

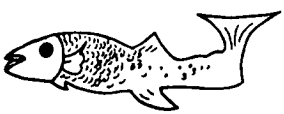
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ISSAQUAH SALMON DAYS
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OCTOBER 5 & 6



The Issaquah Alpiner
"Hike Schedule"
1985

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President's Twenty-Fifth Report

August 10, 1985

Let's see, here, what's to report?

Cougar mt.

Well, the Regional Wildland Park exists, isn't complete, we've no new news about the next great big addition or the smaller also needed, nor about the trail corridors we're seeking from Eastgate, Exit 1 Newport Way and Highway 900. KONG-TV (no relation to the King) continues trying to install, on the edge of the park, the largest sources of FM radiation in the Puget Sound area, and because the Cougar Mountain Residents Association following Monte and Joanne Lennox, has questioned whether the twelfth re-runs 1950s sitcoms really are worth irradiating residents and park-users to that extent, this California firm has filed suit for \$6,000,000 against Monte and Joanne and the CMRA. King County Ranger Jack Simonson is a new and positive force for good in the park, on his own time (not County time) brushing trails and politely informing invading wheelfreaks they are breaking the law. The next issue of Alpiner is certain to have big news affecting the Cougar situation; for one thing, Election Day comes in September, and again in November, and it was only because the Elections of 1981 turned out as they did that we now have (that is, are getting) the Wildland Park of our heart's desire. Therefore, citizens, do not ignore the elections. Half the County Council, and all of the Executive, are up for your approval.

tiger mt.

Thanks to the policy set by Land Commissioner Brian Boyle, and the vigorous and courageous follow-through by our regional director of the DNR, Mike Griggs, a King County police officer (actually, part-time several officers) operating under a County-DNR contract, is enforcing laws on Tiger roads! It's too early to judge the results, but institution of the effort rates an A+ -- for both Brian and Mike. -- As for the Tiger Plan, we continue to await, but in a condition of relaxation, so long as wickedness and foolishness finally are getting a degree of comeuppance.

Issaquah.

... A faction has demanded that we change the name of the club, and the mountain range, on the grounds that the city is such a shame that we'd be better off as the "Tukwila Alps." (How about "Preston Alps"? It has no government. There should be sentiment for "Kerriston Alps" -- it not only has no government, it isn't even there anymore, and the only thing happening is logging -- and the dumping of METRO sludge -- which some folk would be glad to do on the Issaquah Plain, if they thought they could slip it by Ruth Kees and Linn Emrich.)

join will thompson's army

October 12

Help build the NEW LITTLE SI trail!!

LITTLE SI IS CALLING YOU

Attention, all you veterans of TMT campaigns in Longwell's Army! Here's a new and exciting challenge in an area recently annexed to the Issaquah Alps!

Little Si is the companion of Big Si, and for many a year has been a favorite scramble for mountaineers. The summit, standing directly above the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, is a splendid viewpoint of the North Bend Plain (basin of a Pleistocene lake), and given a proper trail would become one of the most popular hikes near Seattle.

The Mount Si Conservation Area, established by the Legislature and placed under the management of the DNR, and a favorite project of our regional manager, Mike Griggs, encompasses most of Little Si, but has no funding for trails.

Will Thompson, who in the 1930s was one of the "hard core" of the legendary Ptarmigan Climbing Club which pioneered peaks of the North Cascades and now is one of our "hard core" pathfinders, went up to Little Si this past summer and (with DNR authorization) surveyed, flagged, and brushed out a trail to the summit of Little Si -- the first trail the summit ever has had!

hand pointing

TWO THINGS ARE NEEDED NOW:

1. A whole lot of boots and bodies -- an army -- to follow Will's summit trail, to pound down the tread.
2. On the long-existing approach trail, a whole bunch of loppers and weed-cutters and pruning saws and shovels and the like, and a couple of chainsaws, to convert a bushwhacker's path into a family trail suitable for little kids and other worthy citizens who hate to fall down and get scratched up.

THE PLAN:

At 8:30 we'll gather at the Issaquah Park and Ride (Newport Way and Highway 900, south of I-90, from Exit 15), car-pool and convoy to the parking area beside the Middle Fork Snoqualmie, just left of where the bridge crosses the river on the way to the Mt. Si Trail.

