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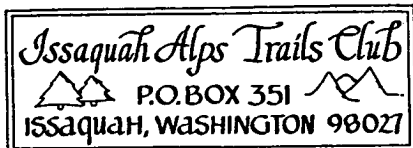
2nd Annual
Potluck Dinner
Vasa Hall, Upper Preston

Hike Schedules

1986

January February

March



President's (26th) Report

December 10, 1985

Tabula Rasa?

For historical perspective, the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park began to move toward reality in the administration of King County Executive John Spellman. We of the Trails Club worked amicably and creatively with members of his executive staff; Executive Spellman personally approved the County lawsuit which kept the loggers out of what is now The (our) Wilderness. (I've always loved John for that, because had King County not done it my personal attorney was standing by to file, though neither he nor I had any notion how the bill for his services ever would be paid.)

When John was elected Governor in midterm and the County Council chose an interim successor, the park was potentially in serious trouble; even so, staff momentum kept it on track.

The election of Executive Randy Revelle was, of course, crucial, because he counsulted with County staff, Council members, public figures throughout the county, and the likes of us, and recognized this as the sort of opportunity local government might have once in a generation, if that. The accomplishments of Randy Revelle and staff will not be forgotten by the history books.

We now move into the administration of County Executive Tim Hill. It will be our task in months ahead to strive to inform him of the present status of the park, and our vision of the Ultimate Park.

Additionally, it will be our task to consult with members of the King County Council, without whom nothing very good -- or bad -- can happen.

Candidly, until we have had the opportunity for these consultations, we won't know precisely how to go about finishing the Cougar Mountain Park.

At the moment we can only say, it is not finished and were it to be halted at this point, so near so splendid a conclusion, I, personally, would hate to be the person or persons to whom the history books ascribed the blame.

IATC Potluck Supper and

Issaquah Alps Slide Show and

Socializing as in "ZING"

Saturday March 15 - 5:00p.m. on

at
Vasa Hall - Upper Preston
(see "Beyond the Alps" Description of
route to follow)

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
or the Hotline

READ THIS READ THIS READ THIS READ THIS

WE CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION...

Washington Wilderness Coalition
PO Box 45187
Seattle, WA 98145-0187

This was the organization -- a coalition of scores of others, including the Issaquah Alps Trails Club -- that was in the forefront of the campaign for the 1984 Washington Wilderness Act, and continues to seek to fill in the gaps, to save the wildlands that Acts of Congress omitted in our state, and to seek designations under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Though focused on federal wildlands, it stands in support of efforts to protect state and local wildlands -- as in our Alps.

The Trails Club operates on too low a dues schedule to permit us to pay the "ought to" organizational dues. We pay what we can afford.

We recommend that you join as individual members -- as Regulars, \$15 a year, as Students/Low Income, \$8.

All memberships bring a subscription to Washington Wildfire, as hot a newsheet as is being published these days.

Washington Environmental Council
80 South Jackson, #308
Seattle, WA 98104

This outfit needs no introduction. Again, the Trails Club is an enthusiastic member -- whenever we need support for programs in our Alps, this is one of the four key buttons we push.

But again, we can't afford to pay the proper organizational dues.

Aside from that, if you're interested in a wide range of matters -- from the cleanliness of Puget Sound to the reform of the abominable Forest Practices Act, you must belong.

The dues (\$15 a year) bring you The Alert, which indeed does alert you to how you can, as a citizen, directly participate in state government.

"The Apparatus"

* OFFICERS · COMMITTEES · WATCHERS *

For any 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	392-2190
Darla O'Brian, Treasurer	324-1609
Ralph Owen	746-1070
Jack Price	226-7848
Bill Longwell	225-1295
Buz Moore	746-1866
Maryanne Tagney Jones	222-7615
George Jackman	641-2895
Betty Manning	746-1017
Marianne Bagley	364-7837

For information about activities, call:

