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## "The President's 28th Report

### Cougar Mountain

REGIONAL WILDLAND PARK.

June 8, 1986

When last I sat at this typewriter to render unto you a State of the Alps message, on February 10, the sky was dark, the air heavy, the present confused, and predictions for the future ranged from dubious to gloomy. The administration of County Executive John Spellman had begun the motion toward a Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. Under his successor, Randy Revelle, progress had been so steady and unswerving that a triumphant completion was confidently expected during his second term. A second term, however, was not granted by the electorate, and his replacement, Tim Hill, had been silent on the matter through the campaign and for three-and-a-half months after election. A new administration must be expected to take time to get organized. Nevertheless, the lack of any reply whatsoever to a series of letters from this typewriter seemed a bad omen.

Luckily, we had a new card to play -- the just-off-the-press second edition of our guidebook, 50+ Trails of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, etc. I devoted a week to prettying up a dozen copies with colored stars, red dots, easy-reference tabs, and yellow-pen emphasis, the best fun I'd had since kindergarten. I sent these copies to the County Executive and County Councilpersons, accompanied by individual letters imploring each individual to help renew the initiative.

The sun broke out of our clouds on March 17. That was the day Councilpersons Bruce Laing and Lois North obtained a meeting with Executive Hill and argued our case. Lois, who had represented the Council on the PRO PARKS Committee, had been familiar with and strongly supportive of the park from the beginning. Bruce, in whose district the park lies, had represented the Council on Executive Revelle's park-acquisition committee and knew the metes and bounds intimately, not from studying maps but by hiking the trails. They were able jointly to report that their conversations among the Council had found a bipartisan majority strongly wanting to go forward. Executive Hill immediately gave thumbs-up; during the past three months the acquisitions program has proceeded with the full support of both the executive and legislative branches of county government.



There are other mountains in our Alps. They share a location close to the heart of Puget Sound City and a position along the "I-90 Corridor," so hot a spot it reminds of when an elephant drops dead and every flesh-eater within a whiff comes flying, running, creeping, or crawling to rip off a chunk. There is not an acre of Cougar Mountain that is not the subject of a plan (or scheme, or plot). A vast tract of Squak Mountain which we had supposed to be development - proof is being circled by things with wings and claws and jaws. Inholdings within the boundaries of Tiger Mountain State Forest are so a-buzz the place reminds of mid-montane trails in fly time. All the high points are threatened by infestations of towers. All the flat places are menaced by eruptions of soccer players.

Some among us have chosen or considered a number of personal alternatives: One, move back into central city, say to the University District, or Madrona, or Queen Anne Hill, seek to civilize the scene, and put out of sight and mind the nauseous frontiers being imposed on the Alps. Two, emigrate to New Zealand, which is legally nuclear-free and comparatively developer-free and loaded with lamb chops. Three, stay here and seek a truly conservative course of action, such as de-incorporation of every city/town on or near the I-90 Corridor and/or placing a statutory limit on the terms of the Corridor's city/town councilmen and mayors, such as 15 minutes.

Most of us, of course, will stay where we are and keep plugging along, working with those of our elected officials who demonstrate the sort of intelligence, energy, and dedication without which the American Experiment is bound to fail, and working on the rest.

*Harvey Manning*

*Our New Emblem*



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# Cougar Mt. Regional Wildland Park

## The Newcastle Historical Area

That no new acquisitions are reported at this writing is not a cause for alarm. Two major and two smaller parcels are in negotiation; with these in hand we would move from a 45% to an 80% Park.

PLEASE NOTE: Though you may soon hear in the press that the 80% Park is THE FINAL Park, as once we heard for the 45% Park, now in hand, we will not yet have the 100% Park intended by Nature when She made this local arrangement of valleys and ridges. With the 80% Park there could and would be a "village" sprawling across China Summit, overlooking the Curious Valley; a row of houses bordering the Far Country; a line of sky castles gazing down into Klondike Swamp; a lamasery (or llama ranch, or whatnot) on Anti-Aircraft Ridge; and lawnmowers and weedeaters and video games atop Malignant Deceiver Ridge at the edge of the very heart of The Wilderness.

I'm reminded of how happy so many of us were in 1968, upon obtaining the North Cascades National Park, which among other objectives was intended to preserve the Stehekin Valley, at the head of Lake Chelan, from a plague of real-estate speculators. When the public gaze turned elsewhere, the essential final steps were not taken by the President and Congress and the National Park Service; Stehekin now is on the verge of being permanently desecrated; those of us who set out on crusade in the 1950s, are still there, the job not finished.