From about 9:30 to 1:30, we'll give that 1/2 mile or so of approach trail such a cutting as will make it truly real.

Then we'll ramble to the summit on Will's Trail and hoist the American flag and sing "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." (This is optional -- some of you may wish to work on through the afternoon, then return another day to enjoy a free run to the summit.)

Back to the Park and Ride by 5:00 p.m.

WHEELS ROLL ROUND AND ROUND AND WHERE THEY STOP --

WHEN WILL THEY STOP?

The Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest, which already has handed over to the 4x4s and 2- and 3-wheel razzers the "Evans Creek Ar4a" adjacent to Mt. Rainier National Park, so that your walking within the national sanctuary may have the proper accompaniment of snarling and whining, and so that you can't get to Mowich Lake or Carbon River trailheads without enduring a parade of slack-jawed, drooling louts headed for a "rally," now is about to give the musclebutt crowd a romper room in the Tinkham Road area east of North Bend. The brainstorm is that by making this a "sacrifice area" the scofflaws will be drawn away from the Issaquah ALPS.

IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.

Just as freeways breed commuters, "ATV parks" breed the stunned-brains, who eventually creep into the cracks in government and try to inherit the earth -- your earth, with your tax funds.

To see how they manage it, write for your free 66-page Washington Off-Road Vehicle Guide. It's free free free!!! (Oh, yeah, who paid for it? You did, suckers!)

Every IATC member must have a copy! Write



DNR Photo Sales; Photos Maps and Reports
Management Services Division
1065 South Capitol Way
Olympia, Wa 98504 Mailstop QW-21 CAP

Your President has only just now skimmed a copy, bounced off all four walls and the ceiling, and is still too apopleptic to deliver a review of the 66-page atrocity in any language less expressive than that of a bull elephant on stampede.

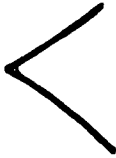
When you receive your copy, send a note of appreciation to the sponsor of this handsome publication, our good friend: Brian Boyle
Commissioner of Public Lands
Olympia, Wa 98504

The wheels will not go away -- children are being born every year, and many reach the age of 2, get stuck there, and are so agitated by the TV commercials advocating destruction of creeks, forests, meadows, beaches, and sand dunes, they yell "Ya-HOO!" and rush off to buy a big loud toy. (Come the 4th and they also set off illegal fireworks in your backyard and mine.)

WE ARE FIGHTING BACK.

The Trails Club has joined (as an organization) the new (actually, re-structured and enlarged) Washington Trails Association, and your President's buddy, Ira Spring, is a major mover and shaker.

The WTA also seeks individual members, and we urge you to send \$15.00 (or more, of course) to join, and thus help Ira and Louise Marshall and all agitate in the Washington Legislature and the U.S. Congress.



WASHINGTON TRAILS ASSOCIATION
16812 36th Ave West
Lynnwood, WA 98037

Manning Manning

Meetings

All meetings are at Newport Way Library, 11250 Newport Way, Bellevue, a bit west of the stop-light in Eastgate at Newport and 150th. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Oct. 16, Wednesday

Nov. 21, Thursday

*Dec. 19 ← (Please check with Connie
Dow - 392-2190 - to verify)*
!Everyone Welcome!

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.

SEARCH AND RESCUE TELEPHONE LIST

TIGER MOUNTAIN:	Stan Unger	283-7823	COUGAR MOUNTAIN:	Dave Kappler	235
	Dwight Riggs	772-1666		Harvey Manning	744
	Bill Longwell	255-1295		Ralph Owen	744
				Stan Unger	283
SQUAK MOUNTAIN:	Bill Longwell	255-1295			
	Dave Kappler	235-0741			
	Stan Unger	283-7823			
	Tom Mechler	255-0922			

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Alps Publications

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TIGER · mt · GUIDE (REVISED)

AVAILABLE: Guide to the Trails of Tiger Mountain, by Bill Longwell, in a new edition, the text and map fully revised. Three new trails have been added: One View Trail, Snoqualmie Falls Trail and Dwight's Way.

AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER OR EARLIER: Guide to the Trails of Cougar Mountain and Squak Mountain, completely revised and enlarged with many new trails and all-new maps.

Both books are \$6.00, postage paid.

AVAILABLE: Bedrock and Bootsles -- An Introduction to the Geology of the Issaquah Alps, by Marvin Pistrang. A thorough but simple chronology of the geology of the Alps from early Eocene period to modern times. \$2.00.

AVAILABLE BY MAIL FROM: Issaquah Alps Trails Club
P.O. Box 351
Issaquah, Wa 98027

or
obtainable at: REI, Eddie Bauer, Marmot Mountain Works and
other area bookstores and outdoor outlets.

coming soon:

Guide to trails of Cougar Mt.
REGIONAL · Wildland · Park
and Squak · mt · State · park

" The Apparatus "

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

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For information about activities, call:

Issaquah Alps 24-hour Hotline	326-0480
To volunteer for a job call Dave Kappler	235-0741
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Tiger Watcher -- Laurene McLane	392-0204
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Cougar Watcher - Ralph Owen	746-1070
Issaquah Watcher -- Ruth Kees	392-3410
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Yellow Lake Watcher -- Marty Murphy	392-1455
Watchers needed for Coal Creek, May Creek, etc. -- Call Dave	235-0741
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	641-2135
Issaquah Tourism Committee Rep. -- Laura Basacchi	747-2987
VOW Representative -- Joe Toyne	723-6716

"Board of Directors"

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors meetings.

June 20, 1985

1. Membership. We mailed 1352 Alpiners, which converts to some 3300 family members.
2. Cougar Mountain. Discussed Western Village, Golf Course, Razore's landfill, acquisition of Burlington Northern land for park. Also Eastern Village, new trails on east slope, and Northern Village and proposed trails.
3. Club Operations. Connie Fair is new Alpiner editor!! And we need a new person to process volunteers to jobs that need doing.
4. Forthcoming Events. Salmon Days early in October.
5. Tiger Mountain. Board read printout of law enforcement reports for Tiger Mountain State Forest for April and May. Discussed situation at Lake Tradition and need for us to put together a plan.
6. Return to Newcastle III. A grand success. For future years, discussed site, traffic control, facilities, time and money, exhibits, publicity, signs and fliers, trails, set-up and clean-up, book sales, historical societies, oldtimers, free trail booklets, tents and guided hikes.

July 18, 1985.

1. Membership. New memberships coming in at rate of 2 a day. We now have 6¢ base rate for postage, thanks to Tom Lucas and Laurene's use of his fine work.
2. Finances. We are fiscally sound. Discussed book money, cost of The Return, possible dues increase.
3. Books. Tiger Guide will be out early August. Hope to have Cougar-Squak guide in September, price \$6.00 for each.
4. Hikes. Decided not to have a "pay share of gas rule". Discussed problems with folks who can't handle our hikes and procedures for leaders to follow.
5. Salmon Days. Discussed who is to do what, need for new Cougar map, Tiger map and Issaquah Alps map, and photos. Will do two history walks plus fish walks.
6. Sycamore. Gathering at Kees house to help pay her debt to the sharp lawyer who saved Issaquah Creek from the City of Issaquah.

August 15, 1985.

1. Books. New Tiger guide almost ready, while Cougar guide is delayed in production and won't be ready for Salmon Days.
2. Marty Murphy. Marty has been doing great things all around the Alps - testified for us on the North Fork Snoqualmie dam. She's checking on the Yellow Lake Situation and proposed new road in that area.
3. Salmon Days. Discussed our booth and displays, photos, historic photos, artifacts and Mary Merker's new map of the Issaquah Alps, Ralph's signs pointing at Cougar Mountain Park, Squak Mountain Park, Tiger Mountain State Forest.
4. Newcastle Landfill. IATC will comment on the EIS about the end of the year. We are concerned about water quality, impact on Coal Creek and China Creek, safety of people using the park, operational noise, trucks, etc.
5. Hikes. October 13 will be a hiker-rider trip on John Wayne Trail near E.Aston.
6. Northern Village - Newcastle Subarea Plan of City of Bellevue. Bellevue's new plan would take in the entire Northern Village. Discussed trails in the area and how to proceed.

