



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
1	Sun	Banks-Vernonia Trail, Dog Friendly Hike – Class A
1	Sun	Trillium Lake Snowshoe – Class A+
4	Wed	Morning hike - Class A to 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
7	Sat	SW Portland - Marshall Park Canyon to Cemeteries Loop – Class A
7	Sat	Wind River Area Snowshoe - Class B
8	Sun	Angels Rest – Class A +
8	Sun	Cross Town Trail Snowshoe - Class A
8	Sun	Trips Committee Meeting
9	Mon	Bicycle Annual Planning Meeting
10	Tue	Board Meeting - 7PM, Mazama MC
11	Wed	Morning hike - Class A to A +
14	Sat	Hopkins Forest Hike – Class A
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15	Sun	Blazer Deadline
15	Sun	Snowshoe trip - Class B
18	Wed	Morning hike - Class A to A +
18	Wed	Wygant and Chetwood Trails Hike – Class B
19	Thur	Opal Creek Hike – Class A+
19	Thur	Adventure and Travels - Chelan- Sawtooth Wilderness
21	Sat	Catherine Creek Hike – Class A+
21-23	Sat-Mon	Tyee Spring Break Weekend
25	Wed	Morning hike - Class A to A +
28-29	Sat-Sun	Trip Leaders Event
29	Sun	Klickitat Trail & Catherine Creek Hike Class A
April 4	Sat	Springwater Trail Hike – Class A
4-5	Sat-Sun	Pollallie Ridge Snowshoe – Class C
21	Tue	Kayak Kick-off Meeting
23	Thur	Cherry Orchard Hike – Class B+
25	Sat	President's Hike-7 Mile Hill-Class 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; Carpool 10 cents/mile

Announcements

86th Annual Banquet

Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Monarch Hotel

12566 S.E. 93rd Ave.

(South of Clackamas Town Center)

Reservation form included

For additional information call or email

Callista Snively

(503) 330-7344 Kissta9@aol.com

Exploring Oregon's Wilderness

A lecture and slide presentation

by William L. Sullivan

Oregon's bestselling outdoor author will take us on a slide show tour of the state's most beautiful Wilderness Areas -- including areas about to be designated by Congress. From Mount Hood to the Wallowas, from the Oregon Dunes to Steens Mountain, expect tips for summer backpacking, winter tours, and day hikes amidst Oregon's most spectacular scenery, based on Sullivan's upcoming "Atlas of Oregon Wilderness." As always, Sullivan spices his talk with notes on the geology, wildlife, and history of the land.

Sullivan is the author of a dozen books about Oregon, including "Oregon Trips & Trails," "Oregon's Greatest Natural Disasters," Hiking Oregon's History, and the popular "100 Hikes" series. His journal of a 1000-mile hike he took across Oregon in 1985, "Listening for Coyote," was chosen by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission as one of Oregon's "100 Books," the 100 most significant books in the state's history. He has also written a memoir and two novels.

Sullivan will have his books for sale at the banquet.

TCO Board Changes Meeting Location and Time

Beginning this month, the TCO Board has changed its meeting time to 7 p.m. and its meeting location to the Mazama Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave., in southeast Portland (corner of SE Stark and SE 43rd). The Board hopes that a more central meeting location will make board meetings more accessible to members and more convenient for the geographically diverse board. There is plenty of parking available. Be sure to arrive prior to 7 p.m. since the Mazamas lock the door at that time.

2009 Alpine Outing will be in Eagle Cap Wilderness

The Wallowa Mountains are famous for their beauty and we will be camping in the Upper East Lostine River Valley not too far from Mirror Lake. Pack horses will bring in your tent and personal gear as well as all the food for the week. We will feast on real food including fresh fruit and salad. There are numerous possibilities for hiking and a climb of Eagle Cap is possible. You need to reserve your spot by April 1 by sending in the deposit of \$100 (make the check out to the Trails Club of Oregon) to Joyce Ramussen at 8358 NE Schuyler, Portland, Or. 97220-5541. The total cost will probably be \$300 for each of the weeklong sessions. The first session will be from Aug. 2 to Aug 9, 2009 and the second session will be from Aug. 9 to Aug. 16, 2009. Please indicate which session you wish to attend when you send in the deposit. Only Trail Club members are allowed to sign up until after April 1.

