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# Newsletter of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club

# THE ALPINE



## Washington Wilderness Harvey Manning

The Wilderness Act of 1964 established the National Wilderness Preservation System, which presently includes in the state of Washington a number of units in the national forests and national parks with some two million-plus acres requiring and awaiting inclusion.

In the 1960s, the North Cascades Conservation Council was one of a consortium that sought a Washington State Wilderness System. Opposition was implacable and smothered the initiative before it could take second breath.

Mysteriously, such a system on lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources was established by the legislature in 1987—"mysteriously" because the act was accomplished by blessed hands unknown (to us) with scarcely a ripple. This, we think, was because the language of the legislation deliberately refrained from the eloquence of Zahniser, which would have set the knees jerking and the donkeys braying. There currently are twenty-four Natural Resource Conservation Areas (NRCAs) totaling more than 50,000 acres, "established for their outstanding scenic and ecological values and to provide opportunities for education land low-impact public use where appropriate." Our course, the language could be construed by a hostile administration to interpretations as vile as "multiple-use." However, the administrators—State Land Commissioner Brian Boyle and, after him and currently, Jennifer  
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## New President's Letter Barb Johnson

Hello to all of you. I am the new president of the Trails Club. For those of you who may not know me, a brief history. I was the first vice-president of the Club way back when. I served as the volunteer coordinator, publicity chair, one of the lobbyists, and special events coordinator (and led hikes.) The club has grown over the years and fortunately no one person is doing all these tasks!

I have been a Park Ranger and environmental educator. Currently I am a science teacher with the Pacific Science Center. My commitment to the environment has been long and active. I hope to continue the "good works" that have been accomplished (as will several other board members) and will facilitate the work of the board in the greater community. I hope that the trails club will always be a strong voice in the Issaquah area for the environment. I plan on working hard to maintain that voice.

**Come inspect the Lake Desire-Spring Lake open space and become an informed steward and watch dog of the area.**

**Friday, April 3, 9:30 AM  
Saturday, May 2, 9:30 AM**

**(see Hikes on page 6 for details)**

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Belcher—have been anything but hostile. The future lies ahead. In 1972 the legislature enacted the Natural Areas Preserve Act "to secure for the people of present and future generations the benefit of an enduring resource of natural areas by establishing a system of natural area preserves...." These NAPs provide the highest level of protection for the highest quality native ecosystems and rare plants and animal species. DNR currently manages forty-five NAPs, 25,00 acres, throughout the state. Many more sites have been identified by careful studies as meriting and needing NAP status. Will they get it? Apparently not so long as the born-again legislature endures; a measure now moving through the Tower of Babble would put a moratorium on further NAPs. To give the bulldozers a fair crack at them....

The Washington Natural Heritage Program, established in 1977 and in 1981 placed under the DNR, has been conducting field inventories and library research and now manages information on more than 6,000 locations of high-quality plant communities, wetlands and rare species.

It is not clear to this writer what programs of the sort are in other state units, such as Washington State Parks, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife....

An effort was made to extend the national concept down through the state (DNR) concept to the local level. After the King County Council adopted a master plan for the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park which specified "NO MECHANICAL RECREATION," the King County Parks Department squealed in fear and trembling. "But bicycles are WELCOME on all other trails in King County Parks!"

A proposal was put forth to inventory the natural areas of King County Parks with a view to establishing a King County Wilderness-like System. Call it a voice in the wilderness, soon stilled. Not even the Wilderness Society gave so much as a pit-pat of polite applause.

Seattle Parks Department shelters a number of good minds and pure hearts, but were it not for Friends of Discovery Park and its president, Robert Kildall (to join, write to 3801 W.

Government Way, Seattle 98199-1014), this isle of peace and quiet where the relics of the Spanish-American War at long last are moldering into the (native) plants would be inundated by Wagner and tom-toms and trail-wheels.

In a world that in the next quarter-century is predicted to have a population ten times greater than a half-century ago, preservation of "the wildness without" is essential lest not highways alone be desolated but the social fabric itself be torn asunder by "road rage." However, also indispensable to preservation of the world is "the wildness within."

