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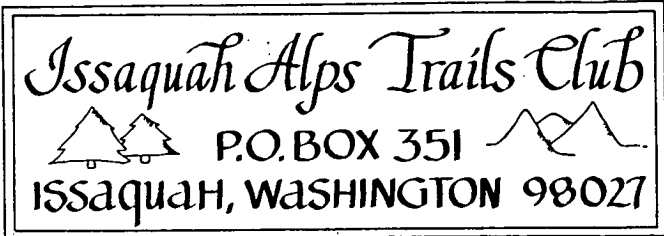
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January 17 - Annual Meeting

March 9 - Potluck Supper
(for details see inside * y'all come!)

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The Issaquah Alpiner

December 10, 1984

President's (twenty-second) Report

"Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park is starting to exist"

The evening of January 22, 1980, Barbara Johnson and I, as vice-president and president of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club, scarcely half a year old, formally presented to the Newcastle Citizens Committee the club proposal for a Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland (this word was inserted in the name later) Park. The committee enthusiastically adopted the proposal as the core of the Cougar Mountain Sub-Area of the Newcastle Community Plan.

This acceptance by an official (if advisory) arm of King County government brought in the professional staff work of King County's Planning and Community Development Department, and its Parks Department, which published a handsome brochure and produced an evocative slide show and undertook extensive field work and research. Further, it made the presentation to the PRO PARKS Citizens Committee which led it to place the park at the top of its county-wide list; though the bond issue failed, due to a miseries of the economic system, Cougar Mountain and the bond issue actually attained a majority in those areas where Cougar Mountain was best-known, so that this defeat in the fall of 1983 was far from a total loss.

Meanwhile, on a foggy October day in 1981 a press conference was held atop Cougar Mountain by a candidate for the post of King County Executive, Randy Revelle, who had come to announce that the park was among his topmost goals, if elected. To the amazement of just about everyone except himself, he was, in one of those "upsets" that keep professional pollsters awake at night.

In the spring of 1983 Executive Revelle vetoed the Newcastle Community Plan adopted by the County Council, containing certain provisions dangerous to the park, then negotiated a compromise. On June 5, 1983, at our Return to Newcastle I extravaganza, he signed the ordinance that made the park officially a policy of the county.

With this the creation of the park commenced. Executive Revelle gave the full-speed-ahead signal to King County Parks and the several companion departments whose aid was required and appointed a high-level Cougar Mountain Land Acquisition Committee, which maintained close liaison with the County Council, especially through the councilperson representing Cougar Mountain, Bruce Laing, and the council president, Gary Grant. The council was warmly supportive, voting funds for the project as requested.

On June 3, 1984, at Return to Newcastle II, Executive Revelle outlined future plans -- and announced the first acquisition -- not, it's true, in the park proper, but in the equally urgently wanted extension upstream of Coal Creek County Park to the terminus of the old Seattle & Walla Walla Railroad, there to connect with the larger park-to-be.

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Annual Meeting

Wednesday January 17 7:30 p.m.

Newport-Way-Library

Special Attraction:

"A Surface Water Management Utility will help us beat wet feet"

Many of us have had our yards, house foundations, and private driveways ravaged by the floods loosed somewhere up the slope where the bulldozers seem to operate most freely during typhoons, the developers shrugging and saying, "Let the downstream beware."

More of us have seen our tumbling creeks converted to gravel washes, our salmon-spawning streams diverted into shopping-center culverts. ("How long, O Lord?")

Martha Bean, Project Manager of the King County Surface Water Management Utility, will with words and slides explain to us the King County proposals. In 1975 the King County Council began requiring new development to include ponds and underground tanks for drainage.

Do you think these procedures have done the job? Do the fish think so? The birds? A King County Utility for developing parts of the county is the solution suggested, and for us to examine.

Elections ~ Annual Report ~ Tea and Cookies

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

Holdovers, terms expiring in 1985

Bill Longwell
Dave Kappler
Jack Price

Holdovers, terms expiring in 1986

Maryanne Tagny Jones
Buz Moore

Nominated for term expiring in 1986

Betty Manning

Nominated for terms expiring in 1987

Ralph Owen
Marianne Bagley
George Jackman

Further nominations will be requested from the floor, and the vote taken. Club officer will then be elected by the board.

Officers then will review events of the past year, and open the meeting to questions and general discussion.

An early adjournment is planned in order to socialize a bit, drink coffee and tea (hot water provided), and munch such cookies as benefactors may bring.

President's Report Continued...

Since then events have been moving apace:

1. Most of Wilderness Creek, from Highway 900 to Shy Bear Pass, has been acquired, the remainder apparently near closure.
2. The 240 acres in The Wilderness held by the state Department of Natural Resources, were -- at a press conference jointly held by Executive Revelle and State Land Commissioner Brian Boyle -- announced to be in process of exchange.
3. Negotiations are in progress for the 80 acres in The Wilderness that constitute, with the DNR 240, a half-section unit.
4. King County and Burlington-Northern are preparing to open negotiations for land trades involving the full section containing both Wilderness Peak and Clay Pit Peak and the large portion of a section containing Marshall's Hill.
5. In addition to providing other sums, the County Council has approved the issuance of councilmanic bonds (no public vote required) that include \$5,500,000 for further purchases -- these in the heart of the park, from the Ford Slope-Red Town area through the Far Country, up the Military Road toward Radio Peak, and the High Basins of Klondike Swamp, Coyote Swamp, and the Backdoor Trail to Clay Pit Peak. Negotiations are in progress.

With all this, the park is not yet. Many a slip twixt cup and lip... Further, the present plan is temporarily stalled by the landowners in two other crucial spots -- and the present plan does not encompass Lane Bear Swamp and Anti-Aircraft Ridge nor the headwaters of China Creek nor several smaller tracts the Trails Club plan includes. --However, the policy of the county is that this shall be "a park of opportunity," meaning that the boundaries are not necessarily eternal but may be adjusted as the chances arise, and the need.

