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THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE

March 10, 1984

PRESIDENT'S (NINETEENTH) REPORT

A neat little dictum just came to my attention. During the last Jewish war against Rome, when the second fall of Jerusalem seemingly destroyed the nation for all time, the Rabbi Tarphor said, "You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."

This is not to imply a belief we are about to be overwhelmed, gasping and gurgling, under the burden of Swamp Things, but to explain, sort of, what keeps the militia slogging along. We can't run away. There's no place to go. This is the only world we've got.

(Incidentally, I've been chided by a friend for slandering the creatures who live in swamps of the real world. The term comes from a classic comic book, The Swamp Things, in whose pages masses of coagulated corruption rear up from black depths dripping filth and ooze and disgust people to death. I use it to describe not the denizens of Klondike Swamp, Coyote Swamp, Lame Bear Swamp, or Trog Swamp, but what I've seen slinking along Courthouse corridors, bumping bellies and whispering wetly in ears.)

Tiger Mountain State Forest: End of Phase One

A Chinese friend has informed me this is the Year of the Rat, and its proper number is 4682. (It's even later than you thought.) For what feels like most of those years, the Tiger Mountain State Forest Citizens Advisory Committee has been sitting. And sitting, and sitting... On March 7 it lept up screaming and dissolved into the fog and the filthy air.

In the final assessment, great credit must be given Harold Robertson, who chaired the committee and also represented the King County Executive. Without his patient, even-handed direction, the effort could have blown skyhigh a dozen different times. Additionally, though we scarcely can be expected to forget overnight the years when DNR treated us as the enemy, and thereby made us so, many DNR people came to the study in a spirit of helpful cooperation. The staffer assigned to the committee, Bob Rose, labored diligently throughout, and was almost unflinchingly cheerful when I expressed my opinion of him. —Opinions, since I had different ones over time, but in the end high, as it was at the start. However, so long as a person wears the DNR collar, he must be watched. Not necessarily suspiciously, but warily. The study effort confirmed what we knew to start with: There are some excellent people in the DNR. But some are merely tolerable and others don't score that well.

The Trails Club is not nourishing any grudges. When we bring up past episodes, it is in the spirit of reminding that those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it. We begin 1984 on Tiger Mountain with a tabula rasa. We shall watch with interest to see what is writ on it.

The Guidelines agreed upon by the Advisory Committee are substantially what the Trails Club set out to achieve. The importance of the educational resource is stressed above all. Historical preservation is emphasized. Pure water for domestic use and fisheries. Wildlife habitat and travel corridors. Closure of all roads except a selected few. Preservation of wetlands and significant ecosystems. Guarding the rights of adjacent property owners. On these matters there was essential unanimity. Three subjects were thoroughly debated:

Timber Management

The Trails Club goal, though often proclaimed by the ignorant and the mischief-makers to be a wilderness or a park or a wilderness park (some people have trouble keeping Tiger and Cougar apart), consistently has been for an urban tree farm. When it has been objected that no good definition exists, we have answered that making the definition — for the benefit of the entire Western Washington community — is what



SUNDAY JUNE 3

RETURN TO OLD NEWCASTLE

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The 1983 Event was the biggest thing to happen in Newcastle since the bunkers burned. Every coal miner in King County was there, and hikers, history buffs, local folks, and kids wanting to go for a ride in a stagecoach or wagon.

The 1984 Event will be bigger and better. These are some of the features:

Saturday, June 2

→ Warm up by taking a History Hike with Tim O'Brian along the route of the Seattle & Walla Walla Railroad. (See Hikes Schedule for details.)

Sunday

Start at 9 a.m. and continue all day.

→ History Tent -- a display of historical photographs, showing the Ford Slope, bunkers, sawmill, washhouse, railroad, Red Town, White Town, Rainbow Town, Pinn Town, Coal Creek Hotel, and people. From the closing of the company mines in 1931 back into the 19th century.

→ History Walks -- self-guiding history pamphlets take you along marked trails down the Seattle & Walla Walla past the bunkers, to the Ford Slope and sawmill, site of Red Town, the Ball Park, and a number of holes in the ground.

