



Trail Blazer

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

Weekend Hike Coordinator Extends Commitment!

Jane Storey has generously agreed to continue her time as Weekend Hike Coordinator past her previous July end of term! Thank you Jane.

Please continue to send Jane your write-ups for future weekend (and sometimes mid-week) hikes. Her e-mail address is andrewstorey@comcast.net. She will approve them and send them along to our website and Trail Blazer for publication.

Support Jane and our hiking program by volunteering as hike leaders. We depend on established and new hike leaders to keep our program strong. With the help of many club members there will always be an enjoyable weekend hike for you and our guests to join.

Another hike leader sign-up meeting is coming July 5. See article below.
Carolyn Jenkins
Trips Trustee

HIKE LEADERS AND WANNABE HIKE LEADERS!

Plan to come to a dessert meeting at 6:30 PM Mon Tuesday, July 5th. We'll ask you to share your favorite hikes and discuss potential hikes for the upcoming three months. We'll meet in the upper clubroom of Townhomes with a View Condominiums at 9840 SE Talbert, Clackamas 97015. Questions? Contact Jane Storey 503-724-5467 or andrewstorey@comcast.net

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DISCOVER PASS REQUIRED ON WASHINGTON STATE LANDS

Beginning July 1, 2011, you will need to display the Discover Pass on your vehicle when visiting state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, Department of Natural Resources and Department of Fish and Wildlife. The fine for not displaying the pass is \$99.

The Discover Pass may be purchased online, in person at any business where state hunting and fishing licenses are sold, such as Fred Meyer, or by phone at 866-320-9933. Annual pass is \$30; one-day pass is \$10.

The Discover Pass enables you to enjoy nearly 7 million acres of Washington state-managed recreation lands, including nearly 2,000 miles of water and land trails and nearly 700 water access points.

Events

July 2-4 (Sat-Mon) Mt. Defiance Qualifying Backpack for Three Sisters and Wonderland Trail - Class C

Climb of 5000 feet. We will hike 4.7 miles to Warren Lake for our first night. Second night will be at North Lake or Rainy Lake depending on snow level a distance of 4.2-5.7 miles with the summit of Defiance included. We will day hike up Green Mountain a 3 mile round trip on Sunday. Then we will hike Green Mountain loop back to the cars on Monday an additional 9.4 miles to the car. Total hiking distance of 22.8 miles in three days. Maximum 10 people. Pack for warmth. The goal is to not carry greater than 30 pounds. Ensure rain gear, gloves, warm hat, tent, water filter and cook stove and good traction boots. No cotton. To register call Linda Conrad 360-837-3875 or email lcgrconrad@aol.com by Wednesday June 29th .

July 3 (Sun) Nick Eaton-Gorden Creek Dog Friendly Hike - Class B

With all the snow, this classic Gorge hike seems a better bet than Mt. Hood for the holiday weekend. The pace will be relaxed. We will probably see some flowers on the Nick Eaton portion of the trail. If you plan to bring your dog, it must be under excellent voice command, walk well on a lead, and strong enough to easily do the hike. Call me first if you are bringing a pooch. This is an eight mile loop with 2600 feet of elevation gain. A side trip out to Indian Point will depend on the weather and the group. Wilderness area restrictions apply. Trailhead pass needed. Total driving mileage is 75 miles.

Depart: Gateway at 8:00AM

Leader: Diana Forester 503-288-7782 or 503-422-8896
(cell) diana_forester@msn.com

July 6 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to

know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: 9:30 AM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St
Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

July 6 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Return about 8:00 PM.

Depart: 6:00 PM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.
Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712
ginibateman@comcast.net

July 7 (Thu) Peninsula Park to Pier Park Bike Ride - Class A

Please join me for an easy ride around North Portland. 15 miles round trip, flat, mostly on residential, low traffic streets. Bring a lunch for a picnic at Pier Park. Please make sure your tires are pumped and bring a helmet! Maybe there will be roses at Peninsula Park.