October 1985

SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.	
HIKERS - TAKE NOTE HIKERS: A person in any doubt should experiment with Class 2 hikes before experiencing a Class 1 hike. ALERT: If you have questions about a hike -- i.e., your ability to keep up with the group -- don't hesitate to call the hike leader.			Dwight Riggs 1 - 772-1666 - Middle tiger Mining & logging Sampler Class 3C 9:30 a.m.				Laurene McLane 4 7392-0204 ← West tiger 3 Class 3C 9:30 a.m.	Issaquah Salmon ... Days ... Iss. History Hikes: 1 & 3 P.M. Life of Salmon tour: With TIM O'Brian 1:30 AM - L. McLane	
Issaquah Salmon Days... !! Stop by our Booth !! History Hikes - 1 & 3 P.M. With Tim O'Brian Life of the salmon tour: with Dwight Riggs 12 P.M.		AL Blalock 7 Ed Bowser 746/4155 - 747/3399 LK Alice Rd to Sno. Falls Powerhouse Loop Class 3C 9:30 a.m.		Marty's Meanders 9 Marty Murphy → 392-1455 ← Yellow Lake Native Walk Class 1A 9:00am P.R.	Connie Dow 10 → 746-7850 ← N. END Tiger Mt. TRAIL - Dwight's Trail Loop Class 3B 8:30 a.m.		Will Thompson's Army ON Little Si TRAIL WORK PARTY Will Thompson → 489-8592 ← WORK PARTY AND HIKE 8:30 a.m.		
Bob Wood 13 → 324-8446 ← Mt. Teneriffe Class 4C 8:00 a.m.	Joint HIKE on John Wayne Pioneer trail (New Ironhorse State Park) w/ IATC & John Wayne Pioneer Trail Riders 13	Come to breakfast - 8am - 10 am w/ me/person see hike descriptions Class 2 or 3A 14	Pat Kaald 15 → 746-8741 ← Preston Bike Trail to LK Alice Rd. Class 2A 9:30 a.m.	IATC Monthly Meeting Newport way Lib. 7:30 P.M. 16		Betty Culbert 18 → 641-6451 ← Squak via Thrush Gap Class 3C 9:30 a.m.	George Jackson 19 → 641-2895 ← West tiger 3 Class 3C 8:30 a.m.	Mary Cadigan 19 → 641-4046 ← De Leo Wall by way of China Creek Class 2C 12:30 p.m.	
Larry Hanson 20 → 392-2458 ← Photographer's Special! Class 3C 8:30 a.m.	Dave Kapplee 20 Both New! → 235-0741 ← West Tiber Creek on rugged mt. Class 2B 12:30 P.M.	Ann Leber 21 → 746-3291 ← Manning's Reach Class 3C 9:30 a.m.		Marty's Meanders 23 - Marty Murphy - → 392-1455 ← LK Sammamish State Park Class 1A 9:00 a.m. P.R.			Ursula & Leonard Eisenberg 26 → 392-4034 ← Caves of W. Tiger 3 from Hi Point Class 3C 8:30 a.m.	Kate Gross 26 → 329-8292 ← South Tiger Vista Class 2B 12:30 P.M.	
Fulk Krueger 27 → 525-4544 ← Poo Poo Point - Many creek valley - W. Tiger 3 & Caves Class 3+C 8:30 a.m.	Steve Williams 27 → 453-8977 ← Coal Creek Class 2A 12:30 P.M.		Bill Neunam 29 → 232-8993 ← Rambles on lower Tiger Mt. Class 3A-B 9:30 a.m.			Jim Cadigan 31 → 641-4046 ← Middle tiger from So. Tiger Vista (8 mi RT) Class 3C 9:30 a.m.			

Don't forget salmon days

Hotline - 328-0480

Issaquah Alps Trails Club
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December 1985

SUNDAY P.M. MONDAY A.M. TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY A.M. SATURDAY P.M.

HIKERS - We'd like to point out that leaders should like you to call them if you have any concerns about the hike or leave a message on the Hot Line: 328-0480

Tom Mechler 18
 → 255-0922 ←
 Tiger Mt. Artifacts Trail
 Class 3C 8:30 a.m.
 Happy Hanukkah

Buzz Moore 18
 → 746-1066 ←
 Lake Mont Gorge
 Class 2B 12:30 p.m.

