



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
1	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
4	Sat	Boy Scout Ridge Snowshoe --Class B
4	Sat	East Gorge Hike--Class A/B
4-5	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
8	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
11	Sat	Warrior Rock Lighthouse Hike--Class A
11-12	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
14	Tue	Board Meeting—7 PM, Mazama MC
15	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
15	Wed	Blazer Deadline
16	Thu	Adventures and Travels: South America
16-17	Thu-Fri	Tyee Lodge Open
18	Sat	Battleground Lake State Park Hike--Class A/B
18	Sat	West Leg Snowshoe--Class A
18-20	Sat-Mon	Tyee Lodge Open
20-22	Mon-Wed	Tyee Lodge Open
22	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
22-24	Wed-Fri	Trails Club and Cascade Prime Timers at Tyee Lodge
24-26	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
25	Sat	Trillium Lake XC Ski--Class A
25	Sat	Powell Butte Ridge Hike--Class A
25	Sat	East Gorge Hike--Class A/B
29	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B

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

Announcements

Hike Leaders Needed

Daylight hours are increasing. Those early flowers will be starting to pop. Nothing shakes off the winter doldrums like a hike with you in the lead, your current favorite trail underfoot and your hiking comrades encouraging you on! We need you to lead a weekend hike for the club in March or April. Other days of the week are fine too, except Wednesday when we have our usual morning hike starting from Wallace Park. Please send your write-up directly to Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456 or tripschair@trailsclub.org. Need help with your write-up? Let me know. Thanks!

NOMINATIONS OPEN HENRY WAESPE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The highest honor the Trails Club can bestow is the Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award. This recognition is given to an individual who has served the Club over the course of many years. It is given not for a single achievement, but for a record of service to the Club in various capacities. It remembers Henry Waespe, who spent almost a lifetime serving the Club he loved. The nominee must be a member at the time of nomination and can not be a current officer of the Board. Nominations must be submitted in writing to: TCO, P.O. Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207 or Admin@trailsclub.org by a member, who is not part of the selection committee, no later than March 15th.

Mileage Awards March 1st is the deadline

Submit your application for 2011 mileage awards soon. The awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet. Now you can get your application ready and maybe you will get an award! Your fellow club members would like to recognize your efforts. The Mary Lou Greene High Miler Award goes to the person who logs the most total miles on club hikes, backpacks, snowshoes, x-c skis, kayaks and a percentage of bike rides. The Una Davies High Traveler Award goes to the member who has logged the most new miles on the Pacific

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Deschutes River Trail or Catherine Creek area.
Depart: 8:30 AM from Main Street in Troutdale on the east side of town. Meet under the parking lot sign "Troutdale House." This is across (north) from City Hall.
Leader: Gary Holman 503-261-3571.

Feb 4-5 (Sat-Sun.) Tyee Lodge Open

Family friendly weekend in the snow. Build snow caves, sled, snowshoe, ski or play board games. Join me for weekend of winter fun. Training available to learn winter opening/closing. Possible Friday night opening. Need assistant cook for Sat. dinner/Sun. breakfast. Reservations by Feb. 1st: Stephen Brown
bgbrown9501@centurylink.net or 360-687-6169

Feb 8 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Phillip Jackson 971-404-7137

Feb 11 (Sat) Warrior Rock Lighthouse Hike—Class A

A flat six-mile round trip. The Warrior Rock Lighthouse on Sauvie Island helps guide river traffic on the Columbia River. It once contained the Pacific Northwest's oldest fog bell. It is Oregon's smallest lighthouse, and one of only two Oregon lighthouses still operating which are not on the Pacific Ocean. We will hike rain or shine (or snow). We might hike back on the beach so please be prepared with proper clothing, footwear, and walking stick(s).
Depart: Contact/Register with leader
Leader: Janet Mallon at 503-655-2357.

Feb 11-12 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Lodge Open

Come up for snow fun. Tyee will be open at 10:30 a.m. Saturday until 3 p.m. Sunday . Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Host: Sheryl Wagner
drwagnernd@yahoo.com or 503-319-2989

Feb 15 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

Feb 16 (Thu) Adventures and Travels: Cruising to South America

In January of 2011 six women (five of them TCO members) set sail from Los Angeles on the Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship, Mariner of the Seas, for a magical 30-day voyage down the Pacific Coast of South America, down through the Straits of Magellan and braving the passage around Cape Horn and eventually disembarking in Brazil for a few extra days of touring and hiking at Iguassu Falls. Along the way they stopped in Mexico, Costa Rica, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay, taking many excellent photos of the exotic scenery, ancient cities, and abundant wildlife they encountered. If the cold gray days of an Ore-

gon winter are making you long for sunnier climes and the scent of a tropical jungle in full flower, come listen to the many adventures on sea and land shared by Nancy Overpeck, Mary Rasmussen, Bonnie Tucker, Jane Storey, Callista Snively, and a sixth guest from Canada. You'll be calling your travel agent the next morning.
7:00 p.m. Refreshments and coffee, 7:30 p.m. Slideshow presentation

Location: Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie

For more information contact Lisa Osburn,
riversdream@msn.com or 503-476-5638

Feb 16-17 (Thu-Fri) Tyee Lodge Open

Open Thursday and Friday night
Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875.