The Alpine Outings are a unique opportunity to spend time in an area usually only accessed by backpacking but without having to carry in a pack. If you have questions about signing up call Joyce at 503-253-6587. If you have questions of a more general nature you can call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782.

Lassen Hiking Outing planned for July 11 - 18, 2009

Lassen Volcanic National Park is a rare and special place. It is one of the least visited of the National Parks yet most all who visit love the combination of diverse landscape and fascinating geology. There are thermal features found almost nowhere else except Yellowstone, jagged peaks, many small lakes, and both dense forest and meadows. The trails are numerous and well maintained. We plan to hike Broke off Mountain as well as Lassen peak. We will stay at a group camp site at Lost Creek and the plan is to do group meals but probably less complex than the meals during the Alpine Outing because we will be storing the food in the bear boxes provided at our camp site. The cost of the outing will include food. There are pit toilets and water at the camp site but no electricity. The park will only allow six cars at the camp site so the group size is limited. Cost will be \$150 per person. Sign up by sending in a \$50 deposit to Joyce Ramussen at 8358 NE Schuyler, Portland, Or. 97220-5541. If you have questions, other than registration, call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782.

Reminder about Submitting Newsletter Articles

It is best to submit your articles to blazer@trailsclub.org before the deadline of the 15th. After submitting an article remember to check our web page at www.trailsclub.org a couple days later to verify that it has been received. Everything is usually posted to the web by the 16th or 17th of the month so it can be transferred to our newsletter for publication.

Nominations Needed for Henry Waespe 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 a great part of his life 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 31, 2009

Tyee Lodge Minimum Fee Clarification

There has been some confusion about the Tyee Lodge winter minimum fee. This fee applies only to NON-scheduled, NON-hosted, NON-published events. Example: If a member is a key holder and authorized to open the lodge, they can use the lodge anytime that it is available but they must check the availability with the Vice President. They must also send in the appropriate lodge fees of not less than the \$50.00 minimum. The member to guest ratio 1 to 5 applies. This does not apply to our scheduled events that are published and are hosted or the night before the event.

Trip Mileage Awards

Trip Mileage Awards are presented each year by the Trips Committee and the Backpack Committee. These awards are in the form of patches, chevrons, PCT mileage cards, PCT All State plaques and plaques for our two highest awards The High Traveler—Una Davies Award and The High Miler—Mary Lou Greene Award. The High Traveler, The High Miler and the PCT All State Awards are the ones that most people are familiar with since they are presented at the annual banquet. If you are interested in applying for any of these awards please contact Virginia Larson at admin@trailsclub.org or (360) 263-3541 for more information and an application form. Applications are to be sent to - TCO, Attention Trip Awards, PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207, no later than March 31, 2009

FOREST PARK CONSERVANCY

Presently there is a vacancy on the Forest Park Advisory Board. Advisory Board members received suggestions and implement ideas that provide the direction the park will take in the future. It would be great if one of our Trails Club members would be willing to serve a two-year term. Almost every week of the year we utilize this park and are well informed of its needs, strengths, and short-comings.

March 21st is Stewardship Day at Forest Park. This will be a great day to get some fresh air, exercise, and improve the park's appearance. There will be four locations with team leaders to coordinate the work which will be from 9AM to 1PM. There is also an opportunity to donate financially to the Friends of the Park which is a non-profit program. Go to the Forest Park Website at www.forestparkconservancy.org for more information about Stewardship Day.

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

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 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.

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

Leader: Calista Snively 503-330-7344

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 its 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? There will be an opportunity for a real backpack snowcamp next month at Pol-lallie Ridge.

