



Trail Blazer

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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
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.
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Meeting Places:

Gateway Park & Ride

From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of blocks and park in the park and ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining).
From I-84, take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh between NW 25th and NW 26th. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

Target

Target is a common west side meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. Tri Met buses 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

Announcements

**85th Annual Banquet
Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Monarch Hotel
12566 S.E. 93rd Ave.
(South of Clackamas Town Center)**

**Reservation form enclosed
For additional information call or email
Callista Dunn
(503) 330-7344 Kissta9@aol.com**

2008 SENIOR OUTING

The scheduled date of departure for this year's outing is September 16th with a return date of Sunday, September 21st. We will be staying the first 3 nights of the trip at Twin Rocks Friends Camp and Conference Center. Food and accommodations will be at the main Lodge.

There will be opportunities for short hikes in the vicinity, with a trip to Astoria to include the "Ellis Island" of the Northwest and other stops at Fort Clatsop and the Salt Camp.
The remaining stay will be at Depoe Bay where there are numerous short walks and sites to visit, including the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Cost per member is being finalized. Contact Leonard Murphy at 503-936-4993 for additional information and to join this outing!

First Aid for Activity Leaders

There is enough interest to set up a first aid class for trip leaders this spring. There were a number of leaders who expressed interest at the Appreciation Weekend and I am sure that there are others out there. Northwest Responders can provide an 8 hour class in May but I need to know who wants the class as soon as possible to set this up. The class will provide basic first aid and CPR as well as additional information on first aid kits, dealing with hyper and hypothermia, allergic reactions, and other help when you can not just call 911 and expect a paramedic within a few minutes. The Trails Club would like all persons who lead any trips (hike, backpack, bike, kayak, and outings) both in town and out of town to have at least basic first aid and CPR. Call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 or email me at diana_forester@msn.com as soon as possible.

Events

March 26-28. Mid-week event at Tyee.

Attention snowshoers and x-country skiers (down-hillers too) Meet Wednesday at sno park (1/2 mile off hwy26 on Timberline Road) 11:00 am. to unload stuff to carry 1/4 mile up to lodge. Those who know how to get into the lodge can arrive when they want to, just let us know. If you want to follow someone in, meet 10:15pm at Clackamas Co. Visitor Center in Welches (turn right at light, Center in small strip mall on right).

This is another combined activity, Trails Club of Oregon and Cascade Prime Timers. \$25 TCO and \$35 CPT (who are not in TCO). Two nights, two dinners and two breakfasts. Bring own lunches and snacks. NO alcohol. For reservations send checks to Pete Nelson 6786 S.W. 204th Ave. Aloha, OR 97007.

For information: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878, overpeck@wa-net.com

Mar 26 (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

Mar 26 (Wed) Memaloose Hills Loop--Class B

Hike up an abandoned road from the Memaloose Rest Area. After crossing Hwy 30 near the Memaloose Overlook, the trail passes through oak-pine parklands, crosses wide grasslands, and climbs to panoramic views to the S. and E. from two hilltops. Wildflowers. Hike 4-4.5 miles with 700' elevation gain. Be prepared for ticks and poison oak. Drive 60 miles round trip.

Meet: 8:15 a.m., Lewis and Clark State Park, Troutdale
Leader: Nancy Chapman (234-0162) or chapmannj@comcast.net

Mar 29 (Sat) SS Lolo Pass Road Class A

We will start where they have stopped plowing the road and follow this scenic road up 2 or 3 miles. We can use an alternate route in the area if there is a big thaw. Maybe hike it instead. Be flexible!

Meet: Sandy Safeway 9:00am
Leader: Joan Ragan 503-668-6622

Mar 29 (Sat) Eagle Creek Hike to High Bridge- B level.

The classic gorge hike in the full flush of spring. Waterfalls, river views and even some early flowers if we are lucky. Hike 6.6 miles with 700 feet of elevation. Trail Pass required. 75 miles round trip drive.

Leader will be Virginia Fuller at 503-5201622.
Meet at Gateway at 8:30

Apr 1 (Tues) Lyle Cherry Orchard – Class B

Climb up a series of steep benches above Lyle, gaining 1,000 ft. elevation in the first mile, then heading east across a windswept oak woodland plateau to an abandoned cherry orchard. Great wildflowers and river views all the way. Hike 6 miles with 1,400-ft. elevation gain. Be prepared for poison oak. Drive 100 miles round trip.

Meet: 8:15 a.m., Lewis and Clark State Park, Troutdale
Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Apr 2 (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: Jane Storey 503-747-5715

Apr 2 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B 6PM to 8PM ish

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.
Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712 giniBateman@aol.com

Apr 5, 2008 (Saturday) Memaloose Hills Loop Hike -A level.

Wildflower hike on the drier end of the Gorge. Hike 6 miles with 500 feet elevation gain. Drive 154 miles round trip.

