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THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE  
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## PRESIDENT'S (RIGHTSREVER) REPORT

It's snowing this morning at the 290-meter hut on Cougar Mountain, and I don't see Wally Toner out there shoveling my driveway, as he promised when we objected to his plan to put 40,000 people on top of this cold hill. In just two hours this copy has to be delivered to Editor Mechler on the (steep) south slopes of Squak Mountain. Consequently this message will be reduced to a series of bulletins, to leave my dogteam time to mush across the frozen wastes. (Should I go via the Military Road? Or the Indian Trail? The coyotes are circling my house now, crying "Send out more chickens!")

### Issaquah Alps Hotline

We don't have the number yet (call Directory Assistance, Seattle, and ask for "Issaquah Alps Hotline") but by the time you read these words the Trails Club will be wired in to the Bell System.

Dial the number (24 hours) and you will hear a friendly voice describing the week's hikes, giving information on how to join, and suggesting what public issues presently require public participation. Then, after a beep, you will have the opportunity, if desired, to request further information or even leave a message for a particular club officer.

• When the next directory is published, we'll be in the book.

### Signs Are Busting Out All Over

• Let's hear it for Ed and Muriel Roselius. Stimulated by the example of Bill Longwall on Tiger, they have undertaken to install trail signs (where there is no owner objection) on Cougar Mountain. As of this writing signs are in place from Exit 13 up Peggy's Trail, from Red Town to the Par Country, and in The Wilderness. More are coming.

ATTENTION: They are running low on wood. If you have a supply of proper material, please call 542-6891.

Stimulated by the example of his disciples, Bill has redoubled his own signing and has placed dozens of new ones on Tiger, Squak, and elsewhere.

Combined with the hikes we lead, the guidebooks we publish, this new dimension of public information is a further demonstration that boots are here to stay.

### "Cougar" Is the Name for Winners (Sorry, Huskies)

Let's hear it for County Executive Randy Revelle, for including approximately \$1,000,000 in his 1984 budget to begin acquiring lands for the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

--And for the County Council for going along (as of this writing, at least).

Though the sum is perhaps a twentieth of what will be needed, IT IS THE START! Remember the Cheshire Cat which vanished by parts, beginning with the tail and ending with the head, and then the head vanished, leaving only the grin? Reverse the process and you see how the park will be created. Just now it's still only a grin. But in the next year we're likely to see the head appear. Or the tail.

Let's hear it, too, for the developers of Terra Highlands, in the "Chase Annexation" section of Issaquah on the northeast slopes of Cougar. In submitting their request for a P.U.D. development, they have specifically proposed to dedicate open space lands to accommodate the Precipice Trail (try it, next time Ralph Owen schedules it) through their property and to provide a Newport Way trailhead leading to Big Tree Ridge, the Military (Stage, Summit) Road, and onward to the summit of Anti-Aircraft Peak.

As you'll recall, similar developer-government-local residents-Trails Club accord gained us trail corridors up Par Country Creek from Licorice Fern Wall, up China Creek, and along De Leo Wall.

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# ANNUAL MEETING

bring a friend

JANUARY 25

7:30 P.M.

you come

Issaquah (not Newport Way) Library

you come too

if you don't have a friend, bring a coyote

In obedience to our by-laws, at the Annual Meeting we elect directors. Following are the holdover directors and those nominated to fill vacancies:

Holdovers, terms expiring in 1984

Harvey Manning  
Ralph Owan  
Susan Williams

Holdovers, terms expiring in 1985

Bill Longwell  
Dave Kappler  
Jack Price

Nominated for terms expiring in 1986

Maryanne Taguey Jones  
Debbie Turner  
Buss Moore

Further nominations will be accepted from the floor, and the vote taken.

The officers will then review the past year, which has seen the start of the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, following an Executive-Council compromise on the Newcastle Community Plan; the election of a new Councilperson deeply interested in land-planning on the East Side and elsewhere; near-completion of the first phase of discussion on Tiger Mountain State Forest; an attempt by State Parks (foiled by speculators, again) to provide access to Squak State Park; and a whole lot of whatnot.

The meeting then will be opened for general discussion. Bring your own cookies and teabags.

