



# Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
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Aug 1	Wed	Portland Morning Hike
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TRIP FEES: Members. \$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 10 cents/mile		

## Gentle Reminders

- Class A –Shorter, less strenuous activity, Class B –Longer miles, more elevation gain, Class C –Long and difficult – strong experienced participants only. Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Please be prepared for level of the hike you are planning to take with the Trails Club.
- Good walking shoes or boots are required on the trail. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.
- Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.
- Pets allowed on designated trips only.
- Everybody should stay with the group and follow the hike leader. The hike leader is responsible for the group's safety. The hike leader is responsible for determining trails to be taken. Last, but not least, the leader has authority to determine if a hiker is prepared for the hike. Group safety must come first.
- If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves food expense and are unable to participate you are obligated to do one of the following: cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food
- The Trips Trustee will approve all hikes.

Rendezvous is often the MAX Gateway Transit Park & Ride lot. Take Glisan exit off I-205. Head east to 99th Ave. then turn north. The old meeting place at Gateway - in the SE corner of the surface parking lot is now fenced off and there is only paid parking so don't park there. Continue north a little further along 99th Ave and use the new parking garage that has just been completed. There are 690 spaces available and they are free with a 24-hour limit

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## Announcements

**All hike leaders and potential hike leaders**

Have you noticed that the hike schedule looks a bit thin on the weekends? The club needs your help to increase the number of hikes planned. If you think that you might be interested in leading a hike in the next year, please call Diana Forester at (503) 288-7782 or email her at [diana\\_forester@msn.com](mailto:diana_forester@msn.com) so she can update the leader list. If you don't want to lead hikes but would like to help with scheduling also let her know

**First Aid update**

All hike, bike, and kayak leaders are requested to keep their first aid up to date. The club pays for the training. Last year we had all day training through Northwest Responder which many found more useful than the Red Cross training as it addressed issues specific to first aid out of a 911 call. Could leaders whose first aid certification will end this year and who want the club to arrange another training please contact Diana Forester.

**Board of Trustees hires Administrative Assistant**

The Board of trustees has hired club member Virginia Larson to be the club's Administrative Assistant. Virginia will be helping board members and committee heads do some of the routine tasks to make some of the big volunteer jobs more manageable. We have a set of initial tasks, but the board is open to suggestions, from any committee, of ways Virginia can help the club to run more smoothly.  
Randy Dietrich  
[randyd@SpiritOne.com](mailto:randyd@SpiritOne.com)

## Events

**June 27 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A**

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.  
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM  
Leader: Callista Dunn 503-641-6958

**June 27 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B**

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.  
MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish  
Leader: Lisa Brice 503-682-2952

**June 30 (Sat) Frog Lake Butte Loop Hike - Class A/B**

This Mt Hood area hike begins at Frog Lake SnoPark. We'll start by following the PCT to the Lower Twin Lake. Then up, up, up to the summit of Frog lake Butte. Return to cars by a different route. TH Pass needed.  
Hike: 7 miles w/ 1,600' elevation gain  
Drive: 100 R/T miles  
Meet: 8:30 @ Gresham Village Shopping Center on Burnside  
Leader: Kelly Marlin, 503 665 6778

**June 30-July 4: PCT Backpack**

Hwy 99 by Ashland to Hwy 140 by Fish Lake. A 2- day backpack & 3 day hikes = 54 PCT So. OR miles. Part in Cascade- Siskiyou Natl Mon & part in Sky King Cole Ranch that Congress may buy. Register by June 25 with Ken Becker 360-993-5372 or [BeckerKen@juno.com](mailto:BeckerKen@juno.com).

**June 30 (Sat) Trapper Creek Trail - Class C**

Huge 7-foot-thick Douglas firs, views of Trapper Creek, waterfalls, Observation Peak, blue gentians and bluebells highlight this 15 mile and 3200 feet elevation gain hike.

