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## *The defeat of TREE means we roll back, but wait a while: the tide is going our way*

*Sometimes it seems to me that life is just one damn kitten after another.*

--Mehitabel the cat, who in a former life was Cleopatra

That chortling and cackling and belching and clinking of bags of gold coins you heard the week after November 6 came from the legion of the damned, the traffickers in the flesh and blood of our Mother, this Earth. Whatever our individual cosmologies, we must agree and insist on a literal blazing Hell to ultimately receive these vilenesses that originally, flying down from Heaven trailing clouds of glory, were human souls. If it turns out there isn't an old-fashioned Hell, we'll have to build one. Build *two*, lest the first one burns out before the end of eternity.

They prevailed on November 6, and they will prevail often again in future, and mayhap they will succeed in so enlarging the hole in the Ozone Layer that the Watitities will make a fortune selling parasols, and in so hastening the Greenhouse Effect that the Associated General Contractors will pile up bundles of greenbacks building bayside cabanas on the slopes of Tiger Mountain.

Yes, they will perform a great many more defilements before they are paid off for good in the First or Second Hell. But they will not win. I'm confident because having been on the shore a while, I know which way the tide is running.

In the late 1950s I enlisted in a campaign to preserve wildness in the North Cascades purely because I wasn't content to stand around wringing my hands while the chainsaw banditti danced up and down my Mother's spine. I never expected to see a North Cascades National Park in my time. I was astounded in 1968 when President Johnson signed the bill.

As late as the 1970s I thought my friend Jerry Franklin was a prophet too late. But our hollering and brickbatting continued and abruptly in the late 1980s you can't pick up a newspaper or turn on the TV without getting the latest on the New Forestry. In 1989 the Ancient Forests Protection Bill was introduced in Congress, the list of sponsors as long as the roster of logger lords. To be sure, we wish the bill had become law decades ago. And it isn't law yet. *But it will be.*

So, back to the beach. Sit there a short while and watch a wave roll up, break and slide back. Another wave. And another. Always after the roll up, the slide back. But sit there a long while and you see the direction of the tide.

Our bully boys, the legion of the damned, rejoice because they think that thanks to their hired mercenaries with birch whips to beat the sea into submission, the tide is going out.

*Wrong.*

--Harvey Manning

## *TREE will mean try, try again*

*After the November defeat of Proposition 21 (TREE), Jack Hornung of "Mountain to Sound" fame wrote Jim Ellis a discouraging letter about whether or not it was time to raise the white flag. Jim's reply:*

Never say die, Jack!

It is tough to lose an election but the time is not far away when a revised open space proposition will be approved by the voters. In this last election initiative 547 so dominated public discussion that other environmental causes went down in its wake. A similar albatross is unlikely to be on the

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## ***Don't let our victories make you relax- there is plenty of work to be done***

As we end a year and begin another we typically take some time to reflect on where we have come and where we will be going. Our successes continue to mount, but we have not been without our frustrations and our agenda is full.

Some of our members think we can all retire because of our successes on Cougar, Squak and Tiger. Others tend to forget how well we have done, and realize that we have far to go in protecting Grand Ridge, Rattlesnake, Taylor, the water bodies on and around the Alps, and the valleys between that are so quickly becoming un-green.

All is not perfect with Cougar, Squak and Tiger. Big and small critical areas on Cougar need to be acquired, section 9 on Squak has not been purchased and key parcels on Tiger's Tradition Plateau are threatened.

We should feel great about our accomplishments, but not make retirement plans. We need to build our organization so it involves more individuals, teams up more effectively with like-minded groups, and becomes more involved with the myriad of governmental agencies.

The Trails Club is effective because of the effort, interest and support of its members and friends. For some it is an

occasional hike and a letter, for others it is many hours a week. If you are looking for a chance to work with a successful group of interesting and diverse people to insure an environmental legacy for future generations, please join us.

A good way to find out more about our efforts is to join in on a few hikes. If you really want to see our full range of interests, attend one of our monthly board meetings. Do feel free to call persons listed on page one if you have a special interest in a topic or call Mary Cadigan, our volunteer coordinator, to find out how you might be able to contribute. Or check the volunteer form on page 10.