The Terra Highlands precedent in the City of Issaquah is enormously significant, and we hope everyone takes notice.

(Note the contrast of the developers -- or speculators -- who to date have successfully blocked public access to Squak Mountain State Park. Next time these worthies come to government asking favors, they ought to be reminded of Terra Highlands.)

### Hold That Tiger

Not that you readers could notice, but before commencing this paragraph I had to go out in the snow for a while. Te coal off.

I have been constantly at the simmer since the Tiger Mountain State Forest was proclaimed and the Citizen Advisory Committee began to sit. Occasionally I overboiled. When the Citizen Advisory Workbook was published by the state Department of Natural Resources and sent to some 14,000 people, I erupted.

--Well, so did Mt. St. Helens, and what happened to it? It got logged. What was left of it. The crater was made a National Monument. (Will my mouth be designated a County Monument?)

By oversight (likely story!) or design, the Workbook failed to present the Trails Club proposal for timber management: (1) A "moratorium zone" on the north and west; (2) A "laboratory area" on the east and southeast where techniques of "urban tree farming" would be refined, for later transfer elsewhere on Tiger -- and throughout Western Washington, to the salvation of the timber industry.

In response to this censorship and others, I commenced retaliations. However, King County undertook to make up for the DNR aggression and consequently I have informed my attorney I'm not suing anybody this month, and have dismissed my operatives who have been searching for Richard A.C.-D.C. Greens. (I am, of course, maintaining contact with my associates in Havana.)

This is the near future as it now appears to take shape:

1. By December 31, all public comments on the Citizen Advisory Workbook will be in the hands of the DNR. Only these citizens who received -- from us -- the Trails Club "corrective" sheet will be able to comment intelligently on all issues, but never mind, what's past is past.
2. Early in 1984 the Citizen Advisory Committee will reconvene to consider input from the two public workshops held in November and from other sources. The committee then will prepare its final "recommended guidelines" for management of Tiger and will dissolve, and that's a mercy.
3. Harold Robertson, chair of the committee and the representative of King County, has pledged to do his best to have DNR compensate for the unfair Workbook. The agreement (otherwise it's the Cubans, I vow) will have the DNR send out the final guidelines to everyone who received the censored Workbook -- and to everyone who has subsequently participated in workshops or commentary or protest.
4. We -- you -- all God's children in King County and the State -- then will be able to comment on the final guidelines (which we and our Cubans will see fairly present the Trails Club positions, along with other alternatives) directly to the DNR.
5. In late 1984 or 1985 the DNR will prepare (or reveal) its Tiger Mountain State Forest Plan.
6. Golly knows.

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I don't think those are coyotes out there. Just saw a sleighful of Russians go by, and it was being pursued. Have just thrown out a cat, and that seems to have the mob quieted for a time. Do I have enough cats to hold out until spring?

Harvey Manning



# MONTHLY MEETINGS

Continuing the New Deal begun in fall, each Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors will be preceded by a Monthly Meeting of the Membership, lasting roughly one hour -- with all members of course invited to remain for the Directors' Meeting. Each meeting will start from an announced topic -- but can go on to any other subject brought up by the members.

Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m.

Note that this meeting is on Wednesday, and is at the Issaquah Library, located close by City Hall.

This Monthly Meeting is also the Annual Meeting -- see page 3.

Thursday, February 16, 7:30

At Newport Way Library -- on Thursday.

The topic: Responsible Trail Use. How to help maintain trails. Fix trails. Plan new ones. Install signs. Adopt trails.

Thursday, March 15, 7:30 TENTATIVE

At Newport Way Library -- but call 392-2190 (or any club officer) to confirm. We can't nail down the hall this far in advance.

