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# ALPINER

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## *The (new) President's first report:* **Preserving trails often means persevering through meetings**

For most of our members, we are a hiking club leading about 200 hikes a year. But we also keep a close eye on various government agencies to make sure the areas we hike are protected and enhanced and will continue to be available. It is through our government work now that we will have the places to walk or hike in the future.

We are now working with two cities, King County, the State of Washington and school districts. At each of these levels, we may be working with several agencies or departments. It is because of our efforts in this area over the last 10 years that we continue to have places to walk and hike today.

Yes, this not-so-subtle "lead-in" is a plea to get you involved in government!

What does involvement entail? Simple attendance at an important meeting or hearing can make a difference. Letters are great. A simple handwritten letter to public officials or agencies can have quite an impact. Your level of involvement may range from slight to great. You might stay at a certain level or as you get more involved and knowledgeable, you might work up to the point where you are our main person on an issue or our expert on an area.

Perhaps you are ready to get more involved. What do you do? We have a number of people who are "watchers" and/or leaders on particular issues. They are listed here on page one. You might also wish to contact John Seebeth, our volunteer coordinator. Please talk with our other officers and board members too. You can often find out who is in the "know" about a certain area by looking at the hike schedule. People tend to lead hikes in their areas of interest.

Consider where you are, where you

want to be in the future and what you can do to make our Issaquah Alps part of that future.

Meanwhile, our hiking program is going well. Gail Palm has everything under control with a great crew of hike leaders and the time and interest to work up a schedule of hikes all over the Alps of every interest and ability.

I especially appreciate those of you who lead our "entry level" walks and hikes. These hikes might not present a terrain or altitude challenge, but they are exciting.

It is on these hikes that people become hooked on the Issaquah Alps. Who can't remember their first thoughts when walking on the old corduroy road up to the Big Tree or walking those few steps from SR 900 to the gorge of West Tibbets Creek and suddenly feeling like you were in some Olympic Rain Forest?

Preserving this kind of experience makes it all the more essential that we keep an eye on those who control our wild areas.

*David Kappler*

**Membership dues are  
due May 1! Check  
your address label. If  
it reads "89/05/01",  
that means your dues  
are due May 1, 1989.  
Your prompt renewal  
saves us time, money,  
and suspense.  
Thank you!**

## **A Word From Upstairs: How to save an officially-sponsored disaster area**

In one of his Nonsense Novels, Stephen Leacock tells how "the general leapt on his horse and galloped off in all directions." Having leapt (not been kicked) upstairs, I am now free from trying to report everything the club is up to; President Kappler and others will be doing that. In addition, since I henceforth will be speaking for the club only when so instructed by Dave and the Board, often I will be galloping off in all directions to speak for myself as a private citizen.

As examples of the differing roles, the morning of February 27th, I testified before the King County Council on behalf of the Trails Club in favor of an ordinance (which passed) changing the management of environmental futures fund. In the afternoon, however, it was as a private citizen that I declared on KIRO Radio that the mishandling of the bicycle issue in the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park was a scandal and that the person solely and entirely responsible, King County Parks Manager Russ Cahill should be fired. So from now on, pay attention to my uniform of the day. When it is "board chairman", I am expressing board policy. It is when "Harvey Manning the irate birdwatcher", regard me as warily as any loose cannon in a gale.

What I have on my "private citizen" mind today is the "I-90 Corridor", the euphemism for "sacrifice area" or "officially sponsored disaster area". The King County Council has voted to conduct a study of the corridor, with an eye to accommodating more industrial and commercial use. As we all know, the County of King and the Cities of Mercer Island, Bellevue, and thoroughly wasted Issaquah have the corridor all the way from Lake Washington to the mouth of the canyon of east fork, Issaquah Creek. We are still fighting to preserve something of Squak Plain, particularly in the Lake Sammamish State Park, the former Pickering Farm/Skyport and adjoining shores of the lake. Unfortunately, the city of Issaquah and King County long ago com-

mitted themselves to blacktopping the green. Still, governments change--or can. Issaquah is not as it once was, ridiculously easy pickings for the black-toppers and their "fixers."

Meanwhile, the cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend, which both in amenities and mentalities hark back to the Issaquah of the 1960's, are doing their best to "enhance the tax base," which translates as "screw up the environment."

The I-90 corridor must become an increasingly more important emphasis of the trails club. In the canyon of east fork, Issaquah Creek, the slopes of Grand Ridge, route of the old railroad grade (to become official Issaquah-Snoqualmie Falls trail), remain green--including a series of superb tributaries waterfaling to the east fork and its salmon, dippers, Blue Herons, kingfishers and bald eagles, and a splendid grove of old growth Douglas fir, dominated by the Monster tree. On the other side of the canyon rises the tall green wall of Tiger Mountain State Forest. Yet there are commercially zoned properties here. East fork canyon, which presently provides the traveler from the east a final visual delight before he exit onto the formerly green plain which is now the fast food capital of the world, is at risk.