The Cougar Mountain crusade will not go on that long. The pace of development hereabouts has doubled or tripled every year of the past decade. What we save in the next several years will be all the Wildland Park we'll ever have.

I trust King County government will not become bored and restless, move to other pressing matters, and leave us with less than Nature intended. The county needs other parks -- and it needs other things than parks -- and we want those other parks and things -- but this is the only opportunity the county ever will have for a wildland park in the center of the megalopolis now a-building feverishly. !\*!\*!\*!

We were extremely heartened by Return to Newcastle IV, June 1. The attendance was about the same as last year, 5000 - 7000; at one point in mid-morning, 700 parked cars were counted; then the crowds began pouring in. This season of the year has a heavy schedule of conferences of government officials, so some invited guests were out of town. However, the throng was enthusiastically addressed by Councilpersons Audrey Gruger, Cynthia Sullivan, and Gary Grant; Bruce Laing's feelings were eloquently conveyed by his wife, Brigid; Lois North and Ron Sims went greetings from afar, as did Randy Revelle; Tim Hill, also away, sent a status report through Linda Daugherty of King County Parks.

Put Return to Newcastle V -- the first Sunday in June -- June 7, 1987 -- on your calendar. Come to celebrate whatever percentage has been achieved by then of the Park that Nature Intends.

From Erna Gunther's old book we took, for our guidebook, her rendition, oversimplified it, and provisionally renamed the trail from Coal Creek to May Creek -- formerly known by local tradition as the "Indian Trail" -- the "Duxduwabc" Trail.

Recently we have come upon a newer and more precise rendition of the name -- or two renditions -- as follows:

dx<sup>w</sup>daw? a' b<sup>u</sup>s  
dx<sup>w</sup>du? 'ab<sup>u</sup>s

Our linguist, Tim O'Brian, has decided the word is pronounced something like: "dwoo-dwampsh."

When you attend Return to Newcastle VII, the first Sunday in June of 1989, have that pronunciation well-rehearsed. We may get up a party to march to that chant over the mountain and sack Issaquah.

Washington State's  
Centennial  
and  
Return To  
Newcastle **VII**

**1989**

(SAVE the Date!)

# "Board of Directors"

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors meetings.

March 19, 1986

Membership. We have 1242 names on list, up 135 since December.

Tiger Mountain. Discussed guidelines for nature trails, the Poo Poo Point work party, law enforcement (or lack thereof) in State Forest and TMT trailhead vandalism.

Squak Mountain. Burlington Northern has plans for a new tower.

Lake Sammamish State Park. We're building toward a battle with the City of Issaquah over the proposed soccer fields and parking lot on 90 acres of park land.

Cougar Mt. Regional Wildland Park. Prospects for completing park are more favorable now. The Burlington Northern exchange is being pursued along with money for the \$\$\$\$ view area.

Girl Scouts. We are to have 175 on April 19 to help with trail maintenance on Cougar Mountain.

Return to Newcastle IV. Discussed facilities, publicity, tents, site preparation, Tables and chairs, traffic control, sanikans, sound system, exhibits, food, information booth, book sales, guided hikes, music, highway and trail signing.

April 17, 1986

Squak Mt. Road to proposed tower in land we plan for park addition. EIS coming.

Betty's Trail. Bellevue Parks still indecisive. Tom Lucas will write for written statement of position.

Motorcycles. Organized letter writing campaign to Rod Chandler re motorcycles on National Forest trails:

Tiger Mt. Schoolroom. Discussed possible environmental center with trailhead facilities. Planned to hold May meeting with State, Issaquah, B'vue school districts.

Washington State Parks. We loaned Sierra Club our mailing list for petition to save Twin Falls. Discussed State Park Commission and various problems.

Cougar Mt. Park. Motorcycles are roaring through over Marshall's Hill to Ellenswood. Requested everyone complain to King County Parks.

Environmental Coalition. Members met with Tim Hill to present him our shopping list, as adopted by Trails Club and other environmental groups.

Mailing List. Matter of policy not to sell it for commercial purposes.

May 15, 1986.

Discussed Treasurer's Report and mailing list.

Squak Mt. Developer dickered for west slope wherein lie half our trails. B-N rumbles about logging. Discussed enlarging State Park.

Cougar Mt. Acquisition prospects look good for \$\$\$\$ view. There is threat of logging on south slopes of Cougar Mt., Weyco wants road across Far Country Creek.

Lake Sammamish State Park. Soccer players won't talk alternatives. Public meetings and EIS hearings coming in June and July 8 & 16.

Return to Newcastle IV. Confirmed all arrangements proposed in March meeting.

Also discussed motorcycles, towers, Betty's Trail, and bear seen on trail to Coal Creek Falls.