Your hosts are Allen Burrell and Gerda Eck. Sign up for meals no later then Wednesday March 4th at 9pm.

Register with Gerda Eck at 503-654-1353 or ger-daack@comcast.net

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

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. This will be a backpackers potluck 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

Meet: Gateway Park and Ride - 8:30AM

Leader: Lisa Conrad: Lmc31408@yahoo.com,/ 360-513-7134

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 or bmarquam@comcast.net.

March 7 (Sat) SW Portland Hike - Marshall Park Canyon to Cemeteries Loop - Class A

This will be a fun in-town hike exploring parts of SW Portland. After the hike we will look for somewhere to have lunch. If the weather is awful, check with the leader to make sure the hike will take place. Hike approximately 4.5 miles mostly on roads with a little bit on trails (which could be muddy) and with about 300 feet elevation gain.

Meet: Fulton Park Community Center at 68 SW Miles St. near the intersection of Barbur Blvd. and Terwilliger Blvd. at 9:30 a.m. Park on the street by the center - we'll meet in the front.

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

March 7 (Sat) Wind River Area snowshoe - Class B

Gifford Pinchot National Forest offers lots of possibilities for snowshoeing away from the crowds and for identifying animal tracks.

Contact leader after March 2nd for meeting time and location.
Leader: Roger Anderson, phone: 360-450-9199
email: traildog@pacifier.com

March 8 (Sun) Angels Rest Hike– 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

March 8 (Sun) Cross Town Trail snowshoe - Class A

A popular path for beginners undulating through lovely forest terrain just uphill from Government Camp. The leader will be at Tyee Lodge, therefore if you'd like to drive to the mountain for Sunday only, contact Allen by noon Friday to discuss a meeting place.

Leader: Allen Burrell, phone: 503-654-1353,
email burrell@teleport.com

March 8 (Sun) Trips Committee Meeting

The Trips Committee will meet Sunday afternoon, March 8, from 4 to 6 at Jane Storey's home in Tigard.

Please notify Jane Storey if you plan to attend. 503-724-5467 or andrewstorey@comcast.net

March 9 (Mon) 7 PM - Bicycle Annual Planning Meeting

Please bring your calendar and your ideas for this season's bike rides. We will try and fill the calendar with at least one ride on the weekend, one Thursday ride a month, and two Monday evening rides a month. Our season runs from April through September. The Trails Club bike rides are more leisurely with stops to enjoy the scenery and we always stay together. Everyone with an interest in bicycling is encouraged to attend. Please register with host:

Gisela Piercy 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@aol.com
626 NE Joanne Ct, Hillsboro, OR 97124

March 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.

Meet: Wallace Park on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Alan Kotz 971-645-1128

March 14 (Sat) Hopkins Forest Hike – Class A

This will be a three mile hike showing how the Indians used the forest and how small wood land owners are now. We will also look for birds and animal tracks. Walk about 3 miles with rolling up and down elevation gain. Drive approximately 16 miles round trip.

Meet: Oregon City shopping center at the NW corner by the bus stop on 99E at 9:00 a.m. Call leader for more complete directions if necessary.

Leader: Walt Garvin 503-652-3242

March 14-15 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open

We'll be open Saturday by 10:00 am and closing Sunday at 2:00 pm. However you choose to spend the day Saturday, at the end of the day we'll provide a hearty dinner and delicious dessert, then you can have a delicious breakfast to get you going Sunday morning. It's a family friendly weekend; bring no electronics, please. We're hoping for lots of snow activities! Contact Donna by 9:00 pm on Wednesday, March 11th to reserve meals and bunks.

Host: Donna Aase 360-253-8420 or dmaase@hotmail.com

March 15 (Sun) Snowshoe trip - Class B

Destination will depend on snow conditions. Participants will need to carry water, lunch, extra clothing etc. and be prepared for variable weather.