→ Nature Walks -- guided and unguided, on well-marked trails to Coal Creek Falls, Coal Creek Canyon, the Far Country, The Wilderness, Cave Hole Road, etc. Short, medium, and longer.

→ Wagon Rides -- Jack Price of Happy Trails and his fellow activists for the John Wayne Memorial Trail again will offer wagon rides and stagecoach rides, drawn by both draft horses (big!) and ponies (cute!) from Red Town to Coal Creek.

→ History People -- Fred Rounds, Mayor of Newcastle Hills (Cougar Mountain), will be on hand, and Milt Swanson, President of Newcastle Historical Society, and scores of their comrades from the mines, and the wives who combed the coal out of their hair.

→ Auto tour -- Pick up a self-guiding booklet at the History Tent and drive to Old Town, the cemetery, and the new Cougar Mountain View Park atop Anti-Aircraft Peak.

How to get there: Follow "Newcastle" signs from Coal Creek Parkway (via I-405) via Sparling Road, Coal Creek-Newcastle Road to the U Bend at Coal Creek.

Follow "Newcastle" signs from Newport Way (via I-90) via 164th-Lakemont (the same road) to the U Bend.



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PREZ MESSAGE CONT.

the State Forest is intended to do. We don't feel comfortable with "working forest in an urban environment," the DNR description. That's exactly what Weyerhaeuser was giving us when they logged Poo Poo Point and most of the virgin forests of Fifteenmile Creek, then unloading the stumps on the DNR.

It was to define an urban tree farm that we asked for a "laboratory area" on Tiger. It was a whole catalog of DNR mismanagements on Tiger that led us to ask for a "moratorium area," the super-sensitive sections on the north and west of the mountain where reckless actions could have catastrophic consequences, up to and including -- had the old Stinger Timber Sale gone through -- a blowout flood that might have wiped out much of Issaquah, thought by many of us not entirely desirable.

The public response -- heavily urging the moratorium-laboratory concept -- turned the tide on the committee. YOU POLKS DID IT!

Having gained our point, we readily abandoned the term, "moratorium," which was so abused at second-hand that some innocent folks took it as synonym for Bolshevik Revolution, in favor of "basin sequencing," in which management would proceed from the least sensitive basins to the most. Again, the intent was to keep the bulldozers from extending the West Side Road into Many Creek Basin and similarly rushing in where angels fear to tread.

When fears were expressed that certain basins would be totally clearcut while others were being let entirely alone, we were equally ready to adopt a more complex formula, but one that does the same thing, and with perhaps one or two dissenters, stands to be signed by the entire committee. (Perhaps more importantly, it has the approval of the King County Executive, under whose overview falls some 40% of the State Forest, as County trust lands.)

The result is, the committee proposes a GO SLOW AND EASY policy -- much STUDY before any ACTION. We believe that if DNR accepts this policy, the urban tree farm concept can be defined -- and thereby save the timber industry in the near-city lowlands.

Herbicide-Pesticide, for Timber

At one end of the spectrum was "We know what we're doing. Trust us." At the other, "Oi yay!" The committee focus on use of chemicals was enormously valuable. I believe the day is over when airplanes fly over Tiger poisoning the alder of Fifteenmile Creek, and also the birds, bees, and hikers there, and goats, banties, and children downstream.

There likely will be three alternatives, signed by several groups on the committee. However, the most liberal, "controlled use," is far more restrictive than has been the usual practice on Tiger. Many of us feel the weight of evidence favors "no use." However, the Trails Club position of "strictly controlled use" provides for due caution and an open mind. But we will not proceed on trust. We want cogent argument, proof.

Recreation

King County essentially ended this debate in 1977, when after listening carefully to residents of the Tiger Mountain area, it concluded the site was improper for ATV use and ORV use. Why the DNR kept the ball in the air all these years is one of those causes of continuing wariness -- because in the current context a high DNR official testified in favor of freedom of the wheels, and so did a mysterious state agency that purports to be in the business of "outdoor recreation" but in fact is operated by and for the motorcycle industry.