Enough for now. I believe I'll skip Cougar entirely in my next report -- and save up the news for June -- Return to Newcastle III. County Executive Randy Revelle will be there to report, and Bruce Laing and (we hope) all the other members of the County Council.

--See you at the Big Top.

"General Development Guide Needs You - Call Your Councilperson"

Another matter at the top of the King County agenda, affecting the entire non-incorporated county (and by the effects, the incorporated areas as well), and its future, is the proposed new General Development Guide that would put in official black and white a policy on use of presently "undeveloped" lands.

The ramifications are beyond the limits of our space here, and many are beyond the purview of the Trails Club as an organization -- though not, of course, of individual citizens. However, because our club concerns are directly involved in important respects, the Board of Directors has formally voted to endorse the General Development Guide as submitted to the County Council by Executive Revelle. To cite but one example of the provisions, by stipulating that commercial timberlands could not be willy nilly converted to subdivisions at the sole option of the owner, the forest industry could continue to have a firm base in the lowlands -- such as on Tiger Mountain, Taylor Mountain, and Rattlesnake Mountain.

This action, together with the Farmlands Preservation Program that the Executive and Council are pursuing, would give the county certain green and productive heartlands, safe from paving. (We could only wish the Issaquah Plain, what's left of it green, and May Valley, might be kept for, or restored to, the cows and the horses and the cornfields.)

I would urge each of you to familiarize yourself with provisions of the Guide, both that put forward by the Executive and the several alternatives in the Council, and call your Councilperson to express your views.

(If you cannot make direct contact with your Councilperson -- they are very busy folk -- you can ask to leave a message, succinct and heartfelt. Say, for example, "I will not rest content until every acre of King County is blacktopped." Or, "I want to see farmlands and forest lands protected from conversion to other uses, and I want to see a future in which the county continues to offer a number of alternative lifestyles -- not merely those favored by land-developers.")

The phone numbers of Councilpersons are listed in the blue pages. Their staff aides will courteously take your message and see that it is taken into account. Do it today. Time's a-wastin'.

"Salmagundi"

The Newcastle Historical Society celebrated its fifth year last November, totting up (in addition to co-sponsorship of "Return to Newcastle I and II") this record of accomplishment:

1. Baima House (Company House #75) on the National and State Historic Registers
2. Newcastle Cemetery on the State Historic Register, the site improved by work parties, and given recognition by adjoining land-developer
3. Thomas Rolise Road designated a Community Landmark
4. Beck-Wilson (Mannering) house in Coalfield, a log house dating to the 1890s and used at times as bunkhouse for mining and logging companies, designated a County Landmark

The society is working now toward designation for the pre-1878 barge-loading counterbalance railway which lowered Newcastle coal to Lake Washington.

It's our close-working partner organization, and a lively group. To join send \$5 annual dues to Juanita Wilkinson, 1162 Shelton Ave. NE, Renton WA 98056

Lake Sammamish State Park was up for grabs November 16, at the meeting of the State Parks Commission. The City of Issaquah spoke for use of the park for playfields it needs and a replacement for the Issaquah Skyport it has condemned to death. For the Trails Club I testified that the choice between playfield space and shopping centers was the city's decision, and the people of the state cannot be made the victims, yielding up their parkland for city purposes; and that though the Issaquah Alps bless us with many miles of splendid up-and-down wildland trails, they have few miles of level, easy paths suitable for the very young, very old, and handicapped, and that most of these miles are in the portions of Lake Sammamish State Park that would be converted to a mass violence incompatible with quiet, contemplative walking amid the flowers and birds. The Commission split its ballot: NO on the relocated Skyport (so far as walkers and birds are concerned, the lesser of the evils), and YES on 80 acres of games. --A bad show, in sum.

Trail signs, ahoy! Bill Longwell started it, and Ed and Muriel Roselius picked it up, and there now are hundreds of trail signs in the Issaquah Alps, and all in a bit more than a year or so. However, we've avoided "going public," lacking official governmental support, and so have pretty much refrained from installing trailhead signs. --But thanks-to Mayor A.J. Culver's suggestion, the Issaquah Tourism Committee has appropriated more than \$1000 to have 20 or so trailhead signs made. Under the direction of our Chief Ranger, Bill Longwell, these will be installed in weeks ahead. We intend to have Mayor Culver turn the first spadeful of earth, Miss Issaquah standing by in all her liveliness, or loveliness, or both. Watch the front pages of your local papers.

No shooting in the inhabited areas of Tiger Mountain, that's the vote of the King County Council.

In 4 years as State Land Commissioner, Brian Boyle has made many friends and done the Issaquah Alps some good services. However, he has not ameliorated the motorcycle madness on Tiger Mountain, which in these 4 years has gained new infamy as the outstanding Horrible Example. --This may ultimately be counted another of Brian's good services. However, in the interim it has stimulated the "establishment" of a Tiger Party. In the recent elections some hundreds of write-in ballots were cast for the undersigned.

(Lest the Elections Commission get after me, I never declared, never spent a penny, and in fact sent \$5 to Brian's campaign -- having first tried to spend the money in support of Richard A.C.-D.C. Greene, who gave Ol' King Cole so bad a scare, but we couldn't find him, and neither has the FBI, we understand.)

In my letter of concession to Brian I assured him I would, in years ahead, lead the Loyal Opposition -- unless, of course, the people rise up in all their apathy and abolish the post of Land Commissioner, as ought to be done.

Merry Christmas!

Harry Manning

IATC Potluck Supper and Issaquah Alps Slide Show and Socializing

Saturday March 9 - 5:00p.m. on
Gibson Hall (on west side of Issaquah
across from the hatchery)

Hiking is terrific. Politicking is great. BUT HOW ABOUT A BIT OF SOCIALIZING?
Now and then?