# 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:

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Cougar Watcher - Ralph Owen	746-1070
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## 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 911 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.

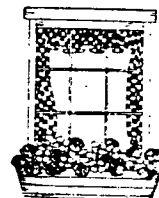
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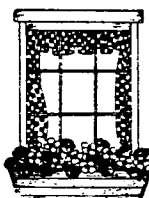
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# August 1986



SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY A.M.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.			
						1	2 Russ Williams -392-5989- Leader's Choice (Tiq) Class 8:30 3c a.m.			
Marty Hanson -392-2458- Middle tiger from Sa T.M.T. (Variation) Class 8:30 3c a.m.	Ralph Owen -746-1070- old Newcastle to New Newcastle (COU) Class 12:30 2B p.m.	4	Dwight Riggs -772-1666- Potluck lunch Tiger Mt. hike Class 9:30 3c a.m.	5	6	Ed Bowser Al Blabek -747-3349/746-4155- Rattlesnake Ledge Class 9:30 2c a.m.	7	8	9	9 Jim Cadigan -641-4046- Rattlesnake Ledge + Beyond Class 8:30 4c a.m.
George Jackman -641-2895- Middle tiger Loop (Tiq) Class 8:30 3B a.m.	Dave Kappler -235-0741- West Tibbets Creek (COU) Class 12:30 2c p.m.	10	11	12	Joe Toynbee -723-6716- Tiger Mt. Trail Class 9:30 3c a.m.	13	14	15	16	16 Buzz Moore -746-866- LaKerront Gorge (COU) Class 12:30 2c p.m.
Russ Williams -392-5989- Poo Poo Point- Many Creek Valley (Tiq) Class 8:30 3c a.m.	Steve Cavit -271-7780- Cougar Loop from Park Hdqtrs. (COU) Class 12:30 2B p.m.	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	23	23 Ursula & Leonard Eisenberg -392-4034- Caves of W. Tiger 3 from Hi-Pt. Class 8:30 3c a.m.
Kate Gross -329-8292- Middle Tiger Class 8:30 2c a.m.	Will Thompson Leader's Choice Class 8:30 1c a.m.	24	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	30
Ann Lebee -746-3291- De Leo Wall Class 12:30 2B p.m.	Connie Dow -392-2180- N. End T.M.T. Loop Class 9:30 2c a.m.	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	31	31
Bob Gross -392-0539- Leader's Choice (Tiq) Class 8:30 3c a.m.										

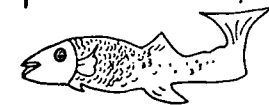
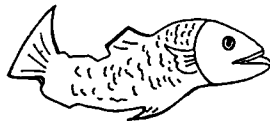
IATC Board Meeting  
Newport Library  
Aug 21, 1986  
7:30 P.M.

NOTE TIME

# September 1986



SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY A.M.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY P.M.		
	1	2 Dwight Riggs -772-1466- Leader's Choice  Class 9:30 3D a.m.	3	4	5 Betty Culbert -641-6451- old Newcastle TO New Newcastle Class 9:30 2B a.m.	6 George Jackman -641-2895- De Leo Wall (cow)  Class 12:30 2B P.M.		
7 Steve IRBY -255-3211- Manureek Valley - 800 Poo Point  Class 8:30 3C a.m.	7	8 Ann Leber -746-3291- Leader's Choice  Class 12:30 2B-C P.M.	9	10 Connie Dow -392-2190-  W. Tiger 3  Class 9:30 3B-C a.m.	11 Maureen Wells -392-3660- Toddler's Walk Leader's Choice  Class 9:30 1A a.m.	12	13 Ursula & Leonard Eisenberg -392-4084- 15-mile creek to middle tiger (Tq) Class 8:30 3C a.m.	13 Buzz MOORE -746-1866- Lakemont Gorge  Class 12:30 2C P.M.
14 Tom Inchler -255-0922- Tiger Mt. Trail  Class 8:30 3C a.m.	14 Steve Williams -344-7611- Cool Creek Geology Hike  Class 12:30 2C P.M.	15	16 Jim Cadigan 641-4046  scratch trail to snqulmie Falls  Class 9:30 3B-C a.m.	17 Board meeting Date: ?? Call Connie Dow 392-2190 - to verify - 7:30 P.M. Museum Library	18	19 Mary Cadigan -641-4046-  Little si  Class 9:30 2C a.m.	20 Ralph Owen -746-1070-  Cougar Ring  Class 8:30 3C a.m.	20 Tim O'Brien -324-1609-  Seattle History Hike Pergola / 115' & Yesler Class 10:am 2A-B
21 Will Thompson -488-8592- Leader's Choice  Class 8:30 4C a.m.	21 Steve Covit -271-7780- Far Country Falls - via Wildside trail (cow)  Class 12:30 2B P.M.	22	23 Pat Kaald 746-8741 LK. tradition  Class 9:30 2A a.m.	24	25 Joanne Howe -432-0741- Leader's Choice  Class 9:30 3C a.m.	26	27 Bob Gross -392- Little SI 0539-  Rattlesnake ledge  Class 8:30 2C a.m.	27
28 Jerry Wheeler -242-9344- Mt. SI Variation  Class 8:30 4C a.m.	28 Peggy owen -746-1070- De Leo Wall  Class 12:30 2B P.M.	29	30 Ed Bowser AL Blalock -747-3349-746-4155 Big Tree trail- LK tradition Loop  Class 9:30 2A a.m.	Come to → SALMON DAYS Issaquah October 4 and 5		October 4 & October 5 See you there!	October 4 & October 5 Help at our booth!	



