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THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE
June 10, 1984

PRESIDENT'S (TWENTIETH) REPORT

Twentieth? Has it been that long since the Day of Three Lightning Storms, when a band of the faithful atop Long View Peak decided, between outbursts of dunder and blitzen, to organize a club?

Much has happened hereabouts since May of 1979. A lot has happened since my last report.

WHOOPEE

Return to Newcastle II

HURRAH !

We've described 1983's Return I as "the biggest thing to happen in Newcastle since the bunkers burned," and that's a (historical) fact. Estimates of attendance range from 500-1000. The History Tent was thronged, and the trails to historic sites. King County Executive Randy Revelle used the occasion to sign the Newcastle Plan ordinance passed by the King County Council, and to announce the beginnings of his staff's efforts on behalf of the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

--Well, had we known the future, we'd have told folks, "Stick around, you ain't seen nothin' yet." To start with the bottom line, we had several independent crowd estimators on hand, and they have agreed on a figure of 2500! Also on the bottom line, Executive Revelle, after congratulating us on devising a way to "hold his feet in the fire," announced that the first parcel of park land, the historic Seattle & Walla Walla railroad from the mine yards, a mile downstream, had newly been acquired, and several more parcels were in negotiation for acquisition in 1984. Councilman Bruce Laing, also addressing the group, advised us not to relax, but to keep on doing what we're doing, because park funds are limited and park needs many, and government listens to those who speak, not those who merely dream. Councilperson Cynthia Sullivan brought her family to tour the History Tent and trails. Other people in government were amid the 2500, learning that "history sells."

As for the months leading to the bottom line, many events in that period of planning and preparation were in their ways more interesting than The Event on June 3. None more so than the Big Top.

Early on, finding last year's tent unavailable and rental fees exorbitant, I asked Dick Brooks if he'd take on the project of rigging a "simple, cheap tarp." In our mountain years together, he and I had slept hundreds of nights under simple, cheap tarps. Some, large enough to shelter as many as two adults and four children and two dogs, we'd called "cirous tents." However, none had faced the challenge of sheltering the Owen History Show and hundreds (in the event, thousands) of viewers. Suffice to say that in my opinion if tarp rigging were an Olympic event, Dick would win hands down, even if the Russians and East Germans were there.

Some notion of what Dick had in mind sunk in on the Sunday he and I and Dave Kappler held a logging show (with DNR permit) on Tiger Mountain's West Side Road. Friday, June 1, I felt my mind boggling as Dick and a helper, with a rented gas-powered augur, spent hours drilling holes through a layer of gravel pounded down by a century of trucks, wagons, horses, feet. There was a period Saturday morning, when the poles had been installed in the holes, rafters strung, ropes rigged, yet the tarp (previously grommeted by Dick and rolled and folded in an intricate arrangement) was a black lump held up by the outstretched arms of a former UW basketball center standing top-high on a rickety ladder, a dozen of the faithful around on the ground -- and I was standing well back from involvement in the probable disaster, taking pictures for the record. The press was sure to want pictures. Our legal counsel (who was within the scope of the disaster, had it happened) also might want pictures. But except for one small accident ("Is it there? Is it still there?" cried the victim, briefly dazed, feeling around the front of his face to find his nose) the Big Top was completed, and it's a pity there weren't more small children around to tell their grandchildren, far into the Twenty-First Century, "I was there. I saw it go up!"

The law has not come to Tiger Mountain. Two recent Sundays spent on Tiger roads confirmed that not only have the hikers and horses disappeared from the roads, but also the family automobilists out for views and picnics. The unlicensed, unmuffled, unlimited two-wheelers and three-wheelers and four-wheelers not only make it unpleasant to be on or near the roads, but many of them actually harass and strive to intimidate those drivers of highway vehicles who drive at a reasonable speed.

Unless the DNR takes steps this summer to bring civility and law to Tiger, great support will be added to the demands of those local residents who want to see all Tiger roads closed to all vehicles. If regulation is not possible, a total ban is the only answer.

Is "Tiger Mountain State Forest" to be a synonym for Hell on Earth?

