



Trail Blazer

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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
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Announcements

View from Nesika

The June work trip was very successful due to high volunteer turn out. Perhaps Nancy Overpeck's great meals or Merrill Hugo's 5 AM coffee was the draw? Several workers were new to the Nesika crew and we enjoyed their company very much.

The weather cooperated and a good start was made on the window replacement project of the women's dorm, filling pot holes on the road and cutting brush and fire wood. Great stories were exchanged sitting on the front porch during the long evening twilight. Thank you all!

July promises warmer weather so I'm looking forward to seeing another awesome turn out with Walt Garvin doing the cooking. Sleep under the stars and join us if you can, July 11 – 12th. Richard Gaunt

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REQUEST FOR BYLAWS ADMENDMENTS

Please submit your recommendations for amendments to the Trails Club By-Laws. The Board will consider amendments to be submitted to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting on November 9, 2009.
Contact Susan Saul at 360-892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee is currently accepting nominations for candidates for the positions of President, Treasurer, Lodges Trustee, Membership Trustee and Social Trustee. Elections will be held at the Trails Club annual meeting on November 9, 2009. For further information or to submit a nomination, contact Virginia Larson at (360) 263-3541 or admin@trailsclub.org.

Events

July 1 (Wed) Portland 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. Depart from: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Barbara Warren-Sams 503-281-6094

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 2-6 Backpack Sierra City to Belden CA PCT - Class C+

91.7 miles of PCT hiking northbound. We will take 5 days to hike and 2 days to drive down and back. The hike will average 18 miles per day. The high point will be Deer Lake just before Packer Lake Saddle at 7430. Decline to 2900 feet at Middle Fork of the Feather River ascent back up to the Spanish Peak area at 6800 feet and drop down to Belden at 2300 feet. They will be long days, but this is the time of year when we have the most sun light. Hourly breaks. Only the experienced hiker in good physical shape should register.

Call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3875 or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com by June 17th. Prehike meeting required for planning.

July 4 (Sat) 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

July 6-9 (Mon-Thur) - Tye Open

Enjoy an inexpensive summer getaway at Tye. Relax by the fireplace, hike, bicycle, boat or fish at nearby recreation sites. The lodge will be open but you will be responsible for your own meals. Bring food to cook in or eat out in Government Camp. You will be sharing the lodge with guests from Friends of Tryon Creek Daytrippers and Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation.

Lodge open by 5 PM. on July 6; closing at 9 AM on July 9.
Your hosts: Susan Saul, Mel Taylor, Ann Marie Dudley.
Contact Susan Saul at (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com to reserve a bunk.

July 8 (Wed) Portland 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.
Depart from: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102

July 8 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).
Return about 8:00 p.m.
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@comcast.net

July 9 (Thu) North Portland-Kelley Point Park Bike Ride - Class A

Moderately-paced, flat ride with a number of stops through North Portland. We'll see industrial, natural and artistic sights. Route will take us on the Peninsula Crossing Trail and through the Smith and Bybee Lakes natural area. Bring a lunch for a picnic at Kelley Point Park. Total mileage will be around 20 miles. Call or email with questions.
Meet: University of Portland, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd, 10 am. Come in the main entrance off of Willamette Blvd and make the first right. Parking lot is right next to the soccer center.
Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462, 503-522-9911 (cell) or email audrey53@comcast.net

July 11 (Sat) Strenuous Nesika Lodge Membership Qualifying Hike - Class B to B+

Strap on your leg muscles and join Joe and Asst. Leader Bill Savery for this full-on but nicely shaded Gorge hike. Pass Oneonta and Triple Falls at a steady uphill pace to Franklin Ridge trail. Head west a couple of largely level miles to obscure turn-off for little known spur down to Nesika where we'll have lunch. Then go down the upper

Multnomah Falls trail past yet more small falls to the big one at the base and the tourists. Hike approx. 12 miles with 2,500 feet elevation gain. Hike an active pace to cover most of the ground before lunch. You don't have to be "new" to do this hike; fit, established TCO members most welcome also. Bring lunch, wear sturdy boots, dress for weather. Brief car shuttle.

