



Trail Blazer

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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section TRIP FEES: Members,\$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 10 cents/mile		

Announcements

2009 TCO DIRECTORY

The 2009 directories are out. If you did not pick yours up at the banquet, it should come in the mail soon. Please check your information. We are not perfect, nor is some people's handwriting, so mistakes are made. We can only correct errors if you let us know.

Please send corrections to: membership@trailsclub.org or 503-233-2740.

Your new 2009 TCO Directory is not just a directory anymore. It is also a Membership Handbook filled with important information about our club! Check it out. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve it please let us know.

Thanks, Randy Dietrich and Virginia Larson.

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The purpose of the Trails Club is to foster and stimulate
interest in hiking, climbing, skiing, camping and other similar
outdoor activities and to promote activities of a social nature
for the benefit of its members. The Club’s interests and
concerns are conservation of natural beauty and resources of
the country. All Club activities are affected by the voluntary
participation of the members. Membership requirements
include an approved outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit,
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Annual Banquet

By any criteria, the TCO 86th Annual Banquet was a suc-
cess, but two features stand out: our attendance, which
was up for recent years with 130 participants, and our
guest speaker. William Sullivan, best-selling outdoor au-
thor, provided an inspiring, thoughtful, and entertaining
presentation on recent additions to wilderness areas in
Oregon and Washington accompanied by superb photo-
graphs. A special thank you goes to Callista Snively, So-
cial Trustee, who went above and beyond to provide a
well-organized and tasteful event.

View from Nesika

The 3' – 4' snowdrifts on Palmer Mill road melted quickly
in early May just in time for our Nesika work trip. The road
is a little rough from the winter but nothing out of the ordi-
nary except for a minor washout on one corner of our
bridge over Multnomah Creek. Repairing this will be our
first priority in May. Early salmon berry and current blos-
soms are appearing and the daffodils are in full bloom on
the hillside below the lodge.

June should find us with great weather to tackle the third
side of the women's dorm, replacing windows, adding
wind proofing and plywood under the siding.

Our June cook is Nancy Overpeck. Come and join us for
a little work and a lot of enjoyment at Nesika. The work
trip dates are June 13 and 14.

Richard Gaunt

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
June 6, 2009**

Every member of the Trails Club should celebrate this an-
nual national holiday for hikers, **National Trails Day**,
which is held on the first Saturday in June. The Trails Club
was founded to celebrate the completion of the Larch
Mountain Trail in 1915, so trails are in our organizational
blood. Get out on a trail, whether it is in your neighbor-
hood or farther afield, and appreciate how trails allow us to
get outdoors for recreation, education, exploration, inspira-
tion and good health. Also, thank the volunteers and land
managers who build and maintain our trails.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS

The Trails Club Investment Committee is seeking two new
members. You do not need to be an expert on the stock
market or investments since the Trails Club does not buy
and sell securities directly. Common sense and mature
judgment are more important skills. The Trails Club's
funds are managed by Morgan Stanley financial services
under the guidance of the club's investment objectives.
The committee meets quarterly to review investment per-
formance and make recommendations to the Trails Club
board regarding changes. If you are interested in more
information, please contact Investment Committee Chair
Julie Dailey at (503) 654-2557 or jules@comcast.net.

Events

June 2 (Tue)- Kelly Point Bike Ride - was June 1

Ride from East Delta Park to Kelly Point Park and return. This is a level ride of about 15 miles along wide streets and dedicated bike paths bordering Marine Drive and the Columbia River. Boats and rivertime activities will be seen as well as abundant and native wildlife.
 Meet: 6pm at GI Joes parking lot at Hayden Meadows, I-5 exit 306B.
 LEADER: Allen Burrell 503-288-3859 or burrell@teleport.com.