This is no formal banquet, it's in much the same pattern as the volksmarches we held before we organized the club: "Wilderness on the Metro 210," and the "Public Officials Awareness Hike," on each of which we took 100+ people up on Tiger Mountain, and both times succeeded in bringing at least 95 percent of them back to civilization.

Here, we're aiming for 100 percent, but you know downtown Issaquah...

Bring silver, plate, cup and one dish, hot or cold, for 8 people. The club will supply coffee and punch.

The feature will be a slide show of the Issaquah Alps. (If you have a slide or two you'd like to share, bring them along!)

Call Betty at 746-1017

Charitable Status of the Club

You may now give and give and give and it won't hurt ...

Do it by December 31 for Purposes
of 1984 tax year...

August 21, 1984, was a good day for the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. On that day, the IRS informed us that our application for status as a charitable organization was approved. This status, known as Section 501 (c) (3) in Internal Revenue Codese, means two things of importance: First, all income received by our Club, and related to its charitable purpose, is tax free; Second, individuals making charitable gifts to the organization can deduct the amount of those gifts for income tax purposes.

The IRS determination is a reflection of their recognition of our charitable purpose. In requesting this treatment, we clearly established that the Club's primary purposes are to encourage environmental awareness and education through maintenance of a natural area, open to the public. Our trails system, as well as special activities to commemorate the history of the area, are beneficial to the public in general. Consequently our activities are protected from taxation and contributions from the public are encouraged through tax deductions.

What does that mean to us as supporters of the Club? It means that any gifts to the Club permit us to take a deduction for income tax purposes. These charitable contributions are treated the same as deductions to the United Way, churches, or other qualified organizations. For those that itemize deductions, the full amount of such gifts are deductible, either in the current year or, if total charitable deductions exceed a sizeable amount, in later years. For people who do not itemize, the amount of charitable deductions for 1984 are limited to 25% of your first \$300.00 (\$150.00 if married and filing separately).

In order to take a deduction for contributions, you must make them in cash or other property before the close of the current tax year. A gift must involve an unconditional surrender of the property. Thus, if you simply allow the Club to use your property, this does not qualify as a completed gift.

We encourage you to consider gifts to the Club. You can be assured that all gifts will be used to enhance the Club's current objectives and programs. As an individual, you benefit both from a reduction in your income taxes and in the knowledge that the Club is protecting our beloved Issaquah Alps, and retaining a part of the history.

We encourage gifts of all types. These can include an extra cash payment as part of your dues, the donation of personal property that can enhance the Club's objectives, and the transfer of ownership or certain rights to real estate. This can include easements or rights of land use. While the latter category is more sophisticated, the Club sees great possibilities in obtaining ownership or use of real estate adjoining the Issaquah Alps.

You will not be able to deduct the cost of your dues since all of those dollars are used to produce our newsletter. Any amounts in excess of those dues are deductible, however. Thus, an extra \$5.00 addition to your Club dues is fully deductible.

Volunteers also obtain new tax benefits as a result of this status. As Publication 526 of the Internal Revenue Service states: "You may deduct some amounts you pay in giving services to a charitable organization. These include amounts you pay for transportation from your home to the place where you serve. You may deduct reasonable payments for necessary meals and lodging while you are away from home overnight, giving your services to a qualified organization. However, you may not deduct the value of your time or services." You are also entitled to deduct unreimbursed expenses for travel and transportation when attending a convention of a qualified organization, so long as you are a chosen representative. This would not include personal expenses, but would allow our attendance and representation at national charitable organizations which support the goal of the Club.

You can also deduct unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses that are directly related to services that you provide to the Club. These include the cost of gas and oil for your car. In the alternative, you can deduct a standard rate of nine cents per mile, as well as any additional parking fees or tolls.

While the Club does not intend to become your tax advisor, we do encourage you to take advantage of the tax benefits that are now available to you. We would also be willing to help in any way we can in assisting your planning and completing any gifts that you wish to make to the Club. We see charitable recognition of the Club as an acknowledgement of our purpose to assist the public as well as to preserve the Issaquah Alps. As a result, this formal recognition is both a recognition of existing goals and a celebration of our future.

"be good to your adoptive trail..."

have you brushed it today?"

"The Apparatus"

* OFFICERS · COMMITTEES · WATCHERS *

For information about anything, try any member of the Board of Directors:

Harvey Manning, President	746-1017
Dave Kappler, Vice President	235-0741
Connie Dow, Secretary	324-2190
Darla O'Brian, Treasurer	324-1609
Ralph Owen	746-1070
Jack Price	226-7848
Bill Longwell	225-1295
Susan Olson	641-8893
Buzz Moore	746-1866
Maryanne Tagney Jones	222-7615
Debbie Turner	641-4646

For information about activities, call:

Issaquah Alps 24-hour Hotline	328-0480
To volunteer for a job call Dave Kappler	235-0741
Hikes -- Betty Manning	746-1017
Hikes tailored for other groups -- Tim O'Brian	324-1609
Advice on Horse Routes -- Jack Price	226-7848
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Tiger Watcher -- Laurene McLane	392-0204
Squak Watcher -- Dave Kappler	235-0741
Cougar Watcher -- Ralph Owen	746-1070
Bellevue Watcher -- Joan Wilkins	881-6004
Issaquah Watcher -- Ruth Kees	392-3410
Raging River Watcher -- Maryanne Tagney Jones	222-7615
Yellow Lake Watcher -- Marty Murphy	392-1455
Watchers needed for Coal Creek, May Creek, etc. --call Dave	235-0741
Law Person -- Tom Lucas	-----
Chief Ranger -- Bill Longwell	255-1295
Resident Oracle -- Fred Rounds	746-3554
Tiger's Eye -- Larry Hanson	392-2458
Sammamish Basin Intensive Care Organization	392-3410, 641-2135
Issaquah Tourism Committee Rep. -- Laura Basacchi	747-2987

ISSAQUAH ALPS HOT LINE: 328-0480

24 HOURS A DAY RECORDED
DESCRIPTIONS OF THE COMING
WEEKS HIKES AND CLUB
MESSAGES...

YOU MAY LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER THE
BEEP.

