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Snowshoe trekkers near Tyee Lodge. Photo: Lora Grant

February Events Summary

All Wednesdays	Morning Hikes (see <i>Repeating Hikes</i>)
1-2 Sat-Sun	Tyee Open
4 Tues	Board Meeting
8 Sat	ONC XC ski bus, Portland to Teacup
8 Sat	June Lake Loop Snowshoe, MSH Area
13 Thurs	Open House at Six Moon Designs
14-16 Fri-Sun	Tyee Open
19 Wed	Trails Club Planning Meeting
21-23 Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge - Kids Stay Free Wknd.
22-23 Sat-Sun	Cascades Ruck in Stevenson
29 Sat	Clear Lake Butte Lookout Snowshoe

Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website www.trailsclub.org

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

First readings: Mary Hennrich - Portland, sponsored by Gerda Eck and Muriel Ernstrom.
 Dawn Bull - Troutdale, sponsored by Heidi Spence and Glen Conrad.
 Max-Jayde Romero - Hillsboro, sponsored by Susan Ashenfelter and Grant Nelson
Second Readings approved: None.

Member Directory


Online now; printed by request

If you have a login account on the trailsclub.org web site, you may have noticed an on-line Member Directory. Find the "Member Directory" under the "Resources" menu. This on-line Member Directory can be sorted and searched. It is also much more up to date than any printed directory could be. This year the printed Member Directory is only being provided to members who request it. To request a printed directory, send an email with your name to dir@trailsclub.org before the end of March. The printed directories will be available to pick up at the annual banquet.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

 **Tyee Open**
 January 31 - Feb 2

Diane Brooke and Mike Haasken to host. Kids allowed. Deb Ralls will cook. Mike will lead a short less than 5 mile snowshoe hike. RSVP by January 29, Wednesday to Mike Haasken at 503-329-6031 or mahaasken@yahoo.com

 **June Lake Loop Snowshoe - MSH Area!**
 February 8 @ 6 pm - 6 pm

Diane June Lake Loop is a beautiful snowshoe which is an easy intermediate skill level. This is a 7 mile snowshoe with 1,000 ft of elevation gain. This is a beautiful area. For those with not much winter hiking or snowshoe experience, this will be a stretch. This is a loop hike so please consider your skill level carefully before signing up for this hike. There will be no waiting for the group to come back your way if you get tired in the middle. This is a Trails Club of Oregon event which is free to members and \$2 for non-members.

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THE TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
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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, recommendations by two members within a one-year period, approval by the Board of Trustees, and payment of \$50 in dues and a \$15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings: Usually first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TCO : From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple 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, take the above exit and instructions

Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC): A common meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block south of Stark St.

Target: A common westside 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 routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

Tryon Creek State Park: Sometimes used for Wed. AM (and other) hikes. From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at at Boone's Ferry Rd split, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is a right about one mile past the roundabout. Park near the Nature Center.

Trails Club of Oregon & Meetup Websites

Our website (TrailsClub.org) is the official site for club events and information. There is also a Trails Club Meetup.com site that allows event planners to organize TCO events online, and publicize these events to a wider audience (Meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/). However, all events posted on the TCO Meetup site should be added to our TCO website as well (and this no longer happens automatically, unfortunately).

While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org), some events, especially those planned on short notice, may not appear in the Blazer.

Use the Calendar menu item for a monthly calendar or use the Activities menu to filter events. Registration on the web site is not required to view the events.

Also: All may use the Payment menu item on our web site to use PayPal to pay your dues. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.



...EVENTS Continued

June Lake Loop Snowshoe REQUIRED GEAR:

- Waterproof Boots
- Snowshoes
- Microspikes
- Trekking Poles
- Non-cotton clothing
- 2L of water (minimum)
- A method to attach your snowshoes to your pack, if needed.

Recommended Gear:

- Waterproof pants
- Rain shell
- Packable down jacket
- Warm gloves
- Hand warmers
- Snacks
- Small first aid kit
- Paper map of the area
- Extra cell phone batteries and cord
- Warm hat
- Wool socks
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Camera (you are going to want pictures...)
- Change of clothes for the car ride back.