*--Dave Kappler*

### ***First aid classes offered***

The American Red Cross offers eight-hour classes in basic first aid at a cost of only \$35.35.

Students who complete the class will receive a certification for both first aid and CPR. The classes are offered in either two weekday sessions (four hours each) or one Saturday session. Most of the classes are held at the Red Cross office on Northup Way in Bellevue, but some are offered at other locations.

Call the Red Cross at 883-6709.

## ***North-South greenway connections explored in twice-monthly hikes***

Jack Hornung and Stan Unger will continue their explorations of the north-south connections to the I-90 Greenway this winter. These hikes are scheduled for the first and third Saturdays of the month: January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16 and March 2 and 16. All are tentatively scheduled to meet at the Issaquah McDonald's at 8 a.m., but be sure to call Jack at 545-9122 or Stan at 283-7823 or 296-8657 to confirm the meeting place.

These will be exploratory full day hikes of perhaps 10-15 miles, probably lasting to about suppertime. They will be taken at a moderate pace but without mountainous ascents and descents. There may be some bushwacking, so come prepared.

The county's proposed interurban trails system will connect the urban areas in western King County with each other as well as with the I-90 Greenway. People living in Renton, Auburn, Redmond, Duvall, Bothell, Snoqualmie and other areas around the Greenway are especially encouraged to come along and help scout these trails.

We also encourage the equestrian and cycling communities, since the proposed county trail system is intended to be multi-purpose.

To avoid misunderstanding, especially about liability in case of injury, we would like to emphasize that these hikes are not sponsored by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. They are simply explorations long planned by Jack and Stan on which others are welcome to come at their own risk. Also, these are not packaged hikes designed to entertain! Be forewarned of some road hiking.

## ***'...Tree' effort was a building block***

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ballot next time.

Nationwide, bond and tax approvals were the lowest for a general election since 1975. We were not alone.

The Mountains to Sound March was not a lost effort, but a strong call to arms. It simply takes more time to rally the people to a cause so large as the I-90 Greenway.

A lot of people put a great deal of good work into Proposition 21 and are understandably tired, but that effort will become a building block. If we make the proposal better, broaden the citizen alliance and gain more business acceptance, the greenways can still happen.

With sufficient effort, I think we can challenge the realtors to find a tax

which they can support. We can develop a more specific and dramatic picture of the properties to be acquired. It is particularly important that key properties with broad public appeal be identified and become bell cows for the cause.

Farmlands preservation failed in two elections before finally passing on the third try. The result was the astonishing preservation of the 10,000 acres you saw on your canoe trip down the Snoqualmie.

The greenway vision is too bright to let die on one election day. We have come off the floor in the past. Step by step we need to get back in the ring. The time for winning will come.

## Why wait for the weekend? Take a weekly Wednesday Walk

Weekly "Wednesday Walks" are a new feature of the regular Trails Club hike schedule. The walks will be confined to the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park area, both on official and exploratory trails. The meeting time is 9 a.m. at the Red Town Trail head parking area. Call Jim Cadigan at 641-4046 for directions and confirmation that the hike will take place on a given Wednesday. Hikes may be cancelled due to extreme weather or other circumstances.

## Potluck promises plates of provisions for hungry hikers

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club will hold its annual Potluck Dinner Saturday, March 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Issaquah Highlands Camping Club, 10610 Renton-Issaquah Road S.E. (SR 900). See map for directions.

Bring your own table settings and a cup or glass. Do not bring red wines (they stain the carpet), but blush or white wine is OK. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided.

The hike ratings will range from 2B to 3C depending on the hikers, weather and trail conditions. Elevation gain may accumulate 1,200 feet, but will generally be in short segments (200-300 feet) with level and downhill periods prevailing.

For regular hikers who ordinarily are drawn to more distant environments, these walks will give you a mid-week workout when you don't have time to go for the higher peaks.