## Trail Reports on the Web

Charles McCrone

Have you ever wondered about the current state of one of your favorite trails, or wanted first-hand information about a trail you have never explored? Or seen a trail maintenance need and not known whom to tell? The Washington Trails Association web site (at [www.halycon.com/wta](http://www.halycon.com/wta)) has a neat "Trail Condition Reports" section which might provide one more tool for communication between the myriad hikers, volunteer trail maintainers, and agencies that use and are responsible for the trails of the Alps. More than once we have gone out to work on a section of trail only to find that some anonymous volunteer has beat us to it! So far there are few reports for many of the Alps trails listed, but I hope those of us with the Internet might start using this under-utilized site to make our day-to-day information about the Alps more accessible to others.

Just select "Trip and Trail Reports" from the main page of the WTA site. From there, you can specify a certain trail to check on, but I would suggest going to "Select a Region" first—otherwise you're likely to pull up a Cascades trail of the same name. Once you have looked up your trail from the "Issaquah Alps" menu, you can click on the left "Write a Report" to add your own information. I'll be looking for what you all have to say!

## Echo Mountain Under Attack

### Betty Culbert

The delightful and varied ecosystem of the Lake Desire-Spring Lake Open Space was almost trashed by King County Parks this winter by allowing badly-supervised trail work to be done without following the guidelines of their own Master Plan for this parcel.

Two members of our club, Fred Weinmann, a botanist and wetland ecologist, and Kathy Shertz, a neighborhood steward for over twenty years, had made many knowledgeable suggestions on water flow and problems of invasive plant life as well as restoration idea, but these concerns were not always addressed in the Master Plan and certainly not followed in the recent trail building.

The scar left by rebuilding the trail to the top of Echo Mountain during the winter on a steep, erosion-prone face of the hill will remain for years. As Fred said in his letter to the Parks Department, "This trail seriously risks the future of an assemblage of native plant species that are unique to the King County Park system and rare anyplace in Washington." The bolts anchoring the black-and-orange rope to the rocks must come down before climbers rub all the soil off the moss-covered basalt. I will be leading at least one hike to the top by another way (the newly-constructed trail was barricaded by King County Parks on January 26th) to view the seasonal array of unusual native plants and to show the public what irresponsible methods can do to a very fragile environment.

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club and individual hikers, in a concerted letter-writing effort, urged the County in 1993 to buy an additional eighty acres containing the Spring Lake bog/fen, which was slated for development as waterfront lots. We will continue to be stewards and watchdogs of this parcel also, which has been damaged again and again by vandalism, and we will insist on correct procedures from the Parks Department in the building of trails. Those of us in the Club who are sensitive to the fragility of the area have kept off the sphagnum bog trails and treated other areas with care. However, there will always be those less sensitive who take their horses to the top of Echo Mountain (as a group did up the "new" steps) and score the light covering of soil on

the basalt rock. Because of these less careful users, there must be enforcement of regulations and the trails must be constructed with great care.

As I write this just days after Kathy and I filmed a video inspection of the degradation, I know that some response has been made to our concerns, but more needs to be done to ensure that this precious and unique little island of green between the lakes will survive without any more terrible wounds inflicted upon it.

## The White Gate Trail at Cougar Mountain

### Daniel McCrea

The IATC has known that the area around White Gate, located between the Coal Creek Parkway and May Valley Road corridors, would eventually turn into development. As with any residential construction that borders public lands, however, no one could know how those lands would be impacted.

The Chaffey Corporation, a prominent developer in the area, has laid out plans for their new "Highlands at Newcastle," intending to build 152 new homes. In their proposal, Chaffey has mapped out a trail that goes around the perimeter of their development. Last month, I had a chance to walk the existing trail and to see the land before construction.

The White Gate Trail has served as a connection point from Cougar Park to the vicinity of May Creek Park. In helping neighboring residents as well as the equestrian community monitor this situation, the IATC hopes to further establish this link, increasing the value and usage of the proposed trail system in May Creek.

Despite the trail mapped out in their development, Chaffey Corporation does not have a great record in keeping their agreements to accepted environmental standards. In the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), we found considerable documentation of Chaffey's previous violation alleged by neighboring residents, including some article form last summer in the Eastside

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White Gate Trail continued from Page 4  
daily newspaper. One resident pointed out that they had cleared lots with so much as a building permit during the rainy season without erosion controls in place.