Issaquah Alps 24-hour Hotline	328-0480
To volunteer for a job call Dave Kappler	235-0741
History Book Committee - Peggy Owen	746-1070
Ralph Owen	746-1070
Hikes -- Betty Manning	746-1017
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Tiger Watcher -- Laurene McLane	392-0204
Squak Watcher -- Dave Kappler	235-0741
Cougar Watcher - Ralph Owen	746-1070
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
VOW Representative -- Joe Toynbee	723-6716

SLEIGH RIDES

OLD FASHIONED HORSEDRAWN SLEIGH RIDES are once again being offered by HAPPY TRAILS HORSEBACK RIDING RANCH. Throughout the winter and early spring, fun-loving groups of people will have a chance to enjoy a moonlight sleigh ride singing all those winter wonderland songs to the background music of jingling bells on the horses as they clippity-clop, clippity-clop along the country lane leading to the frozen lake where we can try our hand at ice fishing and sip hot cocoa around a blazing bonfire. The rides will originate at the Hyak Ski Area. For reservations, costs and times, call Linda and Jack Price at 206/226-7848. Groups desiring transportation should contact Getaway Tours in Tacoma at 588-4488 or your local tour agency.



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
	Dwight Riggs	772-1666
	Bill Longwell	255-1295
SQUAK MOUNTAIN:	Bill Longwell	255-1295
	Dave Kappler	235-0741
	Stan Unger	283-7823
	Tom Mechler	255-0922
COUGAR MOUNTAIN:	Dave Kappler	235-0741
	Harvey Manning	746-1017
	Ralph Owen	746-1070
	Stan Unger	283-7823

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors meetings.

September 12, 1985

Cougar Mountain. Discussed status of park, land purchases, land swaps, Interests of Bellevue and Issaquah, trail corridors, landfill EIS.

Hikes. Salmon Days scheduling, historical photos, supplies of leaflets and handouts, final arrangements.

Wildlife Corridors. Ranger Jack has worked on this with Game Dept. Need corridor for wildlife between Cougar and Squak. Discussed possible King Co. Open Space Plan. This is major project for fall-winter.

Tiger Mountain. ORV and shooting activity is somewhat controlled. We make formal comment end of October, then public hearings.

Membership. 137 new memberships between June 10 and Sept. 1. Five born-again. Next Alpiner will have last warning + envelope for dues.

Board elections. Need nominations by December 10. Who's running?

October 16, 1985

Membership: 1474 Alpiners mailed. 45% are paying \$10 or more.

Our memberships. We renewed with WEC at \$50 and Washington Wilderness coalition at \$25.

Elections. IATC cannot endorse political candidates, Issaquah or elsewhere. Discussed need for volunteers in County elections.

Merker Maps. Mary's maps show water districts, fire districts, "public" trails, "our" trails and land ownership. HM will loan for study.

Hikes. Will's Army completed trail on Little Si. Discussed hike leader's preference for Class 3s, problem of too slow hikers. Class 1s will be increased soon.

Quiet Trails. Bill mandating study of ORV fund is being readied in Olympia. Ira Spring is lobbying Congress for "Hiking Areas" with machine free trails. Rod Chandler supports.

Tiger Mountain. Discussed our response to TM State Forest Plan, strengthening use of Tiger by means of education theme, "docents" program to teach geology, ecology, flora, fauna. Horse trails may be signed. Jack will pursue with DNR.

Cougar Mt. King Co. trying to acquire the \$100,000,000 View. Parking lot at Wilderness Creek requested this year. IATC may have rep on a tower site committee. The KONG 300' tower is about to go up.

November 21, 1985

HM and Betty, snowed in on Cougar, held meeting in the 200-meter hut. Present were various dogs, birds, and four Eastern gray squirrels. HM presented his report on the status of Cougar Mt. Regional Wildland Park.

A corridor from Hilltop Pass to Coal Creek has been offered to IATC. Tom is checking to see if we could or should accept.

We must set our agenda for Cougar and publish it everywhere. Nobody knows what the Hill administration has in mind.

The proposed new method of hike classifications was discussed over the phone and will be implemented. Many trip descriptions are being re-written.

Alps Publications

now · on · sale
TIGER · mt · GUIDE (REVISED)

NOW 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 SOON: Guide to the Trails of Cougar Mountain and Squak Mountain, completely revised and enlarged with many new trails and all-new maps.