May be slight change in route if bridge on trail is still impassible. Phone leader beforehand if a specific venue is important to you.

Depart: Gateway Park & Ride 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Joe Sanders 503-245-5640

July 11-12 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

Walt Garvin will be our July work trip cook so please contact him to let him know which meals you will need. waltgarvin@prodigy.net or 503-652-3242
Contact me, Richard Gaunt, for a description of the work we'll be doing. rgaunt@comcast.net or 971-404-1153

July 11 - 12 (Sat-Sun) Siletz River Kayak - Class 2B

Let's spend a weekend at the coast, exploring one of its meandering rivers. The forested banks are lush and have mostly escaped the sprawl of nearby Lincoln City. Please call the leader to sign up by July 6 (sooner is appreciated!). We need to make camping arrangements for those who wish to stay overnight, discuss meeting place and time. Participation in a safety class within the past year required.
Leader: Catherine Schiedler (503-234-1839 or catherineschied@juno.com).

July 12 (Sun) Lower Salmon River Hike - Class A

This easy, out-and-back hike follows a lush path along the banks of the beautiful Salmon River. Hike 5.2 miles with 300 feet (cumulative) elevation gain. Drive 60 miles round trip. Drivers need a trailhead parking permit.
Depart: 9:30 a.m. from Gresham Village Shopping Center on Burnside. Call the leader if more complete driving directions are needed.
Leader: Kelly Marlin 503-665-6778

July 13 (Mon Eve) Pittock/Washington Park Loop Hike - Class B-

This hike will take us from the top of Hoyt Arboretum down and up through woods and vale to Pittock Mansion, southeast to the Rose Garden, then up along the southwestern edge of Washington Park to finish at its lookout. With brief stops, we'll cover 5 miles and a cumulative 900 feet in 2.5 hours.
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 jtben@fastmail.us

July 13 (Mon Eve) Tanasbourne Loop Bike Ride - Class A

We will do a 2 hour exploration of some wetlands in the Tanasbourne area.
Meet at westside in parking lot of the Tanasbourne Theatre (across from Spaghetti Factory) in time to depart at 6 pm. Take the 185th exit off Hwy 26 west, turn west on NW Evergreen Parkway, right on 188th to the parking lot.
Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com

July 15 (Wed) Portland 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.
Depart from: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

July 15 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).
Return about 8:00 p.m.
Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th Ave on NW Raleigh St.
Leader: Donna Covi 503-286-7243 or dcibike2@aol.com

July 16 (Thu) Bagby Hotsprings & More II - Class B

Everybody on the Bagby hike in April said, "This is so nice, we got to do it again." Join Joe and friends as we go again but this time, as originally planned: continuing on the trail which goes up and out beyond the hot springs (which had too much snow to navigate in April) instead of taking the substitute hike along the Clackamas River, as we did, first. We'll hike in past the soaking pools, continuing gentle uphill for about 1.5 additional hours before lunch break. Expect 4.5-5 hours hiking at steady pace. 8-10 miles total. Elevation gain maybe 1,000-1,500 ft. Bring suits, towels, but be need to be comfortable with possible clothing optional atmosphere around tubs. Be prepared for any kind of hiking weather. Long drive. Return PDX 6:00-7:30 PM.
Meet: 9:00 AM Clackamas NE Corner of parking lot, Fred Meyer (S off highway 224, just east of 205) approx. 120 Miles RT
Leader: Joe Sanders 503 245 5640

July 18 (Sat) Hike Ramona Falls Loop, Dine at Tyee Lodge - Class B

We'll hike the loop trail to and from Ramona Falls on the west side of Mount Hood. Hike up the Sandy River to the picturesque falls for lunch and come back a scenic trail through the woods. Moderate pace. Hike 6.8 miles with 700 feet of elevation gain. Drive 92 miles round trip. Cars require a Forest Service parking permit. This hike is # 69 from William Sullivan's 100 Hikes in Northwest Oregon. Contact leader before 9:00 p.m. on Friday as this hike goes into the Mt. Hood Wilderness and group must be held to 12 hikers. Dine at Tyee Lodge afterward. Dinner

pre-registration with the lodge host is required and is each hiker's responsibility. See the accompanying Hike and Dine article for information.

Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Gateway Park & Ride
Leader: Bill Yandon Home 503-538-3643,
Cell 503-887-2932 or wkyandon@earthlink.net

July 18-19 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike-N-Dine

Come, enjoy good food and great trails for the weekend or just the day. Reservation deadline: July 15, 9:00 PM
Cook: Virginia Larson 360-263-3541 or tco2007adm@yahoo.com

July 18 (Sat) Willamette Mission Bike Ride - Class B

This is a day ride out of Willamette Mission State Park. The ride distance will be about 35-40 miles. We will tour the South French Prairie probably including MT. Angel area for lunch. We can adjust the ride based on weather and participants interests.
Meet: at the East side of the Wheatland Ferry at 8:30 AM
Take I5 south to the Brooks/Gervais exit, turn right, follow signs to Mission State Park. Continue past the entrance to the park, taking the next left to "Wheatland Ferry."
Leader: Louis Sowa 503-320-0440 lsowa@earthlink.net

July 19 (Sun) Yamhill River Kayak - Class 1A

We will paddle 4 to 5 hours on this 11 mile trip with a car shuttle. The lazy Yamhill is perfect for birdwatching. After entering the Willamette River, we'll have to be aware of motorboats. However, the slough behind Ash Island will be very lovely and protected until we arrive at Rodger's Landing in Newberg. There will be a carshuttle.
Registration requested.
Meet: 8AM Newberg, Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353, gerdaeck@comcast.net

July 19 (Sun) Hunchback Mountain Hike - Class B

Join us for a short but steep hike from the Zig Zag Ranger Station to a viewpoint of the Salmon River on one side and Mt. Hood on the other. Hike 4.2 miles and 1700 feet elevation gain with the option of continuing up to higher viewpoints if the group desires. What a nice way to finish your Hike and Dine weekend. Trailhead parking pass required.
Meet: 10:00 a.m. and depart at 10:15 a.m. from Zig Zag Ranger Station. Call leader for more complete meeting directions if needed. Meet at 8:45 at Gateway by prior arrangement and call Leader by 9:00 p.m. Wednesday the 15th if interested. Driving from Gateway it is 76 miles round trip.
Leader: Donna Aase 360-253-8420 or dmaase@hotmail.com

July 21-23 (Tue-Thu) Snowgrass Flats Backpack - Class A

This is an easy backpack to an area in the Goat Rock Wilderness. Day one we'll hike in and pitch our tent, day two we'll explore the PCT (Packwood Glacier or Old Snowy)

with a daypack. Afternoon/evening relax in camp and enjoy the mountains surrounding us. Day three we'll pack up, hike out and treasure the experience we've just had. CHILDREN WELCOME; Registration required.
Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353 gerdaeck@comcast.net

July 22 (Wed) Portland 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. Depart from: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

July 22 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative). Return about 8:00 p.m.
Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th Ave on NW Raleigh St.
Leader: Cathy Schiedler 503-234-1839 or catherineschied@juno.com

July 23 (Thursday) George Rogers Park to Oregon City Bike Ride - Class A

We'll start at George Rogers Park in Lake Oswego, ride down to Oregon City and a bit along the Clackamas River. The route is mostly flat, but there are a few hills. Bring a lunch and we'll picnic at Clackamette Park. Total mileage will be around 20 miles. Call or email with questions. Meet: George Rogers Park on State St. in Lake Oswego, 10 am. Turn left off of State St. onto Green St. and park closest to the river.
Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462, 503-522-9911 (cell) or email audrey53@comcast.net