However, King County Executive reaffirmed the 1977 policy with added emphasis, and members of the King County Council have expressed individual support. As before, the vigor of Tiger residents was the crucial determinant. The Trails Club, The Mountaineers, the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, Washington Environmental Council, Audubon backed the residents.

Though there will be a second alternative, signed by two or three committee members (two were appointed specifically to represent motorcycles and four-wheelers), the prime alternative will confine all machines to specified roads, require noise control and speed limits, and highway-licensed vehicles driven by highway-licensed operators.

The DNR recently has actually begun an "awareness program," in which vehicle operators entering from Holder Gap are informed it is illegal to go off the roads.

The Future

1. March 21: Guidelines sent to committee members for final comment.
2. May 15: 1000 copies of complete guidelines published for any who wish them. A 4-page summary sent to everyone who received the Workbook or mailed in response or lives in Tiger vicinity.

YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT: When you receive guidelines or summary, write directly to the DNR, Enumclaw, Washington, and make any comment you feel called for.

July 15: Enumclaw office of DNR completes plan for Tiger Mountain State Forest, proceeds through Olympia review, and into publication.

January 1985: The DNR plan is published.

February 1985: What are those loud sounds heard rising from the Trails Club? Joy and praise? Or something else?

"You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."

Harvey Manning

P.S. We don't want you to suppose this has diminished to a one-ring circus. The Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park proceeds; nothing to report at this writing. The City of Bellevue is considering a plat that would wipe out the wildness of a halfmile of Coal Creek County Park. Also it is going to try to annex me, which they may or may not enjoy. A long-running lawsuit has some of the Swamp Things tied up in knots on the Great Green Plain. The Assault on Yellow Lake has commenced. Etcetera and etcetera and etcetera.

★ ★ MEETINGS ★ ★

All meetings are at Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue, a bit west of the stop-light in Eastgate at Newport and 150 th. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Thursday, April 26

Thursday, May 17

Thursday, June 21 - This is a tentative date. Call Connie Dow, 392-2190 to confirm.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

Harvey Manning, President	746-1017
Dave Kappler, Vice President	235-0741
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Jack Price	226-7848
Bill Longwell	255-1295
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To volunteer to serve on a committee, or for information about activities, call:

Hikes -- Debbie Turner	641-4646
Horse Routes -- Jack Price	226-7848
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Publicity -- Barbara Johnson	---

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors' meetings.

December 15, 1983

1. HM's letter to the Tiger Mountain Advisory Committee re Guidelines for Tiger Mountain State Forest. Discussed future of forest, friends and foes.
2. Cougar Mountain. King County has \$900,000 in budget for land on Cougar. Discussed plat of Terra Highlands and possible trail corridors.
3. Membership. The annual Alumni Letter will go out in January to bring back the "lost" members.
4. The Machine. The Hot Line phone will be working soon. It will be installed at the O'Brian's and Barb will record outgoing messages.
5. IATC Flyer. New flyer to be designed, a folder with picture or cartoon.
6. History book. Ralph Owen will call meeting soon to discuss history book to be published by IATC. Discussed publishing costs, grants, etc.
7. Books. To date we've sold 500 Flowers, 1300 Bedrocks, 1500 Cougar-Squak and 2000 Tiger.

January 25, 1984 - Annual Meeting followed by Board Meeting.