Please contact the leader by Friday, March 13 to register.

Meet: Gateway. 8:30 am.

Leader: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839 or catherineschied@juno.com

March 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.

Meet: Wallace Park on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

March 18 (Wed) Wygant and Chetwood Trails Hike - Class B

Try this less-traveled semi-loop Gorge hike that starts on the Old Columbia River Highway and climbs to great views up and down the eastern Gorge and across to Mt. Adams. Be prepared for poison oak along the trail. Hike 8.5 miles with 2100 ft. elevation gain. Drive about 80 miles round trip. Check with leader the day before in case of adverse weather forecast or if more complete driving directions are needed.

Meet: Troutdale Outlet Mall parking lot, south side, at 8:00 a.m.
Leader: Bill Kingsbury at wfcrowntown@gmail.com (preferred) or 503-281-4528

March 19 (Thur) Opal Creek Hike – Class A+

Come tramp along on Joe's 70th birthday hike through some of the most spectacular old growth forest in Oregon! Hike gravel road to the historic village of Jawbone Flats, return along a magnificent trail carpeted by iridescently green mosses (if not covered by snow) along a rushing stream and passing by pools the color of glowing opals. If snow blocks road an alternative hike will be Silver Falls Park loop at lower elevation near Silverton. Be prepared for muddy trail and cold wet weather. Hike approximately 7.5 steady paced miles with little elevation gain. Drive 1.5 hours each way so expect a full day out. The driving distance is not measured. Drivers may need a trailhead parking pass.

Meet: N.E. Corner Tualatin Park and Ride at 9:00 a.m. Contact leader for advance reservations in case weather necessitates change or if more complete driving directions are needed.

Leader: Joe Sanders 503-292-4586 or joe.surfsand@gmail.com

March 19 (Thur) Adventures and Travel - Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness

In August 2008, the TCO Alpine Wilderness backpacking trip was in the Sawtooth Wilderness, west of Twisp and east of

Lake Chelan in Washington. Two groups of twelve hiked in and camped at Boiling Lake. Come see the slideshow of their camping and hiking experiences of majestic mountains, beautiful lakes and wild flowers.

Receive information regarding 2009 Alpine Wilderness trip from Diana Forester. Come early for dessert and coffee. Program presented by Pete Nelson.

Meet: Rose Villa 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie 7:30 p.m.
Contact: Callista Snively 503-330-7344 (cell)
or Kissta9@aol.com

March 21 (Sat) Catherine Creek Hike – Class A+

This is an early wildflower hike. Walk 5 to 7 miles with 1500 feet elevation gain. Drive 120 miles round trip. Drivers need a trailhead parking pass and there will be bridge tolls.

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

Leader: Mel Taylor 503-639-9160

March 21-23 (Sat-Mon) Tyee Spring Break Weekend

Spring at Mt. Hood has fewer crowds, easier travel, and warmer weather. Great snowshoeing, sledding, skiing and great company! The lodge will be open from noon on Sat. till 1 pm on Mon. Call by Wednesday March 18th for Reservations.

Stephen Brown (360) 687-6169

or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

March 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.

Meet: Wallace Park on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102

March 28 (Sat) Trip Leaders Event Training and Appreciation Event at Tyee Lodge

This event is for our current trip leaders and our members that would like to become a trip leader! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 28th, 2009. We will start at 10:00 am and end at 3:00 pm. Snacks, lunch and dessert will be provided at no cost to the participants. We will cover forms, planning and scheduling trips and review important information that every trip leader should know. Awards and prizes will also be presented. The weekend also is hosted if you wish to stay overnight. Normal fees will apply.