Meet at the corner of N Ainsworth St. and N Borthwick Ave at the south end of Peninsula Park for a 10 am departure.
Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-246-6462 or 503-522-9911 (cell) audrey53@comcast.net

July 9 (Sat) Willamette Mission Bike Ride - Class B

This is a day ride out of Willamette Mission State Park. The ride distance will be about 30-40 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 9:00 AM
Take I5 south to the Brooks/Gervais exit, turn right, follow signs to Mission State Park. Continue past the entrance of the park, taking the next left to "Wheatland Ferry."
Leader: Louis Sowa lsowa@earthlink.net

July 9 (Sat) Nesika Lodge Hike, Kid Friendly – Class B

Slower paced. Families encouraged to join the fun. Pass several beautiful waterfalls as you climb. Our lodge is a welcoming rest point. Start at Multnomah Falls. Steady 4 miles, up-hill most of the way. At the end of the afternoon return those 4 miles downhill. Climb nearly 2000 feet in elevation. Trailside steep vertical edges in several places. Upper trail is rocky. Cross one stream over stepping stones. Bring lunch, water, snacks for along the way. Hiking boots recommended. Hike meets club membership qualification requirements. Round trip drive is 48 miles.
Depart: Gateway Park and Ride at 9 AM
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

July 9-10 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

Our goals include continuing the cleanup of brush removed for fire safety, working on the last side of the women's dorm, completing the stone work on the seat wall, working on the propane enclosure and working on filling the wood bins. We will meet and go through the gate on Larch Mountain Road, just past the ten mile marker, at 9:00 AM. The bridge is still not repaired so we will park in the upper lot, by the green gate, and shuttle supplies, food

and gear down to the bridge and load it onto the tractor trailer to complete the trip in. We will reverse the procedure on our way out.

Reservations: George Milne 503-572-8512 or milnemasonry@frontier.com by Wed. evening, July 6th.

July 12 (Tue) Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge - Class A

Bring your binoculars to view the many birds at this site. We will walk the three miles of trails with frequent stops for viewing. Afterward we can visit the display at the Visitor's Center. If the group wants to do so, we can stop at a restaurant in Tigard for lunch. There is a bus stop near the refuge on Pacific Hwy (Hwy 99W).

Depart: Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center at 10:00 AM

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

July 12-27 (2 Days) Negotiable One or Two Night Backpack Opportunity between these dates - Class B

I would like to organize and lead a 1 or 2 night backpack sometime within these dates. The exact dates and itinerary are negotiable. My proposal is a 2-night backpack up the Herman Creek Trail to Wahtum Lake and Chinedere Mt. and return on the Pacific Crest Trail. Contact me with your available dates and ideas. Let's see what we can put together! Check our Trails Club website for possible further updates in information.

Leader: Bill Kingsbury wfcrowntown@gmail.com

July 13 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: 9:30 AM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St
Leader: Phillip Jackson 971-404-7137

July 13 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Return about 8:00 PM.

Depart: 6:00 PM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.
Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712
ginibateman@comcast.net

July 14 (Thu) Kansas City Bike Ride - Class B

Ride for around 30 miles in Western Washington County, visiting the communities of Roy, Verboort and Kansas City. We can ride up Clapshaw Hill to the Hillside cemetery with a nice downhill back towards Verboort. The countryside is filled with nursery stock, woods, hay and crop fields.

Depart: 10 am from McKinney City Park in Hillsboro, located on NW Dennis St, between NW Jackson and Garibaldi St. This location is very close to the end of the MAX line, Hatfield Gov. Ctr., in Hillsboro, so it is possible

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to commute by train to the meeting place. Please contact leader for further info if needed.

Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885

giselapiercy@gmail.com

Registration deadline: Wednesday July 13th by 9 PM

July 16 (Sat) Barlow Butte / Ridge Hike-Class A/B

Begin with a short walk along the Barlow Trail. Then up, up, up to the top of Barlow Butte for a well-deserved break. We'll hike out along Barlow Ridge for lunch camp at the highest point. Return by the same trail. Vehicles will need to display a NW Forest Pass

Hike Details: 7 miles w/ 2,000' (cumulative) elevation gain
Drive: 90 R/T miles

Depart: 8:30 AM from Gresham Village Shopping Center on Burnside

To Register, contact Leader: Kelly Marlin 503-665-6778

July 16 (Sat) Second Forest Park Trails Work Day

Once again trail maintenance will be the focus of our work. Join Forest Park Conservancy on one of their regular work days. Refreshments offered before we begin. A raffle for a few prizes is offered at the end of the day. No previous experience required. All tools and materials will be provided. Help keep our Wednesday hike trails in good shape and have fun doing it. Work 9 to noon.