July 25 (Sat) Membership Qualifying Hike and Lodge Visit - Class A

Members and non-members are all very welcome. Tyee lodge is open this weekend so we will stop for a visit after hiking part of the Pacific Crest Trail as it winds its way around Mt. Hood. Hike from Timberline Lodge to Zig Zag Canyon viewpoint and back for 4.4 miles with 500 feet of elevation gain. Look for wildflowers, Mt. Jefferson and the Three Sisters. Bring sunscreen, water and lunch. Drive 112 mile round trip.
Depart: 9:00 a.m. from Gateway Park & Ride
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

July 25 (Sat) Scenic Portland Highlands Hike - Class B

This in-town gas saver loops over the lookouts on Council Crest, Pittock Mansion and Washington Park enjoying each view and goes to the Rose Garden for lunch. We'll hike 8.5 miles on park trails and roads for a 1600 foot cumulative elevation gain.
Meet: Hoyt Arboretum Visitor's Center at 8:30.
Depart: 9:00 a.m.
Directions: From Highway 26 West (Sunset Hwy) take exit 72 at the Zoo sign. Stay left all the way through and past

the Zoo lot up to the top of the ridge then turn right on SW Fairview Blvd. and go to the Hoyt Arboretum Visitor's Center a few hundred feet ahead. Parking is free in the Center's lot or in front on either side of Fairview.
Leader: John Benson 503-334-8026 or jtben@fastmail.us

July 25-26 (Sat-Sun) - Nesika Open

Enjoy an inexpensive summer getaway at Nesika. Relax by the fireplace, contemplate the view from Waespe Point or hike on nearby trails. The lodge will be open but you will be responsible for bringing and preparing your own food. Richard Gaunt will be the lodge host. The Palmer Mill gate will be open for 15 minutes at 9:30 - 9:45 AM Saturday. Please let Richard know if you will be coming and if you will meet him at the gate.
Leader: rgaunt@comcast.net or 971-404-1153. Normal lodge fees apply.

July 25-26 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

Projects include: cleaning, rebuilding outside benches and stairs, brushing, out trails, cutting firewood, restocking supplies, repairing plumbing, repairing winter damage. On Saturday evening we'll visit Timberline Lodge and take a short hike up Mt. Hood to watch the sunset. Lodging and meals free to volunteers. Wear appropriate apparel for outside work. Work gloves are recommended. Plan on starting at 10AM Sat. July 25th. Lodge will close Sun. at 2PM. Lodge will be open Friday night at 5PM for those wanting to come up early. Bring your own dinner. RSVP for work weekend by Tues., July 21.
Cook: Angelo Carella
Contact: Stephen Brown, (360) 687-6169, ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

July 26 (Sun) Hike Lookout Mountain via Gumjuwac Saddle - Class B+

Starting from the Gumjuwac trailhead on Hwy 35 opposite the old Robinhood campground east of Mt. Hood, the trail climbs 1600 feet in 2.4 miles to Gumjuwac Saddle. Continuing on the Divide Trail another 2.2 miles we reach the summit of Lookout Mountain at 6525 feet. The wildflowers should be spectacular this time of year. Bring lunch and plenty of water and be prepared for mountain conditions. Hike 9.2 miles round trip and gain 2925 feet. Drive 136 miles round trip.
Depart: 8 a.m. from Gateway Park & Ride. Please register with leader.
Leader: Elizabeth McLagan 503-231-6587 or mclagane@yahoo.com

July 29 (Wed) Portland 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. Depart from: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Phillip Jackson 503-639-6250

July 29 (Wed) Portland Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative). Return about 8:00 p.m.
Depart: 6:00 p.m. from Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th Ave on NW Raleigh St.
Leader: Andy Tipton Tipton6126@hotmail.com

July 30(Thu) Picnic at Gabriel Park - 6 PM

45th Ave and Vermont St. 6 PM
Picnic will be at the North end of Gabriel Park nearer to Vermont St. Bring a favorite dish to share and your own eating utensils. Social Committee will furnish beverage. Hiking trails on the South end of the park.
Hostess: Callista Snively cell 503 330-7344 or Kissta9@aol.com

