



# Trail Blazer

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
1	Sun	Ghost Ridge Snowshoe - Class A
4	Wed	Morning hike - Class A to A +
4	Wed	Gorton Creek Hike - Class B
7-8	Sat-Sun	Winter Weekend at Nesika
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7-8	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
7	Sat	Governors Park to Council Crest, Dog Friendly Hike
8	Sun	West Lake Rd. Snowshoe – Class A
10	Tue	Board Meeting
11	Wed	Morning hike – Class A to A +
11	Wed	Palmateer Overlook Snowshoe – Class B
14	Sat	Burnt Creek Discovery Trail and Vancouver WA – Class A
14	Sat	Barlow Pass, Mineral Jane Snowshoe – Class B
15	Sun	Marquam Hill to Council Crest Hike – Class A
15	Sun	<b>Blazer Deadline</b>
18	Wed	Morning hike – Class A to A +
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21	Sat	Springwater Trail Hike – Class A
21	Sat	Glenwood Valley Snowshoe – Class B
22	Sun	White River Canyon Snowshoe – Class B
25	Wed	Morning hike – Class A to A +
28 - Mar 1	Sat-Sun	Tyee Open
28	Sat	Clackamas Riverside Trail Hike – Class A
28	Sat	Wind River area SS - Class B
March 1	Sun	Banks-Vernonia Trail, Dog Friendly Hike - Class A
1	Sun	Trillium Lake Snowshoe – Class A+
7-8	Sat-Sun	Tyee Open - Nite in the White
7-8	Sat-Sun	Snowshoe/Hike to Nesika
7	Sat	Dog Mountain Loop Hike – Class B
8	Sun	Angels Rest – Class A +

Scheduling is updated on web site [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)

Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section  
TRIP FEES: Members, \$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 10 cents/mile

## Announcements

### Nesika Labor Reduces Tyee Special Use Fee

At Nesika, the Trails Club owns the land and the buildings. At Tyee, the U.S. Forest Service owns the land and the Trails Club only owns the buildings. We have a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service to have Tyee Lodge on federal land and we pay an annual fee for that use. The fee usually is around \$800.

For the past several years, the Forest Service has been applying credit for our maintenance work on the Multnomah Basin Road, which accesses Nesika, towards our annual fee for Tyee. Due to work that we did on the road in 2007 – primarily purchase of gravel and spreading it to fill in potholes – the Forest Service has reduced our 2008 fee for Tyee to \$300. Soon we will be submitting the paperwork for the road work done in 2008, primarily painting the understructure of the bridge across Multnomah Creek. We anticipate that work will cause our 2009 fee to also be reduced to \$300.

### MIRROR LAKE TRAILHEAD CLOSED FOR WINTER

Parking on the shoulder of U.S. Highway 26 to access the Mirror Lake trailhead and the winter snowshoe climb of Tom Dick and Harry Mountain is now prohibited. ODOT has placed "No Parking Tow Away Zone" signs along the entire length of the former parking area. This is a temporary closure for the winter.

According to ODOT, the Mirror Lake trailhead is not a Sno Park so ODOT cannot spend highway funds to clear snow from it. This is a popular area for recreational users, which creates a safety hazard in the winter. In the past when the plowed shoulder was full, people then began to park on the shoulder of the highway. At times these cars were parked in the travel lane creating a hazard for both highway users and snow plow operators. ODOT has had to tow as many as 10 cars in one day from this area. Due to the location on a curve, there also have been a number of accidents.

The Forest Service is working on a plan to move the trailhead parking to a new lot up around Ski Bowl. This would be a much safer location for access to and from the highway and it could be included in the Sno Park program. The highway shoulder parking will remain open in the summer until such time a new location has been completed.

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**Projection Screen for Nesika**

Do you have a projection screen that you no longer use? We are looking for a portable tripod-foot projection screen in good condition, minimum 50" x 50" or larger, for Nesika. The screen we currently have at Nesika is too small for comfortable viewing by a group. If you have a screen to donate, please contact Nesika Lodge Chair Richard Gaunt at 971-404-1153 or rgaunt@comcast.net.