Contact leader Gary Holman (503) 261-3571 for questions.
Meet Gateway Park and Ride 8:00

Apr 5 (Sat) Devils' Rest 'n More Hike - Class B

Beginning at Bridal Veil, we will ascend to the (viewless) summit of Devils' Rest. Our descending route will include travel over some primitive trails. Possible side trip to Angels' Rest will depend on time, weather and motivation.

Hike: 10.4 miles w/ 2,660' elevation gain
Drive 28 R/T miles

Meet: 9:00 AM @ Lewis & Clark State Park (exit 18, off I-84)
Leader: Kelly Marlin, 503 665 6778

Apr. 5-6 (Saturday & Sunday) Gillette Lake Back Pack. Class B

3.8 miles one way. We will backpack in from Bonneville Dam Parking Lot, set up camp and day hike to Green Leaf Falls on Saturday. On Sunday we will day hike either to Aldrich Butte or the PCT. Up the west side of Table Mountain. We could come down at Bonneville Hot Springs and car pool back to the Bonneville Dam parking area. Come join us for a spring backpack in the gorge. Limit 12 people and 3 dogs.

Register with Linda Conrad at lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875 by Wednesday April 2nd.

Apr. 8, 2008 (Tuesday) Catherine Creek Hike (Class A)

The grass widows will be gone, but there will be new flowers blooming as we enter mid spring. Besides the flowers, we get great views of the east end of the Gorge. We will hike 6-8 miles. Pace will be moderate. Elevation is perhaps 1000 feet. 114 miles round trip drive. Wear long sleeve shirt and long pants as there may be poison oak in the area.

Meet 8:30 am. at Lewis and Clark Park off Interstate 84.
Leader: Diana Forester (503-288-7782)

Apr. 9 (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: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

Apr. 9 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B 6PM to 8PM ish

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.
Leader Gerda Eck 503-654-1353 gerdaeck@msn.com

Apr. 10th (Thurs.) Social Committee Meeting

Meeting to plan 85th Annual Banquet and other special events for 2008. We will be meeting at Lila Grossman's at 7 p.m. Call for directions and to let us know that you will be attending. RSVP with Callista Dunn (503) 330-7344 or Kissta9@aol.com

Apr. 10th, (Thurs.): Verboort - Kansas City Loop Bike Ride - Class B

This will be our first ride of the season, so the pace will be leisurely. We will ride through spring green farmlands and visit an old cemetery or two.

Meet at 9:30 am in the parking lot behind the new Wash. Co. jail facility, located on SW Dennis, between SW Baseline and SW Washington St. on the westside of Hillsboro. It is a block from the end of the MAX line so it is possible to use public transportation to the meeting place.

For questions or further directions, please contact leader: Gisela Piercy at 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@aol.com.

Apr 12 (Sat) President's Hike – Class A

Klickitat Trail: Wahkiacus to Suburbia and Catherine Creek
Wildflower expert Barbara Robinson will guide us along a lovely and historically interesting section of the Klickitat Rail Trail on this joint hike with the Klickitat Trail Conservancy. We will visit the remnants of a dry ice plant and have a chance to taste the mineral spring water. Bring a container if you want to take some water home. If the weather permits, we'll continue along the river to the Suburbia trestle, which was destroyed in the 1996 flood. For the second part of the hike, we will move to Catherine Creek, one of the premiere wildflower viewing areas in the Columbia Gorge. We will be there for the peak of the camas bloom. Parts of the trail are quite rocky so wear good boots. Hike 6.5 miles, minimal elevation gain; drive 140 miles round trip.

Meet: 7:30 a.m., Gateway Park & Ride

Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail

Apr 13 (Sun) Lacamas Park Loop – Class A

We will get back in plenty of time for the 85th Annual Trails Club Banquet! The location of the hike is Camas WA. We will see a waterfall and possibly blue Camas lilies then continue around Round Lake to a picnic area for lunch. Hike 5 miles with 500 feet of elevation gain. Drive 35 miles round trip.

MEET: 9:00 a.m. at Gateway Transit Center parking garage.

LEADER: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

April 15 (Tue) - Seven Mile Hill - Class B

Just West of The Dalles the hills are alive with Balsam Root and lots of other wonderful spring flowers. We'll hike mostly cross country on this open slope, (sturdy hiking boots are required) Views of The Dalles and the mighty Columbia River are splendid. Meadowlark will be singing in the sunshine, even if the weather is not so good on the West Side of the Cascades, this promises to be a wonderful midweek excursion of six to eight miles with 1000 feet elevation gain.

Meet: 8:30 AM Lewis and Clark State Park,

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-6544-1353 gerdaeck@msn.com

Apr 16 (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

Apr 16 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B 6PM to 8PM ish

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Leader Donna Covi - 503-286-7243 dcibike2@aol.com

Apr. 17h (Thurs.) Adventure and Travels: Alpine Wilderness

MEET: Rose Villa, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, 7:30 p.m.