"Board of Directors"

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors meetings.

September 20, 1984

1. The Law. Tom Lucas reported that we are a charitable organization under the rules of the IRS as of September 5. Money, services, land and conservation easements can be deducted when given to IATC.
2. Recruiting. Dave Kappler will contact people who volunteer to help with club projects.
3. Salmon Days. Discussed publicity, book sales, booth, hikes, staffing, and writing of an Operations Manual to be used in the future for this event.
4. Historical. Newcastle Historical Society has obtained for the Thomas Rouse Road status as a "community landmark." Discussed what to go for next. Newcastle history book is progressing.
5. Miscellaneous. Discussed John Wayne Trail, horses on Tiger, King Kong on Cougar, Cougar Trail Corridors, Tiger Mountain State Forest Guidelines.

October 17, 1984.

Guest A. J. Culver, mayor of Issaquah, was guest of IATC. He talked about Issaquah's positions with regard to the Tiger Mountain State Forest, land trades in the watershed, Issaquah water system, Squak Mountain State Park, security in the park, development on Cougar Mountain, fire districts, trail corridors, playing fields, the General Development Guide, and Lake Sammamish State Park and Issaquah's plan to put the air-field and more soccer fields in it. Very lively discussion on all this.

November 8, 1984.

1. General Development Guide. IATC supports philosophy of County Executive's proposal and will send letter expressing our feelings to the Council.
2. Lake Sammamish State Park. Motion made and passed that IATC opposes the City of Issaquah proposal to place Skyport and sports fields in the State Park.
3. Issaquah Tourism Committee. Laura Basacchi will be our representative here. Discussed installation of trailhead signs by IATC.
4. Cougar Mountain Park. In addition to upper Coal Creek, funds have been voted to acquire in 1984 Wilderness Creek, Pankratz 80 acres and Million Dollar View. Discussed County Executive's proposal for councilmanic bonds for the rest.
5. Return to Newcastle III. Planning begun for publicity, display panels, tents.
6. Hikes Program. We need new leaders and leaders need to return ALL sign-up sheets. Some future hikes will feature "light maintenance". Discussed fliers, shoulder patches, occasional out-of-Alps hikes.
7. Salmon Days. Financial report on memberships and book sales.

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.

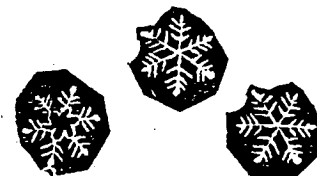
Thursday, January 17, Board & Annual Meeting

Wednesday, February 20

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



January 1985



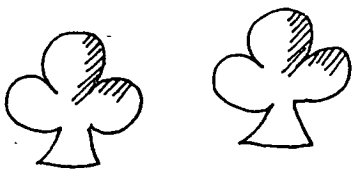
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						Ann Leber Cougar Loop (746-3291) Class 3 9:30 a.m.	George Jackman West Tiger 1 (641-2895) class 3 8:30 a.m.	Mate Gross So. Tiger Vista + Surprise Trail! class 2c 12:30 p.m.
6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12
LARRY Hall (325-9034) West Tiger Wipeout 1, 2, 3 Class 3 8:30 a.m.	Buzz Moore (746-1860) Lakemont Gorge Class 2 12:30 p.m.			Dwight Riggs (772-1666) Leader's choice Class 3+c 9:30 a.m.	Betty Culbert (641-6451) Deleo's Wall on Marshall's Hill 9:30 a.m.		Russ Williams. (392-5989) Nerriston class 2+c 8:30 a.m.	Stan Unger Caves of West Tiger (283-7823) class 2+c 12:30 p.m.
New! New! New! 13	13	14	15	16	17	New! New! approach! 18	19	19
Harvey Manning (746-1017) Fuller Mountain Class 3+c 8:30 a.m.		Mary Cadigan (641-4046) LK alicie Rd to Snoqualmie Falls Class 2+c 9:30 a.m.			IATC Monthly Meeting Newport Library 7:30 P.M.	Marty Hanson (392-2458) Middle Tiger Via RR Grades Class 3c 9:30 a.m.	Leonard Eisenberg (392-4034) West Tiger 3 class 3 NOTE TIME: 9:30 a.m.	
20	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	26
Ralph Owen Cougar Wilderness (746-1070) Class 3c 8:30 a.m.	Virginia Cuykendall (746-7280) So. Tiger Vista class 2c 12:30 p.m.		Harvey Manning (746-1817) Leader's choice Class 2+c 9:30 a.m.		Laurene McLane (392-0204) Poo Poo Point and Many Creek Valley Class 3+c 9:30 a.m.		Barbara Johnson Beaver Valley via Silent Swamp class 3+c 9:30 a.m. NOTE TIME	Tim and Darla O'Brian (324-1609) Caves of West Tiger Mt. class 2+c 12:30 p.m.
Tools Tools 27	27	28	29	30	31			
WORK PARTY on Dwight's Trail. - Bill Longwell - MEET at trailhead at High Point (255-1295) 8:30 a.m.		Connie Dowd (392-2190) Coal Creek Falls Class 2+c 9:30 a.m.			Ed Bousler/ al Blalock (747-3349) (746-4155) Rattlesnake Ridge Class 3+ 9:30 a.m.			