**View From Nesika Feb 09**

It's deep winter at Nesika. This season's snow and ice kept the Christmas and New Years visitors from making it to the lodge. If you want to be a true trail blazer, consider attending the joint trip with the Mazamas, sponsored by Randy Dietrich, on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

Heavy rains and wind may present us with access challenges come spring and that thought leads me to the topic of our first work trip. Please keep in mind volunteering the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be clearing brush for fire protection, stocking fire wood and beginning the installation of new windows in one more side of the women's dorm. The complete Nesika project list will be published in the March Blazer. Set aside some time to enjoy sitting around the fireplace and swapping winter adventures with the person next to you. Richard Gaunt rgaunt@comcast.net 971-404-1153

**Inclement Weather Policy**

If there is snow, ice, flooding or other inclement weather occurring or forecast for the Portland area or a trip destination, members should contact the leader to confirm that the event or trip still is occurring. We endeavor to keep the TCO website current, but since it is maintained by volunteers there may be a delay in posting announced changes to events and trips.

**How about hosting Tyee?**

Tyee needs hosts for Feb. 14-16 and Feb. 21-22. There are still dates open in March as well. Fun in the snow followed by a warm lodge with food. Call the winter lodge coordinator Joan Ragan at 503-668-6622 if you can host.

**Mazama's Equipment Sale**

Every year the Mazamas hosts a Used Equipment Sale, where gently used climbing, backpacking, hiking and XC skiing gear is offered to the general public at great prices.

The Sale will take place Saturday, March 28, 2009.

Here is the link to our webpage describing it in more detail:  
[www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C22/](http://www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C22/)

**SENIOR OUTING - 2009**

Congress is considering whether to create a National Geologic Trail that would stretch from Missoula, Montana to the Willamette Valley. This would be managed by the National Park Service and would follow the path of the floodwaters made by the Ice Age Floods.

We have the opportunity to view some of the evidence of the floods by joining the outing scheduled for April 19-24, 2009. The trip will not cover the entire four states affected by the Cataclysms but will be educational as we see the flood sites through the eyes of the geologist.

Vans with drivers have been reserved, lodging stops in places and approximate expenses (\$655) figured. Reserve your seat by contacting LEONARD MURPHY, 503-665-6449.

**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.

**Events**

**Feb 1 (Sun) Ghost Ridge Snowshoe - Class A**

We'll follow the PCT and turn to this ridge for vistas of Mt Jefferson, Mt Hood and the entire Trillium Basin. Snowshoe distance is 4 miles with a 600 ft elevation gain. Registration requested. Meet: 8AM Gateway  
Leader: Allen Burrell 503-654-1353 burrell@teleport.com

**Feb 4 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +**

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. *Due to lack of interest, the slow-paced hike has been discontinued.*  
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM  
Leader: Phillip Jackson 503-639-6250

**Feb 4 (Wed) Gorton Creek Hike - Class B**

Enjoy a winter hike in the Gorge starting at Herman Ck. campground. Depending on the mood of the day we will go to Indian Pt., or forge on to Deadwood Camp, or loop back on the Nick Eaton trail. Hike 8-9 miles round trip with 2400 ft. elevation gain. Drive 70 miles round trip. Check with leader the day before in case of adverse weather forecast.  
Meet: Troutdale Outlet Mall, parking lot south side at 8:30 a.m.  
Leader: Bill Kingsbury at wfcrowntown@gmail.com (preferred) or 503-281-4528

**Feb 7- 8 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Lodge Open**

Joan Miller and Vicki Wood will be hosts and will open Tyee at 11:00 am on Saturday until 2:00 pm Sunday. There should be lots of snow and good company. Contact Vicki at 503-659-1423 or 503-515-7208 (mobile) or vw48@comcast.net to register for dinner and/or breakfast by Wednesday 2/4 at 9:00pm. In case of blizzard or ice, contact Vicki to be sure we will still be opening.