Harvey Manning

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7. Tiger Mountain. Discussed need for a "Neighbors Council" to keep watch on state forest.
8. Return to Newcastle. Personal invitations, press releases, fact sheets, fliers have been sent out. Press conference is being arranged. Site is graded, food will be sold - crepes, coal candy, lemonade, cookies. Space will be provided for Historical Societies. Everything seems in hand.



HIKES COMMITTEE: Betty Manning (746-1017), Chairman; Russ Williams (392-5989), in charge of Saturday Hikes; Mike Hyman (392--901), 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). Debbie Turner (611-4446)

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.

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.

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 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 COUNTY PARK FROM HWY 900 (Class 3)

A horse route up the East side of Cougar Mountain has opened to us due to the courtesy of the owner of the stables we pass. As long as we don't feed the horses we can follow their route up the eastern side of the Mountain to the summit at Anti-aircraft Peak which is now a County Park. We'll walk directly to the trailhead from the park and ride. A side trip to the Fantastic Erratic might be included on the way down if time permits.

Equally awesome was his site preparation. Supervised by Fred Rounds of Palmer Coking Coal Company, our host for The Event. Supervised by Fred Rounds (His Honor, The Mayor), Dutch and Arthur and a couple others maneuvered massive machinery, dumped cinders, cleared away hellberry thickets -- and uncovered the serendipity, a cave hole into the No. Three seam, located exactly at the edge of the Big Top!

Saturday was a fun day at The Site. Enough of us were there to erect the Big Top and do the raking and rock-picking, and put up signs and flag trails, so there was plenty of work to do, but no feeling of panic. Saturday was a fun night, what with the Site Guard holding a wessie and marshmallow roast. Sleeping under the Big Top was a fantastic experience in itself. The spatters of rain sounded like a cannonade. The sighs of wind seemed about to lift the Big Top on a flight to Os.

And then, Sunday... 2500 people. Three TV crews, at least four newspapers, two or more radio stations. Building on last year's experience, this year the publicity was outstanding. Thanks to the PA system donated by Evan Morris, we were able to shout out the announcements of guided hikes, and our leaders took some 400 folks down the Seattle & Walla Walla, up to the Ford Slope, or onward to Coal Creek Falls. (Not to forget Saturday's history hike in Seattle, from the Skid Road to Lake Washington which Tim O'Brian, next year, plans to call "Yukon Gold to Newcastle Coal.") Supported by the grant from Recreational Equipment, we were able to give away the self-guiding history leaflets -- twice as many as last year -- and we ran out of stock in mid-afternoon -- who could have predicted 2500? (About 1000 went out on the trails!)

We had music! Marianne Bagley recruited oldtime country music, live, and when the fiddlers and pickers left, Evan ran tapes on his PA, and there was dancing in the street of old Coal Creek. Personally, I had two fantastic crepes from the Crepe People who all day filled the History Tent with terrific aromas, and washed them down with lemonade from Pam Lee's Campfire Girls, and had a couple cookies baked by our club members.

--And of course, before the crowds arrived, I toured the history photos and maps arranged by Ralph and Peggy Owen and associates, and the artifacts explained by Milt Swanson of the Newcastle Historical Society, and the Renton Historical display, and I also attended the Hospitality Center run by Fred and Evan.

Monday, still dazed, I stopped by the Site to pick up some of our signs, and walk some of the trails, to see the imprint of a couple thousand feet. --Had it been all a dream? Was there truly here, on this spot, the structure that was the Eighth Wonder of the Issaquah Alps? Were there actually 2500 people studying the history, enjoying the wildland, learning about the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park and the Coal Country Historic District?

See you all at Return III. Randy Revelle already is making notes for his Announcements Speech. He says his feet are still very hot.



The Law is Coming to Squak Mountain!



Under terms of the Bullitt Family gift of the Squak Mountain State Park, there is to be absolutely zero motorized activity on the land. However, in the absence of State Parks personnel and funds, the local ATV-ORV scofflaws have intensified flagrant violations. They have physically threatened hikers who chided them. They even, in the guise of a "citizen activist" organization, have demanded that Squak be "opened up" to them.