Suggested dishes to bring:

- A-G Salad
- H-L Main Dishes
- M-Q Hors d'oeuvres and bread
- R-Z Desserts or fruit

This is the main social event of the year for the Trails Club—a great opportunity to meet fellow members and eat exceptionally good food. See you there!

## Stormy weather means trails need more repair work

No trails, no club!

Recent rains and wind not only caused floods and sank bridges, but also felled trees and caused erosion on the trails. Also, a year's growth of brush needs to be lopped off and whacked back.

Good crowd, good fun and whole-body exercise!

"Weed Whackers" traditionally meet Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the 1st and Andrews parking lot in Issaquah where our hikes start. Now work parties are also scheduled on alternate Sundays, same hour and place. See the hike schedule. Tools are provided, or you may bring your own.

Sunday work party schedule: January 6 and 20, Bob Knutsen 243-4546; February 3 and 17, Will Thompson 488-8592; March 3, George Mischler 746-8144 and March 17 Joe Toynbee 723-6716.

## Don't cheat--boil that water!

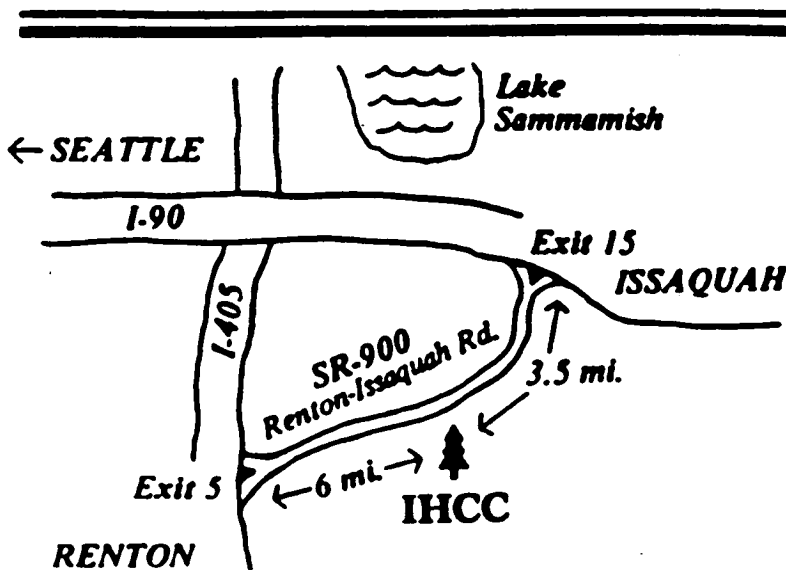
Cheating giardia...not such a good idea after all.

In a recent issue of *Backpacker* magazine, Dr. Steven Zell of the University of Nevada School of Medicine had an article in which he claimed giardia may not be the plague of the woods after all. Dr. Zell has been drinking untreated water for 15 years without catching giardia and states "if one in 100 people pick up giardia, it's hard to justify 99 people buying Halazone tablets or boiling water. Giardia costs \$35 to \$40 to treat; a first need filter costs \$50.

Being an EMT with an interest in wilderness medicine, I wrote to Dr. Zell and drank a quart of water on a 90-degree trail run to West Tiger 1 in July. The water came from High Point Creek where it intersects the TMT around 1200' elevation. After spending three weeks in misery, lab tests finally confirmed I had giardia lamblia cysts.

Dr. Zell may be able to treat himself for \$40, but my doctor estimates up to \$200 laboratory plus \$40 for medication. Will I drink untreated water again? No way! Will I treat my water? You bet!

--Art Farash



## ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS CAMPING CLUB

10610 RENTON-ISSAQUAH RD. S.E.  
ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON 98027

# January 1991 Hikes and Events

**Wednesday January 2**  
Grand Tour, Tradition Lake  
Plateau Loop  
2B 9 a.m.  
Gus Nelson 392-7428

\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

**Thursday January 3**  
Cougar Mountain, Coal Creek  
Falls, Far Country Lookout,  
DeLeo Wall  
2B 9:30  
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

**Friday January 4**  
West Tiger 1 from Preston  
3C 9 a.m.  
Karen VanPelt 747-9381

**Saturday January 5**  
Family Hike, Lake Tradition,  
Round Lake  
2A 10:30  
Judy Chamberlin 392-8813

North Bend, Rattlesnake Ledge  
and Beyond  
3C 8:30  
George Jackman 1-222-3925

\*\*North-South Connections to  
I-90 Greenway: exploratory  
hikes.