Each book is \$6.00, postage paid.

STILL 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
PO 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

Annual Meeting

Newport-Wau-Library

Thursday, January 16

7:30 P.M.

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:

Nominated for terms expiring in 1989

Maryanne Tagney Jones
Buz Moore
Betty Manning

Holdovers, terms expiring in 1987

Ralph Owen
Marianne Bagley
George Jackman

Holdovers, terms expiring in 1988

Bill Longwell
Dave Kappler
Jack Price

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

Officers 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.

January 1986

SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY A.M.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.
Code: (Tiq) = Tiger Mountain (Cou) = Cougar Mountain (Spu) = Squak Mountain No code = out-of-area				Harvey Manning 1 746-1017 President's Annual Walk (Tiq) 10:00 A.M. class 1A-B	2	3	4	George Jackman 4 -641-2895- Middle tiger (Tiq) 12:30 P.M. class 2 C
Larry Hanson 5 -392-2458- Photographer's Special - (Possible snow hike) • Call leader (Tiq) • See write-up 9:00 a.m. Class 3B	Steve Williams 5 -453-8997- Timberlake Tramp Timberlake County Park - Naturalist's Tour 12:30 a.m. Class 1A-B	Betty Culbert 6 -641-6451- Cougar Loop from Park Hdqtrs. Note (Cou) 12:30 p.m. class 2C	7	8	Laurene McLane 9 -392-0204- Little Si 9:30 a.m. class 2B	10	Ralph Leach 11 -783-6345- (Tiq) W tiger 1, 2, 3 from TMT 8:30 a.m. class 3C	Tim O'Brien 11 -384-1609- Seattle History Hike - -1st & yester st. 9:30 a.m. class 2B
Larry Hall 12 -325-9034- Tiger Mt trail (Tiq) 8:30 a.m. Class 3C	Buzz Moore 12 -746-1866- Lakemont Gorge (Cou) 12:30 p.m. class 2C	13	Jim Cadigan 14 -641-4046- LK Alice Rd to Snoqualmie Falls 9:30 a.m. Class 3B	15	Al Blalock + Ed Bowser 16 LK tradition - Big tree trail Loop 9:30 a.m. class 2A-2B	also: January 16 Annual Meeting and Board Meeting 7:30 P.M. Newport Way Library Election of Officers!	Bill Longwell 18 -255-1295- "one view TRAIL" WORK PARTY (Tiq) 8:30 a.m. class 4ABC	Bob Gross 18 -392-0539- Big tree trail - Iss. Watershed (Tiq) 12:30 p.m. class 2A-B
Ralph Owen 19 -746-1070- (Cou) Seattle-Walla Walla RR from N. Renton to Coal Creek 8:30 a.m. class 3A-B	Steve Cavit 19 -271-7780- (Cou) Wilderness Creek to The Boulders 12:30 p.m. class 2C	Mary Cadigan 20 -641-4646- (Cou) Wildside Trail 9:30 a.m. class 2 B-C	21	Maureen Wells 22 -392-3660- Toddler's Walk Preston to LK Alice Road 9:00 a.m. class 1A	Connie Dow 23 -392-2190- N End Tiger Mt. Trail Loop (Tiq) 9:30 a.m. class 3C	24	Joe Toynbee 25 -723-6716- Manning's Reach (Tiq) 8:30 a.m. class 3C	Ann Leber 25 -746-3291- Coal Creek Falls (Cou) 12:30 p.m. class 2B
George Jackman 26 -641-2895- West tiger 1 (Tiq) 8:30 a.m. class 3C	Dave Kappler 26 -235-0741- West Tibbetts Creek (Cou) 12:30 p.m. class 2B	27	Bill Neumann 28 -232-8993- Lake Tradition Plateau Rambles (Tiq) 9:30 a.m. class 2A	29	Dwight Riggs 30 (Tiq) -772-1666- Middle tiger via RR Grades 9:30 a.m. class 3B	31		