--Well, State Parks has made a new commitment. Don Simmons, manager of Lake Sammamish and Squak Mountain State Parks, has sought funds from Olympia to bring the law to Squak, and he has promised "a world of trouble" to anyone caught breaking the law.

Put this phone number on your list: 455-7010.

The signs and blockades soon to be erected will make it perfectly clear what the law is. No more excuses will hold, about "I didn't know! Everybody else does it!" When you, the legal citizen-pedestrian, see a violator, tell the person he/she is in violation, and that you are reporting it to -- 455-7010.

If the miscreant(s) is/are too spooky, take down any vehicle numbers, jot down physical descriptions, and call -- 455-7010. Though chances of catching a violator in the act may be small, you can help build a dossier that ultimately will bring conviction.

***** VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THESE JOBS -- CALL HARVEY, 746-1017

★ ★ MEETINGS ★ ★

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

Thursday, July 19

Thursday, August 16

Thursday, September 20 - This is a tentative date. Call Donnie Dow, 392-2190 to confirm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors' meetings.

March 15, 1983

1. Legal. Tom Lucas distributed copies of amended and restated articles of incorporation. We will review these and Tom will then proceed to IRS.
2. Fliers and Bumperstickers. Bumperstickers will be reprinted. Board approved new flier and will print 1000 copies.
3. John Wayne Trail. The 25 miles from Easton to first tunnel is open trail. DNR use permit required for the remainder. Discussed opening this up.
4. Tiger Mountain State Forest. Report on Citizens Advisory Committee reflects IATC information and thinking on history preservation, trails, timber management, recreation and herbicide use. DNR has yet to clear the plan.
5. Cougar Mountain. Discussed purchases to be made with the County's \$931,000 this year. Also discussed developments by Wick Homes and others on Cougar.
6. Return to Newcastle. Dave Kappler posted his Assignments Chart and many assignments were made. Hike leaders to be recruited on the spot, Campfire Girls will sell lemonade, publicity and printing need attention.

April 26, 1984

1. Squak Mountain. Don Simmons, Manager of Squak Mt. and Lake Sammamish State Parks came to discuss official policies and problems with motorbikes and ORVs and possible solutions and how the Trails Club can help.
2. Aimee See. IATC will consider naming a trail for Aimee See, former member who was murdered in Phoenix this year.
3. Articles of Incorporation. Discussed permissible levels of political activity under new articles and bylaws, what we can and can't do in the political arena.

May 17, 1984

1. Mountain Bikes. We need to reflect on this new trail user on Tiger before forming an official opinion on it.
2. WEC Membership. IATC decided to renew membership in the Washington Environmental Council.
3. Newcastle History Book. Committee organized under Ralph Owen. HM to check into possible funding help from King Co. Office of Historic Preservation.
4. Squak Mountain. License numbers of offenders have been turned over to Don Simmons at the State Park. Signs and barriers will be installed soon.
5. Shooting. King County Council is considering ordinance to ban shooting in county jurisdictions, notably off Marymoor & Lake Sammamish Parks. HM will write letter endorsing this.
6. Lake Sammamish Basin. METRO presented slide program on drainage in the Sammamish Basin. Ruth Kees and Bob Copernoll to lead new group, "Friends of Sammamish Basin".

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 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.

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.

COUGAR KING (Class 2)

The hike explores the centerpiece of our proposed Cougar Mountain region. 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 surprises in store.

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.

A side trip to Far Country Look-out might include a view of Mount Rainier on a sunny day.

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!

EAST FORK OF ISSAQUAH CREEK (Class 2A)

From beautiful downtown Issaquah we cross the East Fork Issaquah creek to the railroad grade and then on along that pleasant route for as long as you like. There might be side trip to an overlook of the plain and a visit to the Big Erratic.

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.

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, the 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.