**Sunday January 6**  
Trail Work Party 9 a.m.  
Bob Knutsen 243-4546

S. Tiger Mountain Loop  
3C 9 a.m.  
Ted Thomsen 454-8643

**Wednesday January 9**  
\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

**Thursday January 10**  
S. Tiger Loop  
3C 8:30  
Bob Knutsen 243-4546

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**Saturday January 12**  
W. Tiger railroad grade loop  
3C 9 a.m.  
Joe Toynbee 723-6716

**Sunday January 13**  
Peaks and waterfalls of  
Cougar Mt.  
4C 8:30  
Ralph Owen 746-1070

**Wednesday January 16**  
\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

**Thursday January 17**  
*Annual Meeting of Issaquah Alps  
Trails Club Membership. All  
members welcome. Election of  
Board Members. Issaquah  
Library 7:30 p.m.*

**Friday January 18**  
Fall City Lake Alice Road  
bike trail  
2A 9:30  
Pat Kaald 746-8741

**Saturday January 19**  
Tiger Mountain Big Trees  
and Caves  
2C 9:30  
Leonard and Ursula Eisenberg  
392-4034

"Winter Wonder Walk"  
Leader's Choice  
2B 12:30  
Steve Irby 255-3211

\*\*North-South Connections to  
I-90 Greenway: exploratory  
hikes.

**Sunday January 20**  
W. Tiger Mt. 2 and 3,  
3C 9 a.m.  
George Mischler 746-8144

Cougar Mt. Coal Creek Falls  
2B 12:30  
Bob Gross 392-0539

**Tuesday January 22**  
Tiger 3 loop  
3C 8:30  
Joanne Howe 432-0741

**Wednesday January 23**  
\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

Family Hike, Lake Sammamish  
1A 10 a.m.  
Peggy Barchi  
432-5446

**Saturday January 26**  
W. Tiger 3 / Issaquah City Hall  
3C 9:30  
Steve Cavit 271-7780

**Sunday January 27**  
Cougar Mt. / Coyote Creek /  
Anti-Aircraft Ridge Loop  
2B 12:30  
Joe Toynbee 723-6716

**Wednesday January 30**  
\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

Tiger Mountain Leader's Choice  
3C 9 a.m.  
Will Thompson 488-8592

\* See "Wednesday Walks", pg.3  
\*\* See "North-South Connec-  
tions, pg. 2

## February 1991 Hikes and Events

**Friday February 1**  
Tiger Mountain Trail / W. Tiger 3  
4C 8:30  
Karen Van Pelt 747-9881

Squak Mt. Bullit Fireplace  
9 a.m. 3C  
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

**Saturday February 2**  
Family Hike  
Laughing Jacobs Creek  
10:30 2A  
Judy Chamberlin 392-8813

Cougar Mt. Wilderness Loop  
9:30 3C  
Bob Eschrich 232-5746

\*\*North-South Connections to  
I-90 Greenway: exploratory  
hikes.

**Sunday February 3**  
Trail Work Party 9 a.m.  
Will Thompson 488-8592

Middle Tiger Loop - Tiger  
Mountain Trail and two  
railroad grades  
2C 9:30  
Warren Jones 284-0748

**Tuesday February 5**  
Squak Mt. sections 9 and 4,  
Phil's Creek, Main Summit,  
W. Peak, Bullit Creek Gorge  
3C 8:30  
Gus Nelson 392-7428

**Wednesday February 6**  
\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

**Saturday February 9**  
Tiger Mt. unknown mines  
2C 9 a.m.  
Bill Longwell 255-1295

Cougar Mt. Redtown  
Historic Hike  
2B 1 p.m.  
Ann Leber 746-3291

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**Sunday February 10**  
Peak hopping on Tiger  
4D 8:30  
Ralph Owen 746-1070

DeLeo Wall  
2B 12:20  
Dave Kappler 392-3571

**Tuesday February 12**  
East Tiger  
3C 8:30  
Bob Knutsen 243-4546

**Wednesday February 13**  
\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

**Friday February 15**  
Tiger Mt., Lake Tradition Plateau  
2B 9:30  
Pat Kaald 746-8741

**Saturday February 16**  
Carnation to Snoqualmie Falls  
3B 8:30  
Bill Longwell 255-1295

\*\*North-South Connections to  
I-90 Greenway: exploratory  
hikes.