Driving Notes:

We will be organizing carpooling at Gateway. Drivers need to have chains or snow tires. Drivers will also need to have a Washington Sno-Park Pass. Carpool fee per passenger will be \$15 paid in cash directly to your driver. Please have exact change available.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be waiting more than a few minutes at Gateway! This is a crowded Sno-park and we need to get there early to secure a parking spot. If you are late by even a few minutes, you will be left behind.

Hike Leader: Rachel Eggers (971-645-8240)

Disclaimer: I am only an unpaid volunteer, not a paid guide. You are responsible for your own health and safety during and on the way to and from the hike.



**Open House at Six Moon Designs: Owner of Light weight tents and packs
Feb 13 @ 5:30**



Come and learn how to lower your pack weights with a great line of light weight back packs and tents. Six Moon designs is in our back yard. It was founded by Ron Moak a thru hiker from the 70's and being promoted by Whitney LaRuffa a past American



A fur hiker on bridge: Rachel Eggers

REPEATING HIKES

Morning Hikes - Class A/B, Wednesdays 9:30 - ~noon

We hike 4 to 6 miles for 2 to 4 hours. Watch the web site for leader and meeting place information.

Feb. 5,12,26. We will meet at Friendly House, NW Thurman and 26th Ave. for 9:30 departure. This hike will be both on pavement and on trails, so bring sticks. At some point we will cross the pedestrian bridge over W. Burnside. **Leader:** Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollock-kathy@ymail.com.

Feb.19 - Wed Morning at Mt Tabor

This time we will start at the Southwest corner of this extinct volcano, with a fair amount of undulation, we will walk the trails of our city park for two hours, 4 to 5 miles. Fresh air, possible spring blossoms, beautiful trees, historic reservoirs, views of the city, and a little morning exercise. Some go out to lunch afterwards, many restaurants are available on Division and Hawthorne Sts.

Meet: SE Lincoln St, between SE 60th and SE 61st, on street parking

Time: 9:15am for a 9:30am departure

Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214

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Save the Date: Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River

June 12-14, 2020 (Fri-Sun, Optional: Sun night)

Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 15th annual outing. The resort, which is about 150 miles from Portland (between Sisters and Eugene off Hwy 126), has 2 mineral springs swimming pools and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at www.belknaphotsprings.com for photos and details on lodging choices. Recreational opportunities in the area include: hiking, mountain biking on the McKenzie River trail, fishing, boating on nearby lakes, guided whitewater rafting trips, golfing and other natural hot springs. The outing is Fri and Sat nights, with an option of Sun night on your own. Sat and Sun breakfasts and Sat appetizers/campfire dinner will be provided. Fri night there is an optional potluck dinner. Lunches are not included. There will be an 8 mile loop hike Sat to view Sahalie Falls and Clear Lake.

LODGING OPTIONS (per night, not including 9.8% tax)—allows use of the mineral pools:

- **TENT sites** for 1-2 people (\$8 each additional person) are \$30
- **RV sites/no sewer** are \$35 for 1-2 people (\$8 each additional person)
- **RV sites w/ sewer** are \$40 for 1-2 people (\$8 each additional person)

- **(Limited) CABIN** prices are divided by the number of people and range from \$175 for 1-2 people to \$195 for up to 4 people (\$10 each additional person)
- **LODGE ROOMS** range from \$110 for 2 people to \$140 for up to 4 people

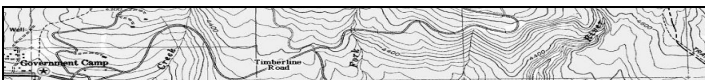
OTHER FEES include the cost and transportation of food/beverages/supplies, which totals \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children under age 12.