Contact: Callista Snively at Kissta9@aol.com or 503-330-7344 to reserve for either event. Deadline: March 25th before 9pm

March 29 (Sun) Klickitat Trail & Catherine Creek Hike - Class A

This joint hike with the Klickitat Trail Conservancy is a repeat of last year's popular trip. This two-part trip starts with a 5-mile round trip hike along the lovely and historically interesting section of the Klickitat Trail between Wahkiacus and Suburbia. We will visit the mineral springs (bring a container if you want to take some water home) and learn about the dry ice plant's history. For the second part, we will drive to Catherine Creek, one of the premiere wildflower viewing areas in the Gorge, for the peak of the camas bloom and a 1½ mile hike with wildflower expert Barbara Robinson. 150 miles round trip; bridge tolls.

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

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

April 4 (Sat) Springwater Trail Hike – Class A

This is a great hike along the Springwater Corridor Trail from Gresham west toward the backside of Powell Butte. It includes a view of Johnson Creek. This is part of the 40-mile Loop around Portland. Walk 6 miles with little elevation gain.

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

Leader: June Smelser 503-668-4060

junesmelser@yahoo.com

April 4-5 (Sat-Sun) Pollallie Ridge snowshoe - Class C

To culminate the season, you have an opportunity to snowshoe above the treeline, this ridge extends to a viewpoint of Elliot Glacier, weather and energy permitting, this will be the highlight of this trip. There is a day trip available as well as a snowcamp. Together we'll ascend this trail on the North side of Mt. Hood. Jill Nathman will lead the daytrippers back down the mountain via the Tilly Jane trail. Some will bring their tent and camp gear including lunch, dinner and breakfast to watch the evening lights in the valley and gaze at the stars at night, then return to the trailhead with Allen Burrell on Sunday.

Elevation gain 2500 to 3000 ft, 6 to 8 miles.

Registration required.

Meet: Gateway 7:30am

Leaders: Allen Burrell phone 503-654-1353 email

burrell@teleport.com and Jill Nathman 503-281-8815

April 21(Tue) Kayak Kick-off Meeting.

See announcement in **Trails Ahead**.

Meet: Portland Kayak, 6342 SW Macadam Ave., Portland, OR 97239; 7 PM.

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

April 23 (Thur) Cherry Orchard Hike with Bill Sullivan – Class B+

Join our banquet speaker, Bill Sullivan, on a pre-banquet hike! We'll climb up a series of steep benches above Lyle, gaining 1,000 ft. elevation in the first mile. Then we'll head more gently cross-country up a ridge through oak woodlands and end at an abandoned cherry orchard for lunch. We'll return on the trail. Great wildflowers and views. Be prepared for ticks and poison oak.

Hike 6-7 miles with 1,800 ft. elev. gain. Drive 120 mi. round trip. Bridge tolls.

Meet: 8:15 a.m. Lewis and Clark State Park, Troutdale

Leader: Susan Saul 360-892-5643 or

sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

April 25 (Sat) President's Hike – Seven Mile Hill - Class B

We will adventure up a prairie mountain slope during the peak of the balsamroot bloom. There is not any trail so wear good boots. Trekking poles recommended. Be prepared for ticks, poison oak, windy conditions and a steady climb to the top where we will have views of the Gorge and Cascade peaks.

Hike 6 miles; 1,200 feet elevation gain. Drive 130 miles round trip.

Meet: Gateway Park & Ride at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Susan Saul 360-892-5643 or

sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

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 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

Trails Club Weekend on the McKenzie River June 26-28, 2009

Hike, fish, kayak, trail bike, whitewater raft, soak in the 2 mineral springs swimming pools and explore the gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River. Two breakfasts and a campfire dinner will be provided for those interested. Saturday there will be an 8 ½ mile loop hike along the McKenzie River past 3 waterfalls and around Clear Lake, which is the headwaters of the McKenzie.