The topic: Tiger Mountain State Forest. By then the Citizens Committee will be defunct, the DNR at work -- and possibly some exciting developments can then be revealed.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

Harvey Manning, President	746-1017
Barbara Johnson, Vice President	--
Connie Dow, Secretary	392-2190
Darla O'Brian, Treasurer	324-1609
Tom Mechler	255-0922
Ralph Owen	746-1070
Larry Winter	746-5775
Jack Price	226-7848
Bill Longwell	255-1295
Dave Kappler	235-0741
Susan Williams	392-4869

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

Hikes -- Betty Culbert	641-6451
Horse Routes -- Jack Price	226-7848
Alpiner -- Yvonne Mechler	255-0922
Membership -- Florence Joyce	226-9459
Publicity -- Barbara Johnson	--
Telephone Tree -- Linda Burke	271-3658
Book Publisher -- Susan Williams	392-4369
Tiger Watcher -- Laurene McLane	392-0204
Squak Watchers -- Dave Kappler, 235-0741,	David Giles, 271-8631
Newcastle Watchers -- Dave Kappler, 235-0741,	Ralph Owen, 746-1070
Water Watcher -- Ruth Kees	392-3810
Tailoring hikes for other groups -- Tim O'Brian,	324-1609
Chief Ranger -- Bill Longwell	255-1295
Trailfixers -- Ed and Muriel Rozelius,	1-512-6891

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors' meetings.

September 15, 1983

1. Membership. Current roster has 1250 names. Alpiner to have WARNINGS for non-payers. Laurene has prepared recruiting message.
2. Salmon Days. Discussed booth, assignments, displays, maps, who will do what.
3. Coal Creek Basin Committee. Names to be submitted to Harold Robertson.
4. Cougar Mountain. Friends of Washington may decide to make commitment to Park. Discussed coordination between FOE and IATC.
5. Politics. County Council challengers either have or will take strong stand on Cougar Mountain Park.
6. John Wayne Pioneer Trail. Jack Price will work with DNR consultant to evaluate the Milwaukee RR.
7. Trail Signing. Ed and Muriel Roselius are making trailhead signs for Cougar as well as directional signs.
8. Tiger Mountain State Forest. Citizens Committee is dead. Public workshops to be held in November, along with report and chance to "vote".
9. Issaquah Press. Will have piece by HM. Rodi did personal piece on hiking TMT.
10. Shoulder/rucksack patches. Will discuss next time.
11. Squak Mountain. Discussed proposal for Squak State Park Trailhead and trail, land acquisition, illegal shooting at trailhead.

October 20, 1983

1. Cougar Mountain. HM reported on history of battle for Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. Coal Creek Basin Plan nominations have been submitted. Decided to buy more Cougar bumperstickers.
2. Salmon Days. Everything went well - history photos a major attraction. Also maps.
3. Hikes Committee. Discussed number of hikers appearing for club hikes, guidebooks. Trail markers, also need for new chairman of committee.
4. Machine telephone. Barb is checking on feasibility of this for IATC.
5. History. Discussed possibility of Newcastle history book. Also National Historic District.
6. Snoqualmie Valley Plan. Barb has formally nominated Maryann Cagney Jones, Preston.
7. Issaquah City. Discussed Pickering Farms, City Council, wetlands, and unpleasant proposals for the Plateau.
8. Tiger Mountain. Tiger Mountain State Forest Workbooks available - we'll mail, to selected list. Board agreed to make Tiger a club priority.
9. John Wayne Pioneer Trail. Eith King County Trail being finished from Issaquah to Snoqualmie, Pickering Barn makes big sense as the Trailhead.

November 17, 1983.

1. Squak Mountain. Trailhead property is assured. Easement for trail is still being negotiated. Discussed DNR logging plans for Squak, development, soils.
2. Tahoma-Raven Heights Community Plan. Meetings to be held December 5 and 8.
3. Advertising Flyers. Discussed new design to use at ferry terminals and other public places.
4. Meeting adjourned early as most board members were talking at the Tiger Mountain State Forest public review in Preston.



☯ 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 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), Inputers.

## 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 90C and Newport Way, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  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 uphill 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 til 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.