**Feb 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Weekend at Nesika - Class B-C**

Come experience Nesika in the Winter time. We will hike up the falls Saturday using what ever equipment we need (boots, chains, snowshoes) to reach Nesika. Difficulty will depend upon trail conditions. Saturday dinner will be a "Backpackers Potluck" so bring something to share. Sunday breakfast (pancakes et. al.) will be available for a nominal charge. The event will be shared with members of the Mazamas AYM group. There is also a Snowshoe / Hike up the road that will meet at the lodge(see below). Pre-registration with leader required by Thursday Feb 5, 9PM.  
Meet: Multnomah Falls Lodge, 9 AM  
Leader: Randy Dietrich randydietrich503@gmail.com or 503-245-5762

**Feb 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Snowshoe/Hike – Overnight at Nesika Lodge – Class C**

We will be joining Randy Dietrich and the AYM at Nesika Lodge for the night for a backpackers potluck. Our trip will begin at Palmer Mill Road as accessible. It is too early to tell whether there will be snow on the road into Nesika Lodge, so be prepared to Hike or Snowshoe in. Cross Country Ski's are not recommended as the road has some steep sectional inclines. The hike will be approximately 7 miles into the lodge on Saturday morning. The trip in from the road has a gradual climb in elevation for the first 4 miles. We will leave the lodge on Sunday and hike out the same way. Our high point will be in the range of 4000 feet, and then dropping down to the elevation of 1800 feet where the lodge is located. Total trip fees including 1 night at the lodge will be: Non-Members/\$17 and Members/\$12. This will be a Class C hike due to unpredictable conditions You must RSVP with the leader and have some snowshoe experience Roundtrip Mileage 14 Miles; Unpredictable Conditions. Limit to 10 people. Meet: 8:30AM Gateway Park and Ride Leader: Lisa Conrad:  
Lmc31408@yahoo.com, or 360- 513-7134

**Feb 7 (Sat) Governors Park to Council Crest, Dog Friendly Hike - Class B**

Stretch your legs and get out doors during this dreary winter by taking a walk around town with your dog. We will hike from Marquam Shelter over to Governors Park in the SW hills above Portland then go to Council Crest (the highest peak in Portland). Weather permitting; you can see Mt Hood, Mt. St. Helens and Mt Adams. Trails may be muddy. Bring sturdy shoes and rain gear. Hiking distance and elevation gain not measured. Register in advance with leader if you plan to bring your dog. Meet: 9:30 a.m. at Marquam Shelter. Please call leader for more complete directions if necessary.  
Leader: Karen Yanhs Anderson 360-254-2371, kyanhs@yahoo.com

**Feb 8 (Sun) West Leg Road Snowshoe – Class A**

Walk uphill from highway 26 passing the Mazama Lodge and Tyee Lodge. This is a slow paced trip good for beginners. If you need to rent snowshoes do that ahead of time and adjust them to fit your boots beforehand too. Ski poles and gaiters for boots are good accessories. Please do not wear cotton clothing. Hike 3 to 4 miles with 700 ft. elev. gain. Drive 96 miles round trip from Portland. Sno-Park Pass required for car drivers. Chains or other traction devices must be ready for cars. Meet: Register with Leader by Feb. 6, 5:00 p.m.  
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

**Feb 11 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +**

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. *Due to lack of interest, the slow-paced hike has been discontinued.*

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

Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

**Feb 11 (Wed) Palmateer Point Snowshoe – Class B**

This exceptional viewpoint of Mount Hood is a spectacular destination on a clear day. Devils Half Acre lies far below and the U-shaped Barlow Creek valley extends away to eastern Oregon. Hike 5 miles round trip with 1,000 ft. elev. gain. Drive 105 miles round trip. Sno-Park Pass required. Meet: Register with Leader by Feb. 9, 6 p.m

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

**Feb 14 (Sat) Burnt Creek Discovery Trail and residential Vancouver WA – Class A**

Bring snacks and water. Much of this hike is on pavement so wear appropriate and comfortable shoes. Hike 6.2 miles round trip with 400 feet of elevation gain. Drive 38 miles round trip.

Meet: 9:00 a.m. at Gateway Park & Ride.

Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

**Feb 14 (Sat) Barlow Pass, Mineral Jane to Barlow Ridge Snowshoe - Class B**

We will start out at the Barlow Pass Snopark (snow pass required) and drop down the hill to the Mineral Jane Trail and connect with an old logging road north that follows the Barlow Ridge. Hopefully we will have good weather. Spectacular views across the valley to White River Canyon and Mt Hood on the other side. 6 Miles and approximately 1000 ft elevation. May have to break trail up the ridge. Driving distance 105 miles.