In addition to neighboring residents, the equestrian community has also been active in monitoring the situation, and also contributed documentation to the EIS. We appreciate their work and should join them in making sure the proposed trails in the Chaffey "Highlands" development are actually preserved or put it.

So IATC members can witness the trail prior to development, the IATC will be leading a hike in April on the White Gate Trail—consult the hike schedule on page 6 for time and date. See you out there!

## **Our Apologies Marilyn Moon**

Please accept our apologies if you have had trouble in getting your most recent Alpiner. IATC is most excited to have several new volunteers! And with new and seasoned volunteers making transition in tasks and projects, there seems to be that occurrence of things "falling through the cracks." We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you!

If you have not received IATC's first quarter's newsletter and/or have been experiencing problems getting it recently, please contact our new Membership Coordinator, Cindy Williams, at (425) 313-5884. We are taking steps to ensure prompt delivery for next quarter. Thank you!

## **One (or Three) Can Make a Difference**

### **Charles McCrone**

At final count, the Trails Club put in 2,071 hours of trail maintenance work in 1997. Behind this number are some interesting facts. Of the 238 hours of trailwork reported done on Cougar Mountain, the vast majority (representing roughly 15% of the Club total) were put in by only three volunteers, none of whom had done trailwork before this past year. Also, most of these 328 hours of work were performed on trails outside of the formal park

boundary, and therefore completely outside of the care of King County Parks staff, and hit hard by last winter's ice storm, many had become virtually impassable.

The message behind the numbers is that without the spontaneous and immediate initiative of a very small group of people, I think it is safe to say, some of Cougar Mountain's most interesting trails—for example, valuable connections to neighborhoods—might still be languishing in impassability. The energies of even one new person added to our trail maintenance efforts are, consequently, of immense value, representing work that otherwise simply would not get done, and a stretch of quality trail that might otherwise be lost. One person (or three) can make a difference.

*Special thanks to the fourteen volunteers, including Key Club students from Liberty High and five other new volunteers, who spent Presidents Day with us on the Tradition Lake Plateau working on six trails. If you are interested in volunteering for upcoming work parties, please call Charles McCrone at (425) 392-3466.*

## **Trailhead Center to Be Staffed Malena McCrone**

Volunteers are needed to staff the Issaquah Trailhead Center on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, beginning March 14. Staffing will involve selling maps and answering hiking questions from visitors. No experience is necessary and you will always work with another person. Training will be Saturday, March 7. If you would like to participate, please call Malena at (425) 392-3466.

### **In Memorium Al Blalock**

Al Blalock, a long-time hike leader for the Trails Club, died suddenly on January 3. Al led hikes as well as working on trail building and maintenance. Those who hiked frequently with Al remarked that, after retiring, Al took cooking lessons. He used this skill to bake cookies for the hikes he led. Al will be missed by many of us.

## *Issaquah Alps Trails Club Hike Schedule, Spring 1998*

**Wednesday April 1, 9:30 AM**  
Rattlesnake Ledges & much more  
w/CEO of the Snoqualmie Valley  
Trails Club.

2B  
June Stevens 425-222-5452

**Friday April 3, 9:30 AM**  
Echo Mountain  
2B 600'  
Easy hike to rock gardens, rare  
flowers, rare ferns & views.  
Betty Culbert 425-432-7387

**Saturday April 4 10:00 AM**  
Tiger Mt.  
2B 7 mi. 600'  
Caves, Big Tree & Swamp.  
Bert Drui 425-746-0709

**Sunday April 5, 9:00 AM**  
Squak Mt. Loop  
3C  
Trails without published map.  
Ted Thomsen 425-454-8643

**Wednesday April 8, 9:00 AM**  
Tiger Mt.  
3C 8 mi. 1800'  
Poo-Poo Pt. via ancient trails.  
Mary Cadigan 425-747-7631

**Saturday April 11, 1:00 PM**  
Little Si  
Good views from rocky summit.  
2B 5 mi. 1100'  
Bob Gross 253-529-2139

**Sunday April 12, 9:00 AM**  
South Tiger Loop  
2B 7 mi. 1000'  
Beautiful views via S. Tiger TMT,  
Otter Lake.  
Fred Zeitler 425-882-3435

**Monday April 13, 9:00 AM**  
Trail maintenance work party  
West Tiger "signs project".  
2 C  
Charles McCrone 425-392-3466