1. New Board Members. Debby Turner, Buzz Moore and Maryanne Tague Jones were unanimously elected to the Board, replacing Barbara Johnson, Larry Winter and Tom Mechler.
2. Hikes Committee. Debby Turner is new chairman, replacing Betty Culbert. Ed and Miriel Rosellus have made 90 signs for Cougar trails.
3. Alpiner. Computerized mailing list has cut the work involved by more than half.
4. Membership. We have 910 active memberships and have sent reminders to 400 of the "lost".
5. Horses. Jack Price takes 3000 people a year to Cougar for riding and breakfast, a major contribution to local tourism. Discussed possible Centennial project and status of John Wayne Trail.
6. Publicity. HM's new book, Washington Wilderness now available. Answering machine is functioning - Hot Line number is 328-0460. Barb Johnson has resigned as publicity chairman.
7. Squak Mountain. Mary Merker is working on soil types on Squak locating slippage areas.
8. Newcastle. Independent appraisers have been hired by King County to appraise land on which the \$900,000 will buy options. Results due in February.
9. Tax Status of IATC. Attorney Tom Lucas volunteered to help us change status so that people contributing to IATC could receive a tax deduction.
10. Tiger Mountain. HM reported on final meeting of Advisory Committee. Results of questionnaire overwhelmingly in our favor.
11. Club Officers. Unanimously elected were Harvey Manning, President, Dave Kappler, Vice President, Connie Dow, Secretary and Daria O'Brian, Treasurer.
12. Future Agenda. Hestnes, Yellow Lake, Sammamish Plateau. County Tower Ordinance. Issaquah and lawsuit against development of Pickering Farm.
13. Thieves. There is a thriving business in used saddles and tack on Cougar. Call Jack Price if you see anything suspicious.

February 16, 1984.

1. Membership. Our "Dear Alumnus" letter brought fifty renewals, some with contributions.
2. Treasury. Discussed budget for 1984. Expenses have been high because of last year's Return to Newcastle, printing Tiger Guides, new brochure, etc.
3. Legal. Tom Lucas is our new Chief Counsel and he will help us attain a Class 1 IRS status that will make deductible gifts of cash, property or services and dues in excess of Alpiner costs.
4. Bushwhackers' Group. George Jackman explained how 6-12 people get together for an hour or two of trail work and several hours of hiking. Two loops on Taylor are cleared.
5. Return to Newcastle II. We'll repeat last year's success, in June and plug for a National Historic District.
6. Cougar Mountain. Bellevue is trying to move in. Discussed current politics there.
7. Tiger Mountain State Forest. Citizens' committee guidelines will be mailed to 15,000 people who will then comment to DNR. Then DNR prepares plan and State Land Commissioner examines it. Unfortunately, mechanized folk are still active.



HIKES COMMITTEE: Debbie Turner (641-4646), 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), George Jackman (641-2895), and Dwight Riggs (271-8389 or 772-1666).

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

(see info. on new hike subclassifications on next page →)

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 comments.

SEE PAGE 17 FOR HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

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	TRADITION LAKE 12:30 pm Harvey Manning 746-1017 22	KERRISTON 9:30 am Ann Leber 746-3291 23	W. TIGER 1-2-3 9:30 am Bill Newnam 232-8993 24		Monthly Club Meet. Newport Way 7:30 PM Library I	FLOWER WALK ON SQUAK 6:00 pm Bill Longwell 255-1295 27		THE BOULDERS 12:30 pm Stan Unger 283-7823 28
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NEW HIKE CHAIRPERSON : DEBBIE TURNER
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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 gyped, or (2) get a bonus:

- (1) If you join on or before December 31, your membership comes up for renewal May 1 -- your \$5.00 annual dues may only last you four months.
- (2) If you join on or after January 1, your membership runs through May 1 of the next year -- your dues may last you up to 16 months.

*So if you joined before December 31, 1983, pay now. If you joined between January 1 and April 30, 1984, you're in the clear until May of 1985.

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 a lifetime membership
\$1,000.00 or more we'll rename the club for you

SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM IN BACK OF THE BOOK

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3C MIDDLE TIGER SUMMIT LOOP 8:30 am Mark Follett 937-2114	2C MAY CREEK HIKE "WILDFLOWERS" 12:30 am Steve Williams 232-8072	3B COUGAR MT. CAVES 9:30 am Ann Leber 746-3291		2B LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT 12:30 pm Al Bialock & Ed Bowser 747-3349	Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 pm NEWPORT WAY LIBRARY A		3C GRAND CANYON 15 MILE CREEK 8:30 am Stan Unger 283-7823	2+A KERRISTON 12:30 pm Tom Hammon 641-3408
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HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK VIA LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 3 C)

Anti-Aircraft Peak has been temporarily closed to us from the east but the resourceful Owens have built a new trail which starts at Lakemont Gorge and climbs steeply after crossing Peltola Creek, passing some lovely waterfalls and seemingly virgin fir. The county has improved the peak area with parking, picnic tables, and restrooms. A ranger is in residence in this park which we hope will be the central part of the larger regional park. The views of Lake Sammamish from here are smashing. Peggy feels this can be hiked in a half day but it is all uphill.