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Bill Newman 10
 → 232-8993 ←
 Rambles on Lower Tiger Mt.
 Class 3A-B 9:30 a.m.

Laurene McLane 4
 → 392-0204 ←
 Tiger Mt. TRAIL
 Class 3C 9:30 a.m.

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AL Blalock 13
 + Ed Bousler
 746-4155/747-3349
 LK Tradition Loop
 Class 2A 9:30 a.m.

George Jackman 14
 → 641-2895 ←
 West Taylor Mt. Trail
 Class 4B 8:30 a.m.

Tim O'Brien 14
 → 324-1609 ←
 Seattle History Hike
 Meet at 1st & Yesler at Peagola
 Class 2+B 9:30 a.m.

Ralph Owen 15
 → 7746-1070 ←
 East slope Cougar Mt. Loop
 Class 3C 8:30 a.m.

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Connie Dow 17
 → 392-2190 ←
 W. Tiger 3
 Class 3C 8:30 a.m.

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IATC Monthly Meeting 19
 Neupat way Lib. 7:30 PM
 (call Connie Dow - 392-2190- to verify)

Betty Culbert 20
 → 641-6451 ←
 Old Newcastle to New Newcastle
 Class 2A-B 9:30 A.M.

Russ Williams 21
 → 392-5989 ←
 Poo Poo Point
 Class 3B 8:30 a.m.

Stan Ungel 21
 → 203-7823 ←
 N. End Tiger Mt. Trail
 Class 2C 12:30 P.M.

Joan Wilkins 22
 → 881-6004 ←
 Manning's Reach
 Class 3C 8:30 a.m.

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Jim Cadigan 23
 → 641-4046 ←
 Tiger Mt. TRAIL
 Class 3C 9:30 a.m.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Virginia Cuykendall 28
 → 746-7200 ←
 Middle tiger
 Class 3C 8:30 a.m.

Mary Cadigan 28
 → 641-4046 ←
 Lake Tradition
 Class 2A 12:30 P.M.

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Linda Davies 29
 Coal Creek Falls
 Class 2B 12:30 P.M.

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AL Blalock 30
 + Ed Bousler
 746-4155/747-3349
 Poo Poo Point
 Class 3B 9:30 a.m.

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NEW YEAR'S PRESIDENT'S WALK
 Harvey Manning
 746-1017
 class 2A 10:00 A.M.

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.

"HiKes"

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

MEETING PLACE: In order to reduce confusion, all hikes will assemble at the Issaquah Park and Ride Lot, Exit 15 off I-90. The lot is located west of Issaquah at Goode's Corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way. We gather at the south end of the Park and Ride.

Most hikes are coordinated with Metro 210 schedule. Hikes generally leave the Park and Ride right after 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 bus 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.

WHO MAY COME:

The public is welcome on all hikes, as are other clubs, youth groups, church groups etc. We also will lead private groups of hikers with advance notice. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an older person.

"Hikes Classifications"

Not only are we using the Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 and A, B, and C designations for our hikes, but we are now adding elevation gain and round-trip time for a hike, where appropriate.

We hope this will give hikers unfamiliar with the terrain an idea of its difficulty. Please note that since our hikes range from a completely level stroll to a short, steep uphill, a steady moderate climb to a steep bushwack, the classifications are based on AVERAGE hiking ability, and the slowest person in a party will always set the pace for the whole party.

Class 1: Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a toddler, parent with baby on back and birdwatchers who stop and stare.

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:

The letters, A, B, and C describe a portion of the terrain:

An "A" means generally a good, easy trail, mostly level.

A "B" means the trail may be rough or may be steep, e.g., the Boulders.

A "C" means something more difficult: brush, a few logs to crawl over, a very steep trail, a very muddy trail.

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.

At times we designate a hike 3 MINUS or a 3 PLUS, A, B, C. An example would be: Rattlesnake Ledge (3 MINUS C) - a very short hike but with rockscrambling ability needed.