June 3 (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.
 Meet: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
 Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

June 3 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike about 2 hours and approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills of Portland with 500 feet elevation gain (not cumulative).
 Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th Ave on NW Raleigh St.
 Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712 or ginibateman@aol.com

June 3 (Wed) Mt. Mitchell Hike - Class B

This is a combined Trails Club and Mazama Hike. Enjoy a moderate but steadily uphill hike of 6.5 mi RT and 2000 ft. elevation gain to stunning views of Mts. St. Helens and Adams from a rocky summit block. Be prepared for wind, snow or rain. Plan for possible cafe stop afterwards in Cougar with arrival back in Portland about 5:00 p.m. Drive 110 mi. RT.
 Meet: Mazamas Mountaineering Center SE 43rd and Stark Street 7:30 a.m.
 Please Contact Leader: Barbara Marquam 503-228-3762 bmarquam@comcast.net

June 5-7 (Fri-Sun) Herman Ck./Gorton Ck./Wyeth Loop Backpack - Class B

Test your muscles and all that new lightweight gear on this two night three day backpack. We will cover 20.8 miles. Starting at Herman Creek Friday afternoon we will climb to Deadwood Camp (4.9 miles, 2650 ft.) for our first night. Saturday we'll hike to North Lake via Green Pt. (4700 ft) dropping to 3988 feet at the lake for 5.7 miles. Sunday we'll descend the Wyeth trail 5.5 miles, then head back to the Herman Creek TH with 4.7 mostly level miles on Trail 400. We should arrive back in Portland late afternoon or early evening. Come prepared for rain or sunshine. No cotton.
 Registration required. Leader: Elizabeth McLagan 503-231-6587 or mclagane@yahoo.com

June 6 (Sat) POTB Railroad Hike - Class B

This will be an easy Class B hike on the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad grade for about five miles each way between Timber and Cochrane. The Timber to Cochrane road is washed out so we will be starting the hike a few miles closer to Timber than the usual Salmonberry River hike. We will probably not reach the major washouts that have closed the railroad. Bring a flashlight as we may be going through a couple of short tunnels. Hike 11 miles with about 1100 feet of elevation loss and gain. Drive about 70 miles round trip.
 Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Target parking lot off NW 185th Ave. Check Meeting Places in Blazer or web for details.
 Leader: Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102

June 9 (Tues) Lower Falls Creek Falls Dog Friendly Hike - Class A

This lovely trail north of Carson, WA is an out-and-back hike to an amazing multi-tiered waterfall. Doggies (leashed and picked-up-after) are welcomed today! We'll see what the belated spring reveals for wildflowers as we meander over pretty creeks, including a suspension bridge, and through regal forests of cedars and Douglas firs. Hike about 3.4 mile round trip with gradual 650-700 feet elevation gain.
 Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Lewis and Clark State Park, exit 18 off I-84 east of Troutdale, at the lot by the restrooms.
 Leader: Jane Garbisch 503-314-2233

June 10 (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.
 Meet: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
 Leader: Callista Snively 503-330-7344

June 10 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike about 2 hours and approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills of Portland with 500 feet elevation gain (not cumulative).
 Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th Ave on NW Raleigh St.
 Leader: Lisa Brice 503-682-2952 or ibhikes@msn.com

June 11 (Thu) Springwater Corridor Bike Ride-ClassA

We will ride the Springwater Corridor trail from SE Portland out to Gresham, and possibly 3 miles further to the start of the gravel path. We will stop for lunch in Gresham, 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 lunch money and a ticket or money for MAX.
 Meet: Sellwood Riverfront Park, SE Spokane St & Oaks Pkwy, 10 am
 Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-246-6462, cell 503-522-9911, audrey53@comcast.net

June 11 (Thurs) Opal Creek Loop Via Jawbone Flats Hike - Class B

Walk no-traffic gravel road to historic buildings at Jawbone Flats, cross footbridge to return by fast-flowing Opal Creek along moss and fern garbed trail with the "big guys" towering overhead, just like they've done for hundreds of years. Lunch by one of the sublime iridescent opal colored pools. Longish Drive but worth it! Bring cameras. Hike about 8 miles with negligible elevation change but in a shaded valley at 2,000 ft. elevation. Bring protective rain gear (this can be a nice hike in the rain) and warm stuff. Drive approx. 170 miles round trip.

Depart: 9:00 a.m. from Tualatin Park & Ride NW corner. Southwest corner lot (first left (S) at corner light after right turn (W) Boones Ferry/Tualatin Exit off I-5, heading south) Return 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Leader: Joe Sanders 503-245-5640

June 12-13 (Fri-Sat) Ball Point/School Canyon Backpack - Class A

This is the graduation backpack for the Women's Beginning Backpacking Class; priority will be given to class members. Slopes full of early summer wildflowers and oak-pine woodlands mark the rainshadow of Mount Hood in the Badger Creek Wilderness. We'll hike 3.6 miles with 1,400 feet elevation gain to a campsite on a plateau above Little Badger Creek and return the same way. Drive 220 miles. Group size limited to 8.