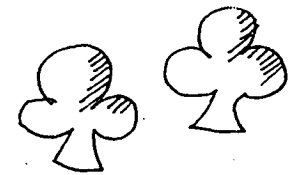
February 1985



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ISSAQUAH ALPS HOT LINE 328-0480 24 HOURS A DAY RECORDED DESCRIPTIONS OF THE COMING WEEKS HIKE AND CLUB MESSAGES... YOU MAY LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER THE BEEP.			"Wintertime is trail-brushing time"					1	2	2
3 Jon Pollack (522-6326) Poo Poo Point ~ Many Creek Valley Class 3+ 8:30 a.m.	3 Dave Kappler (235-0747) Squak via Thrush Gap Class 2+ 12:30 a.m.	4 Mary Cadigan (641-4846) Wild side Trail Class 2+ 9:30 a.m.	5	6 AL Blalock/ Ed Bowser (746-4155) (747-3349) Kerriston Class 2+ 9:30 a.m.	7	8	9 Russ Williams (392-5989) Poo Poo Point and Many Creek Valley Loop - (10 miles) Class 3+4 8:30 a.m.	9 Peggy (746-1070) Owen Preston to LK Alice Rd (Wear Tennis shoes) Class 2 12:30 p.m.		
10 Bob Eschrich Cougar Wilderness (232-5764) Class 2+ 8:30 a.m.	10 Buzz Moore Lakemont Gorge (946-1860) Class 2+ 12:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Dwight Riggs (772-1666) Middle Tiger Mining & Logging sample Class 3+ 9:30 a.m.	14	15 Betty Culbert (641-6451) Coal Creek and RR Grades Class 2+ 9:30 a.m.	16 Leonard Eisenberg (392-4034) Middle tiger NOTE Time 2 9:30 a.m.	16		
17 Stan Unger (283-7823) Middle Tiger via 15-mile creek to TMT-Return W. side Rd. Class 3+ 8:30 a.m.	17 Ralph Owen (746-1070) old newcastie to new new- castie Class 2+C 12:30 p.m.	18 Joint Hike with Mountaineers Harvey Manning (746-1017) Newcastle Historic Coal mining District Tour Class 2+ 9:30 a.m.	19 Visit The Brand New Cougar Mt. Regional Wildland Park! President's Day Hike	20 Connie Dow (392-2190) West tiger 3 9:30 a.m. Class 3 Monthly Meeting Newport Way Library 7:30 p.m.	21	22 Ann Leber (746-3291) Manning's Reach on TMT Class 2+ 9:30 a.m.	23 Joe Toyne (723-7617) West Tiger 1, 2, 3 (Wipeout) Class 3+ 8:30 a.m.	23 Tim O'Brian (324-1609) Big tree trail and Issaquah watershed Class 2C 12:30 p.m.		
24 A.J. Culver (392-3002) 15-mile Creek to middle Tiger Class 3 8:30 a.m.	24	25 Ed Bowser 26 AL Blalock (746-4155) (747-3349) LK tradition Big Tree loop Class 2C 9:30 a.m.	27	28 Hazel Hale Tiger Mt. Traverse (243-5376) Class 3+ 9:30 a.m.						



March 1985



SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY A.M.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.
<u>ISSAQUAH ALPS HOT-LINE: 328-0480</u> 24-HOURS-A-DAY-RECORDED DESCRIPTIONS-OF-THE-COMING WEEKS-HIKES-AND-CLUB MESSAGES... YOU-MAY-LEAVE-A-MESSAGE-AFTER-THE BEEP.			POTLUCK Dinner and SLIDE show	MARCH 9 5 pm GIBSON HALL ISSAQUAH Featuring SLIDES of our Issaquah ALPS	Bring dish* for 8 people, eating utensils. Coffee & punch provided. * Food, of course!	1	2 Trudy Ecob (232-2933) West Tiger 1 by Preston trail class 3+ 8:30 a.m.	2
3 Stan Unzer (283-7823) Squak via Thrush Gap class 3+ 8:30 a.m.	3 Virginia Cuykendall (746-7280) Coal Creek Falls class 2+ 12:30 p.m.	4	5	6 Pat Kaald (746-8747) Preston to LK Alice Rd and return class 2+a 9:30 a.m.	7 Mary Cadigan (411-4049) Boulders ana Beyond class 2+ 9:30 a.m.	8	9 IATE Potluck Dinner - Gibson Hall George Jackman (641-2895) N.W. Rattlesnake summit class 4B 8:30 a.m.	9 Peggy Owen (746-070) Peggy's trail class 2+ 12:30 p.m.
10 Jerry Wheeler (342-9344) West Tiger Mt. from High Point to microwave towers class 3+ 8:30 a.m.	10 Tom Mechler Big Tree Loop to High Point - Return via RR Grade class 2+ 12:30 p.m.	11 Connie Dow No. Tiger Mt. Trail (392-2190) class 2+ 9:30 a.m.	12	13	Something New 14 Hazel Hale (243-6376) Mount Si class 4+ 9:00 a.m.	15	16 Leonard Eisenberg (392-4034) up TMT to RR Grades - Return to Iss. H. S. class 3+ 9:30 a.m.	16 NOTE TIME
17 Bob Wood (324-8416) St. Patrick's Day Leader's choice (Bring something GREEN) class 3+ 8:30 a.m.	17 Dave Kappeler Coal Creek Falls class 2+ 12:30 p.m.	18	19 Laurene (392-) McLane (0204) old mining ~ logging camp tour via middle tiger. class 3+ 9:30 a.m.	20	21 	22 Betty Culbert (641-6451) Chybinski Trail class 2+c 9:30 a.m.	23 Falk (525-4549) Krauegee Poo Poo Point, W Tiger 3, and Caves class 3B 8:30 a.m.	23 Tom Mechler (255-0922) Cougar Boulders class 2+ 12:30 p.m.
24 Ralph (746-1028) Owen Cougar Ring class 3+ 8:30 a.m.	24 	25	26	27 Dwight Riggs - (772-1666) Dick Heinz Trail class 3c 9:30 a.m.	28	29 Ann Leber (746-3291) Cougar Mt. Loop class 3 9:30 a.m.	30 Joe Toybee (723-6716) Beaver Valley via silent Swamp class 2+3 8:30 a.m.	30 March 1985
31 Harvey Manning Fuller Mt. class 3+ 8:30 a.m.	new hike! 							