# HIKE - CLASSIFICATIONS

The Classifications of individual hikes are meant to be general indicators of time and difficulty. For a general description of a hike see Hike Descriptions in this issue. For more specific information read the 50+ Trails of Cougar Mt. Regional Wildland Park and Squak Mt. State Park and Guide to the Trails of Tiger Mountain, both \$6.50 through the club. Or call the hike leader listed on the hike schedule.

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

Class 1 =  $\pm$  2 hrs      Class 2 =  $\pm$  4 hrs

Class 3 =  $\pm$  6 hrs      Class 4 =  $\pm$  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.

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

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.



# 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.

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# Cougar & Squak Mountain Hikes

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### HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

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#### COUGAR MOUNTAIN

##### COAL CREEK AREA HIKES

Coal Creek Townsite off the Coal Creek-Newcastle Road is the trailhead for a number of hikes in the new Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland (and Historic) Park. Along these trails you can explore the ghost towns of the Coal Country and the few remaining artifacts and also discover the wilderness which is creeping back to cover a once populated area. Just inside the gate is the trailhead to Red Town. The way leads up Hill Street toward Cave Hole Road and beyond to the Ball Park, looping back via the Wild Side Trail with side trips to the steam hoist and Ford Slope. Cave Hole Road with its cavities on both sides leads you to the upper park and Clay Pit Road but on the way you pass the trail to Coal Creek Falls. The creek tumbles from the headwaters basin of Klondike Swamp over a 30-foot mossy cliff into lovely pools which make a cool spot for a summer day and in winter icicles glisten from every hanging place. Here you can have your wilderness experience.

Another trailhead from Red Town gate is the Wild Side Trail described elsewhere.

The older townsite of Newcastle can be reached via the Seattle and Walla Walla railroad grade just across the road. Elizabeth's Trail leads down from the field, past the foundation of the Coal Town Hotel and along the site of the former tramway to the terminus of the railroad. Walking this grade past many relics of mining you reach the Cinder Mines. Waste rock which burned at high heat has left interesting deposits, fused minerals and petrified wood for the Coal Creek Geology Hike. Leaving the railroad grade for short walk along Coal Creek Newcastle Road you reach old Newcastle and a visit to the Baime House, a company house built before 1880 and now on the State Historical Register. Looping back past the bunkers the Old Town Trail climbs a plateau, passing the China Creek and Marshall's Hill trails before descending toward New Newcastle or New Town, formerly Coal Creek. In this historic area trails lead into the nooks and crannies of the past, the sites of old churches, saloons, bunkers and wash houses. Just stay clear of the holes and be prepared for wet, muddy spots on the trails.

COAL CREEK FALLS - See Coal Creek Area Hikes

COAL CREEK GEOLOGICAL TOUR - See Coal Creek Area Hikes

This Squak Mountain hike, one of its classics, explores the west side of the mountain and offers views of lush virgin forests where salal is head-high, and barrens where nothing grows but lichen, not to mention cliffs to keep a person alert. Three miles round-trip.

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 Red Town, 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 - See Coal Creek Area Hikes

A PEAK AND A HALF (Class 3-C) (1600 ft. altitude gain; 6-7hrs.)

The hike starts at the new Cougar Mt. Park (where our park ranger lives), traverses the east side of Cougar by way of the Pioneer Trail, drops down to Highway 900, then begins a traverse of Squak Mountain to its summit, finally descending by way of Phil's Creek. Car swap necessary.

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 Metro 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.



### SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3-B)

The southern route to the summit follows a long, lovely valley to Thrush Gap, site of a 1920's logging camp. The climb then takes us rather steeply to the summits but the views are worth it to Seattle, the Olympics and Mount Rainier.

### 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 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.

### 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 Hikes

### 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 (Class 2-A) - See Lake Tradition Plateau Hikes

### 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.

### 15-MILE CREEK-MIDDLE TIGER-HOBART RR GRADES AREA

Hikes on Middle Tiger include on the south side an easy level stroll through the 15-Mile-Creek Grand Canyon (Class 1A); a short, steep climb along the canyon to the Hobart RR Grade (Class 1B); a longer climb and loop to include the Tiger Mt. Trail (Class 1C); and assorted loops to Middle Tiger's 2607' peak. The most direct route to the peak is a 1400' climb straight up in 1-1/2 miles (Class 1C). Other routes to the peak may include the south slope attractions and RR grades and logging artifacts on the east slope of Middle Tiger (Class 2C and 3C).

### GRAND CANYON OF 15-MILE CREEK - MIDDLE TIGER RR LOOP (Class 3-C) See 15-Mile Creek-Middle Tiger-Hobart RR Grades Area

### ISSAQUAH WATERWORKS (Class 2-B) - See Lake Tradition Plateau Hikes

### LAKE TRADITION (Class 1-A) - See Lake Tradition Plateau Hikes

### LAKE TRADITION PLATEAU HIKES

Each leader has a favorite route through the Issaquah Watershed, a regional treasure; the trail around Lake Tradition (Class 1-A) is an easy stroll, with possible loops to include Round Lake and the Rain Forest East, the orchard of the abandoned homestead and a lost forgotten Greyhound bus. The Big Tree Trail (Class 2-A) leads to the 1,000-year-old Big Tree of the Lower Plateau, and the century-old cedar puncheon skid road used by oxen. Dropping lower on the hillside is the Brink Trail which leads us in a loop to the Issaquah Water Works (Class 2-B) which once supplied Issaquah with water, a fascinating tour of the past.

### 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-C)

See 15-Mile Creek-Middle Tiger-Hobart RR Grades Area

### MIDDLE TIGER MINING AND LOGGING SAMPLER (Class 3-4C)

See 15-Mile Creek-Middle Tiger-Hobart RR Grades Area

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

See 15-Mile Creek Area

### NORTH END OF TMT LOOP (Class 2-3-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. Another route starts as in the above hike, turning off the Tiger Mt. Trail at Dwight's Trail and heading 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.

### 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. 21

### 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)

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### 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.



*A Thoroughly Thoreau Thought:*

DON'T JUST WALK THAT TRAIL. HELP IT OUT.  
ADOPT A SECTION OF TRAIL TODAY FOR YOUR VERY OWN.

### STROLLERS - WALKERS - HIKERS OF OUR ALPS

When you walk the trails of The Alps be alert to help maintain those trails. Bring along a tool to help trim, flatten nettles, clear. These trails were built by volunteers. If you enjoy walking them, help take care of them..

# Out of the Area Hikes

## LITTLE SI (Class 2-C)

A new trail, the upper half built from scratch this past summer by Will Thompson, the lower half rebuilt this fall by Thompson's Army, leads in 2-odd miles and 1000 feet a superb view of the North Bend Plain, bed of a Pleistocene lake. On the way it traverses the Rift - an earthquaked gap between Little Si and Big Si - and passes under the Great Overhand. Come now, and enjoy it before the crowds find out about it.

## MOUNT SI (Class 3-C) (4-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.

## RATTLESNAKE LEDGE (CLASS 3-C)

The ledge is the most spectacular part of the mountain with a cliff so tall and steep it would give a mountain goat vertigo. The trail, however, is safe and short though very steep, and views include the North Bend plain, the fault scarp of Mount Si, the lake below, and several river valleys.

SEATTLE HISTORY HIKE -- GEORGETOWN AREA : *See Hike Calendar*

## 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 - PRESTON - LAKE ALICE ROAD AREA (John Wayne Trail)

Hikes range from very easy: Preston to Lake Alice Road, also known as the John Wayne Trail, (Class 1-A); Lake Alice Road to Snoqualmie Falls Vista (Class 2-A), to the more difficult hike beginning at the Lake Alice Road junction with the John Wayne Trail, dropping down to the Forest Theatre on the banks of the Snoqualmie River and on to the base of Snoqualmie Falls (Class 2-B). A new scratch trail, rough and difficult, continues from the end of Snoqualmie Falls Vista hike by dropping under the old abandoned trestle and regaining lost elevation to the Powerhouse, making a loop by way of the Forest Theatre (Class 3-B).

## 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.

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