Meet: 8 am at Gateway Park & Ride.

Leader: Gini Bateman 503-771-1560 home, evenings or gini-bateman@aol.com

**Feb 15 (Sun) Marquam Hill to Council Crest Hike – Class A**

Walk a pleasant loop at a moderate pace through the forest. Hike approximately 5 miles round trip with 800 feet of elevation gain.

Meet: 9:00 a.m. at the Chart House parking area on SW Terwilliger Blvd. then caravan to the trail head further north on Terwilliger. Please call leader for more complete directions if necessary.

Leader: Barbara Marquam 503-228-3762 bmarquam@comcast.net.

**Feb 18 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +**

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. *Due to lack of interest, the slow-paced hike has been discontinued.*

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

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353

**Feb 19 (Thur) Adventure and Travels: ALASKAN ODYSSEY**

Steve Levy presents a program on his return to Alaska after a 15-year hiatus. Following up on previous trips into the remote reaches of the majestic Alaska Range, Steve and his hiking companion spent 9 days in September in the shadow of the 13,000 ft. Mt. Hayes and other high peaks east of Denali. The treeless tundra was ablaze with autumn colors and a great variety of wildlife was encountered, including grizzly, caribou, Dall sheep, moose and fox. Covering 50 - 60 miles off-trail, they crossed massive glaciers, seemingly endless rock moraines, spongy tundra, and dense thickets of willow and alder in weather only global warming could provide.

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

Contact: Callista Snively 503 330-7344

**Feb 21 (Sat) Springwater Trail Hike Class A**

This is a great hike along the Springwater Corridor Trail from Gresham east to the county line, part of the 40-mile Loop around Portland. Walk 6 miles with little elevation gain.

Meet: 10:30 a.m. at end of Main Street south of Powell Blvd. in Gresham. This is just beyond the main city park. Please call leader for more complete directions if necessary.

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

**Feb 21 (Sat) Glenwood Valley Snowshoe - Class B**

Starting after a hearty breakfast at the Flying L Ranch, we will explore the McCumber Place Loops as described in Klindt Vielbig's winter trails book. (Check with Elizabeth McLagan for space availability at this resort, reservations were due last month.) This loop will have cliff-top views of Klickitat Canyon as well as beautiful views of Mt. Adams.

Meet At: Flying L Ranch Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-654-1353

**Feb 22 (Sun) White River Canyon Snowshoe - Class B**

Our trip will start out at the parking lot at White River Canyon on Hwy 35. We will snowshoe at a moderate pace for 5 to 7 miles, distance will be determined by weather and participants. Sno-Park Pass required. Register with leader by Sat 2/21/09

Meet: Gateway 8AM at to carpool

Leader: Lesia Carlock 971-235-9782

**Feb 25 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +**

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. *Due to lack of interest, the slow-paced hike has been discontinued.*

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

Leader: Wayne Schweinfest 503-253-3073

**Feb 28 - March 1 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open**

Winter continues! Come stay at our lodge after enjoying the snow. We will open at 9am on Sat. and close between 2 and 3pm on Sun. Register for dinner and/or breakfast by Feb. 25. Register with: Gary and Joan Ragan 503-668-6622 or garyragan@verizon.net

**Feb 28 (Sat) Clackamas River Trail Hike - Class A**

Follow the river through Douglas fir and hemlock. Hike 5.2 miles with 300 feet of elevation gain. Drive approximately 120 miles round trip. Drivers may need a trailhead parking pass. Meet: Durham Park & Ride at I-5 exit 290 at 8:30 a.m. Please call leader for more complete directions if necessary. Leader: Barbara Parker-Sullivan 503-636-1575

**Feb 28 (Sat) Wind River area Snowshoe - Class B**

I would like to go to Wind River area. Call leader for meeting place & time & details of snow shoe. Location and meeting place depends on snow. Leader: Lisa Brice 503-682-2952