**Saturday April 18, 8:30 AM**  
Cougar Mt. Views  
3C 10 mi. 1500'  
Views from DeLeo Wall, Far Country  
Lookout, Longview Peak, & Clay Pit  
Peak.  
Fred Zeitler 425-882-3435

**Saturday, April 18, 9:30 AM**  
Tiger Mountain  
2B 7 mi. 1200'  
Jamie McKenzie 425-746-6683

**Sunday April 19, 1:00 PM**  
Cougar Mountain  
2A  
See native flowers in one place -  
Redtown Meadow in bloom. Learn  
meadow project's history from an  
expert.  
Harvey Manning 425-746-1017

**Saturday April 25, 9:30 AM**  
*WomanWalk + potluck!*  
2B  
Kickoff of new WW season plus  
after-hike potluck! Half-day hikes the  
last Saturday of the month April  
through Oct.  
Marilyn Moon 425-392-1732

**Saturday April 25, 3:00 PM**  
Cougar Mt.  
2B 3 mi.  
Whitegate trail; Cougar-May Creek  
connector. Newcastle to the park via  
DeLeo Wall.  
Charles McCrone 425-392-3455

**Sunday April 26, 9:00 AM**  
Tiger Mt.  
3C  
Explore the wild side of Tiger Mt.  
with mountain residents.  
Larry & Marty Hanson 425-392-2458

**Monday April 27, 7:00 PM**  
Board Meeting  
Trail Center 1st & Bush

**Friday May 1, 6:30 PM**  
Preston Railway  
Flower Walk with our Chief Ranger  
of the Alps.  
1A 3 mi. 100'  
Bill Longwell 425-222-6775

**Saturday May 2, 9:30 AM**  
Echo Mountain  
2B 600'  
Easy hike to rock gardens, rare  
flowers, rare ferns & views.  
Betty Culbert 425-432-7387

**Sunday May 3, 8:30 AM**  
West Tiger 3  
3C 8 mi. 2500'  
Via the quiet route with lunch at  
Manning's Reach.  
Fred Zeitler 425-882-3435

**Lake Boren to May Creek Park,  
1:00 PM**  
Includes the Seattle-Walla Walla  
Railroad grade.  
2B 4 mi.  
Charles McCrone 425-392-3466

**Friday May 8, 9:00 AM**  
Squak Mt.  
3C 8 mi. 1700'  
Trails with no published map.  
Mary Cadigan 425-747-7631

**Saturday May 9, 9:00 AM**  
Tiger Mt.  
2B 5 mi.  
Nook Loop just gets better!  
Trudy Ecob 206-232-2933

**Sunday May 10, 9:00 AM**  
Cougar Mt.  
2B 6 mi. 600'  
Hike Wildland Park to Coal Creek  
Falls, Clay Pit & Nike launch site.  
Bert Drui 425-746-0709

**Sunday May 10, 1:00 PM**  
Tiger Mt.  
2A 5 mi. 400'  
Lk. Tradition Plateau.  
Bob Gross 253-529-2139

**Wednesday May 13, 10:00 AM**

Lower Middle Tiger Loop  
2B 5.5 mi. 1000'  
Spend a pleasant day on lonely  
seldom-hiked trails & railroad  
grades.  
Warren Jones 425-888-0262

**Saturday May 16, 9:00 AM**

Cougar Mt. Trails  
2C 3.5 mi. 1000'  
Hike to spring flowers via  
Wilderness Creek & Shy Bear Pass.  
Christina Jackson 425-837-0417

**Sunday May 17, 8:00 AM**

Tiger Mountain Trail  
4C 16 mi. 2500'  
Classic traverse with experienced  
veteran leader.  
Joe Toynbee 206-723-6716

**Monday May 18, 9:00 AM**

Cougar Trailwork Party  
Charles McCrone 425-392-3466

**Saturday May 23, 9:00 AM**

Tiger Mt.  
3C  
Explore the wild side of Tiger Mt.  
with mountain residents.  
Larry & Marty Hanson 425-392-2458

**Sunday May 24, 1:00 PM**

Cougar Mountain  
2A  
See native flowers in one place -  
Redtown Meadow in bloom. Learn  
meadow project's history from an  
expert.  
Harvey Manning 425-746-1017