There are limited cabin and tent sites as well as 10 RV sites reserved for our group. Both Friday and Saturday night stays are required by the resort during the summer. Lodging prices are \$54.50 total for 1-2 people (\$8/night for each additional person) in **tent** sites; \$65.40 total for 1-2 people (\$8/night for each additional person) in **RV** sites. **Cabins** vary from \$130.80 total (1-2 people) or \$196.20 or \$272.50 total (1-4 people) with \$10/night for additional people. TCO activity fee (\$2 members/\$4 nonmembers) is required, and shared meal costs will be approximately \$10. A \$25 deposit is required to hold your lodging reservation. The balance of your lodging fee is due **JUNE 8th**. Both checks should be made out to TCO. Distance is approximately 300 miles rt from downtown Portland. Check out the resort website at www.belknaphotsprings.com for photos/info.

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

Trails Club Kayaking for 2009

Hi kayakers! It's cold now, but warmer weather and warmer water is on the way. Soon it will be time to be out paddling!

The kick-off meeting for the 2009 Trails Club kayak season will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 7p.m. at the Portland Kayak Company. Everyone is invited: Trails Club members, non-members, seasoned kayakers, novices, and those who haven't tried sea kayaking yet. Portland Kayak is located at 6342 SW Macadam Ave., Portland, OR 97239, along the Willamette River. Bring a chair if you wish to sit.

At the meeting we'll provide you with information regarding: our safety and leadership courses, our paddle trips, vendor demo days where you can try out kayaks, how to dress properly for the water temperature, our introductory paddle session on Vancouver Lake, how to get regular updates on upcoming

kayak events, and more. Plus a Portland Kayak rep will provide an overview of what they have to offer and what's new in kayaks and gear. We will also present pictures from previous Trails Club kayak trips.

Contact Rich Fuhs [(503) 690-5077, Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net] with questions. The kayak web page will be updated for 2009 as information becomes available



TCO 2009 Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

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

Nesika

Tyee

April 18-19

May 16-17

June 13-14

July 11-12

August 08-09

September 12-13

October 10-11

June 27-28

July 25-26

September 26-27

October 24-25

Let's Talk About

June Lake Snowshoe

A partly sunny day on Jan. 31 gave 14 TCO members and guests views of Mount St. Helens as they hiked the loop from the Marble Mountain SnoPark up to June Lake, across the lava flow on the Pika Trail, and down the Swift Trail. We found flood damage to the Pine Marten Trail that added the challenge of negotiating some 5 foot drops and then climbing out the other side. We paused by June Lake to admire the waterfall; the lake was ice free and a pair of dippers were flying back and forth. Lunching on top of the lava flow, we aimed for warm sun and volcano views. On the return, we took a side trip on the Fir Trail to admire the huge Douglas-firs and western red-cedars, making the trip about 5 miles and 900 feet elevation gain. We finished the day with a stop at the Cougar Bar & Grill for pie and coffee on the way home. Susan Saul, Leader.

Palmateer Point Snowshoe

Sometimes the early bird misses the most humorous sighting of the day. Our group of 7 TCO members left the Summit Rest Area on Feb. 11 just as another snowshoe group was arriving. We heard from them later that they saw a naked man walking through Government Camp with "two bongos up front and two very pink cheeks in back." They didn't say whether he was wearing boots -- maybe no one noticed! Meanwhile, we enjoyed an excellent day breaking trail through about a foot of pristine new snow. On the Palmateer Trail, which does not have blue diamonds, we made route finding a group activity. Someone long ago sprayed red and orange paint on just enough trees so you can find your way if you can see the paint. We did reach our destination but low clouds screened Mount Hood from view. This is a 5-mile round trip with 1,000 feet of elevation gain. Susan Saul, Leader.



Tidbits from the Past

From the Trail Blazer April 1936

"Your trip to the Skagit River Project will leave you with memories that will last a life-time", states one of our Board members -- and that, we believe, hits the nail on the head. Anyone who can possibly get away June 14-15 will want to take advantage of this splendid two-day outing. Our mode of transportation to Rockport, Washington, which is 105 miles northeast of Seattle, is still under consideration of the Committee, but from Rockport the Seattle Power and Light Company will be our hosts. Features of the trip are a 23-mile ride on a narrow-gauge scenic railroad up Skagit River to Gorge Camp, an educational tour through the old and new power plants, view of the illuminated cascades of Ladder Creek, a thrilling ride on an inclined railway to the top of Diablo Dam, a 12-mile ride on the Lake, not to mention good food, movies, and a dance. The cost of the trip is \$11.00, five of which must be paid by April 25 and the balance not later than May 20. Leader, Art Heusser; assistants, Art Johnson and Darrel Tarter. Darrel's telephone number is MU 1207. Call him about details.