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SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.
WALK ON THE WILD SIDE (OF COAL CREEK) WITH THE IATC PRESIDENT 10:00 am Harvey Manning 746-1017 <b>1</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>REMINDER FOR HIKERS!</b> <b>SEARCH &amp; RESCUE #</b> <b>344-4080</b> <b>24 HRS</b>			THE BOULDERS AND LONG VIEW 9:30 am Barbara Johnson 746-3291 <b>5</b>	DICK HEINTZ TRAIL VICINITY RAMBLE-TORY 9:30 am Dwight Riggs 271-8389 or 772-1666 <b>6</b>	TAYLOR MT. RIDGE 8:30 am George Jackman 641-2895 <b>7</b>	LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SHOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA 12:30 pm Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280 <b>7</b>
LEADER'S CHOICE THREE PLUS CEE 8:30 am Dwight Riggs 271-8389 or 772-1666 <b>8</b>	MAY CREEK 12:30 pm Steve Williams 232-8072 <b>8</b>	<b>A</b>		MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON 9:30 am Laurene McLane 392-0204 <b>11</b>		LAKE TRADITION 9:30 am Ed Bowser 747-3349 Alan Blalock 746-4155 <b>13</b>	SE TO NW SQUAK TRAVERSE 8:30 am Bill Longwell 255-1295 <b>14</b>	LAKE TRADITION 12:30 pm Tom Hammon 641-3408 <b>14</b>
	LAKEMONT GORGE 12:30 pm Buzz Moore 746-1866 <b>15</b>	N END OF TMT LOOP 9:30 am Mary Cadigan 641-4046 <b>16</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>U</b>	COUGAR MT. LOOP 9:30 am Ann Leber 746-3291 <b>19</b>		WEST TIGER 3 8:30 am Stan Unger 283-7823 <b>21</b>	COAL CREEK FALLS 12:30 pm Dave Kappler 235-0741 <b>21</b>
STEP BACK INTO HISTORY ON THE SEATTLE & WALLA WALLA R.R. 8:30 am Tim O'Brien 324-1609 <b>22</b>			POO POO POINT FROM HIGH POINT 9:30 am Bill Newnam 232-8993 <b>24</b>	ANNUAL MEETING 7:30 pm Issaquah Library (Board meeting follows) <b>25</b>	<b>A</b>	KERRISTON 9:30 am Della Boe 1-488-7536 <b>27</b>	THE CAVES OF WEST TIGER 8:30 am Kate and Bob Gross 329-8292 <b>28</b>	
GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK & R.R. GRADE LOOP 8:30 am A. J. Culver 392-3002 <b>29</b>	LAKE TRADITION WILDERNESS 12:30 pm Tom Mechler 255-0922 <b>29</b>	S. TIGER VISTA 9:30 am Connie Dow 392-2190 <b>30</b>			<b>R</b>	<b>Y</b>		



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<b>F</b>	Reminder Search +	for Hikers; Rescue #: 344-4080 - 24 hrs.		SQUAK VIA THRUSH GAP 9:30 am Ann Leber 746-3291			MIDDLE TIGER SUMMIT LOOP 8:30 am George Jackman 641-2895	NEWCASTLE TERM- INAL DOWN COAL CREEK TO THE CINDER MINES 12:30 pm Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280
<b>5</b>	<b>E</b>		WEST TIGER 3-2 LOOP 9:30 am Bill Newman 232-8993		COAL CREEK FALLS 9:30 am Connie Dow 392-2190		MIDDLE TIGER 8:30 am Kate & Bob Gross 329-8292	
		<b>B</b>		WEST TIGER 1-2-3 9:30 am Hazel Hale 243-5376	MONTHLY CLUB MEET- ING 7:30 pm Subject: Respon- sible Trail Use (Board meeting follows) Newport Way Library	KERRISTON 9:30 am Alan Blalock 746-4155 Ed Bowser 747-3349	TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL 8:30 am Larry Hall 325-9034	LAKE TRADITION 12:30 pm Dave Kappler 235-0741
<b>17</b>			<b>R</b>	PRESTON TO LAKE ALICE ROAD 9:30 am Pat Kaald 746-8741 (paved -- sneakers recommended)	<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON 8:30 am Ursula & Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034	DELEO WALL ON MARSHALL'S HILL 12:30 pm Stan Unger 283-7823
<b>26</b>	BATTLESNAKE LEDGE 8:30 am Mark Pollett 937-2114	LAKEMONT GORGE 12:30 pm Buzz Moore 746-1866		HIGH POINT TO MANNING'S REACH 9:30 am Bill Newman 232-8993	<b>U</b>		<b>Y</b>	