Feb 18 (Sat) Battleground Lake State Park Hike—Class A/B

Hike the Lower Trail around the lake first. You might see cormorants, buffleheads, and other waterfowl. If we are lucky, we might even see an eagle there. After warming up our muscles, we will ascend to the upper trail. After that, we will hike the horse trail and go out of the park to the new paved trail called Chelatchie Prairie Railroad, before returning to our vehicles. Hike approximately 5 miles, 150 feet elevation difference. Discovery pass required for drivers. Dogs welcome, but need to inform leaders in advance.

Depart: Please contact leaders for time and direction.
Leaders: Roger and Karen Yanhs Anderson
360-450-9199 or p74852@gmail.com

Feb 18 (Sat) West Leg Snowshoe—Class A

We will start from Tyee Lodge for an easy 4 mile snowshoe on West Leg Rd. Leader will be staying at Lodge.
Depart: 1:00 PM from Tyee. To register or for more information contact leader.
Leader: Callista Snively MembershipChair@trailsclub.org or 503-330-7344

Feb 18-20 (Sat-Mon) Tyee Lodge Open

Join us for President's Day Weekend for a family weekend at Tyee. Keep wishing for more snow for our mountain pleasures-skiing, sledding, snowshoeing, etc. We will be opening the lodge at noon on Saturday and closing the lodge at 1:00 pm on Monday. Debbie Ralls will cook and Diane Brooks will host. Reservations by email are preferred and must be made by 9:00 PM Wednesday, February 15. Please list number of females and males in your message.

Reservations : Diane Brooks -
waterdi.diane.brooke@gmail.com or 503-781-2791.

Feb 20-22 (Mon-Wed) Tyee Lodge Open

Join us for Presidents' Day at Tyee Lodge. Enjoy the snowy winter wonderland. Get warm by the fireplace. Dinner Monday and Tuesday; Breakfast, Lunch on Tues-

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day and Wednesday will be provided. Register by Wednesday February 15th.
Host/Cook: Callista Snively Kissta9@gmail.com or 503-330-7344

Feb 22 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

Feb 22-24 (Wed-Fri) Trails Club and Cascade Prime Timers at Tyee Lodge

Two nights and three days at Tyee Lodge (Trails Club of Oregon) located on Mount Hood West Leg Trail 0.5 mile above Mazama Lodge. Chief cook: Professor Nancy Overpeck (retired), University of Alaska and Co-host Pete & Elaine Nelson. Overnight Wed-Thu February 22-23. Meals: Wednesday: Dinner, Thursday: Breakfast and dinner, Friday: Breakfast. Bring your own lunches. Cost: \$50 (\$40 for TCO members) Bring sleeping bag, toiletries, towel, and washcloth.
Lodge has 2 dorms with bunk beds-men's & women's. Lodge has a drying room for wet clothing and shoes. Shower available. No alcoholic beverages at lodge.
MEET: 10 AM at Restroom on east side of Government Camp or meet at 10:10 AM on Timberline Road. Plenty of X-country skiing right outside door. Bring snowshoes and or X-country skis for hikes Wednesday and Thursday. Register with host before Sunday Feb 19.
Host: Pete Nelson 503-591-0160

Feb 24-26 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Lodge Open

The Whites will be hosting. Details on-line.
Contact: TyeeWinter@trailsclub.org

Feb 25 (Sat) Trillium Lake XC Ski—Class A

We will do a 5 mile loop around Trillium Lake. Please sign up with leader by Friday Feb 24, 8:00 p.m. I can arrange carpools, as I will be at Tyee Lodge Wed thru Sat. Please call leader to register.
Depart: 10:00 a.m. at Mazama Snopark by ODOT sheds. Drivers need Snopark permit. Call leader if more complete driving directions are needed.
Leader: Barb Jones 503-819-8983

Feb 25 (Sat) Powell Butte Ridge Hike—Class A

Short driving distance and views across East Portland to the mountains are offered on this morning hike. Bring snacks and water. Hike 6.5 miles with about 500 feet elevation gain. Rest room available at the trailhead. Rain will cancel the hike, so call leader if you're not sure.
Depart: 9:15 AM from Powell Blvd. and SE 162nd Ave to add a half mile uphill to the walk. Otherwise meet a 9:30 at Powell Butte Nature Park parking lot. Call leader if more complete driving directions are needed.
Leader: Fenella Robinson 503-251-2987

Feb 25 (Sat) East Gorge Hike—Class A/B

Hike 5 to 7 miles somewhere east of Hood River in either Washington or Oregon. Explore the dry side of the Gorge. The leader will consider the weather, group size and the interest of the group. Possible hike examples are the Deschutes River Trail or Catherine Creek area.
Depart: 8:30 AM from Main Street in Troutdale on the east side of town. Meet under the parking lot sign "Troutdale House." This is across (north) from City Hall.
Leader: Gary Holman 503-261-3571.