The number (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) refers to the time/energy output: 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 2A will be easy in energy output and an easy path, like High Point to Issaquah on the railroad grade. A 2C still will be an easy enough half day but may have some mud or low bridges. The pace will be slow enough to accommodate but a few challenges might be met.

Class 2 hikes are only a half-day yet we suggest bringing a lunch or snack since driving distances vary and a 2-hour hike might not leave the trailhead till 10:15, meaning a case of hunger pangs might strike before you return to your car.

Always dress warm. Plan for unexpected contingencies. Bring liquid, emergency food for energy and wear suitable footwear.

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Hike Leaders:

1. Always discuss the trip in detail with your party so they know what to expect. Use your judgment as to the overall hiking ability of your group. Be sure they are dressed appropriately.
2. Always assign a rear guard to the hike group to watch for stragglers.
3. Never leave a hiker alone. If a person cannot go on, then assign another qualified party member to stay with them or escort them back . . . Otherwise the whole party turns back.

Generally speaking, on a Class 2 hike, the pace of the slowest member sets the pace for the whole party, though this does not preclude the leader, if he has an experienced assistant leader, to break the party into a slow and a fast section.

On a Class 3 hike, where the slowest pace may preclude the trip from being accomplished, the leader must decide how slow a pace can be set and still make the trip. At that point, the decision whether to send the slow hiker back must be made.

**RULE: ANY PACE THAT WILL PERMIT THE TRIP TO BE DONE IN A REASONABLE TIME
IS FAST ENOUGH!**

"Hike Descriptions"

CAVES OF WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 - C)

The way to the caves has been wellworn by the backsides 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.

COAL CREEK (Class 2 C)

From Coal Creek Parkway upstream along the creek and sometimes in the creekbed (rubber boots recommended), will lead you to the old Farm a site now owned by the King County Parks but undeveloped. It is a quiet spot yet not far from the mad pace of construction taking place on hills above. The way back will be by way of the ridge above and long the south fork of Coal Creek.

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.

COAL CREEK GEOLOGICAL TOUR (Class 2B)

This is a special hike focusing on the rich geological history of the Issaquah Alps. We will carpool to fossils, coal mine and bunker sites, and park at the Brick Plant, then follow the grade of the first railroad in King County to an open bank cinder mine. Taking time to look for salt-water fossils, fused minerals and petrified wood, we finally finish up amidst the seams and remains of Red Town (35 million years of history in 3-1/2 hours, not bad for a day's stroll). Warning: occasional mud calls for long pants and boots.

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 BY WAY OF CHINA CREEK (Class 2 C)

A new route starting from Red Town and following China Creek leads us to the brink of De Leo's Wall where we can sit on this aerie 600 feet above May Valley and enjoy the surroundings.

DICK HEINTZ TRAIL VICINITY RAMBLETORY (Class 3 C)

A network of logging railroad grades, spurs, and spurs of spurs make for a very unspurious discovery together on the E flank of W. Tiger 1. We approach via the Preston trail from the new, improved, family-sized TMT at High Point. Expect a full day with a bit of rough footing (and maybe heading!) and/or some brush. Another in a series of peakless but hopefully not pointless historical excursions. Not much altitude gain, but we'll work to find some miles to do!

EAST COUGAR MT. LOOP (Class 3 C)

1300" Elevation gain: 4-5 hours

Starting at State Highway, we will climb to Claypit Peak via Newcastle Queen Trail. After visiting Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park and enjoying the beautiful view overlooking Lake Sammamish, we will return to the starting point by way of Claypit Creek Ridge. The return will be exploratory.

ELIZABETH'S TRAIL (Class 1 A)

A short toddler's hike begins at the Redtown terminus of the railroad grade which carried passengers and coal to Seattle in the late 1850s. The hike can be as long and as short as the toddler desires; the proposed destination hopefully will be the cinder mine.

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.

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2 B)

We walk the Railroad Grade from High Point, then follow steep wooded trails angling up to the top of the ridge, there coming to a lookout point above the gravel pit with views of skyport and gliders, not to mention Cougar and Squak mountains and the urban sprawl of Issaquah below.