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2 B)

Though the beaver colony emigrated several years ago, they left behind 18 odd dams, some old and silted in and 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.

BOEING PARCOURSE (Class 1)

This walk is on a new exercise trail around part of the old 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. There are several picnic spots for lunch -- either the Phantom Lake public area to the north or the Spiritwood Park just east of the trail.

BUSHWHACKER'S HIKE (Class ?)

Bushwhackers are dedicated hikers who frequently organize to improve and/or maintain existing trails and to explore and establish new trails. They usually work no more than one or two hours on a preselected trail that needs maintenance and then hike on to another area for lunch; or, they literally whack, slash, and stomp their way over a new route towards an objective. The trail to be maintained or route to be explored is usually preselected by the leader from among those trails or routes reported to be in need of maintenance or are worth exploring. Bring work gloves, long sleeve shirts or blouses, plenty of water, lunch, and tools (hazel or grub hoes, pulaskis, bow saws with blade guards, pruning shears or loppers, and three-pronged cultivating rakes are the most useful tools -- machettes are not recommended). Call the leader for the trail or route classification.

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 CAVES (Class 3 B)

The famous Cougar Cave is the final destination of this hike, down in the Beautiful Bottom. But first you must get to the Wilderness via Clay Pit and down to Shy Bear Pass. Following the lovely trail along Wilderness Creek with waterfalls flowing along cedar forest you arrive at the site of the cave, created when these giant boulders fell from the Wilderness Cliffs above. After a picnic down here with the troglodytes and other little people among lush ferns and moss, it's a climb back to alder and sky and the Clay Pit road.

COUGAR LOOP (Class 3 B)

Following the Cave Hole Road from Red Town with possible side trips to some of the holes we ascend to the top of Anti-Aircraft Peak, now a county park. After crossing the Clay Pit Road the way is through alder forest very light and airy. A short climb to a spur road gives a wonderful view of Rainier on a clear day. Climbing steadily but gently on the path, Bill's route follows the northern side of the Klondike Swamp and to the saddle which connects one peak, Radio, to the park peak. The trip down follows either the Lost Beagle Trail and along the south of the Klondike or the ridge walk through a fir forest with evidence of giant ancestors lying about. Clay Pit is another stop and, if time permits, as we descend the Cave Hole Road, we might side trip to Coal Creek Falls.

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.

DELLA'S WAY (Class 2 B)

Ascend the West Taylor Mountain Trail (WTMT) approximately 3 miles to "Della's Way", a trail that branches off the WTMT onto an old railroad spur and then follows logging roads that meander through a large clearcut. Della's Way is considered to be the best wildflower hike in all of the Issaquah Alps, with trillium, wild geranium, bleeding heart, foxglove, fireweed, etc., etc. in abundance. You will see wildflowers that grow in partial shade before you descend into the clear-cut, and wildflowers that like full sun as you meander through the old clear-cut forest. In addition, there is a beautiful vista that overlooks Tiger Mountain and the Olympics where hikers usually stop for lunch. Please do not pick the flowers!

FLOWER WALK ON SQUAK (Class 2 B)

How about an evening walk to enjoy the spring bloom of flowers in good ole' daylight savings time. Not much walking -- lots of looking with the Squak Mt. ranger himself.

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.

GRAND TIGER TRAVERSE (Class 3 plus C)

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 Heinz Trail to Preston. A fantastic one way trip due to car switching. No steps retraced and lots of ground covered.

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 TMT called Mannings 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.

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 FROM HIGH POINT (Class 2 A)

Starting from High Point off I-90 avoids a climb up to the plateau but all the usual attractions are there to be enjoyed at the leader's choice. A view down to Issaquah is a must, with options including the 1000 year old big trees, the century old cedar puncheon used by oxen, hidden lakes, and the mysterious wrecked Greyhound bus.