TO REGISTER (*registration opens Feb 1st for TCO members and March 1st for nonmembers): 1) Contact Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net to inquire about lodging availability; 2) Mail a \$25 **nonrefundable** deposit and completed application/liability **and** medical form for **each person** to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 67095, Portland, OR 97268 OR you can pay by Paypal if you have an account. The forms can be downloaded from our website at www.trailsclub.org 3) Your lodging fee is due by May 4th and is nonrefundable unless someone is on a waiting list and wants your spot.

This outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people. TCO is not responsible for providing or arranging your transportation to or from the outing. You will be notified when your deposit and forms are received.



On the Tamanawas Falls outing, a pack of hikers at the falls, and some fur hikers warming in a pack. Photos: Rachel Eggers



Trails Club of Oregon Board Minutes January 7, 2020

Attendees: Sheryl Wagner *President*
 Beverly Drottar *Vice President*
 Cindy Lee (for Bill Yandon) *Treasurer*
 Glen Conrad *Nesika Trustee*
 Lori Leach *Membership Trustee*
 Joel Reitz *Publications Trustee*
 Linda Conrad *Social Trustee*
 Susan Aschenfelder (for R.Knudson.) *Trips Trustee*

Absent: Beverly Drottar *Vice President*
 Bill Yandon *Treasurer*
 Rebecca Knudson *Trips Trustee*

1. Approved minutes of November meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report: Cindy

We can expect to be in the negative balance every year because of our new insurance premiums of \$8,000 per year. The only option is finding another option.

It was necessary to set up a new bank account that more appropriately matches the type of organization that we are for tax purposes and slowly move to this new account from the old one.

Cindy is in the process of setting up new accounts with Bill Yandon.

3. Committee Reports:

Nesika Lodge - Glen reported that more membership cards were signed through the New Years' Hike and weekend. A gift was given by David McKenna towards Nesika Lodge of \$300. Tim Kutscha was at the lodge for one night. He has volunteered to defray the cost of whatever equipment we may need to move equipment up and down the tractor trail for larger building materials. The company that had bought a mill for future slabs has not been in contact lately and it is uncertain if they are too busy to help us this year.

Tyee Lodge - Joel reported for Nathen Barton The kitchen faucets have been fixed by Joel. The toilets are functional. Mazamas used Tyee last year 8 times. We are looking for hosts this year.

Membership

We have 3 new readings and no second readings. Mary L. Henrick, daughter of long-time member. Dawn J. Bull, Max-Jayde Romero.

Publications - Joel is looking into more cost-effective ways of continuing the 12 copies of the Trail Blazer that we are still required to make these, as much to share with our sister organizations as for the few who are paying to have them sent. We will try single 8.5x11 paper copies front and back, stapled. We will do paper directories this year only for people who opt in, otherwise it is on-line only.

Trips - Monthly meetings are being held to plan upcoming hikes. So far this has brought a number of activities to the club. During this meeting we also learn a little bit about backpacking. We will provide both buffs and neckerchiefs for sale at the meetings.

Social - Monthly social meetings in cooperation with Susan/Trips can be the start of the social events, with more events to be planned through these meetings.

4. New Business:

Susan Jeff Lawton has agreed to be our new Historian.

Glen renewed the permit with the forest service for access into the closed area for Nesika for the year 2020.

Next board meeting: Feb 4, 7:00 pm, at Mazamas



Hikers pause to watch ducks at Oak Bottom. Photo: Ken Kane

Long Distance Hiking President for the west coast. Whitney will discuss some of the newest light weight tents and packs. Samples will be set up to view. Come and enjoy drinks and snacks.

Tyee Open Feb 14 - 16

Tyee will be open Friday evening (7pm) until Sunday afternoon. This is a birthday weekend for a few club members, so there will be cake and celebrating. Meals are provided (\$8 for dinner and \$5 breakfast), non members must pay for meals in advance and this is NOT refundable. Pay via our PAYMENTS tab. Members can pay at the lodge. RSVP to Sheryl at 503-319-2989 or drwagnernd@gmail.com

Trails Club Planning Meeting Feb 19 @ 6 pm - 8 pm

February 19th at the Sellwood Public House at 6 pm, members (21 and over) will once again meet to make plans for upcoming hikes all the way into next year. Each event brings new faces and a lot of hikes that end up on the Trails Club of Oregon calendar. Show up and meet people with whom you want to eat, drink, and hike.

