mary Cadigan 641-4046

Friday, June 30, 9:30 am

The someday-to-be trail-bikeway on the Preston Railroad is a "reality", that is to say, paved. A nice dry wide airy, sunny (somedays) scenic almost level walk which is perfect for winter walks. Great for summer biking. The county couldn't replace the beautiful old wooden trestle but they built a fine system of switchbacks to take you up the steep bank. I think bikes will need a push. Walk just beyond the paved descent to cross the highway for a view and a bench stop over the Ragging River as it enters a narrow forested canyon. Less than 6 miles round trip.



ALL HIKE LEADERS PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE
(researched by George Jackman of the IATC Hikes Comm.)

SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURE

The King County Police is the responsible agency for coordinating search and rescue (SAR) activities within the Issaquah Alps area. This includes searching for lost or overdue hikers and dispatching emergency medical teams and equipment. The telephone number for hike leaders to call is 344-4080 and ask for the SAR Duty Officer. The person calling in for assistance must then stay by the telephone to answer any questions the local SAR coordinator may have.