February 1986

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Bob Gross 2 -392-0539- Caves of W Tiger 3 (Tiq) 8:30 am Class 2B-C	Buzz Moore 2 -746-1866- Lakemont Gorge (Cou) 12:30 p.m. Class 2C		Dwight Riggs 4 -772-1666- The Artifacts Trail (Tiq) 9:30 am Class 3C			Betty Culbert 7 Little si 9:30 am Class 2B	A.J. Culver 8 Many Creek Valley & Caves of West tiger 3 -392-3002 (Tiq) 8:30 am Class 3B	Tom Mecklee 8 -255-0922- Claypit Peak (Cou) 12:30 am Class 2B
Jon Pollack 9 -522-6326- Manning's Reach (Tiq) 8:30 am Class 3C	Dave Kappler 9 -235-0741- Coal Creek Falls (Cou) 12:30 p.m. Class 2B			Mary Cadigan 12 -641-4046- LK tradition (Tiq) Big tree trail - Iss. Watershed Loop 9:30 a.m. Class 2A-B	Jim Cadigan 13 -641-4046- North Tiger Mt. Loop (Tiq) 9:30 am Class 3C		Steve Cavit 15 -271-7780- (Tiq) Poo Poo Point to Many Creek Valley 8:30 am Class 3B	Russ Williams 15 -597-5989- Boulders via Wilderness Creek (Cou) 12:30 p.m. Class 2C
Ralph Owen 16 -746-1070- Cougar (Cou) Wilderness 8:30 a.m. Class 3C	Steve Williams 16 Weavna Beach County Park Naturalist Hike Exploring old trees in 80-acre park -453-8997- 12:30 p.m. Class 2B	Ann Leber 17 -746-3291- Manning's Reach (Tiq) 9:30 a.m. Class 3C	Bill Newnam 18 Lake tradition Rambles on Tiger Mt. Plateau -232-8993- 9:30 a.m. Class 2A		IATC Bd Mtg. Newport Bay Library 7:30 p.m. All come!!		Ursula & Leonard Eisenberg 22 -392-4034- West tiger 3 (Tiq) 8:30 a.m. Class 3B	
Falk Kreeger 23 -525-4544- TMT Loop to Tiger 2, Tiger 1, Dwight's Way - Return via Preston trail 8:30 A.M. Class 3C	Virginia Cuykendall 23 -746-7280- Issaquah (Tiq) Vista 12:30 a.m. Class 2B	Laurene McLane 24 -392-0204- Leader's choice - check Hot Line 9:30 a.m. 1-2-3C	Note →	Maureen Wells 26 -392-3660- Toddlers Walk LK tradition (Tiq) 9:00 a.m. Class 1A		Jim Cadigan 28 -641-4046- Cougar Ring from Park Hdqtrs (Cou) 9:30 a.m. Class 4C		