Meet: MAX Gateway Transit Park at 7:15; Depart at 7:30 AM

Driving miles: 120 RT

Leader: Mervin Murphy 360-696-1084

**July 1st (Sunday); Neahkahnie Mountain; Class B** Hike to one of the premiere photo locations on the Oregon coast with expansive views. We'll climb 1200 feet and hike a total of 5.5 miles. We'll ascend on the southwest trail and come down the northwest trail ending up at Short Sands beach in Oswald West State Park for a picnic lunch with an ocean view. A short car shuttle is involved.

Meet at the NE corner of the Fred Meyer parking lot at the Cornelius Pass exit off of US 26 west of Portland at 8:30 AM.

(Cornelius Pass is the next exit west of the 185th exit; Fred Meyer is a block south of US 26)

Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153 or rgaunt@comcast.net

**July 4th (Wed) You can still make reservations by July 1st.**

Celebrate at Nesika for the day or spend the night and have breakfast Thurs. morning. The grill will be ready for an early dinner Weds.

Bring your own meat or veggie burgers. Buns, condiments, salads, desserts and coffee, tea, and lemonade will be furnished. Cost \$4.00.

The gate will be open at 9:30am. We may have folks coming later who have keys and will arrange to let you know. For information and reservations call Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878, cell 503-806-2900.

NO FIREWORKS. Bring your own lunch and a cooler to keep your meat in.

**July 4th (Wed) Morning hike - Class A**

If you can't go to Nesika for the club's celebration, try our Wednesday morning hike in Forest Park.

We hike 4-5 miles then lunch nearby.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Phillip Jackson 503-639-6250

**NO wed evening HIKE ON JULY 4TH. ENJOY THE FIREWORKS!!!!**

**July 5 - 8, (Thurs – Sun) Backpack and hiking in the Strawberry Mt. Wilderness. Class A**

We will hike in 1.5 miles to a base camp at Strawberry Lake and do day hikes.

Total drive is 600 miles round trip. The snow has been melting out early in this scenic area this year. We camp at over 6000 ft and will plan to hike up Strawberry Mt and explore some of the other mountain lakes.

Call Diana Forester at 503-28872 if interested.

**July 11 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A**

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Mike Harrison 503-659-7430

**July 11 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B**

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.

MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish

Leader: Donna Covi - 503-286-7243

**July 12, (Thursday evening) Dinner hike to Angel's Rest (B)**

An evening hike with dinner overlooking the Columbia. Bring flashlights and food to share.

Meet at Lewis and Clark Park 6:00 pm.

4.6 miles round trip with 1500 feet gain. Drive 30 miles. trail pass required.

Leader, Diana Forester (503) 288-7782

**July 14, 2007 (Saturday) Membership Hike Multnomah Falls to Nesika Lodge (B)**

A beautiful hike along Multnomah creek up to plateau where there were once homesteaders. Lunch will be prepared for you by club volunteers who will also be working on maintenance of the rustic lodge. You will also see one of the loveliest views in the gorge. Hike 7-8 miles with 1600 feet elevation gain.

Meet at Gateway, 8:30.

Leader, Fay Akerson (503) 646-9314

**July 14 and 15 Nesika Work Weekend**

This will be the big push for the summer of 2007. We will begin overhauling the women's dorm. Some of us will start on Thursday removing the barn boards and revising the framing. We plan to put proper sheathing on the wall and install new windows over the course of the weekend. Some of the sheathing still needs to be primed and we will have a number of other jobs to be done. Arleta Miller promises us dinner for Saturday night. For those without keys meet at the intersection of Brauer and Palmer Mill

Roads at 9:00AM Saturday.

Register with Arleta Miller 360-607-2864 by 9PM Wed. July 11.

**July 15 (Sun) Bald Mountain and McNeil Point Area – Class A**

Enjoy up close views of Mt. Hood's northwest side on this hike. We may see wild flowers too. Hike 6.5 miles with 1500 feet of elevation gain. Slower pace. Drive 100 miles round trip. Trailhead Pass required.

MEET: 8:30 a.m. at Gateway Transit Center parking garage.

LEADER: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

**July 15 (Sun) Cowlitz River Kayak - Rating 2C**

Check the Trip Rating System document on the Kayak web page to understand the trip rating and verify that you have the skills and endurance for this trip.