**Monday May 25, 7:00 PM**

Board Meeting  
Trail Center 1st & Bush

**Thursday May 28, 7:00 PM**

Hike Leaders Meeting to finalize the  
summer quarter  
schedule.  
Trail Center 1st & Bush  
Ann Weinmann 425-392-9230

**Saturday May 30, 8:00 AM**

Tiger's Five Peaks  
4D 15 mi. 3800'  
Hike with wizard of Alps one-way  
from Highway 18 to Issaquah; East,

Middle & West Peaks.  
Ralph Owen 425-746-1070

**Saturday May 30, 9:30 AM**

WomanWalk  
2B  
Marilyn Moon 425-392-1732

**Sunday May 31, 9:00 AM**

Little Si & Moss Vistas  
3 C 7 mi. 1500'  
Peggy Owen 425-746-1070

**Tuesday June 2, 9:00 AM**

Tiger Mt.  
3B/C mi.  
15-Mile Creek, Grand Canyon,  
wetlands & streams.  
Fred Weinmann 425-392-9230

**Wednesday June 3, 9:00 AM**

Tiger Mt.  
3C  
Explore the wild side of Tiger Mt.  
with mountain residents.  
Larry & Marty Hanson 425-392-2458

**Saturday June 6, 9:00 AM**

Cougar Mt.  
2A 6 mi. 500'  
Newcastle: Old & New.  
Bert Drui 425-746-0709

**Sunday June 7**

*Return to Newcastle!*  
King County event  
Watch your mail for details.

**Friday June 12, 9:30 AM**

Taylor Mountain  
2B  
New trails on new parklands with  
Rainier views.  
Betty Culbert 425-432-7387

**Saturday June 13, 8:30 AM**

Rattlesnake East Peak  
3 C 8 mi. 2600'  
Great views fr. ledges & peak.  
Ralph Owen 425-746-1070

**Saturday June 13, 1:00 PM**

Tiger Mt.  
3C 7 mi. 1700'  
See hang gliders & parasailers from  
Poo Poo Point.  
Bob Gross 253-529-2139

**Sunday June 14, 9:00 AM**

Explore wild side of mountain.  
3C  
Ted Thomsen 425-454-8643

**Sunday June 14, 9:00 AM**

Cougar Trailwork Party  
Charles McCrone 425-392-3466

**Wednesday June 17, 10:00 AM**

Poo Poo Point Loop from  
the Hobart Road  
2/3C 6mi. 1900 '  
Steep up & gentle down with hiking  
guru.  
Warren Jones 425-888-0262

**Friday June 19, 9:00 AM**

Twin Falls to Broken Trestle  
Railroad Grade  
2B  
Mary Cadigan 425-747-7631

**Saturday June 20, 9:00 AM**

Tiger Mt.  
2B 5 mi.  
Nook Loop just gets better!  
Trudy Ecob 206-232-2933

**Sunday June 21, 10:00 AM**

Cougar Mt.  
2B  
Hike with new Trails Club president  
on Peggy's Trail.  
Barbara Johnson 425-746-5573

**Saturday June 27, 9:30 AM**

WomanWalk  
2B  
Marilyn Moon 425-392-1732

**Saturday June 27, 3:00 PM**

Cougar Mountain  
2B 4 mi.  
Trog Swamp to Far Country Lookout  
via southernmost trail, stream bed,  
& up to lookout.  
Charles McCrone 425-392-3466

**Sunday June 28, 1:00 PM**

Cougar Mountain  
2A  
See native flowers in one place -  
Redtown Meadow in bloom. Learn  
meadow project's history from an  
expert.  
Harvey Manning 425-746-1017

## Hike Information

### HIKE LEADERS

The hike leaders are volunteers who have donated their time to lead people who want to hike and explore the trails in the Issaquah Alps and other nearby foothills (Cascades) in King County. Hikes are scheduled and led year-round regardless of weather. *Minimum attendance is 3, including the leader.*

Trails in the Issaquah Alps may be good or bad, easy or hard, muddy or dusty, brushy or clear, steep or flat, easy or hard—or all of the above. Some are not much more than animal trails. As *volunteers*, neither the hike leaders, the Trails Club or club directors are in any way responsible or liable for hiker's comfort, transportation, property, safety, or general well-being while traveling to and from the trailhead or while hiking or working any trail.