March 1986

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<p><u>Codes</u> (tig) = tiger mountain (cou) = cougar mountains (squ) = squak mountains No code = out-of-area</p>			<p>COME to the IATC MARCH 15-5 PM Vasa Hall Call the HotLINE</p>	<p>* Second, SMASHING, Live POTLUCK MARCH 15-5 PM in charming or 746-1017 for Directions</p>	<p>* DINNER UPPER Preston!</p>		<p>Bob Eschrich ✓ -232-5764- Cougar (cou) Wilderness</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Class 3C</p>	<p>Russ Williams ✓ -392-5989- Herriston</p> <p>9:30 class 3A-B</p>
<p>Tim O'Brian -324-1609- [2]</p> <p>High Pt. Creek to old Mill Camp (Bring metal Detectors)</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Class 3B</p>	[2]	<p>AL Blalock [3] Ed + Bowser -746-4155- P.O. P.O. Point + many Creek valley</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Class 3B</p>	[4]	<p>Jim Cadigan [5] -640-4046- Fuller Mountain</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Class 2-3C</p>	[6]	[7]	<p>Joe Toynbee [8] -723-6716- Tiger Mt. Trail (tig)</p> <p>8:30 a.m. class 4C</p>	<p>Tim O'Brian [8] Seattle History -324-1609 Hike 1st + yester st.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. class 2B</p>
<p>George Jackman [9] -641-2895- West Taylor Mt.</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Class 3B</p>	<p>Ralph Owen [9] -746-1070- old Newcastle to new Newcastle (cou)</p> <p>12:30 P.M. Class 2B</p>	[10]	<p>Clint Lemmon [11] -432-0490- Mount Si</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Class 3-4 D</p>	[12]	[13]	<p>Pat Kaald [14] -746-8741- LK Alice Rd to Snoqualmie Falls</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Class 2A</p>	<p>A.J. Culver [15] -392-3002- N. Tiger 3 Annual Potluck 5 P.M. on Vasa Hall Upper Preston</p> <p>8:30 a.m. class 3B</p>	<p>Ann Leber [15] -746-3291- Little Si</p> <p>12:30 P.M. Class 2B</p>
<p>Will Thompson [16] -488-8592- West Tiger Circumambulation (see description) (tig)</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Class 3B-C</p>	<p>Virginia Cuy Kendall [16] -746-7280- Coal Creek (cou) Falls</p> <p>12:30 P.M. Class 2B</p>	<p>Mary Cadigan [17] -641-4046- De Leo Wall (cou)</p> <p>↓ NOTE</p> <p>12:30 P.M. Class 2B</p>	<p>Bill Newnam [18] -232-8993- Lake tradition Rambles on Tiger Mt. Plateau</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Class 2A</p>	[19]	<p>IATC Bd Mtg - [20] Call Connie Dow for verification of Date - 7:30 P.M. - Newport Way Library</p>	<p>Marty [21] Hansoh -392-2458- Beaver Valley & Silent Swamp</p> <p>↓ NOTE</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Class 3-B</p>	<p>Ursula [22] Leonard Eisenberg -392-4834- middle tiger via Grand Canyon 15-mile Creek (tig)</p> <p>8:30 am Class 3C</p>	<p>! Come! Call Hot Line for Directions! A LIVE PEOPLE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p>
<p>Jeray * Wheeler [23] Mount Si [30] ANN Leber cougar Ring -746-3291 (cou)</p> <p>8:30 a.m. class 3B</p>	<p>Buzz Moore [23] Lake Mont (cou) [30] Gorge Steve Williams -453-8997- Coal Creek Geol. Special (cou)</p> <p>12:30 PM Class 1-2 A-B</p>	<p>Connie Dow [24] Coal Creek Falls Loop [31] Laurene McLane -392-2190- -392-0204- P.O. P.O. Point (tig)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Class 3B</p>	[25]	[26]	<p>Hazel Hale [27] -234-5376- Middle tiger via R.R. Grades (Tig) (8 miles RT)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Class 3C</p>	[28]	<p>Stan Unger [29] Boulders via Wilderness Creek (cou) -283-7823-</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Class 2C</p>	<p>see "Potluck Directions" for Under Hill Descriptions</p>

"HIKES"

HIKES COMMITTEE:

Betty Manning (746-1017); Mary Cadigan (641-4046); Betty Culbert (641-6451); Ann Leber (746-3291); Jenne Micai (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.



WE WELCOME EVERYONE

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.

HIKE CLASSIFICATION

The Classifications of individual hikes are meant to be a general indicator of time and difficulty. For specific details see the descriptions of individual hikes under Hike Descriptions.

NUMBERS indicate hiking Time (Travel time and lunch time not included).

Class 1 = + 2 hrs Class 2 = + 4 hrs

Class 3 = + 6 hrs Class 4 = + 8 hrs

This is approximate hiking time, based on an assumption of a 2 mph pace, with a half hour added for every 1000' elevation gain.

Trail conditions, weather, unexpected hazards can extend the hiking time. Travel time to the trailhead and back will add 20 - 70 minutes, depending on the hike. Lunch time will add another 20 - 70 minutes depending on the mood of the group.