But can be saved. King County Parks, the open space division and the Department of Natural Resources are alert to the opportunity. They need our support. The King County Council needs our comment.

However, the I-90 corridor extends beyond the Issaquah Alps and the Trails

Club officially has decided to resist imperialistic urges. I therefore throw out a pair of suggestions.

More trails clubs. Let the folks in Snoqualmie, North Bend, Carnation, Duvall, the middle fork Snoqualmie and the Tolt River organize a Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club. There are dozens of excellent trails in the new Mt. Si Natural Resources Conservation Area on the Tolt River, up the middle fork Snoqualmie and the Pratt River, up the South Fork Snoqualmie as far as the Dirty Harry's Balcony and Mt. Washington and McClellan's Buttelet. There are marvelous regional trails developing--Issaquah-to-Snoqualmie Falls, the Snoqualmie River Trail, the Rattlesnake lake-to-Snoqualmie Pass-to-Idaho trail. A program of hikes could focus the public interest on the opportunities and provide a base for citizen action.

I-90 Alliance. The Issaquah Alps Trails Club might properly ally with a Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club and other organizations, existing or potential, to take a united stand on I-90.

In 10 years past, Seattle was famed for its grand entry from the east--the Cascades, the North Bend plain dominated by Mt. Si, the crossing of the Issaquah Alps to the Squak Plain and at the end, Lake Washington. Much of the route has been hopelessly trashed. Yet much remains grand. As God intended. But do not have faith that She is the one running the show around here. The Other, is busy, busy, busy.

*Harvey Manning*

### **Sometimes the lopper is mightier than the pen**

As individuals, it is very hard for us to achieve measurable impact upon the public body of Government. Letters, letters, letters--yes, we must write them, but we rarely receive visceral satisfaction from a good blow well struck.

Ah! But to whack out a stretch of trail--and thus put people's feet on it--and thus "frustrate the knavish tricks, confound the politics" of the land-eaters--that both *does* good and *feels*

good!

So come! Bring tools if you have them, though the Trails Club now owns quite a nice arsenal, thanks to donated funds. Dress warm, pack a lunch, be prepared to spend a goodly part of a day--in storm, sleet, wind, snow, heat wave, attack of the killer chipmunks--making a part of the earth the people's earth. (See "Work Parties" in each month's hike schedule.)

## Will Tradition Lake turn into a water hazard for golfers?

A golf course for Tradition Plateau?

If you attended the public hearing late last year on the Tradition Lake area you must be finding it hard to believe that the Issaquah Park Board is very serious about putting a golf course west and/or south of Tradition Lake.

Tom Wood, a resident of Issaquah, is a golfer and a hiker who does not believe the Tradition Plateau is the place for a golf course. Let him or Gus Nelson know if you can help out as the planning process for the Tradition Lake Plateau unfolds. Call Tom Wood at 391-8027 or Gus Nelson at 392-7428.

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## Calendar of Events Spring Quarter

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**Thursday, April 20**

Trails Club Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Newport Way Library. *Return to Newcastle plans, summer hikes and work parties, single-use and multi-use trails*

**Saturday, April 22**

Return to Newcastle history training walk. 12:30 (See April hike schedule)

**Tuesday, April 25**

"Fifty Flowers of Issaquah Alps"  
Trails Club Fellowship Meeting (p. 7)

**Thursday, May 18**

Trails Club Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Newport Way Library. *Final preparations, Return to Newcastle, Tradition Plateau trail use, plans for Volksmarch on Tradition Plateau*

**Tuesday, May 23**

"An Introduction to Pratt River Valley"  
Trails Club Fellowship Meeting (p. 7)

**Sunday, June 4**

Return to Newcastle (this page)

**Thursday, June 15**

Trails Club Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Newport Way Library. *Fall hikes and work parties, 3-mountain marathon hike (Grand Traverse). Call Hotline to confirm meeting date.*

**Tuesday, June 27**

"Project Learning Tree"  
Trails Club Fellowship Meeting (p. 7)

## 'Return to Newcastle' needs hike leaders, book sellers, other help

For the seventh year, the club will help celebrate the history of coal mining on what is now called Cougar Mountain. Come join us on Sunday, June 4, 1989, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for this great event.