**March 1 (Sun) Banks-Vernonia Trail, Dog Friendly Hike - Class A**

Visit two historic railroad trestles on either side of L.L. "Stub" Stewart State Park on our easy 5.5-mile (one-way) hike with little elevation gain along the forested Banks-Vernonia Trail. Hike begins at the Horseshoe Trestle, travels 3.5-miles through the 1,600-acre park and ends at the 600-ft. long Buxton Trestle. We will have lunch at the Buxton Trailhead. We will need cars for a shuttle between the trailheads. Round trip driving distance not measured. A \$3 state park pass may be needed for car drivers. Dogs welcome on leash. Meet: Hillsboro Fred Meyer - 8:00 a.m. Take the Cornelius Pass exit from Hwy 26. Please call leader for more complete directions if necessary. Leader: Matt Newman 503-913-9445, mattn@nw-eng.com

**March 1 (Sun) Trillium Lake Snowshoe – Class A**

We'll trek into this beautiful setting for lunch with a tremendous view of Mt. Hood. 5.6 miles round trip with 615' elevation gain. The drive is 64 miles round trip. Bring SnoPark permit in case you drive. Trillium Lake Snow Park is at 3,700'. Bring food, water and attire appropriate for inclement weather. No cotton clothing. This is a popular and fun destination. Please register with leader. Meet at Sandy Safeway parking lot near the ATM at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Janet Toman 503-618-9620

**March 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open - Nite in the White**

Night-in-the-White has become a tradition, it is your chance to pitch a tent in the snow. Anyone interested in making a snow cave this year? The snow white parking area in front of the lodge is an easy way to try out snow camping. Eat inside, sit in front of the fireplace or play a game until it is time for bed. Enjoy a star studded sky and a cool crisp night, than come back inside for breakfast - if it doesn't appeal to you, there is a bunk available inside. Won't you try it this year? Your hosts are Allen Burrell and Gerda Eck. Sign up for meals no later than Wednesday March 4th at 9pm. Register with Gerda Eck at 503-654-1353 or gerdaeck@comcast.net

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**March 7 (Sat) Dog Mountain Loop Hike – Class B**

Hike at a moderate pace with breaks up as we go up the Augsperger Trail to the summit and back down the scenic trail for an invigorating winter experience. Be ready for rain and cold followed by a warming stop afterwards at the Big River Grill in Stevenson. Hike 7.2 miles with 2900 feet of elevation gain. Drive 130 miles round trip. Trailhead Parking Pass required for drivers. Meet: Gateway Park and Ride at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Barbara Marquam, 503-228-3762 bmarquam@comcast.net.

**March 8 (Sun) Angels Rest – Class A +**

Winter weather brings surprises so let's practice being prepared with poles, sturdy hiking boots and warm/water-proof clothes. The view from the top is worthy of the name. We will keep a steady pace for good exercise, though not super-fast. Weather permitting we will stop enough for an occasional picture. Hike 4.6 miles round trip with 1540 feet of elevation gain. Drive 42 miles round trip. Drivers may need a trail head parking pass. Meet: Gateway Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Hank Itkin 360-696-5902

**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** 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** is a common west side meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Trails Ahead

### X/C Ski and Snowshoe Trips

March 1 (Sun)	Trillium Lake Snowshoe Janet Toman
Mar 7- 8 (Sat-Sun)	Nite-in-the-white at Tyee Allen Burrell
March 7 (Sat)	Old Man Pass Snowshoe Roger Anderson
March 8 (Sun)	TBD Snowshoe Allen Burrell
March 15 (Sun)	TBD Snowshoe Cathy Schiedler
April 4-5 (Sat-Sun)	Pollalie Ridge snowcamp Allen Burrell
April 4 (Sat)	Pollalie Ridge Snowshoe Jill Nathman

### TCO 2009 Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

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

<b><u>Nesika</u></b>	<b><u>Tyee</u></b>
April 25-26	
May 16-17	
June 13-14	June 27-28
July 11-12	July 25-26
August 08-09	
September 12-13	September 26-27
October 10-11	October 24-25