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8	828 LAKE ALCIE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA Ann Leber 746-3291 12:30pm	9	1028 WEST TIGER 2 & 3 Bill Newnam 232-8993 9:30am	1128 DELLA'S WAY Connie Dow 392-2190 9:30am	122 EVENING ON COUGAR Dave Kappler 235-0741 6:30pm	13	1428 GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK Ursula & Leonard Eisenberg 392-4934 8:30am	14
15	1528 LAKEMONT GORGE Buzz Moore 746-1860 12:30pm	16	17	1828 TIMBERLAKE PARK Nancy England w/4 year old 641-8925 10:30am ***NOTE TIME	1938 POO POO POINT & MAY CREEK VALLEY Laurene McLane 39200204 9:30 am *monthly club meeting 7:30pm	20	2138 WEST TIGER 1 Kate & Bob Gross 329-8242 8:30am	21
2238 WEST TIGER MTN TRAIL George Jackman 641-2895 8:30am	2328 EAST FORK OF ISSA. CREEK Roger Johnson 746-3291 12:30pm	23	2428 LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT Ed Bouser 747-3349 & Al Blalock 746-4155 9:30am	25	262 EVENING HIKE AT LAKE TRADITION Tom Mechler 255-0922 6:30pm	2728 WEST TIGER 3 Russ Williams 392-5989 9:30am	28	2828 FAR COUNTRY LOOKOUT & DE LEO'S WALL Ann Leber 746-3291 12:30pm
2934 MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK Doug Harro 392-8312 8:30am	29	30	3128 SOUTH TIGER VISTA Connie Dow 392-2190 9:30am	Reminder for Hikers 344- Search + Rescue # 4080 z 4 h r s				

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YAH-ER WALL A.J. Culyer 392-3092 8:30am		LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA Peggy Owen 746-107 9:30am		TIGER MTN TRAIL Laurene McLane 392-0204 9:30am		EVENING HIKE AT LAKE TRADITION Tom Mechler 255-0922 6:30pm	WEST TIGER 2 LOOP Ursula & Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034 8:30am	
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	COAL CREEK Dave Kappler 235-0741 12:30pm		RATTLESNAKE LEDGE Bill Newnam 232-8993 9:30am	NORTH END OF TMT LOOP Mary Cadigan 641-4046 9:30am				

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September

SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.	
		<u>Don't Forget SALMON DAYS</u> <u>October 6-7</u>						1	1 12:30pm LAKEMONT GORGE Tim O'Brien 324-1609 12:30pm
2 (A) COUGAR RING Ralph Owen 746-1079 8:30am	2	3 (2B) *** LA BORDAY HIKE*** DE LEO'S HALL Harvey Manning 747-1017 12:30pm	4	5	6	7 (3) COUGAR MT COUNTY PARK FROM HWY 900 Betty Culbert 641-6451 9:30am	8 (3B) WEST TAYLOR MTN TRAIL George Jackman 641-2895 8:30am	8	
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16 (3B) MIDDLE TIGER Jerry Wheeler 242-9636 8:30am	16	17	18 (2B) RATTLESNAKE Al Blalock 746-4155 & Ed Bouser 747-3349 9:30am	19	20 *Monthly club meeting 7:30pm ☆ Newport Way library (tentative- call Connté Dow, 392-2190)	21 (3+C) MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK Ursula & Leonard Eisenberg 392-4034 9:30am	22	22 (2B) PRESTON TO ISSAQUAH 8111 Longwell 255-1295 12:30pm	
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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.

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 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, companies 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, woodsy 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.

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.

POO POO POINT VIA MANY CREEK VALLEY (Class 3 B)
A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a hang glide down into Issaquah V. 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.

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 3/CITY LIGHTS/FIREWORKS SPECIAL CAMPOUT (Class 3 B)

For those of you who don't know our leader, a campout means a tarp, a bag of sandwiches, and some water. Others might like to have more of the amenities such as a tent and stove (no wood fires please). The pace up will be leisurely with plenty of time to take in all the sights and sounds. When darkness falls, just hope a cloud doesn't fall too and wipe out all the views. Each year is different, and each year the regulars keep coming back. The display of fireworks and heaven's glories or an old timer's yarns, what's the drawing card?

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.

YAH-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.

A note of thanks to Shirley Lindahl and Renton hikers who cut alder and cleared trail for South Tiger Vista.



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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 #7; 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 CCMY 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.)

SUMMER QUARTER CLASSES - For classes that require registration, call 233-3343. For general information call 232-8072.

