

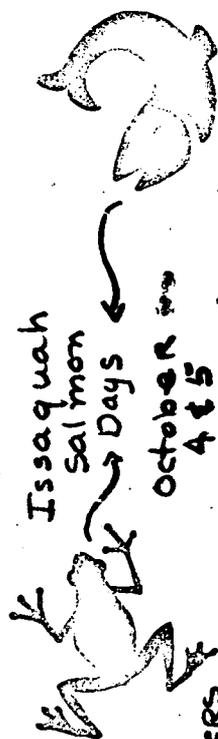
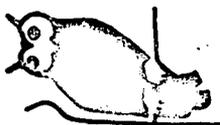
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# The Issaquah Alpiner

## "The President's (29<sup>th</sup>) Report"

September 5, 1986

### ★ The Tiger Roars...

The dimensions of what has happened in the Issaquah Alps since our bunch began leading hikes, building and marking trails, publishing trail guidebooks, and beating drums are absolutely boggling. Take Tiger Mountain as example. Former residents of the area returned on visits keep calling me to ask, "What's going on at High Point?" Driving I-90 they see cars parked by the gate on the service road to Tradition Lake -- on rainy February Tuesdays, two or three cars-- on sunny April Sundays, so many the frontage road is crammed full all the way back to the interchange.

✶ Labor Day one of our folks hiked up West Tiger, as he has every Labor Day for some years, ever since he discovered it was possible to climb a mountain on a holiday without hours of highway agony. Four or five years ago he'd meet one or two other hikers. This year, half a hundred! There doubtless were five or six times that many whose trip timing didn't mesh with his -- and that many or more each of the other two days of the weekend. Perhaps 1000 people used a trail that until formation of the Trails Club in 1979 was known to a scant handful.

In 1979 the Tiger Mountain Trail was only partly there, Bill Longwell & Company still chopping brush and digging out tread. Last year Bill put a register near the north end. In a bit more than ten months, 1000 people signed! Considering that most hikers don't sign registers, and that this was just one of many accesses to the trail, a conservative estimate is that 10,000 people used it last year -- a rather considerable percentage increase over 1979, when the number (aside from Longwell & Company) was perhaps 100.

The state Department of Natural Resources has published its plan for Tiger Mountain State Forest. Implementation will now commence. From the chief of the DNR, Brian Boyle, to the fellows in charge of the ground, enthusiasm is great for the experiment, or demonstration project, or research station, or whatever it might be called. We share the excitement, and the thing we like about the plan (aside from our cordial relations with DNR staff) is its flexibility, its recognition of the dynamics of a situation where the participants include residents on the mountain slopes, the forest industry, the wildlife, the public school system -- and the 1000 people who signed the TM register, and the other 1000 who climbed West Tiger on Labor Day. These trail-use statistics are awesome.

Something big is happening on Tiger.

## \* On Cougar, Silence, Silence Above

We've previously reported all the big Cougar Mountain news we have to date. We read in the papers that the King County Council has appropriated funds to purchase the "Million Dollar View." Nothing in the papers about the Burlington-Northern land exchange, comprising Wilderness Peak and Marshall's Hill, two crucial additions we used to count on as certainties. "Negotiations in progress."

The worst news about Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park is that nowadays the Trails Club mostly obtains its information from the newspapers. Nobody answers our phone calls. You tell me why.

Was it something we said?

## \* Pardon me, Jim, is that the Walla Walla Choo-Choo?

We are pleased to announce a new initiative in a direction dear to our hearts -- but by a new organization, independent of the Trails Club though endorsed and supported by it.

The Seattle & Walla Walla Railroad Committee, chaired by Tim O'Brian, is devoted to affairs of the corridor that was the route of Seattle's first railroad -- from Elliott Bay south along the Duwamish Valley, through the onetime city of Georgetown (as the preachers called it, the "cesspool of Seattle") to Black River Junction, thence easterly through Renton and northward up Lake Washington to May Creek to Coal Creek and finally to the end at the Newcastle mines.

The Committee seeks to determine what designation and/or preservation of the corridor is desirable and feasible. Should there be a biking-hiking trail the whole way, or part? Should there be designated Historic Sites, with miniparks and readerboards? Or what? A broad spectrum of interested citizens will be consulted, as well as all the relevant city, county, and state parks and historical societies.

The Committee further is looking at the route of the Military Road from Newcastle to Issaquah, several stretches of which are still intact.

Additionally, the "Coal Country Historic District" is under study, including the coal railroads from Renton through Maple Valley to Black Diamond and to such other spots as Ravensdale and Selleck.