Depart: Register with Leader.

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

June 13-14(Sat-Sun) June Nesika Work Trip

See 'Veiv From Nesika' in Announcements.

Contact: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878, overpeck@wa-net.com, or

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

June 13 (Sat) Strawberry Century Bike trip - Class C

Strawberry Shortcake at the end of the ride is the incentive for today. We are joining the Santiam Spokes Bike Club for this annual event. You have a choice of bicycling 100 or 70 or 55 miles of rolling to moderately hilly landscapes, historic towns and scenic views of the Cascades and Willamette Valley. Enjoy the little-traveled back roads of Linn County along the Santiam and Calapooia rivers. You should preregister online for this event at www.santiamspokes.org fee is \$20., or do it on the day of the ride at \$25.

Won't you join me for the 55 mile option? or with Allen for the longer version? Starting time in Lebanon is from 7AM to 10AM; we can carpool or caravan from Wilsonville.

Drive: 65 miles. Meet at 6AM. Registration requested.

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353

gerdaeck@comcast.net

June 13 (Sat) Nesika Lodge Membership Qualifying Hike - Class B

Enjoy the view from the top of Multnomah Falls then continue to follow the canyon upward passing several other waterfalls as you climb along the fern and forest lined trail. Our ultimate goal is for you to eat your lunch beside the fireplace at Nesika Lodge or at the exceptional panoramic view from Waespe Point. This hike and lodge visit meet club membership requirements. Sturdy hiking boots and a walking stick are recommended. Bring water and lunch. Hike about 8 miles with about 1800 feet of elevation gain.

Depart: Gateway Park & Ride at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Jane Storey 503-724-5467 or andrewstorey@comcast.net

June 14 (Sun) Bachelor Island kayak - Class - A

Approximately 10 miles around the island on flat, river water in Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Kayak safety course required. Contact leader Merv Murphy for specifics.

Meet: Ridgefield Park & Ride at 8 AM.

Leader: Merv Murphy 360-696-1084 or merv42@yahoo.com

June 15 (Monday) Council Crest/Washington Park Hike - Class B-

Starting from the top of Hoyt Arboretum, we'll circle south and east through the woods to Council Crest, descend to the Washington Park reservoirs, ascend to the Rose Garden and around the Arboretum to the Washington Park Lookout. We'll cover 5.5 miles with a 1000 foot cumulative elevation gain with a steady pace and brief view stops to be back before dark.

Meet: Hoyt Arboretum Visitor's Center at 5:45 p.m. Depart: 6:00 p.m.

Directions: exit Sunset Hwy at the Zoo, stay left all the way through and past the Zoo lot up to the top of the ridge where turn right on Fairview to the Hoyt Arboretum Visitor's Center a few hundred feet ahead. Parking is free in the Center's lot or out front on either side of Fairview.

Leader: John Benson 503-334-8026 or (preferred) jtben@fastmail.us

June 17 (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.

Meet: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Wayne Schweinfest 503-253-3073

June 17 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike about 2 1/2 hours and approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills of Portland with 1000 feet elevation gain (not cumulative). This will be a great elevation training hike.

Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th Ave on NW Raleigh St.

Leader: Rich Fuhs 503-690-5077 or rich.fuhs@verizon.net

June 18 (Thurs) 6pm Sellwood Park Picnic

This is the first picnic of the season at Sellwood Park by the river. Come and enjoy a spring evening on the banks of the Willamette River. From Tacoma turn north on 6th then first left. Head west crossing bike path and into the parking lot (Lot is north of the business bldg. and south of Oaks Park). Bring your table setting and a dish to share. The Social Committee will furnish the beverage. For more information, contact Callista Snively Kissta9@aol.com or cell 503 330-7344.