CONTACT: Nancy Overpeck (360)573-6878 overpeck@wa-net.com

Apr. 19 (Sat) Washington Park Hike (Slow pace Class A)

For those of us who can't keep up with the fast crowd we'll look at the same scenery but at a slower pace. I hope to see many of my friends on this hike. We'll hike from 10 am to 3 pm with a break for lunch. Bring your lunch and water.

Meet at the top of the MAX elevator at the zoo at 10 am

Leader: June Smelser, 503-668-4060, junemelser@yahoo.com.

Apr. 19 (Sat) Membership Hike

Hike to the Trails Club's Nesika, situated in a remote area above the Columbia Gorge. Hike along Multnomah Creek above the Multnomah Falls and see the spring flowers (including Trillium) bloom. We will have lunch at the Lodge.

Leave: the visitor area at Multnomah Falls Lodge at 9:30

Leader: Fendall Winston (503) 329 8382

Apr. 19(Sat) Burnt Bridge Creek bicycle Discovery Trail.

Meet on Bernie Dr. for the beginning of the trail; one block east of Fruit Valley Road/Lakeshore Ave. Portlandlanders go north on I-5, exist 4, turn left on 78th St. Go the west end of 78 and turn left on Lakeshore. 1/4 mile turn left to Bernie Dr. Turn left into parking lot.9:30 am. Vancouver WA, 16-20 miles. Burnt Bridge Creek/ Call or e-mail Nancy Overpeck if you need information. 360-573-6878. overpeck@wa-net.com

Apr. 19, (Sat) Klickitat Rail Trail Hike (Class B)

Hike north of The Dalles along sunny Swale Canyon. The trip is 13 miles long with only 980 feet elevation gain and it follows an abandoned railroad grade. We will shuttle cars so expect a long day.

Bring a sunhat and plenty of water. There should be spring flowers.

Drive 150 miles plus the shuttle.

Meet: Gateway at 8:00

Leader: Marci Lane (503) 333-9776 Marcidru@Gmail.com

Apr. 19-20 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Trip

For the April 19 & 20 work trip we will clear the road, open the lodge, Someone will meet people without a key and open the gate at the intersection of Palmer Mill and Brower Roads at 9:00 AM Saturday.

We will clean up the lodge and come out immediately after breakfast on Sunday so we can make Nancy's party Register before 9:00 PM Wednesday April 19 with: Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102

Apr. 20, (Sun) Nancy Overpeck's 70th birthday

Nancy is having a birthday ending zero! Let's make this a special day for her. Come celebrate with Nancy between 1:00 and 4:00 at the Rose Villa Fellowship Hall 13505 SE River Rd. Milwaukie. Family and friends are sponsoring this event. RSVP by April 9 to Callista Dunn at (503) 330-7344 or email Kissta9@aol.com

Apr. 22 (Tues.) Nesika Lodge Hike - Class B

A beautiful trek up from Multnomah Lodge to the historic and tranquil grounds of Nesika Lodge, offering a babbling creek, spring flowers, lush woods and gradual elevation along the way. Bring water and lunch or snacks. Approx. 7-8 miles RT, 1800-1900' elev. gain. - Meet: Multnomah Lodge by 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Jane Garbisch (503) 314-2233.

Apr 23 (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

Apr 23 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B 6PM to 8PM ish

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.

Leader: Julie Dailey 503-654-2557 jules@spiritone.com

Apr 22-27 (Tues-Sun) Hell's Canyon Backpack-Class C

Hike the Idaho side from Pittsburg Landing to Johnson Creek and back in this 30 mile trip. The route does not involve as much elevation gain/loss as many trips in the Canyon but does provides the exquisite views for which Hell's Canyon is famous. Group size is limited to eight. Contact Bill Fulton at 503 557-3500 for information.

Apr 26 (Sat) Oneonta Trail Hike - Class B

This delightful hike travels along Oneonta Creek after passing Triple Falls. We will hike past the falls to about the 1300 foot level. On the way back we will take the Horsetail Trail and travel behind Ponytail Falls. Total distance is 7 miles. 50 miles RT

Meet: Gateway Park and Ride at 9:00 am

Leader: Diana Forester (503-288-7782)

Apr. 26 (Sat) Hike 'N Dine at Nesika

April 26 Saturday, Hike 'N Dine at Nesika
 Meet at gate (road to Nesika) at 9:30 am. Hikers will have a later opening. This is a special menu of delicious recipes from Rio Climente (near Guadalajara Mexico). Basically vegetarian with a fish dish, including loads of fresh fruits and veggies.
 Plan to stay overnight for a special breakfast.
 Please reserve by April 21st.
 Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878 overpeck@wa-net.com
 Call for map to Nesika.

Apr. 27 (Sun) - Banks-Vernonia Railroad -Class A

We will hike along the route of the old railroad line between two large timbered trestles - the 600-ft. Buxton Trestle and the Horseshoe Trestle - both constructed in the early 1920's. This is an easy, 5.3-mile one-way hike for kids and families with 500-ft. elevation loss. The majority of the hike is through the new 1,650-acre L.L."Stub" Stewart State Park. We can have lunch and explore the park is the group wishes. Dogs are permitted on a leash. We will need cars to shuttle hikers between the trailheads.
 Meet: 8:00 am at Hillsboro Fred Meyer (east end of parking lot) just south of Hwy 26 and Cornelius Pass exit.
 Leader: Matt Newman - 503.693.8717 mattn@nw-eng.com

Apr. 28 (Mon) Kayak season kick-off meeting.