LETTERS indicate Degree of Difficulty

- A = level terrain, no difficulties for an average walker
- B = some climbing - up to 800', or some other element of difficulty
- C = more climbing - up to 2200', or some other difficulty
- D = much climbing - over 2200' elevation gain

This is estimated degree of difficulty. Most trails we hike are not up to the high standards you may be used to from hiking in National Parks. The trails we hike can be very steep in parts, muddy, brushy. You may gain 1000' elevation gain in just one mile of a 5-mile 1500' elevation gain hike. You may have to clamber over fallen trees, or beat your way through nettles and berry bushes.

Short doesn't automatically mean easy, and long doesn't automatically mean tough.

The description of the individual hike will give you a specific notion of what particular difficulties each hike may entail. When in doubt, call the hike leader listed on the hike calendar.

Wear comfortable boots. Dress warmly. Bring liquid and food. Bring extra food and clothing for unexpected contingencies.

Hike Descriptions

COUGAR MOUNTAIN

THE BOULDERS OF WILDERNESS CREEK (Class 2-C)

The trail established by the Trails Club members five years ago was the first unit of the Cougar Mountain Regions Wildland Park. The short steep path follows near the waterfaling creek to the Boulders, monster chunks of andesite fallen from the glacier-oversteepened cliffs of Wilderness Peak, Cougar's highest. Moss and ferns growing on the rock beside the creek create a magic spot. A short climb to Big View Cliff is worth the effort if a crystal clear day reveals Mount Rainer against the southern sky.

THE BEAUTIFUL BOTTOM TRAIL (Class 2-C)

This trail continues from the boulders to more enchanting places and the site of the famous Cougar cave. Climbing still along the waterfalls, the trail intersects with Shy Bear trail. A left loop would take you to the Long View lookout point and the Ring Road back to the Boulders.

THE BOULDERS-WILDERNESS PEAK LOOP (Class 2-C)

This trail continues from Shy Bear trail to the top of wilderness peak, descending by Jim's new and less steep trail to Wildview cliff and a lunch stop at Big View where the view might await you.

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 2-B)

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 MOUNTAIN PARK LOOP (Class 2-B)

Starting from the top of Anti-Aircraft Peak, the site of the new park, we descend down the Lost Beagle trail to the Klondike Swamp. Bill's trail along the dry side of the swamp goes through a new logging area which makes for nice views. A side short climb might be included to capture that rare Rainier View. We intersect the Clay Pit road near the site of Nike Site and might detour there for a bit of history. The loop back will be a climb up Anti-Aircraft Ridge from either Clay Pit or the Klondike Road. The loops are endless in possibilities and length. Expect some mud in a few places.

COUGAR RING (Class 4-B)

The hike explores the center of the Cougar Mountain Region Wildland 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.

DE LEO'S WALL (Class 2-C)

This amazing near vertical wall of Marshall's hill rises about 900 feet from the floor of May Valley. We do not try a rock climb however, but take a more gentle approach from Redtown, the site of the old company coal town. Each leader has a different approach to this area where the views of the valley and Mount Rainier make a delightful backdrop for lunch. The loop back can also be done either via the Wildside Trail or the Indian Trail to the ball park, or via China Creek.

LAKEMONT GEORGE (Class 2-C) (lower part of Peggy's Trail)

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. In wet conditions, the mud can be a problem both for depth and slippery conditions on steep sections.

OLD NEWCASTLE TO NEW NEWCASTLE (Class 3-B)

Following the historic coal mining grade as in Elizabeth's trail above, we walk along the Walla Walla and Seattle Railroad grade to the Baima house in Old Town. This former company house is on the Historic Places Register of the County and makes a nice spot for lunch. The return is a loop behind the town near the bunkers and back to the newer mining area with time for poking into the nooks and crannies of the past, the sites of old churches, saloons, bunkers, and wash houses. You will understand why we seek a Coal County (National ?) Historical District.

WEST TIBBETTS CREEK - BEAR RIDGE TRAILS (Class 3-C) (4 mile 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 pteradactyls, 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.

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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, intersecting the De Leo's Wall Trail.

TIGER MOUNTAIN

ARTIFACTS TRAIL See Middle Tiger Mining and Logging Sampler.