**Sunday February 17**  
Tiger Mt., Lake Tradition  
2B 12:30  
Bob Gross 392-0539

**Tuesday February 19**  
North end TMT loop and  
summit of Tiger 3  
3C 8:30  
Joanne Howe 432-0741

**Wednesday February 20**  
\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

Family Hike / Lake Hills  
Greenbelt  
1A 10 a.m.  
Peggy Barchi 432-5446

**Thursday February 21**  
Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Issaquah Library (Tentative  
date-call board member or Hot-  
line to confirm)

**Saturday February 23**  
Wilderness Peak / Cougar Mt.  
Beautiful forests and cascading  
creeks  
2C 9 a.m.  
Clifton Cooper 932-3124

**Sunday February 24**  
Tiger Mt. / Tradition Plateau 2B  
12:30 Larry Hansen 392-2458

Little Si  
2C 9:30  
Roy Thompson 1-831-6339

**Wednesday February 27**  
\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

**Thursday February 28**  
Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice  
3C 9 a.m.

\* See "Wednesday Walks", pg.3  
\*\* See "North-South Connec-  
tions, pg. 2

# March 1991 Hikes and Events

## Friday March 1

New Tiger Mountain Trail 3,  
3C 9 a.m.  
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

Cougar Mt. Family Hike (four  
years old and up) W. Tibbits  
Creek 1A 12:45  
Karen Van Pelt 747-9381

## Saturday March 2

Snoqualmie Ridge  
2B 8:30  
Bill Longwell 255-1295

Family Hike Yellow Lake  
2A 10:30  
Judy Chamberlin 392-8813

\*\*North-South Connections to  
I-90 Greenway: exploratory  
hikes.

## Sunday March 3

Squak Mt. Phil's Creek  
and New Trail  
2C 8:30  
Bill Longwell 255-1295

Trail Work Party 9 a.m.  
George Mischler 746-8114

## Wednesday March 6

\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

## Saturday March 9

Squak Mt. Perimeter Loop  
Sections 4,5 and 9.  
3C+ 8 a.m.  
Gus Nelson 392-7428

## Tibbits Gorge

2C 12:30  
Dave Kappler 392-3571

## Sunday March 10

Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice  
3C 9 a.m.  
Clifton Cooper 932-3124

## Wednesday March 13

\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

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## Saturday March 16

Cougar Mt. Tibbits Gorge  
3C 9 a.m.  
Ann Leber 746-3291

\*\*North-South Connections to  
I-90 Greenway: exploratory  
hikes.

## Sunday March 17

Rattlesnake Mt. Traverse  
4D 8:30  
Ralph Owen 746-1070

## Wednesday March 20

\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

Family Hike Lake Tradition  
1A 10 a.m.  
Peggy Barchi 432-5446

## Thursday March 21

*Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Issaquah Library (tentative  
date-call board member or  
Hotline to confirm)*

## Saturday March 23

Tiger 2 and 3, 3C 8:30 Trudy  
Ecob 232-2933

*Potluck Dinner 6 to 10 p.m., at  
the Issaquah Highlands Camping  
Club, 10610 Renton-Issaquah  
Road (SR 900) See page 3 for  
details.*

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

## Sunday March 24

Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice  
3C 8:30  
George Mischler 746-8144