This likely will be the portion of the Cowlitz River from where it moves to the west side of I5 down to Castle Rock. It starts out as a free-flowing stream and is fed by a couple of tributaries. Just before the second tributary, the Toutle River, joins from the east, ash from the Mt. St. Helens explosion begins to line the banks. The ash deposits were carried from the blast by the Toutle, and line the banks of the Cowlitz south of the Toutle until the take out at Castle Rock. There will be a car shuttle between Exits 48 and 57 on I5 in Washington. The trip will involve about 13 miles of paddling.

Contact the leader to register for this trip and for the meeting place and time.

Leader: Rich Fuhs, [Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net](mailto:Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net), (503) 690-5077

**July 16 (Mon) Evening Springwater Corridor Bike Ride Class A**

We will ride the Springwater Corridor trail from SE Portland out to Boring. Our plan is to ride from Sellwood to Boring, then back to Gresham, stop for a snack, and then take MAX back to NE Portland. We will finish the rest of the Springwater Corridor by riding down the Eastbank Esplanade back to Sellwood. Total mileage between 20 and 25. Bring \$2 or a ticket for the MAX ride.

Meet: Sellwood Riverfront Park, SE Spokane St & Oaks Pkwy, 6 pm

Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-246-6462

**July 18 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A**

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.  
 Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM  
 Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

**July 18 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B**

We will hike approximately 9 miles with 1000'+ elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.  
 MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-9PM ish  
 Leader: Rich Fuhs - 503-690-5077

**July 19th (Thurs) Picnic at Willamette Park**

At Macadam and Nebraska join us for another great potluck picnic. Lemonade will be furnished. Bring place settings, a chair and dish to share. Enter park through Nebraska, walk in through Nevada. \$1.00 parking for seniors; (\$3.00 others). Call Nancy Overpeck for information. 360-573-6878.  
 Meet at 6 pm. We'll get there early to save tables that are toward middle of park

**July 20-22 Senoj Lake to Mirror Lake, PCT**

We will hike this section of the PCT in two day hikes camping at Elk Lake. We will shuttle cars from there. This section ties into the PCT at the start of the trail around the West side of the Three Sisters with views of several lakes in the area. Limited to 5 participants. Call Merrill Newman 503 646-3829 email merrilln@ix.netcom.com by 7/11 for info.

**July 21 (Sat.) Monmouth Buena Vista Bike, Class B**

Starting in Monmouth we will travel down the valley crossing the Luckiamute River over rolling hills stopping at Helmick State Park, ending by the Willamette River at the Buena Vista Ferry. We can take the ferry across the river and tour the Ankeny National Wildlife Preserve, returning to Monmouth through Independence. This is about 35-40 miles. Note: This ride is a week earlier than listed on the bike schedule.  
 Meet in Monmouth on Main Street and Warren at the City Park at 9:30 AM.  
 Please sign up for this ride. Call Louis Sowa 503-320-0440 or LSowa@earthlink.net

**July 21st (Sat.) Hike the Marquam Trail. 6 miles class A**

Meet at two places. Three cars will meet at Corbett and Pendelton (off Macadam) and one will drive to second meeting place, Vietnam Memorial parking lot north of Zoo, where we all will meet.  
 Hike to Council Crest, then Marquam trail to OHSU then down the TRAM to Hood/Moody then cross Macadam and to Pendelton and to Corbett Fish House for lunch. Meet 8:30 am Corbett and Pendelton.  
 Meet 9:00 am at Vietnam Memorial Parking Lot near Zoo.  
 Please call Nancy Overpeck to make car pooling arrangements. 360-573-6878; cell 503-806-2900.