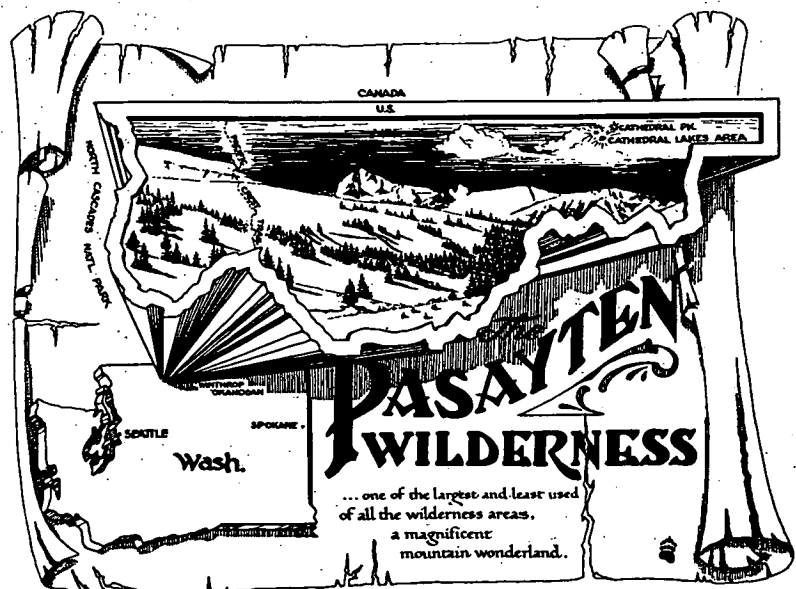
There will be historic displays of photos, maps, and artifacts. Old miners and family members will again gather and share their experiences. Food will be available and musical entertainment, a big hit last year, will return. The club will sell its books, including our history of the area, *The Coals of Newcastle*. Scheduled and guided history and nature walks will be provided throughout the day.

Eight to 10 leaders are needed to escort Return to Newcastle tourists on history walks of one to two hours. A training class will be held Saturday, April 22 (see April hike schedule). History learning packets will be given to all new leaders.

This is a fun and rewarding job. A strong voice is an asset. You should be comfortable with large groups, being the center of attention and lots of questions. We would like all leaders to sign up for at least two tours. They may all be on the same trail if desired, which makes the history learning easier. Please call Gail Palm at 783-6005

On Saturday, June 3, we will have a continuous work party at the site and out on the trails from 9 a.m. until dark. Come any time and bring trail tools if you have them or use the ones provided by the club. We will also need a number of people to sell books, pass out information and answer simple questions.

You are also welcome to join us to an overnight campout at the site both Saturday and Sunday evenings. To volunteer, contact the above folks or David Kappler, 255 S.E. Andrews, Issaquah, WA 98027, 392-3571.



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# APRIL 1989 Hike Schedule

## SAT APR 1

Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice  
3C 8:30 Stan Unger 283-7823

## SUN APR 2

Cougar Mtn. Cougar Wilderness  
3C 8:30 Ralph Owen 746-1070

Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition  
Exploration 12:30 2B  
Larry Hanson 392-2458

## MON APR 3

Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger  
Variations 3C 9:00  
Laurene McLane 392-0204

## WED APR 5

Cougar Mtn. AA Park to  
Boulders 3B 9:30  
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

## FRI APR 7

Snoqualmie Lake Alice Road;  
Tokul Creek; Potluck  
2C 9:30 Al Blalock 746-4155  
Ed Bowser 747-3349

## SAT APR 8

Squak Mtn. WORK PARTY  
(all day) 8:30  
Jack Hornung 545-9122

Cougar Mtn. Cougar Wilderness  
3C 9:30  
Bob Eschrich 232-5764

Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 2C 12:30  
Bob Gross 392-0539

## SUN APR 9

Squak Mtn. Summit Loop  
3C 8:30 Tom Mechler 255-0922

Tiger Mtn. Tiger 3 Loop 3C  
9:00 George Mischler 746-8144

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## WED APR 12

Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice  
3C 9:00 John Seebeth 391-3843

Boeing Cedar River Trail 1A  
9:30 Leigh Bortins 228-7323

## FRI APR 14

Cougar Mtn. Wildflower Special;  
So. Cougar + ? 3B 9:00  
Gail Palm 783-6005  
Bob Knutsen 243-4546

## SAT APR 15

Tiger Mtn. TMT; S. to N.;  
car switch 4C 9:00  
Clifton Cooper 932-3124

## SUN APR 16

Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Summit  
3C 8:30 A. J. Culver 392-3002

Cougar Mtn. Gorges and Gulches  
of the Cougar Mountain Precipice  
Trail 2C 12:30  
Harvey Manning 746-1017  
(See pg.8) Boots required.