The meeting will be held at Portland Kayak at 7 PM. At the meeting we'll provide you with information regarding our trips and plans for the season. We'll help coordinate refresher courses for wet exit and re-entry in local pools. Portland Kayak will talk about the latest in boats and gear, their trips, and courses they offer. We've added a refresher course that combines and reviews our two basic safety courses. That's for those of us who lose it if we don't use it, or who didn't "own" it after the initial classes.
 Portland Kayak is located at 6342 SW Macadam Ave. Suite G, Portland, OR 97239, along the Willamette River.

Apr. 30 (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: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

Apr. 30 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B 6PM to 8PM ish

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).
 Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.
 Leader: Lisa Brice 503-682-2952 lbhikes@msn.com

Apr. 30 (Wed) Hamilton Mt. Loop Hike - Class B

A lovely Gorge conditioning hike, 9 miles with 2200 feet elevation gain. Pace will be moderate. If the weather is good we will have views and probably some flowers. If it is not nice, we will enjoy the waterfall and beautiful forest.
 Meet: Troutdale Outlet Stores Parking Lot at 9:00 am.
 Leader: Bernadette Price 503-807-4091

May 3rd. (Sat) Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge Hike-Class A

Come join us in exploring the wildlife refuge. This is a slow pace bird watching hike. Bring your binoculars, bird identification book (if you have one) and trail lunch. No elevations gain on both trails. Kiwa hiking trail is 1.5 miles and the Oaks to Wetland Trail is 2.0 miles. We may walk part of the auto tour. \$3.00 parking fee at refuge.
 Meet: 8:00 a.m. at Gateway Transit Center or meet 8:30 a.m. at Salmon Creek Park and Ride, Vancouver.
 Leader: Callista Dunn 503 330-7344 or Kissta9@aol.com

May 3 (Sat) Vancouver Bike Ride - Class A

Ride an easy 10 or 15 miles out to Vancouver Lake, Frenchmen's Bar and on to the end of the road if the weather and the riders are up to it. Bring your lunch and enjoy the lake, the river and the birds. Meet: 10 AM at the Fruit Valley Park. Call for instructions to Park. Leader: Ann Marie Dudley 360-944-6473

May 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Lodge Backpack Potluck; Class A

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Nesika Lodge! Everyone will be responsible for bringing one Mexican dish to share with the group. You will be responsible for your own breakfast and lunch. Nesika Lodge is approximately 4.5 miles up from Multnomah Falls. If you have any questions please contact me. Meal fees will not be collected as this is a potluck event. Normal lodge fees do apply, \$5/night members, \$10/night non-members. RSVP by May 1.
 Meet: Multnomah Falls Lodge Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.
 Leader: Lisa Conrad, 360-513-7134, Lmc31408@yahoo.com

May 4 (Sun) Yamhill River Kayak or Canoe, Class 2B

From Lafayette to Newberg it's 12 river miles, half of it on the lazy Yamhill the rest on the Willamette River, which might offer a little more challenge because of river traffic. Hopefully this early in the season we'll encounter a minimum of jet skis. Let's look for turtles and beavers as well as red tail hawks, blue herons, perhaps even an eagle or an osprey. This trip is rated moderate with 4 to 5 hours on the water. Please check the website for requirements to join this trip. Registration requested.
 Meet 8:30AM Rodgers Landing Newberg to set up car shuttle.
 Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-654-1353 gerdaeck@msn.com

Trails Ahead

May 10-11 (Sat/Sun) - Deschutes River Mountain Bike Trip- Class B

This will be a 30 mile bike trip on a converted rail to trails roadbed along the beautiful Deschutes River. A mountain or fat-tired bike will be needed for this trip that will pass the historic Harris Ranch and an abandoned water tower as well as other points of past-era interest. Bring your camping gear and you can spend the night in a lovely meadow 3.5 miles from the trailhead. We should be back to our cars by 1pm and in town for Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday for those who wish to spend the night. Registration required.
 Leader: Allen Burrell 503-654-1353 or burrell@teleport.com

May 10-11 (Sat/Sun) - Introduction to Backpacking, Deschutes River - Class A

A 7.5 mile loop is perfect for beginners. We'll camp and cook in a lovely meadow 3.5 miles from the trailhead. Bring your friends who have always wanted to try backpacking, or young children who are able to carry their own sleeping bag and food. Binoculars are essential for bird watching. Sunday's return trail takes us via Ferry Springs, a 500 ft elevation gain. We should be back to our cars by 1pm and in town for Mother's Day Dinner.
 Registration required. Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353

May 24-26th (Sat - Mon) Stebbins Creek to 3 Corner Rock coming back Sedum Point. Class C Backpack .