July 30-Aug 3 (Thu-Mon) Backpack in the Marble Mountains, Mt Etna Summit to Marble Valley Guard Station - Class C

30 miles of which 25 is PCT. Come join us for a five day backpack through the beautiful Marble Mountains of Northern CA just west of I-5. We will drive to Northern CA leaving Wednesday Night and start hiking on Thursday. We will average 8 miles a day coming out the last 5 miles and driving home on Monday the 3rd of August. The high point is 7100 feet just before Shackleford Creek where we will spend a night or two depending on our travel time with Merrill Hugo's group camping at Shackleford Creek and Summit Lake trail junction with the PCT.
To register call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Aug 1-6 (Sat-Thu) Sawtooth Mountains, ID Backpack - Class C

Day hike followed by 5-day backpack through rugged and pretty mountains that live up to their name. Trip full; wait list only at this time.
Contact leader for further information.
Leader: Rich Fuhs; rich.fuhs@verizon.net; 503-690-5077

Aug 1 (Sat) East Side of Timberline Tr Hike-Class A+

Hike from Mt. Hood Meadows to Newton Creek overlook with meadows, creeks, flowers and lunch viewpoint. Hike 6 miles with 700 feet elevation gain. Drive 130 miles round trip.
Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Clackamas Fred Meyer, north parking lot near Elmer's Pancake house. Call the leader if more complete driving directions are needed.
Leader: Mel Taylor 503-639-9160 or cell 503-888-7203

Aug 2 (Sun) Bicycle Covered Bridges - Class B

We will be visiting five covered bridges that are still in daily use. Bring a lunch; we will have lunch the County wayside adjacent to one of the bridges, and next to a swimming hole. Your leader is fairly knowledgeable about covered bridges and about the Willamette Valley. The

objective is to enjoy the covered bridges and the countryside as a group. Expect to spend all day, as this is a leisurely trip with lots of stops.
Meet: I5 rest area south of Wilsonville, Time: 8:30 AM
Leader: Lou Sowa 503-320-0440 LSowa@earthlink.net

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 & 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

Aug 23-26 (Sun-Wed)

Northeast Mount Adams Backpack – Class C

We will backpack in about 6 miles (2,000 ft. elev. gain) from the Muddy Meadows trailhead and set up base camp off trail. We will spend the next two days exploring the northeast side of Mount Adams, perhaps going as far as Avalanche Valley and back (about 8 miles round trip with 2,600 ft gain & 2,000 ft loss). Glacial river crossings and lots of rugged off-trail hiking on moraines and lava flows during lay-over days. We'll return to our cars the same way we came. Group size limited. Register with leader.
Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Mark your calendar!

Save Labor Day weekend (Saturday, September 5 through Monday, September 7) for a relaxing stay at Nesika Lodge in the scenic Columbia Gorge. Relax, hike, and enjoy hosted meals. Stay one or two nights. Look for more details as the date approaches. For more information, contact Callista Snively Kissta9@aol.com or 503 330-7344.

Hike-N-Dine Schedule

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

July 18	Tyee	Virginia Larson
Aug 22	Tyee	Angelo Carella
Sep 19	Tyee	Bernice Schuchardt
Oct 17	Tyee	Gerda Eck and Cathy Schiedler

TCO Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

Nesika

July 11-12

August 08-09

September 12-13

October 10-11

Tyee

July 25-26

September 26-27

October 24-25

2009 Kayak Schedule

Date (Day)	Where / What	Leader
Jul 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Siletz River	Cathy Schiedler
Jul 19 (Sun)	Yamhill / Willam- mete 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

Trails Traveled

Springwater Trail Hike

April 4, 2009

Four club members and one guest enjoyed a wonderfully-sunny hike recently while roaming Powell Butte Nature Park and the Springwater Corridor. The pace was just right for this hiker recovering from a busy Senior Outing and nasty cold. It was a delight to view the surrounding mountains from the butte and experience the many numbers of people enjoying the corridor. Out leader, June, picked a perfect day for this easy and fun hike and it is always a joy spending time with her.