## TUE APR 18

Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 1-2-3  
wipeout 4C 8:30  
Joann Howe 432-0741

## THU APR 20

Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice 3C  
8:30 Will Thompson 488-8592

## FRI APR 21

Cougar Mtn. AA Park; Big Tree  
Ridge; Precipice Trail; return via  
Shangri-La Road (boots required)  
3C 9:00 Tom Wood 391-8027

Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition  
1A 9:30  
Paul & Patricia Kaald 746-8741

## SAT APR 22

Cougar Mt. Return to Newcastle  
history training hike 12:30  
Ralph Owen 746-1070

Squak Mtn. Introduction  
(morning) 2C;  
Exploratory bushwhacking  
(afternoon) 4C 8:00  
Jack Hornung 545-9122

Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point  
3C 8:30  
Russ Williams 392-5989

## SUN APR 23

Tiger Mtn. Tiger 1 & 2 Loop via  
Preston Trail, Bootleg, Dwight's  
Way & return via TMT  
4C 8:30 Falk Krueger 525-4544

Snoqualmie: Preston to Lake  
Alice 2A 12:30  
Dave Blawn 271-1677

## TUE APR 25

Tiger Mtn. Manning's Reach  
3C 9:30 Ann Leber 746-3291

## THU APR 27

Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition  
1A 9:30  
Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280

## FRI APR 28

Tiger Mtn. West Tiger Railroad  
Grade 3C 8:30  
Joe Toynee 723-6716

## SAT APR 29

Cougar Mtn. Leader's Choice  
3C 9:30 Stan Unger 283-7823

## SUN APR 30

Tiger Mtn. Tiger 1 3C 9:30  
Gus Nelson 392-7428

Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Creek  
2C 12:30 Steve Cavit 271-7780

# MAY 1989

## Hike Schedule

### TUE MAY 2

Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger  
Variations 3C 9:00  
Laurene McLane 392-0204

### THU MAY 4

North Bend Rattlesnake Ridge  
2B 9:30 Ed Bowser 747-3349  
Al Blalock 746-4155

### FRI MAY 5

Tiger Mtn. Preston Trail  
wildflower ramble 2B 6 PM  
Bill Longwell 255-1295

### SAT MAY 6

Tiger Mtn. TMT Traverse  
4C 8:00 JoAnn Howe 432-0741

Squak Mtn. Introduction  
(morning) 2C 8:30

Exploratory Bushwhacking  
(afternoon) 4C  
Jack Hornung 545-9122

### SUN MAY 7

Taylor Mtn. West Taylor  
Mountain Trail  
WORK PARTY 8:30  
George Jackman 221-3925

Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition  
Exploration 2B 12:30  
Larry Hansen 392-2458

### TUE MAY 9

Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition  
2A 9:30 Al Blalock 746-4155  
Ed Bowser 747-3349

Tiger Mtn. Tiger 2&3 Loop  
3C 9:00  
George Mischler 746-8144

### WED MAY 10

Tiger Mtn. Lake Alice Road to  
Snoqualmie Falls 2B 9:30  
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

### FRI MAY 12

NE Cougar Variations 3C 9:00  
Tom Wood 391-8027

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Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition  
Plateau wildflower ramble  
2B 6 PM  
Bill Longwell 255-1295

### SAT MAY 13

Tiger Mtn. Tiger 2&3 3C 8:30  
Trudy Ecob 232-2933

Taylor Mtn. Shawn Creek Falls  
2C 10:00 Doug Welti 322-7714

### SUN MAY 14

Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger via  
Artifacts Trail 3C 8:30  
Tom Mechler 255-0922

Cougar Mtn. DeLeo Wall 2C  
12:30 Ralph Owen 746-1070  
(Good time for flowers)

### MON MAY 15

Tiger Mtn. Caves Loop, 2C 9:00  
Archie Wright 762-8074  
NOTE: SLOW PACE, leader  
takes long lunch break.

### WED MAY 17

Grand Ridge Issaquah Vista  
return via Lake Tradition  
2C 9:00 John Seebeth 391-3843

### THU MAY 18

Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 3 3C 4PM  
Clifton Cooper 932-3124

### FRI MAY 19

Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger 3B  
9:30 Connie Dow 392-2190

### SAT MAY 20

Cougar Mtn. Geology Special  
3C 8:30 Bob Knutsen 243-4546  
Lawrence Baum 822-2345

Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 3 3C 8:30  
Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg  
392-4034

### SUN MAY 21

Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Loop  
2C 12:30 Steve Cavit 271-7780

Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice  
3C 8:30  
Will Thompson 488-8592

### WED MAY 24

Cougar Park Traverse 3C 8:30  
Joe Toynbee 723-6716

### THU MAY 25

Snoqualmie Lake Alice Road to  
Snoqualmie Vista 1A 9:30  
Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280