We should have great wild flowers this weekend on 3-Corner Rock. We will spend the first night at the base of 3 Corner Rock about 9 miles in. Then the next night somewhere nice on the PCT. The third day we will hike back down the Sedum trail to a car shuttle point and drive back to the place of origin on the Washougal River Rd via road 2000. Limit 12 people with 3 dog limit. Approximately 26 miles. Register with Linda Conrad at lcrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875.

June 5 - 9 (Thurs - Monday) Outback Ramble

The Ramble is filled out. If interested please call or email to be placed on Standby list.

Merrill Newman 503-646-3829 onemi.2go@verizon.net

Trails Club Weekend on the McKenzie River June 27-29, 2008

Hike, fish, kayak, whitewater raft, soak in the mineral springs pools and enjoy the gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River. There are some tent and RV sites remaining. Lodging prices are \$54.50 total for 1-2 people (\$16 each additional person) in tent sites; \$65.40 total for 1-2 people (\$16 each additional person) in RV sites. Additional fees include a \$2 pp (members) or \$4 (nonmembers) TCO activity fee and shared meal costs of approximately \$9-10. Two breakfasts and a campfire dinner will be cooked for those interested. A \$20 deposit is required to hold your lodging reservation. The balance of your lodging fee is due JUNE 10th. Both checks should be made out to TCO. Check out the resort website at www.belknaphotsprings.com for photos/info.

Contact Vicki Wood to reserve your spot or for more information: (503) 659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net

July 6 – 11 (Sunday – Friday) Trinity Alps Backpack; Class B

Moderate Backpack in Northern California. Drive is approximately 400 miles each way. Start at the Swift Creek Trailhead (camp night of July 5 at Preachers Meadow car camp?) Day one- Hike 5 miles to Granite Lake (6000 feet) Day two- explore the Granite Lake area, swim? The next two night's location will depend on snow level. My preferred route is as follows: Day three- hike with pack to Summit Lake. Explore Climb if desire? Day four- Hike with pack to the Black Basin trail on the Bear Basin Trail. Will go by Diamond, Luella Lakes. Day five- hike out on Bear Basin Trail (5 miles or so). Either drive home or go to Weaverville to Spend night. An alternative itinerary would be to spend night 3 and 4 near the Black basin trail and do day hikes up to the lake basin and another hike to Mumford Meadow and Landers Lake. Limited to six participants
Meet: Contact Leader

Leader: Diana Forester, 503-288-7782

Jul 24-29 (Thurs-Tues) Lake Plateau Backpack, Class B

The Lake Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, Montana, is the destination for this 6-day backpack with base camp and off-trail exploration. This moderate loop features a gorgeous, lake-dotted, high altitude plateau with a myriad of side trip opportunities and peaks to bag, as well as spectacular Columbine Pass. The backpack is 36 miles. Elevation gain is 3,700 ft. Approved bear-proof food containers are required. The trip starts and ends in Big Timber, Montana. Group size limited to 8. Registration required.

Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Aug 3-10, 10-17 (Sun-Sun) Wilderness Outing

The first week has only one space left but there is room on the second week First Week Aug 3-10 - Second Week Aug 10-17

This year's outing will be in the Washington State Sawtooth's. These peaks are west of Twisp and east of Lake Chelan. They are noted for the numerous small lakes, the open forest, and in the fall for the golden larch. We will take off from Crater Creek Trailhead and probably camp 5.5 miles and 2300 feet higher at Upper Eagle Lake which is in a dramatic granite basin.

Pack animals will carry in your personal equipment (up to 35 pounds) as well as all the group equipment and food. You only need to carry a day pack. We will spend the days hiking, fishing, and perhaps swimming. All meals are provided and all cooking and camp chores are shared.

Maximum group size each week is 12. Minimum group is 10 persons. This wonderful trip will be \$300 for club members and \$350 for nonmembers. To reserve your spot, send a \$50 check made

out to the "Trails Club of Oregon" to Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 1243. Portland, Or. 97207. This money is not refundable and it will be included in the total cost. Please indicate which week you want to attend your phone number and email address if possible. For more information, call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 or email me at diana_forester@msn.com

Aug 15 – 19 (Fri – Tues) the High Divide and Seven Lakes Basin Backpack; Class B-C

Spectacular views of Mt. Olympus, but the elevation gains are modest and the distances very reasonable. North end of the Olympic National Park. For more see the Green Trails Map 133S. Limit to 6
Meet: Contact Leader

Leader: Jeff Lawton, jeff@pdxinfo.com

Aug 23-Sep 1 (Saturday-Monday) Wallowa Mountains

Eagle Cap Wilderness, OR Backpack; Class C
Loop that will include Lakes Basin, some XC hikes. Approximately 40 miles under pack. Elevation from 5500' to 8500'. Limit 6.