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 Plateau, and the century-old cedar puncheon skidroad used by oxen, the trail around Lake Tradition, the "cirque" lake at the base of West Tiger, Round Lake and the Rain Forest East; the Orchard of the abandoned homestead and a Greyhound bus, a mysterious relic here in the deep woods. Each leader will choose a variation.

LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2 C)

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.

MARTY'S MEANDERS (Class 1 A)

Marty Murphy of Audubon fame leads bird watchers and creature watchers along streams and wildlife areas on easy paths. Toddlers and babies welcome as the pace is slow to absorb the wildlife around you. Also bring binoculars and note pad. Meet at the Park and Ride and drive to destinations as listed in the schedule.

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

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger Railroad Grade, climbing steeply from here we intersect the TMT, 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 Mining and Logging Sampler (Class 3 + C)

Here's a fairly full day of exploring the vestiges of Tiger's mining and logging history, starting at 15-Mile Creek and ending up (at a "spotted" car or two) below the artifacts and logging railroad grades of far from middlin' Middle Tiger. About 1500-foot gain in 9 miles or so. Another in a series of peakless but hopefully not pointless historical excursions.

MT. TENERIFFE (4,788 ft.) (Class 4 C)

Although a continuation of the Mount Si ridge (4,167 ft.) Teneriffe is even higher. The amount of elevation gained will depend upon your leader and the point where the cars are abandoned and feet take over. Expect a long day (a friend of the leader, namely HM, says to expect an "aerobic" day.) The views will be superb of the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie valley, the Russian Buttes and the oxbow lakes at the base of the mountain -- all depending, of course, on the whims of the weather.

MOUNT WASHINGTON (Class 4 +)

A surprise super hike to Mount Washington, known as "Stranger Mountain," and located east of Rattlesnake Ridge, southeast of Mount Si, and overshadowing the ancient terminal moraine of the Puget Glacier. This is a 12-mile round trip hike.

NORTH END OF TMT (Class 2 C)

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.

OLD NEWCASTLE TO NEW NEWCASTLE (2 +)

Follow the historic coalmining loop from Redtown, down the Walla Walla and Seattle Railroad grades to the Valma house, now on the Historic Places Register, where we will have lunch and then return -- an all day trip with time for poking into the nooks and crannies of the past.

PHOTOGRAPHERS' SPECIAL (Class 3 B)

This will be a slow-paced hike on Tiger Mountain to places of special beauty at this lovely time of year. Emphasis will be on fall colors, waterfalls, and whatever else might be likely subjects. Leader will share tips and ideas. Bring tripods if you wish. Route and destination will be at leader's discretion.

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

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah Valley. The Talki-Tooter once heard here in olden days give us the name, if you are wondering. . . The route follows the Many Creek Valley in one of several possible routes.

Preston ROAD (Class 2-A)

The 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.

Preston Trail - Tiger Mountain Loop (Class 3 B)

Sample old growth forest, old logging railroad beds, and a good chunk of Bill Longwell's magnum opus, the famed Tiger Mountain Trail. About 7 miles and 2000-foot elevation gain. No summit reached unless bright sunshine and everybody in the group conspire to have us do that extra steep 700 -foot elevation gain.

RAMBLES ON TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3 A)

ON TIGER MT. ROUNDABOUT

Cover the trails of Tiger High Point to West Tiger 3, the Lake Tradition Loop, possibly even the Big Tree trail and the Brink trail. We may even go to Poo Poo Point and Round Lake, returning on different routes. 200 ft. elevation gain.

SEATTLE HISTORY HIKE (Class 2 B)

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

Snoqualmie Falls to Powerhouse (Class 3 C)

This is a new scratch trail from the base of Snoqualmie Falls to the powerhouse. With marching feet and people bearing tools it will soon become a respectable trail. The views are spectacular and the new route is a challenge.

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.

TIGER MOUNTAIN HISTORY HIKE (Class 3 C)

This 11-mile up-and-down hike covers the early history of mining and logging on Tiger Mountain. It not only follows railroad grades and caches of artifacts from mining days, but also may include a sidetrip to a summit. You will appreciate the days long gone by after listening to Bill Longwell's discourse.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3 C)

Starting at the south end (Highway 18 approach) we hike 11 miles north ending at High Point. We traverse Manning's Reach and contour along Middle Tiger through lovely forests and fine views. This will entail a car switch.