**July 21 and 22 (Sat-Sun) Hike and Dine at Tyee**

Hike and Dine dinner 6 pm. Cook, Gary Holeman lost out to Mother Nature's overly generous deposits of snow in and around our lodge, blocking road access and necessitating cancellation of his May Hike and Dine/ Gary is stepping up to the plate again this month and treating us to some Italian comfort foods. Join the Saturday Hike, come over to the lodge for dinner and possibly plan to spend the night at the lodge and having breakfast. All food charges are at cash, Trail Club rules. Dinner is limited to 20. Contact Dottie blatner 503-469-0272 or Lila Grossman 503-227-0684 by Tues July 24. 8:00 pm

**July 22 (Sun) Timberline to Paradise Park – Class C**

July is a great time to take on the 12.2 mile hike from Timberline Lodge along the Pacific Crest Trail to the Paradise Park area. Passing through Zigzag Canyon on the way provides much of the 2300 feet elevation gain. If we're lucky, the meadows will be bursting with wildflowers.  
 Meet: 9:30 am at Timberline Lodge (patio behind the lodge). Meet at 7:45 at Gateway **by prior arrangement only**. Call Leader by 9:00 pm Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> if interested.  
 Leader: Donna Aase, 360-253-8420

**July 25 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A**

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.  
 Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM  
 Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462

**July 25 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B**

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.  
 MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish  
 Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712

**July 28-29th Bell Creek Trail Work Trip and Backpack. Class A**

We will hike approximately 2.5 miles in to Bell Creek trail from Larch Mountain Parking area. Bring loppers for brush cutting or a limb saw. The trail has many downed trees that will need to be cut. A chain saw will be present. Food will be provided for dinner and breakfast. Bring your own lunches. Register with Linda Conrad 360 837 3875 or Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102 by July 26th.

**July 28, (Saturday) East Ridge White Canyon Hike (Class B/C) A**

partly off trail hike from Mt. Hood Meadows up past the Texas chairlift and the Timberline Trail. Wear boots for possible snow and bring clothes for possible wind, rain. Approximately 6 miles and 2000 gain in elevation.  
 We meet at Gateway at 8:00.  
 Call leader Mel Taylor (503) 888-7203 for more information. Drive is 120 round trip. No trail parking permit needed.

**Aug 1 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A**

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.  
 Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM  
 Leader: Wayne Schweinfest 503-253-3073

**Aug 1 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B**

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.  
 MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish  
 Leader: Donna Covi 503-286-7243  
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**August 4-7 Russian Peak Wilderness PCT Back Pack: Hwy 93 at Carter Meadows Summit to Somes Bar-Etna Road at Etna Summit- Class B**

This should be leisurely trip along a stretch of the PCT between the Trinity Alps and the Marble Mountains. We will have the chance to see an unusual assembly of trees with species from the Sierras and elsewhere represented. There are a number of scenic lakes near the trail for us to explore. The hike will involve about 20 miles and a thousand feet of elevation gain and loss. High point approximately 7030 feet. There are more bears in northern California than in our area so bring a rope and a bag suitable for hanging food out of reach. Register by Aug. 1 with Merrill Hugo: 503-293-5102.

**August 4, 2007 (Saturday) Mystery Hike (Class A)**

A moderately paced hike of no more than 8 miles. Call Darlene Nelson 503-644-8033 for details or check the website.

**Trails Ahead**

**2007 Alpine Outing**

Registration for the 2007 Alpine Outing in the White Cloud Mountains is closed. All twelve places in both weeks have been filled.

**Aug 18-20: PCT**

Hwy 138 Diamond Lk Hwy to Rd 60 Windigo Pass via Mt Thielsen = 30 miles. Register by Aug 13 with Ken Becker 360-993-5372 or BeckerKen @ juno.com.

**Family Camp Aug 22nd - 26th (Wed- Sun) 2007**

The Trails club Family Campers will be returning to Ft. Stevens State Park for another long weekend of camping. We have sites reserved for Aug 22-26 (Wed - Sat nights). Cost is \$20 / night. The park has ocean beaches, a swimming lake, miles of bike trails, and a historic area. Plenty to keep everybody busy.

At this time there are still a few sites available, but we expect them to go quickly.

For information or reservations contact Randy Dietrich randyd@SpiritOne.com or 503-245-5762

**Sept. 2nd and 3rd. Labor Day party at Nesika!!!**

Thinking ahead. We'll bring some music, maybe some line-dancing, and hiking. Come and enjoy your lodge with the view. Plan to hike in. Have a friend who's driving drop you off to hike from Multnomah Falls. Good food, good friends, good fun!