Depart: 8:45 AM from usual Wallace Park meeting area.

Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Registration Deadline: July 13th

July 16 (Sat) Ramona Falls Loop - Class B

We'll hike the loop trail to and from Ramona Falls, which leads up the Sandy River to the picturesque falls for lunch and returns on a scenic trail through the woods. Approximately 7 miles with 1000 of elevation gain. Forest Service Permit is required to park. Contact leader before 9:00 PM on Friday as this hike goes into the Mt. Hood Wilderness and group must be held to 12 hikers. This hike is in conjunction with the Tyee Lodge Hike and Dine Weekend. Reservations for dinner (guests welcome) or overnight (members only) must be made with the lodge host by 9 pm July 13th. Leader will stop for dinner at Tyee before returning to Portland.

Depart: Leave Gateway Park and Ride at 8:30

Leader: Bill Yandon 503-538-3643, 503-887-2932 (cell)
wkyandon@earthlink.net

July 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Hike 'N Dine at Tyee Lodge (See above for hike)

First Hike 'N Dine of the year at Tyee (hopefully no snow) 6 p.m. Menu from "La Cucina Italiana", my favorite magazine. Come eat and if you want, even help cook! Information: Nancy Overpeck, 360-573-6878
overpeck@wa-net.com

July 20 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: 9:30 AM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St
Leader: Wayne Schweinfest 503-253-3073

July 20 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Return about 8:00 PM.

Depart: 6:00 PM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.

Leader: Donna Covi 503-286-7243

dcibike2@aol.com

July 21 (Thu) Eat 'N Hike Picnic at Mary S Young State Park

Mary S Young State Park is on Hwy 43 (Willamette Drive) in West Linn; eat at 6 p.m., hike at 7 p.m. Bring a dish and your place settings. I will furnish lemonade and lasagne.

Contact: Nancy Overpeck. 360-573-6878;

overpeck@wa-net.com 503-954-4501 for more info.

July 23 (Sat) Banks-Vernonia Bike Ride - Class B

We will start at the new Banks trailhead, and ride up to Vernonia on a completely paved bike/walking path. The trail is built on a former railroad bed and goes through beautiful forested land. The trail includes an 8 mile section of gentle elevation gain. The rest is mainly flat or downhill. We will eat our lunch at Vernonia Lake, and return along the same path. 44 miles total. Contact leader for start time, directions, and any questions.

Leader: Maureen Covell charleycvl@aol.com
503-954-4501

July 23-24 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

Hopefully, the road will be open to the lodge! July projects include: restocking inventory (yes...hot chocolate too!), tear off and re-roof of kitchen porch, and working on firewood. Volunteers with carpentry skills needed! Saturday evening we'll take a short hike around the area. Lodging and meals free to volunteers. Wear appropriate apparel for outside work. Work gloves are recommended. Plan on starting at 10AM Sat. for safety meeting and orientation. Lodge will close Sun. at 3PM. Lodge may be open Friday night, call to confirm.

Vicki Wood will be the cook for the weekend.

Register: Stephen Brown, 360-687-6169,

ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com by Wed July 20.

July 23-30 (Sat-Sat) Three Sisters Loop Trail Backpack - Class C

We will drive to Wickiup Plain TH and hike up to Mirror Lake night one. We will then hike counter clockwise around the three sisters. Goal is to hit some isolated lakes for fishing and camping to get away from the crowd. We will drive down Saturday AM and Drive Home Saturday PM, attempting two short mile days. Elevation gain: 10,600 over the 8 days.

To Register, contact Leader: Linda Conrad

lcgrconrad@aol.com 360-837-3875

July 24 (Sun) Tyee Lodge Membership Qualifying Hike to West Fork Falls - Class A

The destination on this easy hike is 40 foot West Fork Falls on the slopes of Mt Hood. The hike is 4 miles with about 600 feet elevation gain, beginning on Westleg Road then along a cross-country ski trail over Still Creek and through forests of Engelmann spruce, mountain hemlock and lodge pole pine. Following the hike, visit Tyee Lodge where a group of volunteers will be working to clean and maintain the lodge. Eat your lunch and share freshly baked brownies. Bring water and your lunch. Driving distance 100 miles round trip from Portland. No sign-up required. For questions, call by Friday July 22nd as the leader will be at the lodge.