June 20 (Sat) Tour De Blast - Sponsored Bike trip on Mt. St. Helens, Class C

This is a sponsored ride by the Longview Rotary Club starting at the Toutle High School, WA . Options are a135 Km to Johnson Ridge, 100 km to Elk Rock, 50 km to Hoffstadt Bluff. The fee of \$45.00 includes T-shirt, rider's food and drink, support wagon, pasta feed at end of ride. Sign-up deadline is June 8th, day of ride cost is \$50.00. Please check out the website www.tourdeblast.com for more details and to sign up. Please register with leader by June 7th to let me know if there is an interest in this ride. We can arrange for car-pooling. Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com

June 20 (Sat) Marys Peak Summit Loop Hike - Class B

Hike to the highest point in the northern Coast Range. Open summit with views from Cascades to ocean. Hike 6 miles with 1300 feet of elevation gain. Drive 200 miles. Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Tualatin Park & Ride, south lot, NW corner. I-5 exit 290. Leader: Mel Taylor 503-639-9160 or cell 503-888-7203

June 20 (Sat) Tualatin River Kayak - Class 1B

Scholls to Schaumberg Bridge through the Tualatin Wildlife Refuge. 11 miles. Car shuttle. See Phil Jones's book Canoe and Kayak Routes (#23 in the 2nd edition) for more details. Leader: Tracy Aue, tracy.m.aue@gmail.com, (503) 245-1532

June 20 (Sat) Hike East Zigzag Mountain / Cast Lake, Dine at Tyee Lodge - Class C

Starting from the Burnt Lake trailhead we'll walk around the lake. Continuing on up to East Zigzag Mountain for nice views we then hop over to visit Cast Lake. We'll loop back to East Zigzag Mt. then zip down past Burnt Lake and on to the vehicles. Ouch, my feet hurt! That's 14 miles of hiking with nearly 3300 feet elevation gain! Dinner is optional at Tyee Lodge afterward. Pre-registration for dinner is required. See the accompanying Hike and Dine article for information. Northwest Forest Pass required for drivers. Drive about 110 miles round trip. Depart: Contact leader for meeting place & time. Leader: Rich Fuhs 503-690-5077 or Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net

June 20 (Sat) June Smelser's 90th Birthday

At the June Hike-n-Dine at Tyee we will be celebrating June Smelser's 90th Birthday. For more information contact Karen and Roger Anderson.

June 20-21 (Sat-Sun)Tyee June Hike & Dine & Tyee Anniversary

June 18, 2009, will mark 60 years since "that bright spring day (June 18,1949) when the first stake was plunged into the rocky soil of Site Three in the Nanitch area," according to the August 1952 Trail Blazer, page 1. Let the celebrations roll at the June Hike 'n' Dine! If you are doing both the hike & the dine, please contact hike leader Rich Fuhs (rich.fuhs@verizon.net) for hike information; otherwise, lodge will be opened at 11 am. We will prepare a sumptuous dinner of lemongrass/ ginger chicken, pineapple fried rice and mango dessert. Please reserve for dinner & lodge stay no later than June 17 (Wednesday), on or before 9:00 pm. Hosts: Roger and Karen Yanhs Anderson, 360-254-2371 or p74852@gmail.com

June 21 (Sun) Father's Day Silver Star Mountain Hike - Class B

Great Father's Day hike and family hike to see five major peaks from the summit. Wildflowers and some snow will highlight this ridge top trail. Bring a lunch for the summit, water and sun protection. Hike 6.5 miles with 1500 feet elevation gain. Drivers may need trailhead parking passes. Drive about 80 miles round trip. Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Gateway Park & Ride Leader: Stephen Brown 360-687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

June 22 (Mon Eve) - Sauvie Island Bike Ride Class A/B

This is a 2 hour ride around Sauvie Island enjoying the farmlands. Meet in gravel lot next to the store at 6 pm. Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com

June 24 (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. Meet: Wallace Park between on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM Leader: Alan Kotz 971-645-1128

June 24 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

Special hike to Council Crest! We will hike approximately 9 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills of Portland with 1000 feet elevation gain (not cumulative). Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park NW Raleigh St. Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353 or gerdaeck@comcast.net

June 25 (Thurs) North Portland Bike Ride - Class A

We'll ride from Peninsula Park out to Pier Park in North Portland. This will be a leisurely, flat ride, mostly on low traffic streets. There will be time to look at the roses in Peninsula Park and explore Pier Park. We'll do around 15 miles. Bring your lunch for a picnic at Pier Park. Call or email with questions.