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COUGAR WILDERNESS 8:30 am Ralph Owens 746-1070			WEST TIGER 2-1 LOOP 9:30 am Bill Newman 232-8993		N END OF TMT LOOP 9:30 am Connie Dow 392-2190	H	BEAVER VALLEY VIA SILENT SWAMP 8:30 am Joe Toynbee 723-6716	
WEST TIGER 1-2-3 8:30 am Jon Pollock 522-6326	LAKE TRADITION 12:30 pm Tom Mechler 255-0922	FOXGLOVE FLAT 9:30 am Della Boe 1-488-7536				C	TIGER MT. SPECIAL 9:30 am Bob Wood 324-8416	TIGER MT. TRAIL 8:30 am Jerry Wheeler 242-9344
								PRESTON TO LAKE ALICE ROAD 12:30 pm Peggy Owen 764-1070 (paved -- sneakers recommended)

# 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 comments.

## HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

### BEAVER VALLEY VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3 minus B)

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 and 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.

### BOULDERS (Class 2 B)

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's waterfalls create a magic spot. A short climb to Big View Cliff is worth the effort if a crystal clear day reveals Mount Rainier against a southern sky. Following the ravine up through more ferns with Wild View Cliff towering on the right, you will soon find yourself in the Beautiful Bottom, with more boulders which created the fabled Cougar Mountain Cave.

### THE BOULDERS AND LONG VIEW (Class 2 plus C)

This hike includes the magical boulders set along Wilderness Creek and then follows the creek ravine up to the Ring Road and out to the open cliff view south toward Renton and May Valley. A slight climb both before and after the Boulders but not strenuous.

### CAVES OF WEST TIGER (Class 3 minus C)

The way to the caves has been well worn by the backsides 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 are giant caverns, the largest with room for 100 people, representing the largest known talus cave in the state. A stunning scene even without entering, huge rocks set in deep forest and thick moss.

### COAL CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2 B)

This county park is undeveloped and mostly wilderness along both sides of Coal Creek where the steep banks make it necessary sometimes to walk in the water. That is why rubber boots are recommended. A few places like the abandoned Scalzo farm are open, and you can imagine the ducks swimming on the pond. Upstream are some great falls, the North Fork, and the cinder mine which are proposed as additions to the park since they lead directly to Cougar Mountain proper. When Steve does a geology hike he visits the cinder mine with many examples of rock deposits, fused minerals, salt water fossils, and some petrified wood mixed with the burned tailings of the old mines. Side trips are sometimes made to the mining ghost town of Redtown or to Old Newcastle where a bunker still stands slightly out of kilter and a mine shaft splits the earth.

### COAL CREEK FALLS (Class 2 B)

A WELL kept secret is now open to the public and as with the Caves, we hope we won't spoil a place of pristine beauty. The falls tumble down over sandstone slabs and under fallen cedar making a wonderful splash and also quiet pools among the glacial erratics. Summer might dry the area a bit but it still is a green, lush, and cool spot.

### COUGAR MOUNTAIN LOOP (Class 3 B)

From Red Town to Far Country Lookout, the almost alpine feeling hillock above the swamp is the start of another loop on Cougar. After hopefully viewing Mount Rainier we drop down along the Shy Bear Trail and with some further ups and downs, past the Muldoon Cave Hole and back toward more coal country and other awesome holes to the ghost of the company coal town.

### COUGAR RING (Class 4)

The 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 three or four summits of Cougar. Ralph is always discovering something new and making new trails so there may be a few surprizes in store.

### COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3 C)

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.

### DELEO'S WALL ON MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 3 C) (Class 2 C)

A new route up Marshall's Hill starting from Red Town takes us up 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. Class 2 hikers return the same way. Class 3 hikers make 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.

### DICK HEINTZ VICINITY RAMBLETORY (Class 3 C)

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.