Leader: Rich Fuhs, (503) 690-5077;

Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net

Aug 24-29 (Sun-Fri) Spider Meadow-Buck Creek Pass Backpack, Class C

Hike through glorious meadows, cross mountain passes and view high summits on this loop in the Glacier Peak Wilderness, Washington. This trip involves cross-country travel between Spider Gap and Lyman Lake. There are many opportunities for side trips, including Image Lake often depicted on scenic calendars. Experience with snow travel and training in self-arrest with an ice axe are required. Bear-proof food containers are recommended. The backpack is 36 miles, not including side trips. Elevation gain is 8,900 ft. Group size limited to 8. Registration required.

Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Assistant Leader: Bill Fulton (503) 557-3500

Late Sep (dates TBD) Blankenship Lakes Backpack, Class B

Enjoy fall colors among the sub-alpine meadows and myriad lakes and ponds of the William O. Douglas Wilderness, Washington. On this 3-day trip, we'll pick a lake for a base camp and then spend our time day hiking up Tarmac Mountain for a panoramic view of the Cascades and visiting other lakes and viewpoints. The backpack is about 10 miles; side trips up to 20 miles extra. Elevation gain with backpack 1,000 ft. Group size limited to 12. Registration required.

Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Oct 10-13 (Fri-Mon) Enchanted Valley in the Olympic National Forest, Backpack; Class B+

Friday drive time is approximately 3.5 hours to Quinalt, hike in 5 miles or so and camp. Saturday hike to Enchanted Valley. Camp and explore area. Sunday explore in the morning, return most of the way and camp along Quinalt River. Monday pack out and drive home. Distance 27 miles round trip. Modest elevation gain of 1100 feet but a lot of rollercoasting along the way.

Meet: Contact Leader

Leader: Jeff Lawton, jeff@pdx.com

TCO 2008 Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

(Watch Blazer as work weekends get closer for more details)

Nesika	Tvee
May 17-18	May 31-June 1
June 14-15	
July 12-13	
August 9-10	August 9-10
September 13-14	September 13-14
October 11-12	

KAYAK TRIPS 2008

Sauvie Island - early Leader: Rich Fuhs
 Columbia Slough – late spring thru fall
 Bachelor Island
 Tualatin River – May-July
 Willamette River – May-July
 Tualatin River (coordinate with evening concert in Jul or Aug?)
 Lewis River (several options)
 Sand Island (coast)
 Coon Island
 Waldo Lake
 Cowlitz River
 Nehalem River

Aug 2-10 Johnstone Straits Leaders: Steve Benson & Lisa Brice

Related, non-Trails Club events

Aug 18-22 Paddle Oregon – registration required
 Aug 22-24 Skamokawa – Lower Columbia Kayak Roundup

Planned Backpacks

May 17-18 Saturday-Sunday
 Rock of Ages Loop Backpack
 Lisa Conrad, 360-513-7134, lmc31408@yahoo.com

June 20-22 Friday-Sunday
 Bull of the Woods Loop Backpack
 Lisa Conrad, 360-513-7134, lmc31408@yahoo.com

August TBA
 Stevens Pass to Snoqualmie Pass Backpack
 Linda Conrad, 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com

August TBA
 VVR to Cotton Wood Meadows (128 miles) Backpack
 Linda Conrad, 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com

September 20 – 21 Saturday-Sunday
 Wapiki Lake Indian Heaven Backpack
 Claudio Bernstein, Cl-audio@comcast.net,
 Assistant Leader: Marci Lane, marcidru@gmail.com

September TBA
 Etna Summit to Seid Valley (56 miles) Backpack
 Linda Conrad, 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com

Bicycle Trips for 2008

April 27, Sun. : Monster Cookie Ride, register with Salem Bike Club

May 10, Sat/Sun: Deschutes River Trail - Allen Burrell, leader
 May 15, Thursday: Sauvie Island - Jennifer Bohlin, leader
 May 17/18, Sat/Sun: OPEN
 May 19th, Mon. Eve.: Westside Wetland ride - Gisela Piercy, leader
 May 29th, Thurs: Route to be decided by leader Audrey Perino

For questions or if you would like to volunteer to lead a ride, please contact Gisela Piercy at 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@aol.com.

2008 Adventures and Travels

May 15 Thailand Steve Wilson
 Bicycle committee presentation

Trails Traveled

Diamond lake senior week – February 3-8 – a story of trails un-traveled I quote a letter I received from Mark Wojahn, organizer of the event. “Eileen and I sure did miss you all this last week. What a crazy week it was in many ways! ODOT had broken equipment as it kept snowing and snowing! Hwy 138 ended up with 200 trees down on it. Early on we got optimistic reports, but as time progressed it became clear that roads would not be open. Phyllis, who has worked at Diamond Lake for **30 years**, has never seen a day before when all roads to the lake have been closed.” Diamond Lake did a 100% refund of all payments.
 Yes, there will be a senior week next year, hopefully with not so much snow. Diamond Lake is planning to run a bus from Portland thru Salem, Albany and Eugene if there is sufficient interest. Transportation by bus would be faster and more timely than the train.
 Pete and Elaine Nelson

Let’s Talk About

Tyee Now Has an Address

Tyee Lodge now has an address to guide emergency personnel. If you need to call 911 from Tyee, tell the operator the emergency is at 30133 E. West Leg Road, Government Camp, Oregon.