Depart: 10:00 am near the restrooms at the rest area on the east end of Government Camp off Hwy 26.

Leader: Vicki Wood, 503-659-1423 or 503-515-7208 or vw48@comcast.net

July 25 (Mon) Last Monday Bike Ramble - Class A

Join us for our "Last Monday" Bike Ramble. It's an entertaining evening of peddling, socializing and fun stops on a lazy last Monday of the month. We meet at the Oaks Pioneer Church by the Sellwood Bridge. See where the SE ramble will take us this month.

Depart: 6pm Oaks Pioneer Church, 455 SE Spokane

Leader: Check trailsclub.org for update

July 27 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: 9:30 AM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St

Leader: Callista Snively 503-330-7344

July 27 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Return about 8:00 PM.

Depart: 6:00 PM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.

Leader: Lotte Schmitz 503-722-2290

lotteschmitz@msn.com

July 31 (Sun) Independence/Buena Vista Bike Ride - Class B

This 28/30 mile ride through farmland and fields of Polk County. The ride begins in Independence, thru Monmouth, to Helmick State Park, lunch at the Buena Vista Ferry and return to Independence. Bring lunch and lots of water. Ride begins at the Independence Riverview Park. Drive south on I-5 take the Salem Parkway then W on Hwy 22 over the Willamette River to Hwy 51. South to 200 S Main in Independence. The Park is on your left. Turn left into the park. Parking is down by the river.

Depart: 10:00 AM

Contact: Ralph Rogers 503-434-6283

rrogers500@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 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

Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, ID Bike Loop—Class C August 15-21 (Mon-Sun) (Trip full, Alternates Only)

Plans are developing for a 7 day bicycle trip on the rails-to-trails route of the former Hiawatha-Milwaukee-Coeur d'Alene railroad lines. Shared cooking with a sag wagon following us and camping at RV parks and campgrounds will enhance our experience of the beautiful Coeur d'Alene, Wallace, St Maries areas of Idaho. Highlights will be the lake, of course, Lookout Pass, historic towns and the 1.6 mile long tunnel. Railroad grades keep the climbs mostly gentle and much of the roads are paved, however fatter-tired bikes are recommended. Total length of the loop will be 185 miles. Limit of 12 riders.

Contact Allen Burrell at burrell@teleport.com or 503-654-1353

Goat Rocks Backpack—Class B Aug 21-27 (Sun-Sat)

We will start our journey from Chambers Lake TH. Hike to Snowgrass Flats and set our first camp. Explore Cispus Basin areas for couple of days. Move camp to Goat Lake area for our next leg of journey. Explore Hawkeye Point and climb Old Snowy. Then move camp to either Heart Lake or another location TBD. Depart through Packwood Lake TH. Swimming in Packwood Lake optional on the last day. Dog friendly, but notify leaders ahead of time if you plan to bring dog.

Roger & Karen Anderson, 360-450-9199 or p74852@gmail.com

Wonderland Trail Backpack—Class C

Aug 30-Sep 8 (Tue–Thu)

Total miles approx. 100. Elevation gain: 25,000 feet. We will start at Mowich Lake and hike to Cataract Valley night one traveling counter clockwise around mountain. Total days on trail 10. Average mileage per day: 10. We will attempt to resupply twice depending on number of participants. Limit 6. Pre-hike with leader mandatory. Register: Linda Conrad 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Elkhorn Mountains Outing

Aug 29-Sep 5 (Mon–Mon)

(Trip full, Alternates Only)

The jagged spine of the Elkhorn Mountains near Baker City, Oregon, hides many of the same treasures that make the nearby Wallowa Mountains so popular: granite peaks, glacial cirque lakes, clear streams and wildflower meadows. We will car camp at the Anthony Lake Group Camp, elevation 7,130 feet, in the Elkhorns. The camp has tables, fire pits, water, and vault toilets. Carolyn Jenkins will lead A-level day hikes ranging from 3 to 6.6 miles long. There will be B-level day hikes if someone volunteers to lead them. Susan Saul will lead a B+-level, 4-day, 31-mile backpack along the view-packed Elkhorn Crest Trail. In addition to hiking, there are many other activities in the area: ride the Sumpter Valley Railroad Steam Train, tour the Sumpter Valley Dredge, visit the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, drive the Elkhorn Mountains Scenic Byway to the ghost town of Granite, swim or canoe in Anthony Lake, or ride the Baker City Trolley through the turn-of-the-19th-century downtown. The cost will be \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. Participants are responsible for providing their own camping gear and food. For more details, see the complete outing description on the Trails Club website (Events/Outings). To inquire about vacancies on this outing and for more information, contact Susan Saul; 360-892-5643/ susan103saul@gmail.com.