The club's sole purpose is to show hikers where the trails are and to lead the way. The public, other clubs, youth groups, church groups and others are welcome and wholeheartedly invited to join with the hike leader and others who want to hike these trails. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. *Please, no pets on these hikes.*

### HIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

Each hike has a number and letter designation after it (e.g., 2C). Numbers indicate the hiking time and letters indicate the degree of difficulty.

#### Hiking Time

Class 1: 2 hours

Class 2: 4 hours

Class 3: 6 hours

Class 4: 8 hours

These are *approximate* hiking times, not including travel time to and from the trailhead (20 to 70 minutes, depending on the hike) and meal times

(lunch will add another 20-70 minutes, depending on the mood of the group). The times are based on an assumption of a two mile per hour pace, with a half hour added for each 1000 feet in elevation gain. Trail conditions, weather, and unexpected hazards can extend the hiking time.

#### Degree of Difficulty

A: little or no elevation gain, up to 500 feet, no difficulties for average walker

B: some climbing: up to 1200 feet, or some other difficulty

C: more climbing: up to 2500 feet, or some other difficulty

D: much climbing: over 2500 feet elevation gain

This is an *estimated* degree of difficulty. Most trails in the Issaquah Alps are not up to the high standards of state and national parks. Issaquah Trails can be very steep in parts or muddy and brushy. Hikers may gain 1000 feet in just one mile of a five-mile, 1500-foot elevation gain hike. Sometimes there are trees to climb over or nettles and berry bushes to beat through. *Short* doesn't automatically mean easy and *long* doesn't automatically mean tough.

### HIKE DESCRIPTION MODIFIERS

Leader's Choice: The leader had not decided where to hike before publication of the hike schedule.

Trail Party: Trail maintenance work party.

Exploratory: The leader goes cross country off the main trail system to explore animal trails, canyons, old logging roads, or old railroad grades.

Expect to go through brush, over logs, tiptoe through wildflowers and/or mud and have a good time hiking where

others seldom tread.

Family Hike: For parents and children. Easy pace. Call leader for hike particulars.

#### NOTE:

Group hikes do not lend themselves to pets. Please leave your pets at home when coming on a Trail's Club hike.

### MEETING PLACE

Trails Club hikes meet in the parking lot at the corner of 1st and Bush next to the "IATC Clubhouse," the little yellow Stationmaster's house. To get there, take Exit 17 (Issaquah Front Street) from Interstate 90 and turn south into downtown Issaquah. Go about one mile through town on Front Street, 2 blocks past the light at Sunset, turn left on Bush Street. Go 2 blocks to Rainier and turn into the on the left. Park beside the Clubhouse or on the east side of the concrete bumpers opposite the Issaquah Food Bank. Do NOT park on the side of the bumpers closest to the Food Bank.

### CLOTHING

Dress for the Pacific Northwest outdoors—expect rain, snow, sunshine, fog and everything in between. Bring extra clothing, rain gear, food, drink, matches, flashlight and first aid supplies. Wear comfortable hiking boots or hiking shoes.



### WomanWalk Returns! Aurela Sequoia

Thanks to the intrepid Marilyn Moon, who was inspired to organize the original series of monthly hikes for women, we can look forward to yet another year of good hikes and great companionship. Our new season kicks off on Saturday, April 25, 9:30 AM. After our hike, we'll combine our culinary contributions for a great potluck!

For those women who are new to WomanWalk, there are one to three different hikes, depending upon the number of leaders available. The hikes vary in level of difficulty, so you can choose a hike that suits your level of fitness. So get out your hiking boots and join us! Don't forget to bring the usual necessities (see page 8), and be sure to tell any guests you might invite to ensure their safety and comfort as well as yours.

## Issaquah Alps Trails Club Membership Application

P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renewal

- Annual Regular Dues ..... \$15
- Annual Contributing Dues ..... \$25
- Lifetime Membership ..... \$200
- Limited Income ..... \$6

- ▲ All memberships cover the entire family.
- ▲ A regular annual family membership is \$15. This covers the cost of printing and mailing the Alpiner and a part of the club's overhead expenses.
- ▲ Contributing memberships at \$25 or more cover the rest of the club's overhead expenses and allow us some financial leeway in planning special events, publishing trail guides and keeping our trail maintenance tool supply fit and ample.
- ▲ Lifetime memberships at \$200 give us room to be creative and visionary, to venture forth on projects otherwise beyond our means and dreams.