Membership Notes

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

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Summary of Board Minutes

(Complete report on Member's web page)

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 10, 2009

Call to Order - Susan Saul called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. All board members present. Others in attendance: Virginia Larson and Art Stangell.

Approval of Minutes – Consideration of the January 6, 2009 minutes was moved to March 10, 2009.

Administrative Assistant's Report - Virginia Larson presented her Monthly Report.

Treasurer's Report – Audrey Perino
Beginning Balance 12/31/08 \$4,568.47

January Deposits	\$4,831.85
January Checks	<u>3,884.41</u>
Ending Balance 1/31/09	\$5,515.91

Due to a financial loss in 2008, TCO could receive a refund of \$7,300 in Federal taxes. Art agreed to call Clackamas County regarding our potential tax liability related to Tyee Lodge fees.

Committees

Membership – There were 8 membership applications for 1st Reading: John T. Benson, Jim D. Hallberg, Carolyn L. Mastin, Clara L. Mastin (junior), Angelica (Angel) Pilato, Michael R. Waymire, Mya L. White, and C. Carter Boggs. There were 4 resignations: Bob Boardman, Pearl VanNatta, Bill Bens, and Darlene Nelson.

Trips – It was concluded that the Friends of Gorge hike to Nesika can count as a lodge visit but not as a qualifying hike towards membership. There was a question regarding responsibilities for organizing the Summer Outing or any multi-day trips. It was agreed that the Trips Chair is only responsible for reporting the requests to the Board.

Social – Callista stated that the social event about Japan was success. She also reported that the Monarch Hotel dining room scheduled for the April 26th Annual Banquet can seat up to 200 people.

History - TCO historical documents: It was agreed that the Officers and the Administrative Assistant will be on the approved access list with the Mazamas and accompany anyone who wishes to view our materials. Members who wish access need to submit a request to the Board.

(Board Minutes cont.)

Lodges and Properties – The following requests were approved: Deb Ralls: The Scottish Country Dancers at Tyee on July 11 & 12, Brian Powers & Lori Leach: Tyee Lodge Key Request, Conrads: Dog Friendly Work Party and Free Lodging at Nesika on May 2 & 3. (Note: Dogs will not be allowed in the buildings)

Investment – Susan reported that we need fill two positions on the investment committee. The Year End result for investments in 2008 was a loss of -26%, however approximately \$18,000 in dividends was paid.

Conservation – Susan reported on the Friends of Gorge Recreation Summit of various users.

Unfinished Business – Mazamas Mountaineering Center Use Agreement: Approved (msc Audrey, Dave). The Board Meeting will move to the new location – 527 SE 43rd ve. (43rd/Stark), March 10th, 7pm.

New Business – Records Retention Policy: Approved (msc Jane, Audrey), still to be reviewed by our CPA and Legal Council for any revisions. Gift Acceptance Policy and Procedures: Art to review the draft policy and report back at the next meeting. April Meeting Date: Moved to April 7.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Newman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you ever wondered what goes into a Trails Club trip announcement and why? Our trip announcement practices are meant to help prospective participants know what to expect.

Rating: Our trip leaders provide a Class A, B or C rating to indicate the pace of the trip and/or the difficulty of the activity. This rating is meant to be a guideline for potential participants in self-selecting trips that meet their abilities. Generally, Class A is easy to moderate pace, less than 8 miles, under 1,000 feet elevation gain; Class B is moderate pace, 6-12 miles, over 1,000 feet elevation gain; Class C is fast paced or strenuous, 8 miles or more, typically 3,000 feet elevation gain or more. Pace is uphill speed: easy is 1 mph; moderate is 2 to 2.5 mph; fast is 3 mph.