## Middle Tiger

2C 12:30  
Bob Gross 392-0539

## Tuesday March 26

Cougar Mt. traverse west to east  
3C 8:30  
Joanne Howe 432-0741

## Wednesday March 27

\* Wednesday Walk  
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

## Thursday March 28

Tiger Mt. Traverse  
4D 8:30  
Bob Knutsen 243-4546

## Saturday March 30

S. Tiger Mt. Loop  
3C 9 a.m.  
Ted Thomsen 454-8643

## Sunday March 31

Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice  
3C 8:30  
Will Thompsen 488-8592

## Tiger Mt. Tradition Plateau

2B 12:30  
Larry Hansen 392-2458

\* See "Wednesday Walks", pg.3

\*\* See "North-South Con-  
nections", pg. 2

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**Snoqualmie Valley  
Trails Club  
Winter Hike Schedule**

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**Saturday January 5**  
East Tiger Rd. and headwaters of  
the Raging River 3C 9 a.m. F.C.  
Joe Toynbee 723-6716

**Saturday January 12**  
Tolt River Forks 3B 9 a.m. F.C.  
Diane Guthrie 788-6755

**Sunday January 13**  
Rock Slide Vista 2C noon N.B.  
Warren Jones 284-0748

**Saturday January 19**  
Rattlesnake Lake to Twin Falls  
3B 9:30 N.B.  
Daucey Brewington 888-2426

**Saturday January 26**  
Stillwater Wildlife Recreation  
Area 1A 10 a.m. F.C. Wear  
waterproof boots!  
June Stevens 222-5452

**Saturday February 2**  
McDonald Park 1B 9:30 F.C.  
Clifton Cooper 932-3124

**Saturday February 9**  
Fall City to Remlinger Farm via  
the Snoqualmie Valley Trail 2B  
9:30 F.C. June Stevens  
222-5452

**Sunday February 10**  
Carnation to Stillwater via the  
Snoqualmie Valley Trail 2B 10  
a.m. F.C. Diane Guthrie  
788-6755

**Saturday February 16**  
Granite Creek 2-3C (depending  
on weather and conditions) 9  
a.m. N.B. Mike Leake 333-4243

**Saturday February 23**  
King Lake and Fontal Falls 4B  
9 a.m. F.C. Jerry Wheeler  
242-9344

**Sunday March 3**  
Little Si and Moss Vista 3C  
10 a.m. Clifton Cooper 932-3124

**Saturday March 9**  
Mt. Si via Old Trails 4D 9 a.m.  
Roy Thompson 831-6339

**Saturday March 16**  
CCC Truck Road, Big Blowout  
and Moss Cliffs 2B 9:30 N.B.  
Pat Brewington 888-2426

**Saturday March 23**  
Green Mountain 4C 9 a.m. N.B.  
Mike Leake 333-4243

**Saturday March 30**  
Rattlesnake Mt. (East Peak) 3C  
9 a.m. N.B. Warren Jones  
284-0748

*Please call hike leaders to check  
on road and weather conditions.*

*F.C. = meet at the Fall City Park  
and Ride junction of SR 202 and  
203.*

*N.B. = meet at the North Bend  
Park and Ride 4th and Main by  
the library.*

**Issaquah Alps Trails Club  
T-Shirt Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City /State / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Size: Small Medium Large X-Large

Color: Royal Blue White

Sleeve length: Long (\$13) Short (\$11)

*Postage and tax included in price. Please fill out a separate  
form for each shirt ordered. Make checks payable to Issaquah  
Alps Trails Club for the full amount. Mail orders to: Issaquah  
Alps Trails Club, T-shirt order, P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA  
98027*

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# Some notes from the Tiger Mountain Trail

By Bill Longwell

## May

In mid-May I was pusing the TMT tread up the West Fork of High Point Creek. My goal was to reach the head of the valley by June.

The West Fork flows from a steep-walled valley that for the past 70 years has seen few human visitors. Between the 1920s logging and the building of the TMT in 1990, the West Fork remained a virtual wilderness. Today it is Tiger's most rugged valley.

For five days I worked along a quarter-mile stretch, trying to lay out a route along a steep hillside. On each of the days I shared the hillside with two ravens which were nesting in a large Broadleaf Maple tree 20 feet above the trail.