"Hike-Schedule" 1985

January-February
march

HIKES COMMITTEE: Betty Manning (746-1017), Russ Williams (392-5989), Mary Cadigan (641-4046), Jenne Mical (747-1457), Ann Leber (746-3291), George Jackman (641-2895), Betty Culbert (641-6451), and Dwight Riggs (772-1666).

MEETING PLACE

In order to reduce confusion, all hikes will assemble at the Issaquah Park and Ride Lot, west of Issaquah at Good's corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way, about 1/4 mile south of I-90. We gather at the south end.

Most hikes are coordinated with the Metro 210 schedule. That is, hikes generally leave the Park and Ride at 8:30 or 9:30 in the morning or 12:30 in the afternoon, in each case shortly after the scheduled arrival of a 210 bus from points west. Check your 210 schedule.

SPONSORSHIP

Issaquah Parks and Recreation sponsored these hikes before there was a Club and continues to co-sponsor them.

We receive publicity assistance from Bellevue, Mercer Island, Renton, Seattle, and King County Parks Departments.

The public is welcome on all hikes. So are other clubs, youth groups, church groups, etc. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an older person.

HIKE CLASSIFICATION

- Class 1: Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a just-walker or a parent with a baby on back and perfect for studying birds and beetles and all.
- Class 2: Easy morning or afternoon typically 3-4 hours at a loitering pace, perhaps going 5 miles on the flat, or less if some elevation is gained.
- Class 3: A fairly full day, from morning to afternoon, typically 5-6 hours on the go, but with plenty of stops. Small children often come along, sometimes on parental backs.
- Class 4: Steady-going day, typically 6-7 hours, but not really grueling. A person should be sure Class 3 is no strain before trying these.

"Hikes-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 set.

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.

Dress warm. Plan for unexpected contingencies. Bring liquid, emergency food for energy. Wear suitable foot gear.



We are expanding our hiking territory! During January, February and March we are heading up the north fork of the Snoqualmie River to climb prominent Fuller Mountain, scouted by and led by Harvey Manning. Hazel Hale will lead a party up 4,000-foot Mount Si. (As someone once said, somewhere, sometime, "to rest is not to conquer!") Plan on longer hike days for these new hikes, as we will drive farther, and hike longer.

"Guidelines for Hike Leaders"

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.

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 trailheads.

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.

Dear Hike Leader:

We have a continuing need for new leaders in the program and the only way to find them is to recruit from among those you hike with. When you notice someone on a hike that you feel may be interested, please don't hesitate to ask them if they will help us out.

One other problem; please mail in your hike sign-up sheets. We still need to know how many people are using which trails. Thank you ever so much for your support thus far, it has been the main factor in our efforts to keep our mountains wild and open for recreational hiking.

Betty Manning

"Hike Descriptions"

ANNUAL ALL MEMBERS MEETING

Meeting place: Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue. To be followed by Board of Directors meeting.

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.

BIG TREE TRAIL AND ISSAQUAH WATERSHED LOOP (Class 2 + C)

From Big Tree Trail, another variation and favorite hike, on Lake Tradition Plateau, we drop down to the The Old Issaquah Waterworks, with its many cascading Creeks and return to our starting point.

"BIG TREE" TRAIL - See Lake Tradition

THE BOULDERS (Class 2 B)

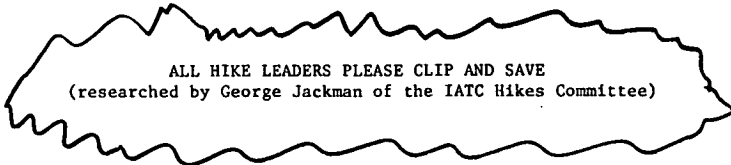
In the valley of Cougar Mountain Wilderness Creek lie house-sized chunks of andesite which tumbled off the cliffs above. Moss and ferns growing on the rocks beside the creek waterfalls create a magic spot. A short climb up to Big View Cliff is worth the effort if a crystal clear day reveals Mount Rainier against the southern sky.

CAVES OF WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 minus C)

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

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.



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

SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURE

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

COAL CREEK FALLS (Class 2 C)

Where Coal Creek tumbles from the headwaters basin of Klondike Swamp to the Curious Valley of the Long Marsh and Swamp, the creek is hung up on a ledge of lava and slides down a mossy cliff into a gorge often so full of mist the moss grows on trees, logs, rocks, and hikers pausing to rest. Other features of the hike are the earth cavities of the Cave Hole Road and the ghosts inhabiting vanished Red Town.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN LOOP (Class 3 B)

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

COUGAR RING (Class 4)

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

COUGAR WILDERNESS (Class 3C)

We start by climbing in the forest along Wilderness Creek. From here there are as many choices as there are leaders, but so much to see -- except the view from Wilderness Peak, of which there is none. However, we can sign its register 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.

DE LEO'S WALL (Class 2C)

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

DWIGHT'S TRAIL

One of the problems with the great Preston Trail to West Tiger 1 is the trailhead, which is on private property and keeps shifting as new houses are built, and may be cut off altogether sometime. So, Dwight & Company have been pioneering a traverse trail from the Tiger Mountain Trail to make the connection. Should we preserve a Preston trailhead, it will make a splendid low-on-the mountain loop. In any event, it contours through some of the finest remaining unlogged forests of Tiger.