PLEASE CALL NANCY OVERPECK WITH YOUR IDEAS. 360-573-6878, CELL 503-806-2900

**2007 Senior Outing**

Please note the changed dates for this year's Senior Outing. Our date is from September 30 - October 5th inclusive. The reservations for lodging have been confirmed and are as follows: First night Quinault Lodge, Monday at Kalaloch, Tuesday at Neah Bay, Wednesday at Crescent Lake Lodge, and the final evening at Port Townsend. As you can see there will be a move and travel each day with birding, hikes, visiting Museums and Information Centers. Your contact for more information as it develops is Leonard Murphy at lenmurphy@juno.com or 503-665-6449. We are working with the Audubon Society of Portland for this outing and therefore I can only pass on info. as it develops from them.

**Board meetings**

At the board meeting we decided to meet on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month for the rest of the year at least.

Therefore, the next board meetings will be:

July 10	Aug 14
Sept 11	Oct 9
Nov 13	Dec 11

**KAYAK TRIPS**

Aug 20-24	Paddle Oregon
Aug 24-26	Skamokawa - Lower Columbia Kayak Roundup

Contact Rich Fuhs, (503) 690-5077 or Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net, if you have any questions

**Hike and Dine schedule**

Aug 18/19	Tyee
Sept 15/16	Tyee
Oct 20/21	Tyee

**2007 Lodge Work Weekends**

<b>Nesika</b>	<b>Tyee</b>
August 11 & 12	August 11 & 12
September 8 & 9	September 8 & 9
October TBD	

**2007 Backpack Schedule**

Sep 3-9	Hwy 140 – Hwy 138 76 mi PCT Merrill Newman
TBA	Hwy 58 – Charlton Lk 17 mi Merrill Newman

**Trails Traveled**

**Nesika Membership Hike, Saturday, June 9, 2007 -**

I and seven others met up at Multnomah Lodge around 9am. The skies were overcast but no rain - yet. Many in the group had never ventured beyond the Wahkeena Trail junction, and were inspired by the beauty of the creek-bordered trail the rest of the way. We saw Thimbleberry blossoms, Columbine, some "almost done" Bleeding Hearts and several other small flowers (and lots of Banana Slugs :) Oh, and even a few Salmonberries ready to pick and eat. The rain was starting to be more than a threat by the time we reached Nesika Lodge, but we had a welcomed respite with the inviting fire, hot coffee and cookies. We had a leisurely lunch break, visited with the folks there for the work-weekend, and then took the short walk up to the viewpoint. But today the view was left to the imagination - it was totally socked in, with barely a faint image of the river below. The hikers were already impressed with the lodge and grounds, and proclaimed "well, we'll have to just come up here again!" We soon packed up and headed down, now in a steady rain, so we had to watch our step more for muddy and slippery areas. Total time out about 5 1/2 hours, a fun day of hiking and camaraderie, thanks everyone!



Jane Garbisch

**Silver Star Mountain, June 10, 2007**

Four members hiked 5 miles with an elevation gain of 1,500 feet up the north ridge to the summit of Silver Star Mountain in Southwest Washington. The highest point between Mount St. Helens and the Columbia River, Silver Star dominates the skyline in eastern Clark County. This is a classic alpine ridge walk through open meadows in a non-alpine location: the summit of Silver Star is only 4,390 feet. Wildfires a century ago cleared away the forest and trees have not yet grown back due to the severe climate conditions that create alpine-like growing conditions. Silver Star is famous for its wildflower displays and we saw more than 34 species. We also saw mountain bluebirds and heard white-crowned sparrows singing. Due to low clouds, we did not get to see the hoped-for view of five Cascade peaks from the summit. We ascended via Ed's Trail #180A to the stone arch and descended on Silver Star Trail #180. Susan Saul, Leader

**The Oregon Outback Ramble June 8-11**

Led by Merrill Newman was just a wonderful trip. Merrill put together a great itinerary. Everyone provided spirited company: Arleta Miller, Callista Dunn, Gini Bateman, Gary and Joan Ragan, Paul Later, Darlene Nelson, Joan Evans and Carolyn Jenkins.