Ravens are common on Tiger. In June, 1981, I watched upwards of 50 ravens soaring in the warm evening air above East Tiger. This is a gothic bird. Certainly no bird has a more mysterious, a more lonely "song" than the raven. Its "krawk, krawk" echoes for a mile or more through the trees of a deep forest and inspires the imagination.

To the raven this steep hillside provided an ideal nesting site. Perhaps ravens had used it for generations. The cliffs and their rocky points give ravens launching stations to various other perches on both sides of the valley and all of Tiger.

This particular pair of ravens were not prepared for my interference in their routine. At first they vigorously disputed my right to encroach on their territory. Each time I worked under their tree they would protest for several minutes. Sometimes I joined in with them, imitating their calls. They would listen to my response and then fly from their nest site. I could hear the beating of their wings against the air as they circled above me, trying the figure out what creature was clanging against the rocks of the hillside beneath them.

On the fifth day, I heard them both leave to fly out across the High Point valley toward the east. I am sure they heard me approach them. As I never heard from them again, I hope I did not drive them away.

## June

By June I had reached the Main Fork of High Point Creek and was walking two and a half miles to work. It suddenly struck me that I'd find more time to work if I hiked up the High Point Creek trail. I could shorten my walk by half.

By now I was almost ready to connect the old TMT to the new, three-mile Lake Tradition relocation. It was near the old High Point Trail that I found some artifacts. On June 16 I was working with a McLeod, my favorite trail-building tool and was following an old skidroad that dropped from the old TMT tread to the creek bottom near the first of the new DNR bridges. As I worked to the creek with my McLeod, sweeping away dirt and debris and shoving it down the hillside, I struck a metal object. It was an ancient pick, small, 17 inches

across, the type of pick old-time miners used in cramped quarters. Most of the handle had long since rotted away, but about six inches still filled the pick's center and two wedges still held the handle remains tight to the metal.

Shortly after resuming work, I found a companion tool, a five-foot bar, pointed at one end and bevelled at the other. Seventy years of dirt and water had scoured the metal surfaces of both pick and bar. Rust pockmarked the metal, but even now both tools looked serviceable.

Since June I have run over in my mind the meanings of these discoveries. What use would a small pick and short bar serve to a logging operation? Who used them? Why did somebody leave them here? I thought picks and bars were mining tools, not logging tools. Could these tools have built the skid road? It's my current thinking that a *miner* worked along High Point Creek, perhaps *panning* for gold. He may have sunk a shaft nearby, as other prospectors have sunk other shafts, now hidden on Tiger.

Perhaps if I look long enough, I might find that shaft.

## November

In preparing for the construction of a 40-foot bridge 1.3 miles up the TMT from Lake Tradition, I decided to erect piers. Across these piers I would build this bridge.

The bridge spans a gully, once a roadbed, now washed out. A seasonal creek drains the lowest defile of this gully. Perhaps a portion of the old roadbed sloughed away and down the hillside.

On a cold day in November I dug four 36-inch deep holes and then went looking for trees that could serve as piers. It took me longer than I anticipated to set in two piers. After dragging a log to the third hole, I looked down into the hole. Halfway down, legs spread apart to balance itself, a six-inch salamander stared up at me from two glassy eyes. It was dragging down into the hole several hand-sized Broadleaf Maple leaves.

Right away I guessed its intent. It was preparing to last out the oncoming winter at the bottom of my hole. I didn't have the heart to remove the salamander, at least not at this time. I left the problem for another day.

For several days I fretted about that salamander. Should I remove it? Should I change the location of the pier? Should I do nothing? Six days later I slogged up the TMT from High Point, not just to continue my work on the bridge, but to check out that salamander. This time it had climbed down to the bottom of the hole and had carried with it enough leaves to protect it from the elements. It had spread a bed of leaves to keep it away from the wet bottom and had covered itself with other leaves. It was set for winter. I worked in the area but left the hole untouched. By the time I was ready to leave, I still had not worked out a solution to my dilemma.