To assist the new organization, the Trails Club has established a Seattle & Walla Walla RR Fund. Contributions to the Trails Club are, as always, tax-deductible; those earmarked for the new Fund will help defray expenses of postage, maps, and the like.

*Hanay Manning*

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★ RETURN to Newcastle VII ★  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June...

## THE NEWCASTLE HISTORICAL AREA

The site of our annual RETURN TO NEWCASTLE is among the most richly historical spots in this region.

Please take note:

- (1) It is, of course notable for what it has newly become— location of one of the largest urban wildland parks in the nation and the world; a century from now that historical fact is going to bulk immense.
- (2) Through the century ending in 1963, Newcastle was notable as a coal producer -- from the 1870s into the 1890s, it was the most important producer on the Pacific Coast. We very much admire Klondike National Historical Park, but must point out that though gold made splashy newspaper copy and enriched a number of merchants and saloon owners, it did rather less for Seattle's civic growth and betterment. Yellow gold was a flash in the pan; black gold built Seattle. During an era when Seattle's principal other industries were (1) speculating in real estate (in order to become a "city father") and (2) entertaining loggers and millhands who rode the mosquito fleet to Elliott Bay, notorious as the best spot north of San Francisco and west of Chicago to go crazy, the flow of coal from Newcastle to San Francisco gave Seattle an honest and moral excuse for existence.
- (3) The Seattle and Walla Walla Railway was Seattle's first railroad, achieving in 1878 its farthest reach eastward -- Newcastle. The rail grade, used by locomotives until 1933, remains largely intact. We regularly schedule hikes along the Renton - Newcastle segment and have an Elliott Bay - Georgetown-Newcastle Pilgrimage in the plans; this will be an overnight trek (if we can't camp we'll loiter on the streets of Georgetown); if you wish to join in, call Tim O'Brian, 324-1609.
- (4) The date of construction of the Military Road from Newcastle to Issaquah has not yet been established. A portion remained widely used for foot travel through the 1920s; two large segments remain open to the public feet, one in the Cougar Mountain Wildland Park, the other now being sought as a trail corridor. We know that in the 1850s, during the Indian (White) Wars, the military (Captain McClellan) traveled from Renton to May Valley to Issaquah to the Snoqualmie River and points east.
- (5) The longest stretch of human history hereabouts is perhaps 8000 or more years. The people who lived in the Cougar Mountain area and who traveled by a trail from Coal Creek to May Creek are called in European writings, "Duwamish." The meaning is thought to be "the people inside the bay."

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>s</sup>

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.

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# "Board of Directors"

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors meetings.

June 19, 1986

Membership. 179 new members. Sending reminder envelope for renewals. 42% renewals have been for \$10 or more, average of \$8.38.

Return to Newcastle IV. Reviewed the Return and discussed improvements for next year in facilities, parking, horses, food, publicity, info leaflet, exhibits, historical society, organizing.

Cougar Mountain. Law enforcement remains a problem despite citations issued. Discussed Weyco's development on Deceiver Ridge, Anna Stewart logging, Northern Village, Western Village, new signs, wildlife corridors.

Rod Chandler. We sent a large number of excellent letters, and Rod is reported to be bothering the Forest Service.

Discovery Park. We supplied the Friends with mailing labels to tell about a rally at West Point.

July 17, 1986

Tiger Mountain. Our "Tiger Program" is to study final plan and submit comments to DNR, pursue law enforcement, investigate IAC funding for enforcement, and pursue Tiger Environmental Center, along with efforts on land acquisition.

Cougar Mountain. Talked about the illegal dirt dumping on Highway 900, the proposed outlet to the West and the Weyco road across Far Country Creek, the settling pond for the landfill, damage from horses, mine gas and hole filling.

Squak Mountain State Park. ORV money has been requested for law enforcement on Squak.

History Book. Copy of latest manuscript given to 45 people to read.

Trails. Betty's Trail - Bellevue Forester doesn't know where it is! Happy Trails will, in a year, be cut off from Cougar by 130 houses. There's a plan to make Old Newcastle a sort of public garden.

August 21, 1986

Membership. Discussed renewals, implications thereof. Mailing list is now about 1000. We have 15 life members, 401 new members, 45 gratis.

Seattle & Walla Walla Railroad Committee. Board voted to endorse this new organization and support it financially.

King County Parks. Undertaking a research project into the legislative and legal and historical Foundation of King County Parks because of shifting sands of park policy. 50 year celebration of KC Parks - "Jewels in the Crown". Feature at next Return.

Cougar Mountain. Lawlessness is on the rise in the park.

Salmon Days. Help needed for setup and takedown and leading salmon hikes.