### FRI MAY 26

Cougar Mtn. Leader's Choice  
2C 9:30 Betty Culbert 432-7387

Tiger Mtn. Preston-Lake Alice  
Road 1A 9:30  
Paul & Patricia Kaald 746-8741

### SAT MAY 27

Squak Mtn. WORK PARTY  
(all day) 8:30  
Jack Hornung 545-9122

Tiger Mtn. West Tiger 2  
TMT Loop 3C 9:30  
Maury Muzzy 392-8718

### SUN MAY 28

Gorges and Gulches of the  
Cougar Mountain Precipice Trail  
(Loop B) 3C 9:30  
Harvey Manning 746-1017 (see  
Alpiner description, this issue)  
Boots required

Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition  
Plateau 2B 12:30  
Bob Gross 392-0539

### TUE MAY 30

Cougar Mtn. Leader's Choice  
3B 9:30 Ann Leber 746-3291

# JUNE 1989 Hike Schedule

## THU JUN 1

Taylor Mtn. Shawn Falls  
2C 9:00 Gail Palm 783-6005  
Gus Nelson 392-7428

## SAT JUN 3

Tiger Mtn. Tiger Summit via the  
Caves 3C 8:30  
Tom Mechler 255-0922

## SUN JUN 4

RETURN TO NEWCASTLE  
Cougar Mtn. Coal Creek trailhead  
10 am to 5 pm (see page 3)

## TUE JUN 6

Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point from  
the High School 3C 4:30 pm  
Clifton Cooper 932-3124

## WED JUN 7

Cougar Mtn. Gorges and  
Gulches of Cougar Mountain;  
Precipice Trail car switch  
3C 9:30  
Harvey Manning 746-1017  
(see page 7) Boots required

## THU JUN 8

Snoqualmie Lake Alice Road-  
Tokul Creek (POTLUCK)  
2C 9:30  
Al Blalock 746-4155  
Ed Bowser 747-3349

## FRI JUN 9

Taylor Mt. ramble 2C 9:00  
Hazel Hale 243-5376

## SAT JUN 10

Tiger Mtn. Talus Caves 2C 8:30  
Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg  
392-4034

## Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point

3C 12:30 Bob Gross 392-0539

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## SUN JUN 11

Taylor Mtn. North Taylor  
Bushwhack 4C 7:30  
George Jackman 221-3925

Grand Ridge Monster Fir,  
Flower Wall, Lake Tradition  
Plateau Loop 2C 9:00  
Gus Nelson 392-7428

## TUE JUN 13

Cougar Mtn. Leader's Choice  
3B 9:30 Ann Leber 746-3291

## WED JUN 14

Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice  
3C 9:00  
John Seebeth 391-3843

Cougar Mtn. Coal Creek Trail  
1A 9:30 Leigh Bortins  
228-7323

## FRI JUN 16

Cougar Mtn. Leader's Choice  
2C 9:30  
Betty Culbert 432-7387

## SAT JUN 17

Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point  
3C 9:30  
Maury Muzzy 392-8718

Snoqualmie Lake Alice Rd to  
Todul Creek. 8:30 2C  
Archie Wright 762-8074.

NOTE: SLOW PACE, takes long  
lunch period.

## SUN JUN 18

Cougar & Squak Mtn.  
Cougar to Squak and Return to  
Cougar 3C 9:30  
Ralph Owen 746-1070

## MON JUN 19

Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice  
3C 8:30  
Will Thompson 488-8592

## WED JUN 21

Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition  
Plateau 2B 9:30  
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

## THU JUN 22

Cougar Mtn. Far Country Falls  
1A 9:30  
Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280

## FRI JUN 23

Snoqualmie Lake Alice Road to  
Snoqualmie Falls 2A 9:30  
Paul & Patricia Kaald 746-8741

## SAT JUN 24

Tiger Mtn. Grand Canyon of 15  
Mile Creek 3C 9:30  
Stan Unger 283-7823  
Boots required

## SUN JUN 25

Issaquah Alps Geology Special  
3C 8:30  
Larry Hansen 392-2458  
Laurence Baum 822-2345

## Tiger Mtn. WORK PARTY on

Peggy's Trail 9:30  
Peggy Owen 746-1070

## WED JUN 28

Snoqualmie Snoqualmie Falls  
via Lake Alice Road 3B 9:30  
Peggy Owen 746-1070

## FRI JUN 30

Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point  
3C 9:30 Connie Dow 392-2190

## Gorges and gulches' of Cougar Mountain--not for the timid

Harvey Manning will lead a series of new Cougar Mountain "Gorges and Gulches" hikes designed to test your mettle.

*These are not hikes for beginners!* Some portions of the trails are hardly trails at all. There will be some steep up and down scrambling and lots of mud. Boots are required.