BEAVER VALLEY VIA SILENT SWAMP (CLASS 3-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 See Lake Tradition.

CAVES OF WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3-C)

The way to the caves has 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.

DWIGHT'S TRAIL

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.

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.

HIGH POINT CREEK TO OLD MILL CAMP (Class 3-B)

Call leader or Hot Line.

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 view of skyport and gliders, not to mention Cougar and Squak mountains and the urban sprawl of Issaquah below.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S SNOW SPECIAL (Class 3-A, B, or C) (6-7-8 miles)

Enjoy the winter season with camera in hand. Hopefully we will find some snow-covered landscapes. Leader will share tips and ideas. Route and destination will be at his discretion. Be prepared for hiking in snow. Bring lunch and hot drink. Please call the leader for specifics.

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 gives us the name, if you are wondering. The route follows the Many Creek Valley in one of several possible routes.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (CLASS 3-C)

This is the classic 11.3-mile trail from near Highway 18 in the south to the newly constructed finish at High Point. With a car switch we can do it all in a single day, in deep woods, over nicely bridged creeks, along railroad grades and with open views from the slopes of Middle Tiger and West Tiger 2. The scenic spots along the way were named for the boys (men by now, no doubt) who helped Bill Longwell build the trail. Time and many feet have trod here over the years. Don't expect a wide and level trail as in Rainier Park but one which might be narrow, slippery and brushy in places but which has constantly been worked by many loving hands.

WEST TIGER CIRCUMAMBULATION (Class 3-B) (12 miles)

Beginning at the east trail head at High Point, we hike the TMT and Dwight's Way, up the Preston Trail to the Dick Heinz Trail. From there we go through 15-Mile Pass via the 15-Mile RR Grade and again to the TMT, then back to High Point. A traverse of the Tiger 2 summit is optional.

WEST TIGER 1 (Class 3-B-C)

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.

WEST TIGER 1 - 2 - 3 (Class 3-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 forest of antennas. The climb is steep in places but not hard and the rewards all along the way are certainly worth it.

LAKE TRADITION (Class varies from 1-A to 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.

RAMBLES IN THE LAKE TRADITION PLATEAU (Class 2-A)

Take in most of the above in a hike described as a roundabout. The leader does several figure eights with an elevation loss and gain of only 200 feet. A few new sights have been added to the plateau, the Queen's Chair and the Theater. A very nice introduction to the Watershed with a leader who knows it well.

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 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.

NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2-C)

The north end of the TMT make 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.

NORTH END TIGER MT. TRAIL LOOP (Class 2-3-C)

Starting as in the above hike, we turn off the Tiger Mt. Trail at Dwight's Trail and head off toward the Preston Trail. Once on the Preston Trail, it is a steady and sometimes steep climb. Lunch stop is usually sunny at the old log cabin site. Where the trail meets the side route down to the TMT again (2250') is as far as we climb. Return trip is fast to the cars.

BEYOND THE ALPS

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.

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.

PRESTON ROAD (Class 1-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 fine system of switchbacks to take you up the steep bank. Walk just beyond the paved descent to cross the highway for a view and bench stop over the Raging river as it enters a narrow forested canyon.

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. 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 (Class 1-2-3C)

This is a new scratch trail from the base of Snoqualmie Falls to the powerhouse boundary. 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.

TIMBERLAKE TROMP (Class 1A-B)

Join our Park Naturalist as he shares Timberlake County Park's secrets with you. Look for wildlife, wild birds. Be prepared to ask questions. This is a chance to learn.

WEOVNA BEACH COUNTY PARK (Class 2-B)

Wander the up and down wooded trails with our Park Naturalist, who will explain flora and fauna in this little known 80-acre park which never goes near the beach.

WEST TAYLOR MOUNTAIN TRAIL (WTMT) (Class 3-4B)

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.

PRESIDENT'S WALK (Class 1-A)

Meet at Park and Ride at 10 a.m. to let you sleep in an extra half hour. The President, fully expecting 3-ft. of heavy snowfall on the First, will amble or plow the route from High Point to Issaquah Vista. Come enjoy a leisurely sort of hike.

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