Motorcycles. Tom Lucas is working with Ira Spring and Louise Marshall for us and Washington Trails Association. We are especially concerned about Squak and Tiger.

Tiger Mountain Trail. Horses are tearing up south 2 miles of TMT as the trail doesn't have the heavy foundation necessary for horse travel. Hikers and horse riders, allies of long standing, may come to the parting of the ways.

# "The Apparatus"

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# OCTOBER 1986

SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY A.M.	TUE DAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.
<p><u>Note: The Monthly Meetings!</u> Come, listen, contribute, ask questions!</p>				<p>Al Blalock 1 ED BOWSER 717-3349/746-4155 Rattlesnake Ledge class 1-2C 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Mameen 2 Wells -392-3660- Toddlers' Hike LK Tradition (Tiq) class 1A 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 SALMON - Issaquah - IATC - "Historic Issaquah" Hike - Tim O'Brian IATC - "Private Life of the Salmon" - Lawrence McLane Walk</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 SALMON DAYS - Issaquah IATC - "Historic Issaquah" Hike - Tim O'Brian IATC - "Private Life of the Salmon" Walk - Roger Johnson</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 ANN Leber -746-3291- Far country Falls &amp; lookout class 2B 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>7 Dwight Riggs -772-1666- Leaders choice class 3D 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Peggy Owen 746-1070 LK Annette (Snoqualmie pass) class 3B 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>11 Ralph Leach -783-6345- west tiger 1,2,3 (Tiq) class 4C 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>11 Bob Gross 392-0539 LK Tradition - Big tree trail - Issaquah water- shell loop class 2A 12:30 P.M.</p>
<p>12 George Jackman 641-2895 Rattlesnake Mt. Explorer class 4C 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>12 Ralph Owen 746-1070 West cougar loop class 2C 12:30 P.M.</p>	<p>13 Mary Cadigan 641-4046 Little si class 2C 12:30 P.M.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Joanne Howe 432-0741 Leaders choice class 3C 9:30 a.m. <i>Monthly Meeting Newspaper 9:30 a.m. by - All Welcome!</i></p>	<p>17 Pat Kaald 746-8741 LK Alice Road to snag Falls Vista. class 2A-B 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>18 Barbara Johnson West tiger 3 class 3C 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>18 Mike Hanson Exploratory Hike: Little si (with 7-10 year olds) class 2C 12:30 P.M.</p>
<p>19 Falk Krueger 528-4544 T.Mt. trail variation class 3C 8:30 A.M.</p>	<p>19 Russ Williams -392-5989- Kerristow (8m. Rt) class 3A 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Lawrence McLane 392-0204 Little si &amp; ollalie Falls st. Park (Tunn Falls) class 2C 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Hazel Hale -243-5376- Mt. Washington (13 M. Rt.) class 4C 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>24 Bethy Culbert -641-6451- Cougar Loop via Shangrila trail (Cou) class 2B 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>25 ursula &amp; Leonard Eisenberg -392-4034- H.S. to Poo Poo Point - return (Tiq) class 3e 8:30 A.M.</p>	<p>25 Steve Williams 453-8997 Cool creek Geology Hike (Cou) class 2A-B 12:30 P.M.</p>
<p>26 Tom Mechler -255-0912- T.Mt. trail (10 m. Rt.) High Pt. - RR - Popo Point class 2c 8:30 A.M.</p>	<p>26 Peggy Owen 746-1070 De Leo Wall (Cou) class 2B 12:30 PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Connie Dow 392-2190 De Leo Wall (Cou) class 2B 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Jim Cadigan -641-4046- Fuller Mt. class 2B 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p>31 Jack Simonsen -441-6001- Peggy's trail class 2C 9:30 a.m.</p>		

Code: (Tiq) = Tiger Mt. (Cou) = Cougar Mt. (Squ) = Squak Mt. No code = Out-of-area

GENERAL CLASSIFICATIONS: NUMBERS indicate time: Class 1 = ± 2 hrs, 2 = ± 4 hrs, 3 = ± 6 hrs, 4 = ± 8 hrs  
LETTERS indicate difficulty: A = easy B = some climbing C = considerable cl

SPECIFICS: See descriptions of individual hikes for more details. If still in doubt, call hike leader.