April 16 Loop A. Goode's Corner, Precipice Trail in and out of AA Gorge to Summerhill Ridge and AA Creek Trail. 2C 12:30

May 28 Loop B. Goode's Corner, Big Tree Ridge, AA Gorge, Summerhill Ridge, Nurse Log Gulch, Schneider's Gorge, Kline Hill Road, and if party feels strong enough, to the depths of Kline Gorge. 3C 9:30

June 7 Precipice Trail Car Switch. From SR 900, Newcastle Queen Trail to Fantastic Erratic, Rotting Log viewpoint. Shangri-La Road and Military Road to Big Tree Ridge, AA Gorge, Summerhill Ridge and on the Kline Road and out to North Village site. Several places for those wishing or needing to bail out and return to Goode's Corner. 3C 9:30

## Watch out for logging trucks on Tiger Mountain

Two separate logging operations are underway in the Tiger Mountain State Forest. One is on the West Side logging road just before the Tiger Mountain Trail south trailhead and the other on the east Tiger Logging Road on the Raging River side.

Starting now and continuing through the summer, you may encounter traffic delays of up to one hour on either side of these roads because of logging activity. Delays are most likely on weekdays, but could occur on weekends.

The Department of Natural Resources, concerned about our safety and theirs, urges us to be alert to these activities, observe the 15 MPH speed limit on Tiger logging roads and to bear in mind that on logging roads, the right of way belongs to the logging trucks.

## A variety of new hikes scheduled this quarter: wildflower rambles, Cougar Mt. scrambles, slow saunters, evening walks, geology talks

By Gail Palm  
Hikes Coordinator

We have some new hikes this quarter that we would like to draw your attention to.

Harvey Manning is leading a series of rugged new hikes on Cougar Mountain for serious adventurers. (See adjoining article.)

New leader Archie Wright will lead hikes for those wishing a slower pace. They are scheduled on Monday May 15 and Saturday June 17. These should be great for those recovering from injuries, illness, or just starting to get in shape.

New leader Clifton Cooper will lead two evening hikes for the after-work crowd. They are scheduled on Thursday

May 18 and Tuesday June 6.

These not new, but everyone will welcome the return of Bill Longwell's evening Wildflower Rambles. They are scheduled Friday May 5 and Friday May 12.

We also have two Geology Specials on Saturday May 20, and Sunday June 25. Dr. Lawrence Baum, a geologist and teacher, will help lead these two. He is looking for people interested in taking a 20-40 hour geology course with a special emphasis on the geology of the Issaquah Alps. For more information, call him at 827-2345.

*Please don't overlook the work parties. Our trails need spring maintenance.*

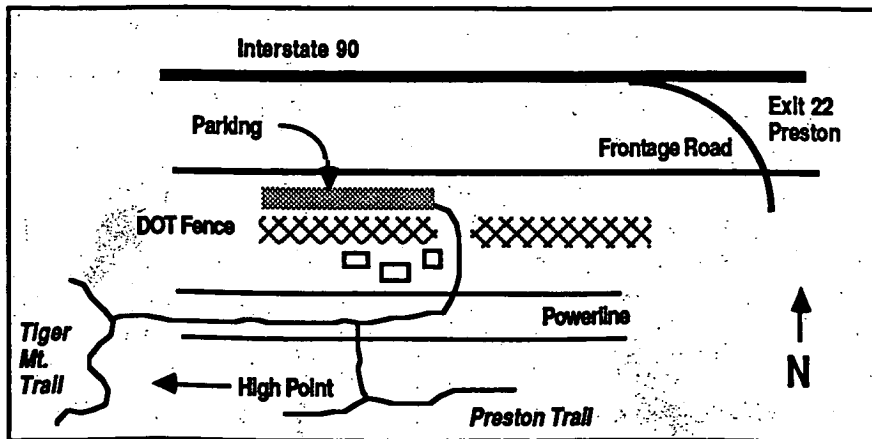
## Another way to get to the Tiger Mountain Trail

The huge fence blocking our customary entrance to the north Tiger Mountain Trail entrance is a serious fence, and means hikers too, not just motor traffic. The Department of Natural Resources is looking into what might be done.

It has always been club policy not to trespass on private land that is clearly posted. However, 270th, the street that goes straight south from the High Point exit, is not private and can be used by the public. However, we recommend that you park your car near the interchange and walk 270th so we do

not disrupt the quiet of nearby residents with traffic noise. We will improve the foot log over High Point Creek soon. In the meantime, be very careful.

We have established an alternate entrance to the Tiger Mountain Trail off the Preston exit. Please look at the map carefully. Parking is available on the shoulder along the Department of Transportation's fence. The new trail begins at the break in the fence that coincides with an old road that circles above, and to the left of buildings.