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 1000 year 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 gentlepersonly exploring, brush bashing, and/or brush bashing.

MAY 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.

MIDDLE TIGER VIA (STILL MORE!) LOGGING R.R. GRADES (Class 3 plus B)

More leaders have been finding many different ways to do this so far un-antennuated alpine aerie and exhilarate over the extensive views to the S and W. Much opportunity to reconstruct the lives and limbs of oldtime loggers as we walk several miles of various logging railroad grades up, down, and around the aforealludedte alp and look for artifacts. A full day of perhaps 8 to 9 miles and 1500 foot gain or so.

NCRTE 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. 4½ mile r.t.

NORTHWEST RATTLESNAKE SUMMIT (Class 4 C)

The route up to the NW summit on Rattlesnake Mountain is a long one. However, the panoramic views west to the Olympics, north to Mt. Baker, and east to the Cascades and the Snoqualmie River Valley are spectacular and unequalled anywhere in the Issaquah Alps. On clear days expect plenty of sunshine and bring extra water. Both the route up to the NW summit and the ridge on top are exposed to the weather so this hike may be aborted if the clouds obscure the view or the weather is unreasonably harsh (The leader will usually lead an alternate hike in that event).

OLD NEWCASTLE TO NEW NEWCASTLE (Class 2 plus B)

Starting in Old Town where the Newcastle Coal Mines began in the late 1860s, the route follows the old abandoned Dunty Road and the Seattle and Walla Walla R.R. bed to the abandoned town of Coal Creek (New Newcastle) where the big company coal mines shut down in 1929.

PRECIPICE TRAIL EXPLORATORY (Class 4 C)

This route wraps around the north and east side of Cougar Mt. staying near the edge of the zone of steepness called the "Precipice" in the Cougar Mt. Guide. The route follows roughly that suggested in the "Guide to Trails of Cougar Mountain" but those who take this hike will soon find many features such as deep stream gorges not described in the guide. You can expect to travel the historic "Stage Coach Road" and sit on the Fantastic Erratic among other wonders to be seen.

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, airy, 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-Tooter 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.

SEATTLE HISTORIC HIKE (Class 2 B)

We meet under the pergola in Seattle's Pioneer Place. 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 Yesler 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 Lechi 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 Yesler, having traveled back 100 years in history. Approximate return 1 pm.

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 HI-LITER (Class 4 C)

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 Bullitt 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.

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.

WATERWORKS (Class 2 C)

A new trail system looping back and forth over the Issaquah Watershead allows 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 of the remaining trees. Dream of what it would have been like to walk here 150 years ago.

WEST TAYLOR MOUNTAIN TRAIL (WTMT) (Class 3 B)

The WTMT follows an old railroad grade up the western flank of Taylor Mountain to the west ridge (Approx. 2300' elevation) where there is a spectacular vista south to Mt. Rainier and the southern Cascades. From the west ridge vista the trail follows a logging road down to where it intersects with Della's way, meanders through the old clear-cut, re-enters the forest, and terminates at the old dynamite works. The WTMT offers a spectacular view with very little climbing. Hiking in deep green forest and in open sunny areas, you will see lots of wildflowers in spring and summer and a little history.

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 till 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 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.

WILD SIDE TRAIL (Class 2 B)

Imagine yourself in Red 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 ol' swimmin' hole. The Ball Park has a history too which Harvey can retell. The Wild Side Trail has been extended along Long Marsh to the Far Country Falls.

YAS-ER WALL (Class 3 B)

Here's an up-and-coming favorite hike on Tiger Mountain. We climb to the dizzy heights of the wall directly from the Hobart Road, leaving a car or two at the Issaquah High School so we can continue from the brink with its unique community of manzanita, poison oak, and other unusual species on to Poo Poo Point. We then descend through old fir forest to the woody road gently dropping to the power line four corners. A wonderful one way trip through many forest environments ranging from clearcuts to rainforests.

YELLOW LAKE (Class 2 A)

The wonderful wildlife refuge around Yellow Lake in the middle of the Hestness 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.