 NOVEMBER 1986 

SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY A.M.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.									
We Need TLC = Help! Help! Help!	Needs: ① Phone Hike Schedule Person	The IATC Needs ② Mailing Work Parties Help	<u>Volunteers!</u> ③ Asst. Editor			④ Asst. Hike Schedule Chair	⑤ Asst. Member - Ship Chair	Call: 746-1017 - Betty 747-7388 - Connie 392-0204 - Laurene	Steve Cavit - 271-7780 - Mt. Si Class 8:30 A.M. 8 Bill Longwell - 255-1295 - WORK PARTY Tiger Mt. trail - From Manning's Reach South - (4 mile hike in) 8:30 a.m.								
Russ Williams 2 -392-5799- W. tiger 3 (tig) class 8:30 a.m. 3c	Virginia 2 Cuy Kendall 746-7280 Far Country Falls (cou) class 12:30 P.M. 2-B	Ed Bousee 3 AL Blalock 747-3349/746-4155 LK Alice Rd. to Sno. Falls class 9:30 a.m. 2B	4	5	Maureen Wells 6 -392-3660- Toddler's Walk LK Alice Rd to sno. Falls visit class 10:00 a.m. 1A	Marty Hanson 7 392-2458 Middle tiger variations (8 miles) class 9:30 a.m. 3c	8 Leader 8 8:30 a.m.	9 George Jackman -641-2895- W. tiger 3 (tig) class 8:30 a.m. 3B	Buzz Moore 9 -746-1866- LK Mont Gorge (cou) class 12:30 P.M. 2c	10	11 Laurene McLane 392-0204 Apo Apo Point Many creek valley class 9:30 a.m. 3c	12	13 Joanne Howe -432-0741- Leader's Choice Monthly meeting Newport Library 7:30/9am	14	15 Leonard + usala Eisenberg -392-4834- Grand Canyon to middle tiger (tig) class 8:30 a.m. 3-c	15	
Ralph Owen 16 746-1678 Walla Walla RR North Renton to Newcastle (cou) class 10:30 a.m. 3c	DAVE KAPPLER 16 Spauk Mt. class 12:30 P.M. 2c	Mary 17 Cadigan 641-4046 Boulders to Beautiful Bottom (cou) class 12:30 P.M. 2B	18	19	20	Betty Culbert 21 -641-6457- W. tiger 3 class 9:30 a.m. 3c	22 Bob Eschrich -232-5764- Cauger Wilderness Loop (8 m. rt.) class 8:30 A.M. 3c	22 VIRGINIA Cuykendall 746-7280 N END TMT (Tig) class 12:30 P.M. 2B-C	23 Falk Krueger 525-4544 T.Mt. Trail Var. class 8:30 a.m. 3c	23 Steve Williams -458-8443- Coal Cr. Geology Hike 12:30 2A-B P.M. (cou)	24	25 Jim Cadigan -641-4046 Middle tiger (tig) 9:30 a.m. class 3c	26 	27 Joe Toynebee -723-6716- "Appetizer" Hike ON THANKS Giving Day Tiger Mt. class 8:30 a.m. 2A	28	29 Trudy Ecob -232-2933- West tiger 2,3 class 8:30 P.M. 3c	29 Kate Gross -329-8272 LK tradition - Big tree trail class 9:30 a.m. 2A-B

Our Thanks to the small but caring group of people who give their time, energy and ideas to the club.

DECEMBER 1986



SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	MONDAY A.M.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY A.M.	SATURDAY P.M.
		Connie Dow -392-2190- Cougar Mt: The Boulders Class 2C 9:30 a.m.		Dwight Riggs -772-1666- Exploratory Brushwork Class 3C 9:30 a.m.			Russ Williams 392-5989- Poo Poo Point - Many Creek Valley Loop (Tiq) Class 3C 8:30 a.m.	Tim O'Brien 324-1609 Seattle History Hike 9:30 am. Pergola-18/yesler Class 2A-B
A.J. Culver -392-3002- Tiger Mt. Trail (Tiq) Class 4C 8:30 a.m.	Tom Mechler -255-0922- Little Si Class 2C 12:30 P.M.		Al Blalock - ED BOWSER 747-3344/746-4155 LK. tradition/ Big tree Trail (Tiq) Class 2A-B 9:30 a.m.		Maureen Wells - Elizabeth's Trail (Cou) Toddler's Walk -392-3660- Class 1-2 A-B 10:00 a.m.		Ralph Gwon 746-1070 Peggy's trail (Cou) Class 3C 10:30 a.m.	Stan Ungar -203-7823- De Leo Walk (Cou) Class 2C 12:30 p.m.
Steve Irby -255-3211- Mt. Si Class 2C 8:30 a.m.	Bob Gross 392-0539 Leader's Choice Class 2A-B 12:30 P.M.	Lawrene McLane -392-0204 - Leader's Choice Class 3-B-C 9:30 a.m.			Monthly Meeting?? Call Connie Dow -392-2190- to verify date. Newport Way Library 7:30 P.M.	Betty Culbert -641-6451- Coal Creek Falls (Cou) Class 2B 9:30 a.m.	Leonard x Ursula Eisenberg -392-4034 - WTiger 3 (Tiq) Class 3C 8:30 a.m.	
Fulk Krueger 525-4544- Tiger Mt. Trail Variation Class 3C 8:30 a.m.	Buzz Moore 746-1866 Lakemont Gorge Class 2C 12:30 P.M.	WINTER SOLSTICE HIKE Mary Cadigan 641-4046 LK. tradition Plateau Class 2-A-B 12:30 P.M.			Christmas	Will Thompson 488-8592- Leader's Choice Class 4C 8:30 a.m.	Hanukkah	Virginia Cuykendal 746-7280 Cougar Loop- Haguanter's Class 2B 12:30 P.M.
Ann Leber 746-3291 Manning's Reach (Tiq) Class 3C 8:30 a.m.		In case you didn't know these are snow flakes!	Jim Cadigan -641-4046 - sno. Falls Scratch trail Class 3C 9:30 a.m.		January 1 1988 New Year's Day President's Walk (stroll) Class 1-2 A 10:00 a.m.	Merry Christmas and a great-hiking-year to you all! the editors		