We arrived at the campground adjacent to Pine Mt. Observatory Friday afternoon after driving about thirty three miles east of Bend. The evening at the observatory was a fantastic experience. The program given by volunteers was so informative. Those Friends of Pine Mt. Observatory sure enjoy sharing their knowledge of astronomy. Through telescopes we saw Jupiter with its four moons and Saturn and its rings and other celestial wonders.

On Saturday morning we headed east on highway 20 then turned south to Paiute Butte for a great uphill hike. Miles and miles of eastern Oregon views across sage brush flats to distant snow covered mountains was our reward. Closer up, we watched for ticks. The afternoon brought us to Crack-in-the-Ground. We had fun scrambling along the boulder strewn path through this crevice. Green Mt. Campground would have afforded another great view if not for clouds of rain. And then there was a flat tire to be changed.

The next morning after loading up soggy tents we drove to coffee and breakfast at a little café in Christmas Valley. Rain stopping. Spare tire in place. Spirits rising. On to our morning walk at Fort Rock, an unusual volcanic formation. What tribe left seventy woven sandals in a cave here 9000 years ago? What happened to prevent those sandals from being used or traded? While we do not know the ancient answers the Homestead Village Museum nearby gave good insight into the history of much later settlers in this area. We walked into furnished buildings brought together for preservation at the museum. These were relics from the early 1900s farms and communities in the area. Then we went on to Thompson Reservoir Campground and later a huge dinner at the Cowboy Dinner Tree near Silver Lake. Talk about leftovers!

Along the way we watch for birds and found California quail, bobolink, grebe, common goldeneye, red-wing blackbirds, bluebirds, house finches and others. Wildflowers were appreciated. Pesky chipmunks shooed.

Where can you go and have a 360 degree breath taking view? Mt. Hagar! This really put the frosting on the cake for our trip. We hiked 1710 feet to the lookout tower. What a spectacular view; we could see Mt. Jefferson and Mt Shasta and everything in between with one sweep of the eye. Indian paint brush, Balsam root and lots of purple flowers were splashed against the mountain side. It was such beautiful day and a wonderful way to end the ramble.

**Let's Talk About**

**Trail closures**

As of June 15, 2007 the roads to Top Spur and to Lolo pass is open. Trailheads for much of the west side of Mt. Adams are inaccessible due to FR 23 damage. Loowit trail is officially open but it impassible in places..

**Pacific Crest Trail Association**

**Mt. Hood Chapter**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE**

Want a rugged workout to get in shape for the hiking season? This one will get your heart pumping! If you can make it, please hit the reply button, e-mail <jjkjsk@comcast.net> or phone (503)579-2841.

**Saturday & Sunday, July 7 & 8**

Overnight work party near Ramona Falls, Mt. Hood National Forest. Six volunteers needed for logout (using crosscut saws) of PCT between Ramona Falls and Paradise Park. Backpack in 6 miles Saturday morning to work site. Backpack out Sunday afternoon. Due to extensive road and trail damage, this trip involves several fords of the Sandy River, 2500' climb, and difficult trail conditions. Crew Leaders: Kim & Pam Owen.

**From The Trail Blazer, 1938**

The Trail Blazer, April 1938

**MAY 28 - 30: BEAR SPRINGS FOREST CAMP.** Bear Springs Forest Camp (twenty-five miles east of Government Camp). Leave Saturday for this beautiful camp where there is a swimming pool, a large sheltered fireplace and wonderful facilities for cooking your meals. Sunday we will explore White River Canyon; Monday, Decoration Day, a large lumber truck will carry us to a point six miles from camp where we will climb to Forman's Point Lookout Station, one of the newest and most modern fire lookouts. Then, something educational, we will go through, and see in operation, a pine mill. The return to camp will be over a six-mile woodland trail. Martin Deragisch, leader, has been carefully planning this weekend for our enjoyment since he went to eastern Oregon. Bring your sleeping bag, swimming suit, and food for six meals. Transportation \$1.50; trip charge 25¢.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon  
Minutes Trustee Meeting June 12, 2007

Randy Dietrich called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Charles Adams and Craig Sharpe were absent.