Potential participants should not make assumptions based solely on the rating. For example, the weekly Wednesday Morning Hike is rated Class A to A+, indicating the hike will be less than 8 miles and under 1,000 feet of elevation gain, yet the leaders generally set a moderate pace in order to cover 4 to 6 miles before lunch. Some people who are capable of the distance and elevation gain cannot maintain the moderate pace and find the hikes too difficult. If you are unsure if the pace will be comfortable for you, you should contact the leader prior to the trip.

Distance and Elevation Gain: Our trip leaders provide these statistics as guidelines to the difficulty of the hike. The shorter

the distance and the greater the elevation gain, the steeper the hike will be. Use the hike from Timberline Lodge to Silcox Hut as a rule-of-thumb: it is one mile and 1,000 feet of elevation gain. Most hikes don't climb steadily over their entire distance, however, so a longer hike may only mean that there is a steep climb in the last mile. Read a guidebook description before deciding to go on a hike for the first time so you know what to expect.

Registration: Some leaders may choose to require registration for their trips. This is most commonly done in winter, when bad weather, icy roads, floods or other conditions may cause cancellation of the trip. The leader then knows who to contact to announce a cancellation or change of plans. The leader also doesn't have to drive on icy roads to the meeting place to announce a cancellation just in case someone might show up. Registration also may be used to manage numbers. All federal Wilderness Areas in Oregon and Washington limit the group size to 12.

Driving Distance: This helps carpools calculate driver donations and participants know how far away from town they will be. Some trailheads require permits like a SnoPark or Northwest Forest Pass. The leader should indicate these requirements so people wanting to drive will be prepared. Bridge tolls or entrance fees also should be noted.

Recommended or Required Gear: Leaders may recommend or require gear such as trekking poles or foot traction devices. Leaders may also prohibit clothing such as blue jeans or tennis shoes.

Leader Contact Information: We ask the leader to provide their name and a phone number and/or email address so potential participants can ask questions. Generally, guests and new members are most likely to call the leader with questions about trip difficulty, what to bring, and when they can expect to be back in town. These calls also give the leader a chance to ask questions about gear and experience to ensure that the person is capable of doing the trip.

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

2. 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.

3. A Lodge Host packet will be sent to you with all necessary forms. After hosting at a lodge the hosting forms must be completed returned, with the lodge fees, to the TCO PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207.

4. 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

Submissions are due before fifteenth of the month of publication.

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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

86th Annual Trails Club Banquet

Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

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

TOPIC: Exploring Oregon's Wilderness by William L. Sullivan

ALL SELECTIONS INCLUDE: GARDEN SALAD, FRESH VEGETABLES, ROLL, DESSERT BUFFET, COFFEE, TEA, DECAF, OR ICED TEA, and a 20% gratuity.

MENU: Grilled Salmon
WITH LEMON BUTTER AND RICE PILAF

Slow Roasted 8 oz. Prime Rib
SERVED WITH CREAMED HORSEADISH AND ROASTED GARLIC MASHED POTATES.

Vegetarian Pasta Primavera
LINGUINE AND FRESH VEGETABLES SAUTEED WITH GARLIC AND CREAM. FINISHED WITH GRATED PARMESAN CHEESE.

For information: Callista Snively (503) 330-7344 Kissta9@aol.com

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Wednesday, April 8, 2009

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REQUEST FOR RESERVATION(S)

Make checks payable to: Trails Club of Oregon

Send request for reservations to: **Callista Snively**
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Food Choices:
\$32.00 _____ Prime Rib
\$30.00 _____ Grilled Salmon
\$24.00 _____ Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Confirmation of your reservation(s) will be acknowledged by postcard.