### FOXGLOVE FLAT (Class 2 C)

The old logging railroad grades on Taylor Mountain east of the Tigers have been tempting hikers for some years but the brush has been so thick that confused hikers often gave up. Some of the faithful have been clearing brush there recently and one day there will be a wonderful trail to the top. For now a shorter hike with a bit of climbing but not too much brush leads by the long trestle site at Georgia's Falls on via the Trillium Trail to Foxglove Flat, a sunny picnic spot with fine views of the Tigers and the Olympics. The return might be via the clearcut which each year is carpeted with wildflowers. Boots are recommended -- some mud and such.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK AND R.R. GRADE LOOP (Class 3 C)  
Ascending Tiger Mountain's largest stream with its slot canyon sliced in sandstone and coal, you climb steeply for a short stretch to the level R.R. grade of Middle Tiger, which once boasted a famous Horseshoe Trestle. Another climb to the Tiger Mountain Trail in one of its prettier sections or a straight shot out along the Middle Tiger R.R. grade are the choice returns.

HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH ON THE R.R. GRADE (Class 2 A)  
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.

HIGH POINT TO MANNINGS REACH (Class 3 plus B)  
From High Point, the Tiger Mountain Trail climbs to the railroad grade and up again along the flanks of West Tiger 2 to the pass between 2 and 3 and out to a wonderful open stretch of the THT called Mannings Reach. It is a great spot in any season and the highest point on the THT at 2600 feet. The views are great out to Seattle and the Olympics beyond.

KERRISTON (Class 2 plus A)  
A walk which follows old logging roads up the valley of Raging River between Rattlesnake Mt. on one side and Tiger and Taylor mountains on the other to the old sawmill site and coal prospecting town of Kerriston.

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2 B)  
The undeveloped part of the abandoned railroad grade passes an old farm, creeks, woods with window views of the Cascades, climaxing with a view of the falls. This stretch is a nice level stroll all the way to the remains of the giant wooden trestle. The Snoqualmie Forest Theater has built some new trails down from their property through a cedar forest where beaver have left their work. With permission from the theater (and a small fee to cover parking and the watchful eye of the ranger) we can explore closer views of the falls at river level. This new way means a longer drive and some definite ups and downs but they are short climbs. Some might just like to walk to the trestle and upper view. The walk to Lake Alice in the other direction is on the paved bike-horse-hike path and goes to the Fall City/Preston Road at the Raging River crossing. A lovely railroad trestle used to cross here also but now a system of switchbacks leads hikers and bikers to the other side to pick up the trail to Preston.

LAKE TRADITION WILDERNESS (Class varies -- 1 to 2 B)  
Each leader has his/her favorite route through Issaquah City Watershed, a regional treasure. They choose from the 1000year old big trees of the Lower Plateau, 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 past.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2 C)  
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 sidetripping 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.

LEADER'S CHOICE THREE PLUS CEE (Class 3 plus C)  
In which destination and/or route chosen thereupto depends on ambient temperature, thickness of leader's blood (measured by the 8:15 a.m. IP&R method), lug length of participant's boot soles, and other factors and factors too unpredictable to clairvoyeurize about here. Expect a full day with some gentleper-sonly exploring, brush bashing, and/or brush bashing.

HAY CREEK (Class 2 C)  
Steve has been leading groups in the uncharted county park regularly. Although summer is usually drier, he still recommends rubber boots for the possible creek crossing. He has many different routes from Lake Washington up stream to Honey Creek Farm, or from the farm downstream. All are a treat.

### MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3 B)

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 stand of fir.

### MIDDLE TIGER SUMMIT LOOP (Class 3 C)

The ascent of Middle Tiger will start at Highway 18 near the base of South Tiger Mt. and follow the Holder and Summit Creek basins to the top of Middle Tiger (via some artifact-laden logging R.R. grades) for spectacular views of Mt. Rainier and May Valley to the south. We will return via the Middle Tiger Trail to the Tiger Mountain Trail and loop back to the trail we ascended.

### MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON (Class 3 plus C)

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.

### NEWCASTLE TERMINAL DOWN COAL CREEK TO THE CINDER MINES (Class 2 A)

Walk into the past along the railroad grade which carried passengers and coal to Seattle in the late 1890's. Imagine cars full of coal for San Francisco, company towns on the hills above, see the remains of the hotel boiler room, the generating plant, the ticket office (now a chicken house), the number 4 seam air shaft and wonder how all this activity took place in the present quiet, woody scene.

### NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2 plus B)

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 fine 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. 4 1/2 mile r.t.