Think Snow: For Sleigh Ride sign-up information, see the out-of-area Hike Descriptions.



# HIKES



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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.

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## 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 waterfalling 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 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 Baima 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

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.

EAST COUGAR MT. LOOP (Class 3-C) (1300' elev. gain: 4-5 hrs.)

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 - See Coal Creek Area Hikes

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.

# TIGER Mountain Hikes

## 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 I'), 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

### HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH ON RR GRADE (Class 1-A)

An easy stroll on the abandoned grade which runs from Issaquah to Preston and beyond to the trestle crossing at Snoqualmie Falls. This stretch of the partially completed King county bike-foot-horse trail starts at High Point close to I-90 but leaves it in stretches for a quiet woods walk.

### ISSAQUAH WATERWORKS (Class 2-B) - 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 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.

#### 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.

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From the east trailhead at High Point we hike the TMT and Dwight's Way, cross the Preston Trail, then climb steeply to West Tiger I's peak at 2948 ft. Return trip (or alternate ascent) is back down the steep West Tiger I trail to the Preston Trail, then along the Preston Trail to the TMT and back to High Point.

### WEST TIGER 1 - 2 - 3 (Class 3-C)

This is usually called the "wipe-out hike" but it hasn't wiped out anyone lately. Ascend the highest of the three peaks, West Tiger I first, (see description above). Proceed along a service road to West Tiger 2. From West Tiger 2 descend to Mannings Reach and follow the TMT to the out off for West Tiger 3. Descent from West Tiger 3 can be via the TMT with part of the West Tiger RR grade included, or down the Lake Tradition trail to the west trailhead at 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 along the way are certainly worth it. From High Point we take the TMT or the Lake Tradition Trail. The route can include part of the West Tiger RR grade.

## Out of the Area Hikes

### 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.

GEORGETOWN - The Community That Refuses to Die (9:30 a.m. Pergola at 1st and Yesler. Return by 1:00 p.m. Bring \$1.00 for bus)

The Georgetown community is the oldest in the Seattle area. The Collins, Maples and Van Asselts settled here before the Denny Party landed at Alki.

Platted in 1890 by Dexter Horton's brother Julius and named after Julius's son, the town was a stop on the Seattle to Newcastle Railroad, the gateway to the Meadows Race Track. By 1909 it was known as a 24-hour sin city, which prompted the Rev. Mark Matthews to describe Georgetown as the cesspool of Seattle."

Historical sites include the Argo Switching Yard, Howard Hotel, Bertoldi Hall, Rainier Brewery (1893), the Georgetown City Hall, Horton Hotel, Hamilton Hotel, Mayor Mueller's house (1892), Julius Horton house (1890), two of the old roadhouses and the Sheffleton Steam Plant (1906).

In spite of a concerted effort by the City of Seattle to industrialize Georgetown, there remains a vital core of community activists fighting to save this historical neighborhood.

### KERRISTON (Class 3-A)

This 8-mile (RT) walk follows old logging roads up the valley of Raging river between Rattlesnake on one side and Tiger and Taylor on the other, to the site of the old sawmill and coal prospecting town of Kerriston.

### 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 earthquake gap between Little Si and Big Si - and passes under the Great Overhang. Come now, and enjoy it before the crowds find out about it.

### MOUNT WASHINGTON (Class 4-C)

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 for strong hikers.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

### 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).

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