On the next visit I solved the problem, at least for me. I found the salamander still at the bottom of the hole. I dug another, shallower hole nearby, reached down in my deep pier hole, removed the mass of leaves and the salamander and deposited all into a new winter retreat.

*In pace requiescat!* I did. I think.



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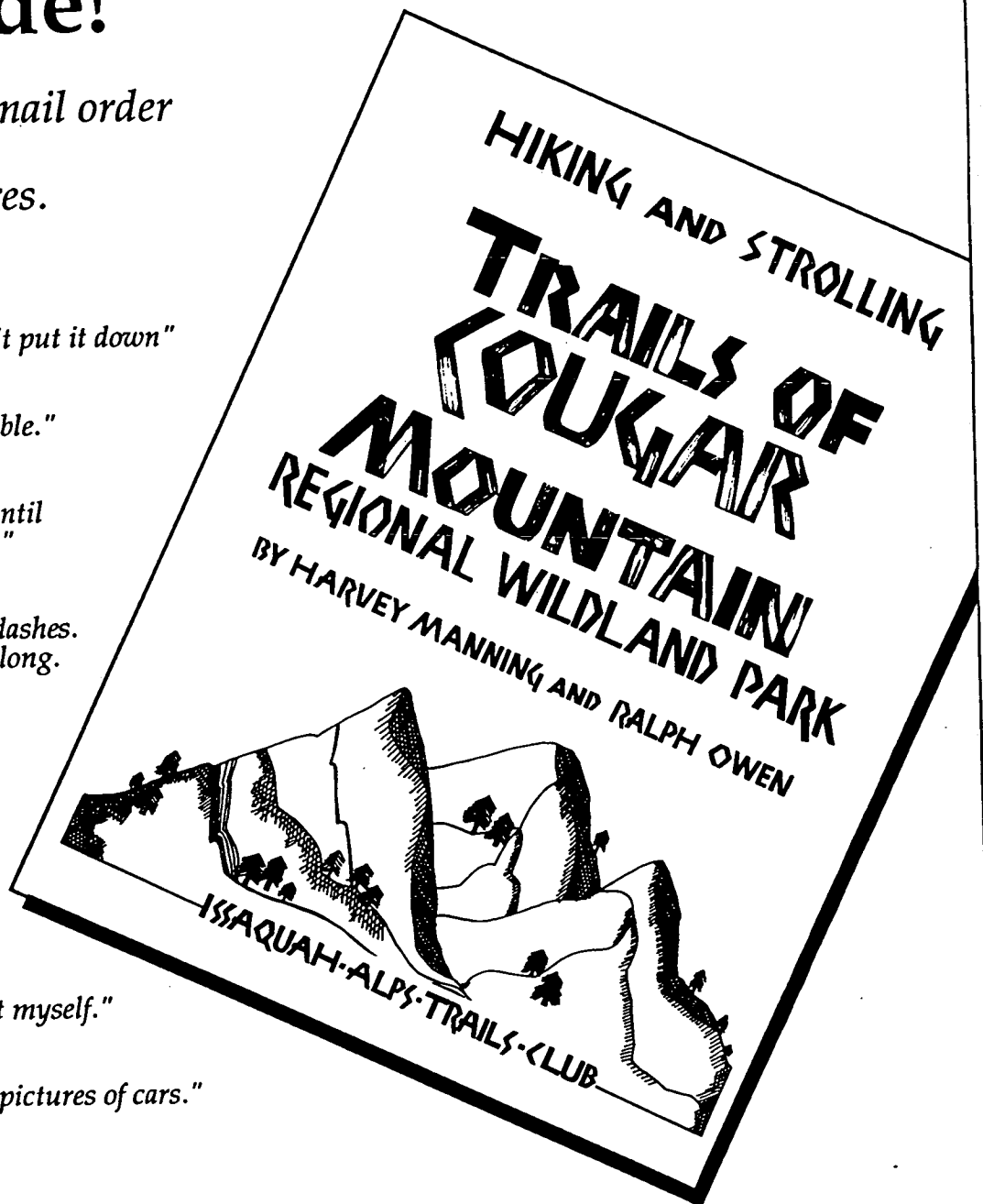
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