I would like to get involved with the club's activities. Please send me a volunteer questionnaire.

### **IATC Board to Establish 1998 Goals**

The IATC Board has developed a draft set of club goals for 1998, which will be reviewed and officially approved after further discussion in upcoming meetings. The Board desired that these goals be shared with all IATC members in this edition of the Alpiner.

#### **1998 Goals**

#### **Cougar Mountain (Advocate: Harvey Manning/Ralph Owen)**

1. Support efforts to carry out acquisition efforts for Cougar Mountain Wildland Park
  - Support partner efforts to preserve open space i China Creek and Military Road areas
  - Participate in planning for E. Cougar development; secure large public open space
2. Support efforts to preserve Cougar park access from Newport Way (Exit 13); complete Lewis Creek and Peggy's Trail and access route to Cougar park
3. Continue sponsorship of the Cougar Mountain Meadow Restoration project
4. Update the Cougar map and Cougar guidebook

#### **Squak Mountain (Advocate: Steve Drew)**

1. Participate in/favorably influence management planning for Squak Mountain State Park
2. Explore opportunities for a direct access up East Squak from downtown Issaquah]
3. Monitor and influence actions on the proposed water tank in County open space

#### **Tiger Mountain (Larry Hanson and Ken Konigsmark)**

1. Support expansion of Tiger Mountain State Forest and acquisition of Section 12
2. Support and supplement DNR trail maintenance, management and enforcement efforts
3. Promote hiker awareness and use of Tiger summit trails in 1998
4. Update Tiger map and guidebook
5. Create a new Tradition Lake Plateau map

#### **Grand Ridge (Advocate: Melinda Livingstone)**

1. Take the lead in planning for the trail system in Grand Ridge open space
2. Push for completing KC Park trail connections northward to other County park lands
3. Support efforts to promote and acquire lands to create a Grand Ridge-Mitchell Hill connector

#### **Issaquah (Advocate: Christina Jackson)**

1. Monitor development planning to protect IATC interests (Park Point, E. Cougar, Kelkari)
2. Maintain close ties with Trails coordinator; support updating of the Issaquah Wildlife and Trails plan
3. Monitor proposed bypass planning; identify and protect IATC interests; participate on Trails Committee
4. Support the Issaquah Creek Greenway planning effort and property acquisitions
5. Continue IATC participation in Community Roundtable and Comprehensive Plan implementation

**Raging River/Preston (Advocate: Mary Anne Tagney-Jones)**

1. Support implementation of and funding for the Upper Snoqualmie Regional Open Space Initiative

**Rattlesnake/Taylor (Advocate: Ted Thomsen and Ralph Owen)**

1. Support implementation of the new Management Plan for Rattlesnake Mountain
2. Support establishment of a public connection between Tiger and Rattlesnake Ridge
3. In cooperation with Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club, MidFORC, and others:
  - Support implementation of new Management Plans for Mt. Si NRCA
  - Support implementation of River Corridor plan for the Middle Fork valley
  - Support construction of a Watershed Visitors Center and Rattlesnake Lake Trailhead
4. Promote DNR acquisition of Weyerhaeuser's Raging River basin lands

**Other**

1. Continue to represent hiking interests in trail usage issues
2. Support WTA, MidFORC, and other responsible groups or initiatives for trail enhancements
3. Support increased agency presence and enforcement on public lands in the Issaquah Alps
4. Support Mountains to Sound Greenway initiatives, including the proposed forest expansion/biosolids fertilization program
5. Advocate continued and increased funding for management agencies and open space

6. Oppose legislative efforts to diminish environmental/wildlife protection policies
7. Promote wildlife and trail corridors across SR900, Issaquah-Hobart Road and Highway 18
8. Provide major assistance to land managers through IATC trail maintenance efforts

**Internal IATC Goals (Advocate: Board of Directors)**

1. Support guided hike program by adding hike leaders and maintaining a summer schedule
2. Improve club exposure, marketing; increase overall membership level
3. Improve accuracy of budget planning and management
4. Utilize IATC web site to increase awareness, advocacy and club visibility

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