# A new series of Fellowship meetings highlight wildflowers, Pratt Valley and Project Learning Tree

We have another very nice series of meetings this quarter. Regretably, "Fifty Flowers of the Issaquah Alps" had to be cancelled in January due to the tremendous storm that came down on us, but it has been rescheduled for April this quarter. Mother Nature's apologies to any and all who were inconvenienced. We did our best to get the word out.

Remember; doors open at 7:15 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm and adjourns at 9:30 pm. Location is the Atrium Room of Greenbaum's Home Furnishings in Bellevue, 929 118th Ave S.E., Exit 12 of 405 (SE 8th St.) SEE MAP

## TUESDAY, APRIL 25 "Fifty Flowers of the Issaquah Alps"

Slides and narration by club members Larry and Marty Hanson. Common rather than scientific names will be used. They will give suggestions as to when and where to see some of these flowers. The Issaquah Alps are home to a bouniful array of wildflowers and Larry and Marty have some beautiful slides, so don't miss this one.  
HOST: Gail Palm

## TUESDAY, MAY 23 "A Visual Introduction to the Pratt River Valley"

A slide show and talk to introduce you to the multiple resourses of the Pratt River Valley; fishing, year round close to town hiking, walking, bird watching, and fauna study. A sanctuary for wildlife, and in our estimation one of the most beautiful stands of old growth forest around, indeed comparable to the famous Elwa River Valley of the Olympic National Forest.

Presented by Mr. Don DeWitt, who will also update us on the status of the furious war of wills going on to either save this lovely secluded valley for wildlife and the enjoyment of public, or denude it of every living tree, and perhaps even dam the river. This spring is the time decisions will be made about the fate of this valley, so our support is need NOW!

If you were not one of the lucky ones able to join Don on a hike to the valley last year, you will especially want to see this show. HOST: Betty Culbert

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27 "Project Learning Tree"

Presented by Carol Penney of the Issaquah school district. This unique and

wonderful program is designed to provide resourses and training for grade school teachers so they can introduce their students to our rich and varied native environment using class room aids and local field trips. Carol will be using a class from the Pine Lake Middle school and our own Lake Tradition Plateau as her field station. Perhaps you would like to see a program like this in YOUR child's, or grandchild's school.

HOST: George Jackman.

## New Cougar book replaces '50+ hikes'

Coming soon: the new, new, new Guide to Trails of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, Coal Creek Park, May Creek Park by Harvey Manning and Ralph Owen.

This book contains all the old favorites plus new favorites--The Precipice Trail, newly improved all the way from Lewis Gorge to Kline Gorge to AA Gorge to Big Tree Ridge to Military Road to Shangri-La Road to Bear Ridge to Fantastic Erratic to Newcastle Queen to Wilderness Creek.

But wait--there's more...all new maps! To order, send \$8.50 and write the club.

## Beyond the Alps

Activities of interest  
in the outer limits

### Seattle Arboretum Walk

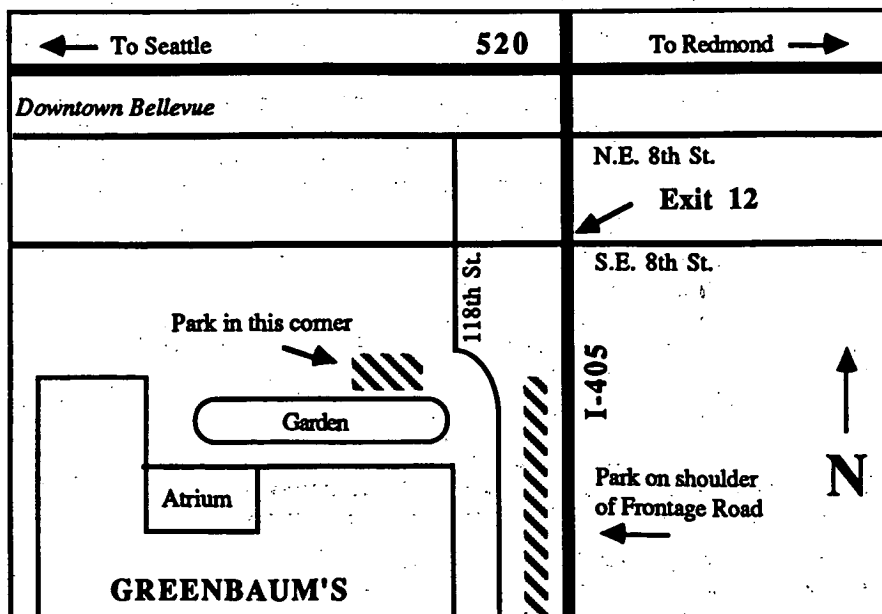
Sunday, May 14 2A 12:30 (meet at Artillery Piece at Museum of History & Industry) Dave Blawn 271-1677

### Bellefield Park Walk (Bellevue)

Sunday, June 4 2A 12:30 (Meet at the Issaquah Park and Ride)  
Dave Blawn 271-1677

### Wetlands Class

The Evergreen State College will hold a two-day course on the Wetlands of Thurston County April 16 and May 7. The cost is \$37 and registration deadline is April 13. You may want to carpool with John Seebeth, 391-3843.