LEADER APPRECIATION WEEKEND

Almost forty Trails Club Leaders gathered at Tyee on March 1 for the Appreciation Weekend. Virginia Larson, Mary Ellen Andre, Michael and Yvonne Parker provided food fit for a cruise ship. We spend time socializing and also exchanging information to help us as leaders. After dinner Susan Saul handed out awards in thanks for those who have provided leadership in this club. Doug Lorain, the writer of many guidebooks, showed us his wonderful slides which included local areas, special spots in Washington and Oregon along the PCT, and slides of the Washington Sawtooth/Chelan Wilderness area where the TC will hold it's 2008 Alpine Outing. On Sunday morning we woke up to 9 inches of new snow and sunshine. The weekend truly showed us how special our friends in this club are.

July 4-13 (Fri-Sun) Weminuche Wilderness / San Juan Mountains, CO- Backpack; Class C

Linear trip covering 35+ miles under pack over 8 days; gain 8300+', loss 7300+'. Hikes on two layover days. Elevation from 7900' to 12980'. Limit 8.

This is NOT an official Trails Club backpack. Heavy snows may move the dates back.

Meet: Contact Leader

Leader: Rich Fuhs, (503) 690-5077; Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net

Sep 13-20 (Sat-Sat) Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness, MT Backpack; Class C

Loop of 50+ miles over 8 days, gain/loss of 12000+'. Some XC travel. Hike on one layover day. Elevation from 6300+ to 9500+. Limit 8. (**Non Trails Club Hike**)

Meet: Contact Leader

Leader: Rich Fuhs, (503) 690-5077; Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net

Summary of Board meeting

(Complete report on Member's web page)

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Susan Saul at 7:35 pm. The minutes of the February 12th meeting were approved with no corrections.

Administrative Assistant's Report – Virginia provided the board with a written report of her activities for the past 30 days. The club received two donations this month in memory of Helen "Penny" Renfrew; from Doty Blattner and Marie Deuell. Virginia reported that some concerns were expressed about the cost of the temporary storage space that we had rented. She wanted to clarify that the space is actually a large office.

Treasurer's Report – Audrey Perino provided the financial reports for the month of February for the board's review.

Beginning balance 01/31/08	\$ 6,224.53
February deposits	\$ 5,631.50
February checks	\$ -8,478.52
Ending balance 02/29/08	\$ 3,377.51

Audrey reported that she had received the completed 2007 taxes. We owe net federal taxes of \$6,209 and net state taxes of \$707. These taxes resulted largely from a sale of assets in January 2007, which generated over \$50,000 in capital gains. Money is being transferred from the investment accounts to cover this expense.

Committees:

Membership – The membership committee read the names of 21 members that will be published as terminated in the next newsletter.

Trips – Diana reported that the trip leader's appreciation and training event at Tyee went very well and was attended by about 40 members. The members who had volunteered in 2007 were recognized with a small gift. Any 2007 leaders who could not attend can pick up their appreciation gift at the banquet. Gift's not picked up will be mailed.

During the training, we reviewed the new trip leader handbook, emergency contact cards and emergency runner cards. We will print more of the trip leader handbooks and make them available. The emergency cards will start being included in the trip packets in April and one emergency runner's card will be sent to each leader for placement in their First Aid kits. Larger envelopes will be included in the trip leader's packet to allow extra brochures, membership applications and business cards to be returned. Tracking of prospective members on the Trip Log was discussed. We have decided that we will develop a "request for information" postcard for the trip leader packets and decrease the information on the trip log. Most of the forms above will be available at the banquet.

There will be an announcement in the next newsletter about First Aid classes to be held in May.

Publications – Virginia reported that she had helped Lee Squier process the mailing of the March newsletter to document the process for our Policy and Procedures. She has requested a quote from the printer to have the mailing information printed directly on the newsletter to make the process less time consuming.

Social – Callista reported that 48 members have already registered for the banquet in April. The committee will be calling all members to encourage them to attend. Hike n' Dines are being arranged for the months of June through November at Tyee and April to May at Ne-

sika. The committee will work with Trips committee to arrange hikes for these events.

Lodges and Properties – David reported that we now have an address for Tyee (30133 E. West Leg Road, Government Camp, OR). The address will be posted at the lodge, included on the host forms and in the lodge handbook. This is not a mailing address but an address to be used when summoning emergency help. A request from Vicki Wood for a Tyee Lodge key was approved (MSC Randy/Fendall). Randy's request to use Tyee Lodge for a combined TCO/Mazama's weekend on 4/26-27 was approved (MSC Audery/Randy).

History – Susan reported that she has been working with the archivist to get the contract completed and the work started soon. We now have six large folding tables and a couple of office chairs set up in the office for document sorting, thanks to Steve Brown.