Feb 29 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM
Leader Callista Snively 503-330-7344

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 and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on rtes 47, 52 and 89 is near by.

Let's Talk About

Quick Note:

Always remember our great Wednesday Morning Hikes (see Events) for visiting, lunch and in-town exercise, rain or shine! This enthusiastic group often has 20 or more participants. Jane Olsen keeps this group supplied with leaders. Way to go, Jane!

January TCO Board Meeting Cancelled

The January TCO Board Meeting was cancelled because of threatening weather. Some routine business was conducted by email

Trails Ahead

**2012 ALPINE OUTING TO BIGHORN CRAGS
IN IDAHO**

August 5-12 and August 12-19, 2012

It's time to get those applications in – Feb 1 and later for members and March 1 and later for non-members. We are still looking for a second volunteer to act as Kitchen Monitor.

For more information see the Jan. Bulletin or check the club website.

A professional outfitter will transport your gear as well as the group food, cook tent, camp chairs, and camp equipment. All backcountry meals are provided; camp chores and cooking duties are shared by the participants. Menus will be simple, but tasty, and will include fresh vegetables.

Member applications will be accepted beginning February 1, 2012 and cannot be postmarked prior to that date. Non-members and members of FWOOC organizations applications postmarked after March 1 will be accepted if space is available.

Cost will be \$350 for Trails Club members and members of FWOOC organizations; cost for non-members will be \$400.

To apply for a place on the outing:

1. Download these forms – Alpine Outing Application, Release of Liability, and Medical Information – from the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org). The forms are included in the description of the Bighorn outing in the Outing section accessed from the Activity section.

2. Complete the forms and mail them with a NONRE-FUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$100 payable to TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON.

Send to:

Trails Club of Oregon
P.O. Box 1243
Portland, OR 97207

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing and the \$100 deposit will be credited to your balance. The final payment of \$250 will be due May 1, 2012. Alternates need to be aware that your \$100 deposit check will be held until you are accepted or it will be returned to you if no opening occurs. Refunds of the final payment due to your decision to cancel (should you decide to do this) will be processed after the outing has concluded and all of the outing expenses have been accounted for, so a full refund of your final balance is not guaranteed. No refund will be given on final payment if you cancel in the 30 days before the outing starts.

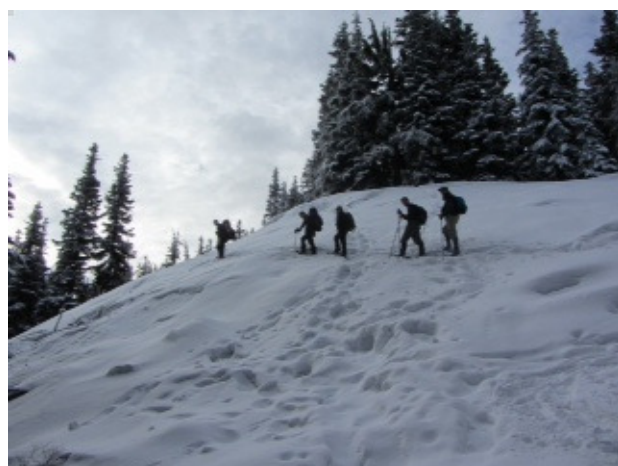
Bill Kingsbury and Gary Holman will be the leaders for the outings. Diana Forester, Callista Snively, Joyce Rasmussen, and Pete Nelson will also be planning the outings. If you have questions, call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 or email at diana_forester@msn.com.

Tyee Schedule —2012

Date	Event Description	Contact
Mar 03-04 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee	Host in process
Mar 10-11 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee-	Host needed
Mar 17-18 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee-	Host needed
Mar 24-25 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee Open	Donna Aase
Mar 31-01 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee	Host needed
Jun 23-24 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee Wk Wkend	Stephen Brown

Nesika Schedule—2012

Date	Event Description	Contact
Apr 28-29 (Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad
May 19-20(Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad
May 26-28(Sat-Sun)	Mem DayWkend-at	Nesika
Jun 09-10(Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad
Jul 14-15 (Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad
Aug 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad





Ghost Ridge Snowshoe Here & Page 5 January 2012 By Gerda Eck



Nite In The White January 2011 By Gerda Eck

Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first reading PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

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.

1st Readings

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2nd Readings

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Resignations

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, kayak, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events.

For hikes and showshoe activities:

Class A—Shorter, less strenuous activity, typically 4 to 8 miles, less than 1500 feet elevation gain.

Class B—Moderate to difficult, typically 6 to 12 miles, up to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

Class C—Long and difficult, strong experienced participants only, typically over 8 miles, and over 3000 feet of elevation gain. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

Note: Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the leader if you have any questions about the trip and to let him or her know that you will be attending.

Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.

Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should stay with the group and follow the leader. The leader is responsible for the group's safety. The leader determines which route is taken. The leader has authority to determine if a participant is prepared for the activity. Group safety must come first.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities.

Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.15 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.30 per mile shared by all the riders.

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.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate activity Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: blazer@trailsclub.org

Submissions are due by the 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 100 words.

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

Leader: Name Phone and/or email.

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Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon Web site to

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