We usually share a few recommendations for gear and hike planning. There is lots of encouragement for *getting* out there and doing what you've been hoping to do for a long time. Sign up on the Meetup site or call or text Susan Ashenfelter at 5034535762 to RSVP.

Kids Stay Free Weekend at Tyee Feb 21 - 23

We will again open the lodge for a kids stay free weekend. Cost is free for kids. Parents pay \$15 per person per night for members and \$25 per night for non members. Food is potluck. We will provide crafts and games for kids. There is sledding on our hill, Mazama hill or Boy Scout Hill. Bring your own sleds. We are in a great area for day hikes. If you would like to help with kid activities please call at 360-907-5096.

Cascades Ruck in Stevenson Feb 22 - 23

This event is for everyone interested in backpacking. We will have break out groups on topics of interest, pack shakedown opportunities with experienced hikers, panel discussions and general networking opportunities for backpackers of all levels. Breakfast and lunch is provided. You can register at our website at: www.aldhawest.org Get Rucked!!!! For more info contact b.lampley@aldhawest.org

Clear Lake Butte Lookout Snowshoe Feb 29 @ 6 am - 5 pm

Clear Lake Butte is a beautiful snowshoe which is easier intermediate. This is an 8.5 mile snowshoe on forest roads with less than 1,000 ft of elevation gain.

This is a Trails Club of Oregon event which is free to members and \$2 for non-members.

I drive a silver Honda Ridgeline

REQUIRED & RECOMMENDED GEAR:

--See the checklist on Page 3 for the June Lake snowshoe event.--

Driving Notes:

We will be organizing carpooling at Gateway. Drivers need to have chains or snow tires. We will be taking HWY35 out of Hood River and this highway can sometimes get "interesting". Drivers will also need to have an Oregon Sno-Park Pass. Carpool fee per passenger will be \$20 paid in cash directly to your driver. Please have exact change available.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be waiting more than a few minutes at Gateway! This is a crowded Sno-park and we need to get there early to secure a parking spot. If you are late by even a few minutes, you will be left behind.

Hike Leader: Rachel Eggers (971-645-8240)

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Lots of snow at Tyee! Photo: Sheryl Wagner

Oregon Nordic Club Sponsors:
***Cross Country Ski Bus from
Portland to Teacup's groomed trails***



Skip the driving headaches! Enjoy a relaxing bus trip to Teacup cross country area on Mt. Hood to ski 12 miles of groomed tracks.

Meet new friends, enjoy exercise and fresh mountain air.

Learn to Cross Country ski: classic or skate ski lessons available at additional cost. Possible snowshoe tour on either Feb. 1 or 8; check calendar for listing:

<https://onc-pdx.org/about-onc/master-calendar/>

Dates: Sun., Jan. 19 and Sat., Jan. 25, 2020

Sat., Feb. 1 and Sat. Feb. 8, 2020

Depart: 7:55 am Gateway MAX or 8:45 am Sandy

Return: 4:00 pm to Sandy or 5:00 pm to Gateway MAX

Transportation cost per person:

\$18 for Oregon Nordic Club (ONC) members

\$23 for non-ONC members

No refunds - although you may send a substitute person.

Plus \$10 donation upon arrival to Teacup's trail grooming expenses.

Skiers aged 11-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Under age 11 not accepted.

Additional details at: <https://onc-pdx.org/xc-ski-bus/>

(Meet location directions, what to bring; registration for lessons, ...)

Contact coordinator Ken by email if additional questions: xcskibus@gmail.com

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Gentle Reminders

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

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.

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 trip leader if you have any questions 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.

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.

Fees

There is no charge to Trails Club members for day activities; non-members pay \$2. 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. Other fees may apply.

If you have RSVP'd for an activity at a lodge involving 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 prior to 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.

Editor: Dave Hays

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

webmaster@trailsclub.org