# Volunteer's Corner: Join "The Apparatus" working to save wildlands

By John Seebeth  
Volunteer Coordinator

With the bone-chilling winter months behind us, the club is gearing up for a spring and summer calendar full of fun times and worthwhile activities. For those of you coming out of hibernation, this is the opportunity to clear the wood smoke out of your eyes and step forward to volunteer some of your precious time.

Again I asked Trails Club members why they're willing to volunteer time and energy for the club.

Tom and Linda Wood from Issaquah responded: *Like many other hikers, we spent most of our time hiking alone. We hiked for a good many years but have never actively supported a club or group looking out for hiker's interests.*

*In the past two years we have headed to many trailheads, hiking guide in hand, only to find a new subdivision, "No Trespassing" signs or very large dogs. In some cases, all three!*

*The final straw was the fence blocking the access to the north end of the Tiger Mountain Trail. We decided it was time to get involved with a political voice that will be heard in matters of land use and development. Trails and wild lands must be preserved.*

The club is currently looking for volunteers to take on various assignments. These positions are:

## **Fellowship meeting coordinators**

The club members who set up the new general interest membership meetings all hold club offices. Now that the initial organizing phase is over, the club is looking for some new faces to take over these meetings. We will need a minimum of three people, since at least one person will have to host each meeting.

Members will need to develop and decide on programs (we will want to repeat a number of programs and events each year), be responsible for the budget, arrange refreshments, host meetings and keep records. Call Gail Palm at 783-6005.

## **Fellowship meeting refreshment managers**

Four managers are needed. This is a fun job, open to anyone who is dependable and enjoys hosting.

The job entails purchasing (within a certain budget) and serving refreshments at the meetings. You should be prepared to host three or more meetings a year. You will need to deliver extra supplies of sugar, cups, napkins, etc. to next person doing refreshments.

At this time meetings are at Greenbaums furniture in Bellevue. The social hour is 9 to 9:30 p.m.

You will also be responsible for tidying up and taking trash to janitor's closet.

## **Picnic Organizer**

Doesn't a club picnic sound fun? We'd like to have one in August or September. We are looking for people who would like to organize such a picnic. We need an administrator to orchestrate the rest of the crew, coordinate with park officials, secure any permits and make it work. Also needed are people to decide on and secure supplies for games for adults and kids. Someone will need to arrange for ice cream and pop. Set up people will need to arrive early to secure the area and do odd jobs.

Call Gail Palm at 783-6005.

## **Newcastle history hike leaders**

Eight to 10 leaders are needed to escort Return to Newcastle tourists on history walks of one to two hours. A training class will be held in late April or early May. History learning packets will be given to all new leaders.

This is a fun and rewarding job. A strong voice is an asset. You should be comfortable with large groups, being the center of attention and lots of questions. We would like all leaders to sign up for at least two tours. They may all be on the same trail if desired, which makes the history learning easier. Please call Gail Palm at 783-6005.

## **Shoreline watcher**

The City of Issaquah is now in the process of adopting a Shoreline Master Program. We need advice from our

members with experience in this area and we need a resident of Issaquah who will follow this issue for the club.

The club can give much support, but the person taking this on will need to do quite a bit of study. Our representative will need to make specific written input and follow this through the legislative processes of the city. Willingness to speak at hearings and meetings would be a plus.

## **First aid instructor**

Do we have a certified first aid instructor out there? The trails club would like to offer its members a comprehensive lecture on outdoor first aid, complete with demonstrations-- something on the order of four hours.

If you are qualified or know someone who is, please contact David Kappler at 392-3571, Gail Palm at 783-6005 or John Seebeth at 391-3843.

## **Special Event Coordinator**

For the yearly "Return to Newcastle" and "Salmon Days" events.

## **Education Coordinator**

To compile information about ecology, genealogy and history of the Alps. Also gather information on governmental activities and actions affecting the Alps.

## **Tool Maintenance Coordinator**

To keep an inventory of club tools, check them out as needed and see that they are in good working order.

## **Map Maker**

To put together a hiking trails map for Lake Sammamish State Park.

## **Secretary**

To take care of administrative details.

If you see something that interests you, please fill in the Volunteer Registration Form on the next page. If you have further questions, call 391-3843.

Please take a minute to fill in the form so the club can contact you and put your talents to work for us and our Issaquah Alps!