### PRESTON TO LAKE ALICE ROAD (Class 2 A)

The someday-to-be trail-bikeway on the Preston Railroad is a "reality", that is to say, paved. A nice dry, wide, alrey, sunny (some days), scenic, almost level walk which is fine in winter, great for biking in summer. 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 walk the highway for a view and a bench stop over the Raging River as it enters a narrow forested canyon. A little over 7 miles round trip.

### POO POO POINT VIA MANY CREEK VALLEY (Class 3 B)

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

### RATTLESNAKE (Class 2 B)

This is a new way up for us to a lovely view of North Bend and Mount Si. Instead of the steep powerline route on 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.

### RATTLESNAKE LEDGE (Class 3 C)

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

### SE TO NW TRAVERSE OF SQUAK (Class 4 C)

This hike is not for the fainthearted, since the east slopes of Squak are the steepest on the mountain. A lot of this trip will be cross country, with lots of brush to contend with and game trails leading up and down deep gullies. Plan on a strenuous day, and boots are a must.

### SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2 B)

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 Mount Rainier.

### SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3 B)

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

### STEP BACK INTO HISTORY ON THE SEATTLE & WALLA WALLA R.R. (Class 3 B)

No railroad cars for this trip but a 7 mile plus walk from the Renton Park and Ride to Boeing Field along the railroad grade and the Duwamish River. The trip will be a one way car switch and probably pretty flat with time to stop and talk about the past. Black River Junction and the site of the defunct Earlington Golf Course will be pointed out. Some of this area remains as rural as when the only route to Snoqualmie Pass by way of Renton saw many Sunday drivers. In the 1860s the construction of a bridge over the Black River was the talk of the town.

### TAYLOR MOUNTAIN RIDGE (Class 3 C)

A gradual ascent of Taylor Mountain following old railroad grades to the west ridge and then hike as far east toward the summit as time permits. We will descend via the clearcut with a short stop at the old dynamite factory remains (an area known for an abundance of mushrooms in season).

### TIGER MOUNTAIN HI-LITER (Class 4 C)

This trip really will hit the hi-lites of West Tiger from the 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 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 - 8 hours. Maybe a flashlight would be handy.

### TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3 plus B)

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, and with open views from the slopes of Middle Tiger and West Tiger 2. The scenic spots along the way were named for the boys (men by now, no doubt!) who helped Bill Longwell build the trail. Time and many feet have trod here over the years.

### WALK ON THE WILD SIDE (OF COAL CREEK) (Class 2 B)

Imagine yourself in Hed Town in 1884 instead of 1984. Harvey will help you see back into those days of coal mining when the area you walk rivaled Seattle in size. The Ford Slope is still there and instead of the flooded entrance try and picture coal cars heading down into the mines. You'll pass three good sized holes, airshafts for the mines below. Heading toward the Ball Park from the main buildings (ghosts of course), you'll side trip to the steam hoist, the largest remaining artifact of the Newcastle Mines. Another side trip off the wild trail along Coal Creek will take you to the saw mill dam (moss covered concrete is still visible) and the old swimmin' hole. The Ball Park has a history too which Harvey can retell.

### WEST TIGER 1 VIA PRESTON TRAIL (Class 3 plus B)

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

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

This is usually called the "wipe out hike" but it hasn't wiped anyone out lately. From High Point along the new section of the Tiger Mountain Trail to the intersection with the West Tiger 1 trail you will climb steadily. After that it will begin to get steeper til you reach the summit of West Tiger 1. From there with ups and downs between the peaks it isn't too taxing. Take the Tradition Lake Trail back to High Point.

### WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 B)

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 aluminum forests. The climb is often done now via the north end of the Tiger Mountain Trail. Descending via either the Tradition Lake Trail or the Section Line Trail to the Caves is equally rewarding.

### WEST TIGER 3 VIA POO POO POINT AND THE CAVES (Class 3 plus C)

The first part climbs to Poo Poo Point steeply at some points, through Many Creek Valley on the R.R. grade, and then steeply up to West Tiger 3. Anyone who hasn't enjoyed the 360 degree view from here is missing one of the great alpine experiences of the Issaquah Alps.



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