Newly blazed Dwight's Way links the North End of the Tiger Mountain Trail with the otherwise difficult-to-find lower Preston Trail. It opens up innumerable loop possibilities from High Point (as far as West Tiger 1), allowing better access for those who would explore the old RR grades ascending West Tiger from the old Preston Sawmill. The trail passes through fine old growth forest, staying at about the 1100-foot level, except for stream crossings.

FULLER MOUNTAIN (Class 3 + C)

As the Issaquah Alps thrust out west from the Cascades, the pimple peak of Fuller Mountain sets off alone, separated from the great scarp of Si by tree-farm forests. The walk is along paths in old second-growth, old logging-railroad grades, then steeply up a trail built by Green River College students, views from one "window" and another in every direction. -- With this first "out-of-Alps" hike a new notion is tried out. -- Or, we can reach out and make the pimple an honorary member of Our range.

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

From Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger RR grade side tracking to 15-Mile Creek in its wildest stretch and passing the site of the famous Horseshoe Trestle, looping back via either the railroad grade or the Tiger Mountain Trail.

HOBART-MIDDLE TIGER AND 15-MILE CREEK RAILROAD GRADES

Sample two of West Tiger's railroad grade trails along with logging and railroad relics and a lovely cascading stream and creek. From the West Side Road, ascend the Hidden Forest Trail to the 15-Mile grade; travel its length to the sketchy trail along cascading Mudflow Creek and then to a crossing of 15-Mile Creek. Ascend to the Middle Tiger RR grade and view the site of the great curved trestle. Return to West Side Road on this grade. The trail may be a bit brushy in spots and some sections of this route have felt the footsteps of very few people. A car shuttle saves walking several miles on the road.

KERRISTON (Class 3 minus A)

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

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2-B)

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

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2 B)

Each leader has his or her favorite route through the Issaquah Watershed, a regional treasure. The route may go by way of the 1,000-year-old Big Tree of the Lower Pleateau, and the century-old cedar puncheon skidroad used by oxen, the trail around Lake Tradition, the "cirque" lake at the base of West Tiger, Round Lake and the Rain Forest East, the Orchard of the abandoned homestead and a Greyhound bus, a mysterious relic here in the deep woods. Each leader will choose a variation.

LAKE TRADITION LOOP (Class 2B)

Another way to the lake using the abandoned RR grade from the center of Issaquah to the high school and then climbing to the plateau. From the lake and its treasures you go north to High Point crossing I-90 to the other section of the RR grade, following it as it parallels E. Fork of Issaquah Creek. Leaving the RR grade to follow the creek under I-90 and into town, you cross the pedestrian bridge bringing you back to central Issaquah through quiet streets.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2C)

A wild stream tumbles down a gorge which may or may not become the route of Lakemont Boulevard, which developers want in order to put 50,000 people on top of Cougar Mountain. Ascend a virtual rainforest, sidetripping to the most spectacular waterfalls in the Issaquah Alps. Visit an abandoned homestead where the local bears come for an annual apple feast.

MANNING'S REACH (Class 3 + B)

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

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 MIKE 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 Logging Camp (Class 3A)

This route begins at the TMT trailhead (South) and rises gently along Holder Creek to an abandoned logging camp. Camp's artifacts range from rusted machinery and twisted metal rails, to bedsteads and tea cups. The trail then proceeds up through lovely dense forest to the backside of Middle Tiger - The "razzers" access. Return is down the Middle Tiger Trail and back along the Tiger Mountain Trail. Elevation gain: \pm 1150 feet (gentle). Distance: less than 5 miles.

MOUNT SI (Class 3 + C)

Rattlesnake Mountain is one of "ours," the connector ridge of the Issaquah Alps to the Cascades. And when we hike Rattlesnake, what do we see? Mount Si, of course, even taller from base to summit than our Tiger, and a thousand-odd feet higher toward true alpine-ness. We will go as high as the snow and typhoons allow on the day in question -- to Haystack Basin and its eagle-eye views west to Olympics, Seattle, and -- of course -- the Issaquah Alps.

NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2C)

The north end of the TMT makes a wonderful beginning for a hike which climbs from High Point through old conifers to a bright open alder forest. Lovely stream crossings, on well-made bridges (one would make a picnic spot) lead to the intersection with the old TMT and the other side of the loop to the cars. Some steady climbing but not too steep and the total loop is 4 -1/2 miles.

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).

"O'D" NEWCASTLE TO "NEW" NEWCASTLE (Class 2 B)

"Newcastle" never was so much a town as a geographical expression. As the company moved up and down the valley, so moved the people, from "Old Town" to "New Town." On this hike our chief historian links the mines and hamlets of Old and New on forest paths now wild enough to make any old or new coyote happy. See the holes in the ground of the Jones, the Bagley, the Muldoon, and the No. Three Seams. See the sites of old churches, saloons, bunkers, and wash houses. Understand why we seek a Coal Country (National?) Historic District.

PEGGY'S TRAIL TO COUGAR MOUNTAIN PARK (Class 3 C)

This has become one of the most popular trails in all the Issaquah Alps since Peggy and her friend, Ralph, identified the route, flagged it, and built it. The way starts at Exit 13, off I-90 -- and thus is a great trailhead for hikers dependent on the Mtro 210, which passes by. The ascent of a rainforest-like valley of Peltola Creek (Lakemont Gorge), leads to the steeper ascent of the gorge wall, past the most spectacular waterfalls of the Alps, and continues to the summit of Anti-Aircraft Peak, site of a newly - opened County Park, and views over Lake Sammamish to the San Juan Islands and Mt. Baker and all that. In a few years thousands of people will climb the trail every nice weekend. Come while it's still lonely, and help make footsteps.