Submitted by Nadine Morris

Hamilton Mountain Hike

May 19, 2009

Mid-May is peak wildflower time on Hamilton Mountain. Despite alternating showery/sunny weather, two members and one aspiring member set off on the 9-mile, 2,400 ft. elevation gain loop. We identified more than 30 species of flowers in bloom along the trail, including the spectacular mats of spreading phlox coloring the slopes of Hamilton Mountain. We stopped for photos on the summit and then hiked across to the saddle to check for Columbia Lewisia. We found many buds but no plants in bloom yet due to the cool spring. We stopped for lunch and then returned via the Hardy Creek Trail. We managed to stay dry until a heavy rain shower caught us on the last mile back to the trailhead. Susan Saul, Leader

**Herman Creek/Gorton Creek /Wyeth Loop Backpack-
June 5-7, 2009**

I am a new member and participated in my first backpacking event last weekend. This was the Herman Ck./Gorton Ck./Wyeth Loop Backpack trip which was organized and led by Elizabeth McLagan. Elizabeth did an excellent job overall, but where she really came through for the group was on Saturday when the trail to Green Pt disappeared under snow and there were no tracks of previous hikers to follow. So we oriented ourselves for several hours based on old blaze markings, compass readings and her experience hiking the trail several years ago. Although we all pitched in to stay on track, Elizabeth was clearly the leader and this was, in my opinion, a great reflection on the Trails Club.

I just wanted to share this with you and recommend it as a story in your newsletter.

Paul Williamsom

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Upper Falls Creek Backpack

June 12-13, 2009

Thunder rumbling overhead gave an additional level of excitement to the very first backpack trip for 5 women from my Women's Beginning Backpacking Class. We had changed our backpack destination due to forecast thunderstorms and heavy rain showers for the Ball Point/School Canyon Trail area. We hiked the Upper Falls Creek Trail under partly sunny skies but the rumble of thunder began as we made camp and filtered water. In the late afternoon, the thunderstorm passed over with some brief rain showers, but by dinner time we were out of our tents and cooking dinner. We enjoyed a campfire and a short hike the next morning before packing back out. The backpack was 6.8 miles with about 1,000 feet elevation gain. Susan Saul, Leader.

Tidbits from the Past

From July 1988 Trail Blazer

Jul 12-14 (Tu-Thu) MT YORAN CLIMB (7132') Class B

Mt.Yoran is located at the north end of the Diamond Peak Wilderness Area and west of Odell Lake. We will drive down and backpack in on Tuesday. We will camp at Divide Lake, located at the base of the two peaks. On Wednesday, we will climb both the north and south peaks. The south peak is a hike up, whereas the north peak is a somewhat more challenging rock scramble. On Thursday, we will hike out and drive home. Call by Thursday, July 7th for additional information and ride-drive instructions.

LEADER: Homer Brock, 397-3362 in St Helens

From September 1988 Trail Blazer Trips Remembered

MT. YORAN CLIMB

Four members and one guest, all experienced backpackers, motored 22 miles past Oakridge to the trail head. We packed in about four miles the same day to Divide Lake, which was to be our “home” for the next three days. We arose not-so-early the second day and hiked up the south peak of Mt. Yoran. After returning to camp, we all took a rest before proceeding to the saddle between the north and south peaks. We inspected the “rock scramble” gulley, with two deciding to proceed and three being content with the view and a rest. All enjoyed the outing, including estimating when the lake would be free of floating ice. On the third day, we hiked out and motored home.

Photo: Blooming Cherry Tree, By Susan Saul



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Each year, elections for Trails Club board positions offer an opportunity for an infusion of new ideas and leadership. This year we will elect a new President, Treasurer, Lodge Trustee, Social Trustee and Membership Trustee at the annual meeting on November 9, 2009.

Each term lasts two years, giving the board members a chance to grasp and engage in the business of our organization. The vacancies are staggered so half the board members are continuing into their second year when new board members assume their positions. The board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. for 1½ hours.