## Let's Talk About

### Olympic Peninsula, Ramblewood Outing

August 14-21, 2009 - Hike, bike, climb, kayak and sight see with the Mazamas. Then cook, eat, talk and sleep at Ramblewood. Three hikes daily and a couple of A-1 climbs over the week with Mazamas leader Margaret Smith. You can rent bikes and kayaks or bring your own to use close by. Enjoy seeing Port Townsend with all the Victorian homes. Sol Duc Hot Springs and hikes to the west. Hurricane Ridge is a must hike place. We will have a fully equipped kitchen, meeting room w/fireplace and dining area. Modern bathhouse, Cabins, Adirondacks, inside loft, RV sites or your tent are the sleeping accommodations. Large fire pit and picnic tables are available for evening enjoyment with snacks. Please See December article for more information or contact leaders. Mazama members \$150 non-member \$180. Register early, spaces limited.

Leader: Billie Goodwin 503-254-6121 oriongood@aol.com  
Assistant: Karen Yanhs-Anderson kyanh@yahoo.com

### Nesika New Years Day Hike – January 1, 2009

Five intrepid hikers attempted to continue this time-honored Trails Club tradition. Since New Years Day 1935, the Trails Club has held a hike to Nesika Lodge. Ice has prevented hikers from reaching the destination several times. This year, it

was record snowfall. The Larch Mountain Trail was snow-covered right from the start at Multnomah Falls Lodge, making for slower progress. It took the group nearly an hour to get to the top of the falls. Meanwhile, a record rain storm was moving into the area (more than three inches of rain fell in Portland that day, with widespread flooding and landslides). The well-outfitted group continued on about another quarter mile before encountering such deep snow and snow slides that the trail couldn't be seen. It was obvious we wouldn't get to Nesika that day, so we turned back and headed down the trail.  
Susan Saul, Leader

### Bald Eagle Viewing Hike – January 3, 2009

Sunshine offset the 37-degree air temperature for nine hikers who made the drive to Lyle, Washington. Starting the day with a hearty breakfast at the Lyle Lions Club Community Center (served for \$5 the first Saturday of every month), we then went to the west end of Lyle to view bald eagles loafing on the sandbar at the mouth of the Klickitat River and hanging out in the trees around the mouth of Silva Creek in Balfour-Klickitat Park. Other eagles flew overhead, including a pair of adults engaging in some courtship acrobatics. We saw around 25 eagles. After a couple of hours of eagle viewing, we walked east across the bridge and headed up the Klickitat Rail Trail for a hike. The trail was covered with about six inches of compacted snow. We found a sunny, bare south-facing slope for a lunch break, and then hiked back to Lyle. Some of us went on to Catherine Creek and took a walk around the partially snow-covered paved loop trail before heading for home.  
Susan Saul, Leader

## Tidbits from the Past

### From the Trail Blazer, January 1938

February 6 – COUNCIL CREST: Let's meet at Patton Road and Broadway Drive at one o'clock this afternoon for a short jaunt to limber up ourselves after Saturday night's activities: The Trails Club Banquet. Mildred Atkinson, leader (EA0844) has a lovely scenic route scheduled regardless of weather conditions. Registrations are not necessary. If you come by street car take the Council Crest. Trip charge: 10¢

We would like to call your attention to the Dancing Class which is now held Friday evenings. A new dance has just been started and we know you'll have no trouble catching up. Mr. and Mrs. Bickel have offered to teach us the "Big Apple" if we like, so come join the fun.

## 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.

### 2nd Readings:

Ron Austin  
Jessie M Tucker

### Changes:

Jan Bilodeaux  
Name change: Jan Haller

Diane Brooke  
Address: add Suite #238

Virginia Fuller  
Phone: 503-936-8190

Donald Neff:  
Phone: 503-672-7627  
Email: neffdon@gmail.com

Patricia Norman  
Email: norman\_patricia@hotmail.com

### Resignations:

Leo Conkle  
Maria Conkle  
Chris Ling

## Summary of Board Minutes

*(Complete report on Member's web page)*

### Trails Club of Oregon - Board of Trustees Meeting January 6, 2009

**Call to Order** - Susan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of December 9, 2008 were accepted with one correction from the Social Committee. The Adventure and Travels meeting about Japan with Richard Gaunt will be held on 01/29 instead of 01/19 .