WEST TAYLOR MOUNTAIN TRAIL (WTMT) (Class 4 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 TIBBETTS CREEK -- BEAR RIDGE TRAILS (Class 3-C) 4 m roundtrip, elev: 1100'

Your vice-president recently stumbled upon a pair of trails that from the evidence have been traveled by Europeans for scores of years and previous residents for thousands, and before that very likely by woolly mammoths, lame pterodactyls, and tricky crocodiles. It now serves as a major arterial for bear, cougar, coyotes, and griffins commuting from Cougar Mountain to Squak, and thence to Tiger and the heart of the dark Cascades. This is a new trip for us, but will instantly become a standard, because the wild heights of Bear Ridge, between the wild gorges of Claypit Creek and West Fork Tibbetts Creek, are some of the grandest country hereabouts. This whole area distinctly must be a dedicated greenbelt, giving people access to the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, and other of God's Children a route from Cougar to the adjoining wildland east.

WEST TIGER 1 by PRESTON TRAIL (Class 2 + C)

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 the years by a pioneer trail-builder in 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.

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 shouldn't be too bad, returning back along the Tradition Lake Trail to High Point.

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.

YELLOW LAKE (Class 1-A)

The wonderful wildlife refuge around Yellow Lake in the middle of the Hestness Property on the Sammamish Plateau has been a birdwatcher's paradise for years. The question is: how long will it be a paradise? Come visit this wet and wild area which contains the finest pristine sphagnum peat bog near Seattle. The full community of flowering plants characteristic of bogs are Labrador Tea, bog laurel and carnivorous sundew.

!! SPECIAL HIKES!!

THE PRESIDENT'S WALK (Class 2 - A)

The President's Annual New Year's Walk & Talk (for clean-living members) will, as usual, start from the Park and Ride at 10 a.m. to permit midnight bell-ringers to sleep in a bit, and return you home in time to watch USC play the second half of the Rose Bowl. The destination, however, will await events. Should the elections go disastrously bad, we may spend the day preparing to immigrate to some county not totally owned by the land speculators. However, since we expect things to go good, we intend to celebrate the latest new acquisition to the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park -- or possibly the latest good thing done for the Tiger Mountain State Forest. In case of deep snow, we'll trudge through Bakersville and chortle at the plans for a shopping center at an elevation of 1400 feet. If the weather is rainy, bring your umbrella for use while the President is speaking at you.

New state PARK even!

JOHN WAYNE PIONEER TRAIL WALK WITHIN THE NEW IRONHORSE STATE PARK (Class 2 A - 3 A)

We are one of the first groups to announce to the public that we have a new state park: The IRONHORSE STATE PARK -- its dimensions: 80 ft. wide and 25 miles long in its first twenty-five miles of the John Wayne Trail. Where is it located? On the east slope of the Cascades near Easton, Washington.

Join us for the Cle-Elum River Fall Colors Walk and breakfast cooked by Linda and Jack Price at the starting point of this tour: their property east of Easton, Washington. At the West Nelson Siding Road go left off I-90. Follow the road about a quarter of a mile to their property which will be well-marked. For \$6.00 you will have a fantastic breakfast which will include French Toast, pancakes, juice and coffee, etc., served between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. (Please call Linda on or before Thursday preceding the hike so she can plan on food.) Then, after breakfast, you are on your own -- you can follow the trail down to the Cle Elum River Canyon to the bridge (8 miles round-trip) or organize a car transfer and go farther. Also short mushroom hikes are available -- hunt for the famed huge King Boletus mushrooms in the woods; take pictures of the fall colors. It might be possible to camp overnight at Lake Easton Campground for an early start Sunday morning. For car-pooling, plan to meet at the Issaquah Park and Ride at 8 a.m. Sunday morning. (1 hr 15 - minutes away).

This hike is sponsored jointly by the IATC and the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders. You will be hiking part of the newly established trail with trail riders who will join us at the Price property. This is a FIRST for us, and we hope, not the last. Call the Hot Line for information update or call Linda Price (226-7848) or Betty Manning (746-1017).

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