POO POO POINT AND MANY CREEK VALLEY (Class 3 B)

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah Valley. "Glider Point" may be a more sanitary name (if you think hang-gliders are "clean") but the Talki-Tooter once heard here gave the name. The route follows the Many Creek Valley in one of several possible routes.

PRESIDENT'S WALK - January 1

Meet at Park and Ride at 10 a.m., to let you sleep in an extra half-hour, and still be back home for the second half of the Rose Bowl game, should you care. We'll start at the site of the old town of Coal Creek and walk the Seattle & Walla Walla RR to The Farm, check to see if the bears have left any apples, and proceed down to where Coal Creek slices through sandstone. This is a round-trip of about 3 miles, if we visit the Cinder Mine on a little sidetrip.

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 wide, airy, scenic almost-level walk perfect for winter walks. Great for summer biking. The county couldn't replace the beautiful old wooden trestle but built a finesystem of switchbacks to take you up the steep bank. Walk just beyond the paved descent to cross the highway for a view and a bench stop over the Raging River as it enters a narrow forested canyon. Less than 6 miles round trip.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2 B)

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

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 spectaculr 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 (Class 3 plus C)

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

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 C)

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 forests of antennas. The climb is steep in places but not hard and the rewards all long the way are certainly worth it.

West Tiger 1 - 2 - 3 (Class 3 Plus B)

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

WEST TIGER 1 BY PRESTON TRAIL (Class 2+)

When first we found this trail, we thought it had been built by the Forest Service, so palatial were the tread and the angle. Ultimately we learned it was built over years by a pioneer trail-builder of our area. It's a beauty, and a favorite, climbing through some of the oldest virgin forest on the mountain, to the (of course) big views.

WILD SIDE TRAIL (Class 2 B)

Return to the days of 1884 in Red Town. Walk through an area which rivalled 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. The Wild Side Trail has been extended along Long Marsh to the Far Country Falls.

WILDERNESS CREEK (Class 2-B)

The trail established by Trails Club members five years ago now is in process of becoming the first unit of the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park! The short steep path follows near the waterfalling creek to The Boulders, monster chunks of andesite fallen from the glacier-oversteepened cliffs of Wilderness Peak, Cougar's highest. Sit by the babbling creek amid the moss and licorice fern in the deep forest and turn green.

ADOPT A TRAIL/ADOPT A MILE

Dear IATC Hikers:

Our Club needs a whole new generation of trail maintainers. Adopt a trail or adopt a mile.

On our last work party in October, people who have faithfully maintained trails over the years worked that day to open up the NEW Dwight's Way. No person new to trail maintenance showed up that day.

Even if you do not attend an organized work party, always do some type of trail maintenance on every one of your hikes:

Cut away ferns that extend onto the trail. Break that twig that keeps brushing your face or clothes. Kick away small rocks and logs that lie on the tread.

ABOVE ALL, always walk on the inside of trails, NEVER on the outside. Walking on the outside edges collapses the trails and leaves a sloping tread, difficult to walk on.

Buy a bowsaw or a lopper to cut away the heavier branches that extend out onto the trail.

IATC owns a hard earned reputation from other outdoor user groups. Enough of our members maintain enough trails to impress these groups.

Because of this, REI next spring will sponsor a large (we hope LARGE) Trail Maintenance work party on miles 3-6 of the TMT. Plan now to attend.

Also plan to attend our January work party to complete the new Dwight's Way.

Consult your guide books to find which trail you should adopt. The following trails need your tender, loving care right now.

Lake Tradition trails

Trail from High Point to Preston

(along freeway fence--brushing, some tread work)

TMT Connector

(Poo Poo Pt. Trail to TMT at 15 Mile Gap)

TMT (miles 3-6)

Dwight's Way

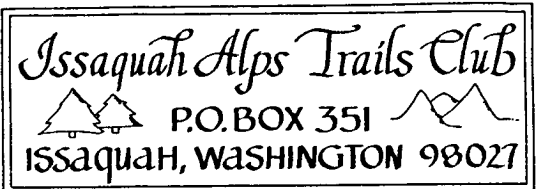
(TMT to Preston Trail)

Call in your trail adoptions. Bill Longwell. (55-1295). Betty Manning (746-1017).

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS HERE TO HELP THE HIKES COMMITTEE DEVELOP A MORE SUCCESSFUL HIKING PROGRAM. Do please fill out before mailing.

1. Do you hike with the IATC? _____
(If "No" please comment as to your reasons): _____
2. Which class of hikes do you prefer? Class 1 _____ Class 2 _____
Class 3 _____ Class 4 _____
3. How many IATC hikes have you joined this last year? _____
4. Which months do you prefer to hike with the Club: J _____ F _____
M _____ A _____ M _____ J _____ J _____ A _____ S _____
O _____ N _____ D _____ ? _____
5. We are actively looking for hike leaders, Class 2 especially.
Would you be willing to lead hikes? _____

We are expanding our hike areas to include the Snoqualmie River - North Bend area: Mount Si, Fuller Mt., Mt. Washington, and lesser and better known lakes, dotted here and there. Please join us.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND/OR RENEWAL

This is a new membership [] This is a renewal []

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Phone number _____

Regular \$5.00 [] (Yearly) Contributing \$10.00 or more [] (Yearly)

Lifetime \$100 [] (Covers the whole family)

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Interested in working on or helping following committees

Hikes [] Pine Lk. Plateau Concerns [] Trail Maintenance []

Newsletter [] (Alpiner) Cougar Mt. Concerns [] Publicity []

Book Publications [] Squak Mt. Concerns [] Education []

History [] Tiger Mt. Concerns [] Other []

Hike Leader [] Other Concerns []

Please send membership information to:

Name _____

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NOTE!!!

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