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

7/21 Sa. 11:00-12am LBP R. Schweinhart \$2.00
(Pre-registration required; ages 4 to 6, maximum of 10). Come and discover the world of birds. We will play games, build our own nests, and use crafts and creative movement to find out what it would be like to be a bird!



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

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

PRESTON TO ISSAQUAH VIA THE POWERLINE (Class 2 B)

This is a delightful one way hike with a car switch. Traversing the lower slopes of Tiger Mountain you follow the powerline up and down past some meadows, old farms, and Longwell Falls, just named for the leader who brought us this hike and built the Tiger Mountain Trail, the northern end of which we enjoy as we reach High Point. Passing Lake Tradition, we descend into Issaquah at Sunset (the street, not the time of day!) and our cars.

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.

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 CHYBINSKI TRAIL (Class 2 C)

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

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.

TIMBERLAKE PARK (Class 1)

This newly opened King County Park along the shore of Lake Sammamish makes a lovely stroll on a hot summer day. There are picnic tables scattered through the dark woods as well as lake side. The kids will love this spot.

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 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.

(Pre-registration required; maximum of 15). Join us for an evening of relaxation and stories as we observe the changes from day to night at the park. What things go 'bump in the night'? Where do they live and what do they eat? Bring a flashlight, good walking shoes and binoculars if you have them.

GROW A BUTTERFLY

7/7 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 rearing kit with live caterpillars to take home and raise for release when they turn into adult Painted Lady Butterflies. There will be an explanation of the butterfly's life cycle; what kinds of plants and flowers will attract the 27 species of Puget Sound butterflies to your garden; and what things you need to do to care for your temporary pets.



HISTORY OF A PEBBLE

6/16 Sa. 10:30-12am LBP M. Pistrang no fee
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 15). Mary Pistrang, a former U.S.G.S. geologist, will help us reconstruct the 'life and times' of pebbles that we find at Luther Burbank Park. With the telling of each life history, much is revealed about the geological forces and processes that created our entire region.

INSECTS FOR CHILDREN

8/19 Su. 9:30-11am LBP L. Snyder \$2.00
(Pre-registration required; ages 6 to 10, maximum of 10). Come and discover the miniature world of six-legged creatures and where they fit in the web of life. If you were a bug, what would your life be like, and what in the world would you eat for lunch?

SUMMER BIRDWALK

8/18 Sa. 9-11:00am LBP S. Snyder no fee
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 20). Birding for beginners and experts alike. Bring binoculars and guidebooks if you have them. This walk will be a real challenge since August is a time of molting and hiding for many birds. However, our park list now includes more than 100 different species, so join us to see how many we can find on a 'pleasant morning's stroll.'

TREE GAMES

8/25 ~~su~~ Sa. 10-11:30am LBP M. Jackson-Stewart no fee
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 15). Did you ever take a tree's fingerprint, or discover its identity by smell or silhouette alone? We will wander the park, making bark and leaf prints, meeting tree cousins and relatives, and learning a bit about how one tree can be 'home' to hundreds of creatures and still provide half of the annual oxygen supply that you couldn't live without!

'UNDEVELOPED' BURBANK

7/22 Su. 9am-12noon LBP S. Williams no fee
(Pre-registration required; maximum of 20). A full morning's walk through the 'secret' undeveloped 13 acres of Luther Burbank Park which lie south of the I-90 freeway. Among the I-90 promises is a land bridge to connect the two park sections; we will pioneer the route, search for an ancient water system that supplied lower Burbank, and discover an almost pristine rain forest in the process. Undeveloped in this case certainly doesn't mean unworthy of being preserved just as it is!

WILDERNESS HIKES

7/1, 8/19, 9/9 Su. 12-4:30pm LBP S. Williams no fee
These are half-day hikes through the undeveloped wildlands of Coal Creek and May Creek county parks. You can expect lush summer growth, occasional signs of wildlife and flowers, and your choice of clambering over log jams or splash-ing through the creek. September 9th is the Geology Hike, featuring fossil shells, coal mines, brick plants and cinder dugs. (Some nettles and mud - please wear long pants and waterproof boots). Co-sponsored with the Issaquah Alps Trails Club - 328-0480.

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Hike Leader Other Concerns

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