**Administrative Assistant's Report** - The report was not provided since Virginia was absent.

**Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance 11/30/08	\$1,454.45
December Deposits	4,951.00
December Checks	<u>-610.94</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/08	\$5,794.51

Year End Net Income \$-56,136

The Trails Club and Audrey will split the cost for the purchase of Quickbooks Pro 2009 (total cost \$85). A transfer of \$1,514.85 was made in early January as reimbursement for Memorial Fund expenses for 2008.

**Committees**

**Membership** - Ron Austin and Jessie M. Tucker were elected to membership. There were no new membership requests. Three resigned: Leo E. Conkle, Maria T. Conkle and Chris Ling.

**Trips** - There was discussion about access to Nesika due to deep snow and road closures. It was suggested that more urban hikes to historic places be provided in honor of Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. A Trip Leaders Event is proposed for the weekend of March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Publications** - Randy provided an update regarding the web-site migration and Blazer production. There was discussion regarding updating addresses and whether "reciprocals" (other clubs, etc) wish to continue receiving the Blazer.

**Social** - Callista said that we had a successful New Years event at Tyee Lodge. The Annual Banquet will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Monarch Hotel.

**Lodges and Properties** - (msc Dave, Vicki) Susan Saul to be granted a key to Nesika.

**History, Investment, Conservation** - No discussion on these items except that a \$360 payment will be made to the Mazamas for storage of Trails Club documents and records.

**Unfinished Business**

Susan received an e-mail from the Mazamas stating that they

had not been contacted by Art regarding the Use Agreement for possibly relocation of Board meetings to the Mazamas Mountaineering Center.

**New Business**

Randy Dietrich as appointed to Properties Advisory Committee (msc Barbara, Audrey). June Smelser, Julie Dailey and Leonard Murphy were reappointed as Committee chairs (msc Audrey, Dave). Diana Forester was appointed as Alpine Wilderness Outing Chair (msc Jane, Callista).

A notice will be placed in the February Blazer regarding an Inclement Weather Policy. When there is inclement weather in the Portland area, it is the policy of the club that members call the Leader to confirm the hike or event is still on.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM .  
Respectfully submitted by Matthew Newman

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Churn" is the word used to describe the annual turn-over in an organization's membership. People do not to renew their membership in the Trails Club for a variety of reasons: death, moved out of the community, lost interest in the organization or its activities. Meanwhile, every month new people join the Trails Club. Our goal through all this churning is to end the year with a net increase in membership.

Thanks to the excellent outreach efforts of you, the Trails Club members and trip leaders, we gained around 50 new members in 2008. By next month we will know what our churn rate is for 2008 – that is, how many old members did not renew for the 2009 membership year, revealing our net gain or loss.

If you have not yet sent in your membership renewal, this is a reminder to get it into the mail pronto! The late fee kicks in on February 1. If you lost your renewal form – it is always mailed as an insert with the December Trail Blazer – you can download a copy from the Trails Club website ([www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)).

You can help the Trails Club build its membership by inviting someone you know to become a member. You can invite a friend to be your guest on a hike, snowshoe trip or lodge visit. You can request a sample copy of the Trail Blazer to be sent to a prospective member. You can leave membership brochures on a community bulletin board. If every member recruited one new member, we would be a larger, stronger club. Contact Membership Chair Vicki Wood at 503-659-1423 or [vw48@comcast.net](mailto:vw48@comcast.net) for brochures or to add a prospective member to the mailing list.  
By Susan Saul

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### Lodge Scheduling Guidelines:

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.

### Lodge Scheduling Procedures:

1. Check for available date(s) by contacting the Vice President or the website at <http://www.trailsclub.org> (events-lodges)
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 Box1243, 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 Yanks Anderson  
Vice President: Barbara Warren-Sams  
Lodge & Properties Trustee: David Conrad

### Newsletters

Send write-ups to: [blazer@trailsclub.org](mailto:blazer@trailsclub.org)  
Submissions are due before fifteenth of the month of publication.  
Please use the following format:  
Month. # (Day) Event Class A  
Description  
MEET: Place, Time  
LEADER: Name Phone and/or email.

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Send pictures, new events or corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon's Web site to [webmaster@trailsclub.org](mailto:webmaster@trailsclub.org)