When a Nominations Committee member approaches you to be a candidate for one of the upcoming vacancies, don't automatically decline. Please consider how you can serve your club. Many members are concerned that they don't have enough knowledge of the organization, but not many of the offices require it. Serving on the board is an excellent way to learn about the operation of the Trails Club. The board positions mainly require mature judgment, leadership and common sense.

Most of the work of the Trails Club occurs at the committee level. The Trustees provide the conduit for information flow between the committees and the board. This function is crucial to the smooth operation of the club as the board makes wide-ranging policy and budget decisions.

Primary duties of the positions are:

President – presides at all meetings of the club and board; serves as ex-officio member of all committees; has general supervision of all the affairs of the club.

Treasurer – keeps faithful records of the club's accounts; provides all records necessary for the preparation of annual tax returns; makes monthly reports of the club's financial condition.

Lodges Trustee – chairs Lodges and Properties Committee which supervises the maintenance and use of the lodges and their grounds; oversees two subcommittees for Tyee and Nesika.

Membership Trustee – chairs Membership Committee which promotes interest in membership; receives all applications for membership and notifies applicants of their election to membership.

Social Trustee – chairs the Social Committee which plans and conducts all entertainment programs and other social functions sponsored by the club.

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 June 9, 2009

Call to Order—Susan called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approval of Minutes—The May 2009 minutes were approved with the correction of two “typos” (msc Audrey, Barbara).

Administrative Assistant's Report—No report.

Treasurer's Report—Audrey Perino presented June's report:

Beginning balance	\$4,658.88
May deposits	1,884.53
May checks	- 3,596.12
Ending balance 5/31/09	\$2,947.29

Membership income is on target, but Tyee lodge fees continue to be below budget, in part due to bad weather at Christmas time. Publication expenses are higher than both the budget to date and compared to this time last year. TCO received a federal tax refund of \$7,363.42, which continues to delay the need for an infusion from the investment account.

COMMITTEES

Membership—Vicki Wood presented four new applications for first reading. Kitty Tsoi was voted in as a new member.

Trips—The Board discussed Susan's “Safety Should Be Our Top Priority in Any Trails Club Activity” article, which has been provided to all activity leaders.

Publications—Reasons for being over budget were discussed. Phil Jackson noted that the Blazer has included an extra page three months running.

Social—Callista Snively reported that 40 people participated in the Memorial Day Hike n' Dine at Nesika. She reported on upcoming events: June 18, summer picnic; June 20, Hike n' Dine at Tyee, including June Smelser's

90th birthday celebration; and July 30, summer picnic (postponed from July 16).

Lodges—Dave Conrad reported that the Tyee roof needs to be repaired before next winter. Susan Saul had also asked for a key to Tyee, which was approved by the Board.

Audrey Perino presented an idea for increasing usage of Tyee and Nesika by not requiring hosts to cook. Hosts would have to take reservations ahead of time and collect fees at the lodges. Outside groups could also use the lodges as long as they are “guests” of a club member. Dave will provide Susan with an email list of members with keys as a first recruitment strategy. Barbara Warren-Sams will coordinate requests and inform Web master and Blazer editor. Susan will write an announcement for the Blazer and develop a standard description for the Blazer so that hosts don't have to write one.

Stephen Brown reported in detail on roof problem at Tyee. Because of the metal roof, snow had slid into the roof seams over the dining room and caused bulging in two “valley” areas. He will check on the roof warranty, contact a contractor/roofer familiar with high-snowload experience and receive an estimated cost of repairs.

History—Susan Saul has asked the Oregon Historical Society to return TCO materials so that all materials will be stored at the Mazamas. OHS is reviewing the request and will get back to her.

Investment and Conservation—No reports.

New Business—Susan mentioned the need to make nominating committee appointments as soon as possible. She also reported that she has talked with the Forest Service about service projects that TCO can perform to lower the permit fee for Tyee.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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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

Leader: Name Phone and/or email.

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