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Nature Center

P.O. 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 exit 47; at Island Crest Way 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 233-3545. For general information call 232-8072 (mealtimes).

CRAWLIE CREATURES

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1:30-3pm

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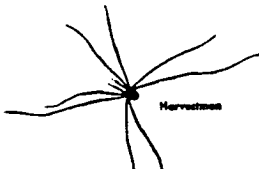
(Pre-registration required; maximum of ten per session; ages 4-6 on Saturday, April 21st; ages 7-10 on Sunday May 6th). Come and meet Burbank's six-legged crawlers and eight-eyed creepers in a fun and non-threatening way. Learn how to identify insects and arachnids, and find out where they fit in the chain of life. This is a naturewalk for children complete with observation, games and take-home crafts.



SPIDERS



MILLIPEDES



Harvestman



BEETLES

ETHNOBOTANY

5/12 Sa. 9:30-12am LBP B. Russell no fee
(Pre-registration required; ages 12 and up, maximum of 7). The Indians of this area depended heavily upon the local plants to supply their daily needs. Discover Indian super glue and the plant that it comes from! As we walk along we will discuss gathering procedures, preparation, and Indian uses of the vegetation found at Luther Burbank Park.

GROW A BUTTERFLY!

6/2 Sa. 10-11:30am CCMV A. Watkins \$5.00
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 20, children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult). This class should be especially fun for families with children. Each paid registrant will receive a butterfly rearing kit complete with live caterpillars to take home and raise for release as they turn into adult Painted Lady Butterflies. Members of the Butterfly Gardening Project will explain the insect's life cycle, and show us how to care for our temporary pets. We will also learn about the 25 other Puget Sound butterfly species and what kind of plants we can put in our gardens to attract them.

HISTORY WALK

3/31 Sa. 1:30-3pm LBP S. Williams no fee
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 20). Did you ever wonder about where the Burbank Poplar trees came from; or why there is a smoke stack at the boat dock; or where those mysterious sidewalks were really going? We will consult old photographs, maps, and original blueprints to piece together the history of the park as we stand next to those very same touchstones with the past. (Please wear boots - some sections of the walk may still be wet and muddy).

NIGHT WALK - OWLS, BEAVERS AND BIRDS

4/18 We. 7-9:00pm LBP B. Russell no fee
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 7). There are 48 species of birds; three barn owls (that we know of); and at least one beaver at Luther Burbank Park. Join us as we call out the owls and learn about the other shy nocturnal creatures in the park.

SPRING BIRD WALKS

4/14, 5/5 Sa. 9-10:30am LBP S. Snyder no fee
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 20). Get up with the birds and join us in welcoming in the new arrivals. Spring's reverse migration should bring us swallows, goldfinches and other song-birds. Several of the Red-winged Blackbirds are already here!

TREES IN SPRING

4/28(Sa.), 6/3(Su.) 1:30-3pm LBP M. Jackson-Stewart no fee
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 15). This walk is for tree and shrub lovers. Come and get acquainted with the green residents of the park through sight, touch, smell, and comparison shopping! It may still be wet and muddy in some sections of the walk - please wear boots.

WILDERNESS HIKES

4/8, 5/13, 6/17 Su. 12-4:30pm LBP S. Williams no fee
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 15). These are half-day hikes through the undeveloped wildlands of Coal Creek and May Creek county parks. You can expect lush new growth, hopefully lots of wildflowers, and your choice of clambering over log jams or splashing through the creek. April 8th is the Geology hike, featuring fossil shells, coal mines, brick plants and cinder digs. Some nettles and mud amongst the wonders - please wear long pants and waterproof boots. (Co-sponsored with the Issaquah Alps Trails Club - 328-0480).

ON-GOING PROJECTS: We welcome your interest and help with history research, the herbarium collection, trail maintenance, mailings, files or what-have-you. Call 232-9072 to find out how you can get involved.



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This is a new membership This is a renewal

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Membership applications are accepted anytime during the year with a uniform renewal date of May 1. Applications received after January 1 will apply to membership through April of the following year.