The members of the board introduced themselves to Virginia Larsen our, new administrative assistant and described their positions to her.

The minutes of the May 7 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report- Balance 4/30/07 \$11,322.00  
May Deposits 1,146.50  
May Checks -2,709.54  
Balance 5/31/07 \$ 9,758.96

Audrey told us that the Tyee rent bill hasn't appeared yet and that two new accounts one for Nesika road maintenance and another for the Belknap Springs trip have been set up.

Membership-Joyce gave first readings for Chuck R. Barrows, Joe L. Sanders and Carla M. Koford.  
Shirley E Hoehne, Pat K. Mackin and Corrin Struempf were elected to membership.  
Vickie Borden and Laurie and Mike Skinner were reinstated as members

Trips- Diana reported that she was having trouble finding leaders. She is investigating the demand for first aid training. She plans to have a trip leaders meeting and training sometime in the near future.

There was a lengthy discussion on revising the trip registration form and the flow of information from this form.

Publications- Fendall told us he wants pictures to use in the Blazer.

Social- Nancy announced a hike and dine for this Saturday with a hike to Tom, Dick, and Harry ridge. There will be a picnic at Gabriel Park on the 21st, a July 4 day trip to Nesika and a July picnic at Willamette Park

Lodges- no report

New Business-  
Tom Carter and Phil Crosby were approved for Nesika Keys.

We will announce PCTA work trips in the Blazer

Susan Keller has ideas to update the brochure. We agree that the coupon has been useful and feel the matte finish brochure might now be distinctive. Virginia and Randy will work with Susan on any revisions,

We will discuss the status of the message phone at the next meeting.

We will donate \$250 to Rose Villa as a token of our appreciation for the use of their facilities.

There was further discussion of information flow and Virginia's role in moving checks and information.

Respectfully submitted - Merrill Hugo

## Membership Notes

Do you know a prospective new member? Send their name and address to [membership@trailsclub.org](mailto:membership@trailsclub.org) for them to receive a couple of Blazers for free. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

### 1st Readings:

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings:

Shirley E. Hoehne  
Pat K. Mackin  
Corrin Struempf

### Reinstatements:

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#### Changes/Name Changes

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## July 2007

### Lodge Scheduling Guidelines and Procedures:

The following guidelines are used for scheduling and reserving our beautiful lodges for club sponsored and general membership usage. These guidelines help assure that training has been provided for all members wishing to host an event at a lodge and that lodge availability is fair to club members.

1. Only Members in good standing can schedule and open our lodges.
2. To host a lodge event you need to have been checked out for opening and closing the lodge, request a lodge key and request current instructions from the Lodge and Properties chairperson.
3. If more than five **non-members per member** will be at a lodge, board approval is required to use a lodge.
4. Private groups using the lodge will allow other Trails Club members to also use the lodge when space is available.

The following procedure is used to schedule a lodge event. This procedure avoids conflicting schedules.

1. Check for available date(s) by contacting the Vice President or the website at <http://www.trailsclub.org/events/lodge-open.htm>.
2. Events chairpersons (Winter Sports, Social, etc.) also need to clear the dates with the Vice President.
3. Contact the Vice President to schedule the lodge date. If board approval is required, the VP will make the request at the next board meeting and notify you when you are approved. The VP will notify the webmaster to put your event on the Lodges calendar.
4. Once the lodge event date has been approved, it is your responsibility to submit a Blazer article to get your event on the monthly calendar.

5. A Lodge Host packet will be sent to you with all necessary forms.  
After hosting at a lodge the hosting forms must be completed returned, with the lodge fees, to the Lodge & Properties chair.
6. When one or more persons uses one of the lodges without a host, then one person must collect the fees, fill out the forms and send both to the Lodge & Properties chair.

Webmaster: Karen Yanhs  
Vice President: Randy Dietrich  
Lodge & Properties Trustee: Charlie Adams

## 2007 Newsletters

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Month. # (Day) Event Class A  
Description  
MEET: Place, Time  
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