Unfinished Business

Audit Committee Report – The report will be emailed to the board and discussed in April, along with the management of non-Memorial Endowment gifts.

2008 Directory – Randy reported that he still needs the committee lists from the History, Lodges and Bike committees for the directory.

The meeting was adjourn @ 9.05pm

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Larson, in Merrill Hugo's absence

Merrill Hugo's absence

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Trails Club has secrets. At least it seems that way to newer members who are not familiar with the Trails Club history.

One of those "secrets" is how a not-for-profit club operates with a nearly \$21,000 deficit. What is the investment account that makes up the shortfall and where did that money come from?

The answer begins in 1922, when the club purchased 120 acres near Multnomah Basin, where Nesika Lodge now stands. In 1977, the club exchanged 80 of those acres to the Forest Service and received \$172,500 derived from the sale of timber cut elsewhere on national forest lands.

Some of that money was used to build the new Nesika Lodge. The remainder has been invested and the earnings used to subsidize club activities. The club has two accounts: a managed account and a cash account that provides operating funds. The managed account is a moderate portfolio balanced at 5% cash, 65% stocks and 30% bonds. The cash account is in the money market.

The club has an Investment Committee that oversees the two accounts, but day-to-day management is handled by the brokerage firm Morgan Stanley. The club adopted an "investment policy statement" that guides Morgan Stanley's management to meet our financial goals. The President and the Investment Committee Chair are authorized to give Morgan Stanley investment instructions. The Investment Committee meets periodically to review investment performance and consider any adjustments that may be necessary.

Performance has matched or exceeded inflation between 1977 and 2008, even though the club has taken money out of the fund over the years for building improvements. Thanks to the earnings from our investments, the club can afford to maintain and improve two lodges, keep lodge and activity fees low and hire a part-time administrative assistant to help with club operations.

History - Trail Blazer, September 1939

FIRE AND FLOOD EPIC

One of the most beautiful tracts overlooking the mighty Columbia owes its very existence to intensive fire and flood action. The very ground upon which Nesika is built owes its formation to one-time stupendous eruptive flows of lava and the “point” would not be a point of such striking beauty if recessant ice sheets had not greatly augmented the sculpturing power of the Columbia river.

At one time, when the ground level at the lodge was a great deal lower than it now is, great flows of Basalt successively flowed forth from “fissure” volcanoes and condensed into what are called the “lower” and “upper” Columbia River basalts. At Multnomah Falls only a very small surface of the lower flows can be seen. The basalt is a dark green or black color caused by a predominance of iron and magnesium minerals. As a hiker advances on the trail toward Nesika Lodge he always appreciates the gentler slope above Fern Falls as compared to that below. This decrease in angle is due to the change

of terrain composition. There rests upon the solid “upper” Columbia basalts a layer of gravel and loose material about 300 to 500 feet in thickness, deposited there by the rushing Columbia of Ice Age days. The remaining structure of Larch Mountain (elevation approximately 4045 feet) is a vast pile of “Andesite” lavas conforming in character with that of the Cascade Range and termed the “Cascade Formation.” It is upon this uppermost structure that the Trails Club property is located. One of the finest examples of mechanical displacement in this entire area can be observed just west of Cougar Rock, where a huge “Landslide Block” can be seen in its dissected nakedness. The tilt of the successive layers shows very plainly that it has shifted downward and inward, as all landslide blocks do. Cougar Rock itself is a subsidiary valans, a one-time parasite on the side of partially active Larch Mountain.

To one who will read them, the historic chapters written by nature about Nesika Lodge surroundings can be of never-ending interest and information.

Russell Norton

Membership Notes

Do you know a prospective new member? Send their name and address to 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.

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2nd Readings:

Tracy M. Aue
Linda M. Centurion
Randy W. Dickinson
Mike R. Eggers
Wendy R. Egly
Marci D. Lane
Ellen C. Stevenson

Resignations:

Jean Andreas
Deborah Andrews
Marti Earhart
Mary Gleason
Joanne Rose

Name, Address, Phone, and E-Mail Changes:

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***The following members are being terminated for non-payment of dues. This will be the last Trailblazer you will receive. If you believe you have paid your dues or wish to continue your membership, contact the membership chair Vicki Wood (2004 SE Waldron Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222 or 503-659-1423 or email vw48@comcast.net) immediately.**

Termination for Non-Payment of Annual Dues:

Nick Atanasov	Judith Johnson	James McBlaine
John Cole	Katherine Karr	Michael McCormick
Daniel Kyle	Kathy Fry	Wendy Lee
Aimee Pedretti	Jonathan Fuller	Young Leung
Duane Smelser	Don Henry	Pat Mackin
Margaret Jenks	Gabriella Maertens	Reginald Wobig
Donna Domineck-Smelser		Christine McCormick

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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-open2.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 TCO PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207.
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 TCO PO Box.

Webmaster: Karen Yanhs
Vice President: Randy Dietrich
Lodge & Properties Trustee: David Conrad

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