Meet: South end of Peninsula Park, at the corner of N Ainsworth St. and N Borthwick Ave. at 10 am. There should be parking on neighborhood streets.

Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462, 503-522-9911 (cell) or email audrey53@comcast.net

June 27 (Sat) Milwaukie/Lake Oswego loop - Class B

A 24 mile lovely in town bike excursion takes us along River Road from Milwaukie to Gladstone and Oregon City, across the river to Hwy 47 and onto River Road in West Linn and Lake Oswego. This is where the climbing starts through Tryon Creek Park and up to the cemetery for a fun ride back down to the Willamette, where we'll follow the bike trail route back to Milwaukie. BBQ afterwards? Please let me know you're coming.

Meet: 8AM Jefferson Street Boat Ramp (Milwaukie) parking lot on McLaughlin Blvd.

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353
gerdaeck@comcast.net

June 27-28 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

This will be our first work weekend for Tyee. Projects include: inventory of supplies, take down avalanche signs, assess winter snow damage, clean out shop, organize wood pile, etc. Need a cook for the weekend. Evening hikes from lodge to explore area. Lodging and meals free to volunteers. West Leg Rd. will be open. Take the first left up the Timberline Rd. Look for sign for entrance drive to lodge. Plan on starting at 10AM Sat. June 27th. Lodge will close Sun. at 2PM. Lodge will be open Friday night at 5PM for those wanting to come up the night before. Stephen will provide breakfast for Saturday. RSVP for work weekend by Wed. June 24th.

Contact: Stephen Brown, (360) 687-6169,
ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

June 27-28 (Sat-Sun) Rock & Serene Lake Loop Backpack - Class A/B

Here is a trip for beginner backpackers as well as those who want to explore the new Roaring River Wilderness. The loop is a total of 7.7 miles and 1500 feet elevation and we will camp at Serene Lake. One warning - the road to the trailhead is extremely rough for the last 4.4 miles. We could avoid the bad road but we would be adding a total of 4.4 miles hiking and 500 feet elevation to our trip. This area several scenic lakes and viewpoints and is 70 miles from Portland.

Call Diana Forester (503-288-7782 to sign up.

July 1 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike about 2 hours and approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills of Portland with 500 feet elevation gain (not cumulative).

Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th Ave on NW Raleigh St.

Leader: Elizabeth McLagan 503-231-6587 or mclagane@yahoo.com

July 4 (Sat) Portland Zoo to Pittock Mansion Hike - Class A

Go along part of the forested Wildwood Trail. We will pass the Vietnam Veteran Memorial, get a glimpse of the Japanese Garden and walk through the Hoyt Arboretum. A view of Portland can be seen from Pittock Mansion. Hike 6 miles round trip with 800 feet of elevation gain.

Depart: 9:00 a.m. from the upper Portland Zoo parking lot near the World Forestry Center. From Highway 26 West (Sunset Hwy) take exit 72 at the Zoo sign. Please call leader for more complete directions if necessary.

Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

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 St between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. 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 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.

Trails Ahead

Hike-N-Dine Schedule

Dig out those hiking boots and enjoy the mountain trails with our mid-summer Hike-N-Dine events from May to October. Hike locations and gourmet dinner will be listed in the blazer.

June 20	Tyee	Karen and Roger Anderson
July 18	Tyee	Virginia Larson
Aug.22	Tyee	Angelo Carella
Sept 19	Tyee	Bernice Schuchardt
Oct 17	Tyee	Gerda Eck and Cathy Schiedler

**A WALK IN THE REDWOODS” – FALL OUTING –
SEPT. 21 – 26, 2009**

Please know that if you want to participate in this outing, open to all ages, enroll soon as there are few seats remaining in the vans we have reserved.

Depositing \$100 by check to the Trails Club of Oregon Treasurer will confirm your enrollment. However, please first call Walt Garvin at 503-652-3242 to verify there is a vacancy remaining. There will be an informational meeting at the Rose Villa Cascade Room on Wednesday, June 10, 1-3 pm to review the plans scheduled and to answer any questions you may have regarding the trip.

Walt Garvin & Leonard Murphy

TCO Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

<u>Nesika</u>	<u>Tyee</u>
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

2009 Kayak Schedule

Date (Day)	Where / What	Leader
Jun 14 (Sun)	Bachelor Island	Merv Murphy
Jun 20 (Sat)	Tualatin River	Tracy Aue
Jul 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Siletz River	Cathy Schiedler
Jul 19 (Sun)	Yamhill / Columbia Rivers	Gerda Eck
Aug 14-16 (Fri-Sun)	Waldo Lake	Lisa Brice & Steve Benson
Sep 14-17 (Mon-Thu)	San Juan Islands	Susan Saul / Guide
Sep 26-27 (Sat-Sun)	Lake Billy Chinook	Rex Silvernail

Let's Talk About

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Trails Traveled

**Cherry Orchard with Bill Sullivan Hike -
April 23, 2009**

All it takes is a "celebrity" to bring out the crowds for a hike. The group totaled 22 for this long approach to the Cherry Orchard east of Lyle. Guide book author Bill Sullivan, our banquet speaker, was in Portland for the week and delighted to join the Trails Club on a hike. The Cherry Orchard property owned by the Russell family abuts Washington Department of Natural Resources land so there is a vast area open to hikers. We left the trail and climbed up the steep slope above the "Lyle" sign. We crossed a gully and climbed a ridge which we followed east through a park-like oak forest. Meeting a jeep road, we followed it to our lunch spot at the old cherry orchard which was in bloom. We returned by the Cherry Orchard Trail.

Susan Saul, Leader.

President's Hike - April 25, 2009

Only one member turned out for the traditional "President's Hike" on the day before the banquet. Fortunately, I had invited another hiking group to join us so we had a combined group of 12. Seven Mile Hill is the most spectacular wildflower hike in the Columbia River Gorge, but it is relatively unknown due to the lack of trails and designated boundaries. We climbed vast slopes of balsamroot and lupine, stopping frequently for photos of wildflowers or just to admire the sweeping views. We lunched at the top of the ridge, tucked down below some oak trees out of the wind. On our descent, we discovered a red-tailed hawk nest with three chicks. We identified around 40 species of wildflowers in bloom and enjoyed a wonderful day in the Gorge.

Susan Saul, Leader & Photographer below



Tidbits from the Past

From the Trail Blazer, June 1976

NESIKA – As It Was

Are you planning on going to a Nesika Outing over the Fourth? You may have to give some thought to arranging time, and what to take, but you certainly don't have to think twice about how to get there. That wasn't so simple in the Twenties. Getting to Multnomah Falls via the Union Pacific Hiker's Special was no trick, but it only ran on weekends. If you missed it on the return trip, well -- you walked to Bridal Veil to catch a bus. Since the bus only ran on weekdays, you would be lucky to reach Portland by 11:00 a.m. Monday. However, the biggest job was getting supplies delivered to the lodge. They had to be carted over Palmer Road, a logging road, to Arrington camp. From there they were transferred to wheelbarrows and packs to make the last half mile. How many of us would take the trouble if it required that much effort today? Interestingly, though not surprising, the use of the Lodge in those pristine days was much greater in proportion to the membership than it is now. There were 450 registered guests in 1929, the same as in 1971

A big attraction was the annual May Day Party, a tradition that seems only recently to have bit the dust. It was a headline event of the Thirties and even the war years did not dim enthusiasm for it. Some 70 members and guests turned out for the 1944 party to enjoy a weekend of good food, dancing, hiking, and loafing. Yes, Nesika has had a good life. May it enjoy many more days.
MaMary Mason, Historian in 1976



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

National Trails Day, our annual holiday for hikers, is happening on June 6, 2009. We celebrate America's 200,000 miles of trails that allow us to access the outdoors for recreation, education, exploration, solitude, inspiration and scenic beauty. Trails support our good physical and mental health by providing us with a chance to breathe fresh air, get our hearts pumping and muscles working, and relieve stress.

Trails don't just happen. They take many hours of planning, negotiating and hard labor to develop them and then keep them in good repair. National Trails Day is a time to thank all the volunteers, land managers and outdoor minded businesses who do the work or provide the funding for trails. Consider volunteering for at least one day a year to keep a nearby trail maintained. The current funding cutbacks for public lands make it more critical than ever for citizen volunteers to keep our trails open. Trail work is surprisingly fun and opportunities abound:

Nesika Lodge work weekends include opportunities to maintain trails in Multnomah Basin and on Franklin Ridge. The Mount Hood National Forest is asking for our assistance in maintaining trails in the Government Camp area near Tyee Lodge.

Trailkeepers of Oregon (www.trailkeepersoforegon.org) has many one-day work projects in the Columbia River Gorge and its first week-long project will be to reopen the abandoned Moffet Creek Trail this summer.

Across the Columbia River, the Washington Trails Association (www.wta.org) has been building a new trail on Hardy Ridge in the backcountry of Beacon Rock State Park. WTA will offer two National Trails Day projects: a full day on Hardy Ridge or a half day at Ridell Lake, both followed by a potluck barbeque. Free camping will be provided for those who want to work on Hardy Ridge on Sunday, too.

As the high country opens up, WTA will be offering work parties on other trails in Southwest Washington. If you would like to combine backpacking with trail maintenance, WTA has "Backcountry Response Teams" that carry all their own provisions and tools into a remote location for three or four days. WTA also has "Volunteer Vacations," which are week-long work parties involving car camping or backpacking to the work site; all the food and group gear are provided and transported to the camp site.

Local parks also have opportunities. The Forest Park Conservancy (www.forestparkconservancy.org) has regular work parties every Thursday at 9 a.m. and the third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Considering how frequently the Trails Club uses Forest Park trails for Wednesday morning and evening hikes and the occasional weekend hike, our members should be giving back through volunteer work. If you don't have internet access, call (503) 223-5449.

By Susan Saul

Membership Notes

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits and other trips.

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Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club of Oregon Board of Trustees Meeting Summary May 12, 2009

(Complete report on member's web page)

Call to Order – Susan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes-The April minutes were approved with the revision correcting two "typos" (msc Vicki, Jane).

Administrative Assistant's Report – The TCO "land line" voice mail box was replaced with a cell phone resulting in a monthly savings of approximately \$30. Directories that were not picked up at the banquet were mailed out. The club's liability forms are being reviewed.

Treasurers Report - Audrey Perino was not present – her report was submitted via e-mail.

Beginning balance	03-31-09	\$5,384.73
April Deposits		5,775.35
April Checks		<u>-6,501.20</u>
Ending balance	04-30-09	\$4,658.88

TCO has not yet needed an infusion from the investment account this year.

Committees

Membership – Vicki Wood presented one membership application for 1st reading, four new members and one reinstatement were elected. Four corrections/changes to the directory were noted.

Trips – Lisa Conrad resigned and Rich Fuhs nominated to Backpack Chairman (msc Dave, Vicki). Members and guests are to carry emergency information cards in their first aid kit. The two-sided card template will be provided on the website and inserted into the Blazer once a year.

Publications – Phil Jackson reported that the May Blazer was produced in Microsoft Publisher for the first time. Trip event times will now be listed as the "Depart" time in the newsletter.

Social – Callista Snively reported that the Annual Banquet was a great success – 130 people attended. Upcoming events: 1st Hike and Dine - Memorial Day Weekend, May 25 at Nesika, June Smelser 90th Birthday Party on June 6 and the TCO Picnic will be held on June 18.

Lodges and Properties – Dave Conrad reported that a big tree was blocking road access to Nesika. The next work party is May 16th and 17th.

History – A letter has been written to the Oregon Historical Society terminating the loan of historical TCO materials and requesting that they be returned. We are waiting for a response.

Investment – Susan reported they met in late April and determined no changes are necessary at this time.

Unfinished Business – Jessica Zahnow has agreed to serve on the Investment Committee. She was approved to the committee (msc Jane, Vicki).

New Business - New Business – The Officers need to set a date in mid-June for the Administrative Assistant Performance Review. The date will be scheduled via e-mail correspondence.

The Board approved (msc Dave, Jane) Fern Anderson, Bill Barrett and Joan Miller to the Properties Advisory committee. Recommendations needed on structural issues and the oil tank at Tyee.

A Nominating Committee will be formed to fill next year's open board positions: President, Treasurer, Social, Membership, and Lodge. An amendment to the bi-laws was proposed for to reduce the requirement of past presidents from two to one.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Respectfully submitted, Matthew Newman

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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.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: blazer@trailsclub.org
Submissions are due before fifteenth of the month of publication.
Please use the following format:

Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A,B,C

Description Text - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.
Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis
Day trip descriptions should be under 200 words.

Depart: Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

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