Coos Bay Area Hike

Sep 16 (Fri)—Class B

Hike the coastal headlands from Sunset Bay campground down past Shore Acres State Park, home of the old Simpson estate where there is a public garden which we can walk through, and then continue down to Cape Arago State park. Lunch on beach then return. Hike eight miles, five hundred feet elevation gain.

Meet 9:30 AM Sunset Bay state campground site D-21
Leader Brian Carlson

Donations Needed for Tyee!

- Dish towels (any color, good condition)
- Retired climbing rope for winter trail.
- Sleeping Bag (+20) good condition

Tyee Work Weekends: (Sat–Sun)

Jul 23-24 Sep 24-25

Aug 27-28 Oct 22-23

Cooks still needed for August and October. Contact Stephen to volunteer: 360-687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com.

Nesika Work Weekends: (Sat–Sun)

Jul 09-10 Sep 10-11

Aug 13-14 Oct 08-09

Tyee Hike and Dines

All on third weekend of the month.

Jul 16-17 Nancy Overpeck

Aug 20-21 Steve Wilson

Sep 17-18 Roger & Karen Anderson

Oct 15-16 Gerda Eck & Cathy Schiedler

Trails Club Bike Schedule-2011

Jul 07 Thu Peninsula Park to Pier Park Audrey Perino

Jul 09 Sat Willamette Valley Lou Sowa

Jul 14 Thu Kansas City Loop Giesela Piersey

Jul 23 Sat Banks –Vernonia Maureen Covell

Jul 25 Mon Last Fri SE Bike Ramble
Oaks Pioneer Church

Jul 31 Sun Independence&Buena Vista Ralph Rodgers

Aug 15-21 Mon-Sun Trail of Hiawathas, ID Allen Burrell

Aug 27 Sat “Smell the Roses” Lisa Brice

Aug 29 Mon Last Fri SE Bike Ramble
Oaks Pioneer Church

Let's Talk About

Quick Note

Have your Emergency Contact & Medical Information Form (located in middle of our Membership Handbook & Directory) with you on all activities.

Trails Trodden

Mosier Tunnel Bike Ride

May 29, 2011

The group was terrific, the weather was dry, the wind was stiff (to say the least), the flowers were spectacular, some saw a deer, others spotted a snake, bears had been seen on the path the previous week; two biked 40 miles, nine completed 25 miles, lunch at Rowena (The Dalles Discovery Center for the two tough riders) lots of other cyclists, families, hikers & walkers, skate boarders, Ice Cream or coffee at the Porsche Center in Mosier, white caps on the Columbia, spectacular views of the Gorge; tail wind pedaling East therefore easy biking on the hills, headwind on the descent therefore granny gear.....to sum it up: it was one heck of a good Trails Club event! Submitted by Gerda



Mosier Tunnel Bike Ride By Gerda Eck

North Fork of Umatilla River Backpack - Class A May 28-30 (Sat-Mon)

On Memorial Day weekend Glen and Linda Conrad lead us on an awesome backpack to the north fork of the Umatilla river. We met at Gateway and had a scenic drive down the Gorge all the way past Pendleton where we headed north. The open rolling hills along this part of the drive were very green and lush from the spring rains. Our sunny weather was a welcome break from the wet Portland spring. The trail into the camp site followed the river and had many places to stop and enjoy the sights and sounds of the crystal clear water. There were a couple of challenging creek crossings and everyone did a very good job getting safely across. Camp site was along the river and made the nights sleep very sound listening to the babbling of the water. I always like being around Glen and Linda and learning from their wealth of outdoor knowledge. It amazes me how they can prepare some very good food over an open fire. Linda made some hot dogs and side dishes the first night and some of the best spaghetti the second night. We did a day hike on Sunday going up Coyote Ridge seeing some very cool flowers and great sights across the open alpine meadows. This was a really fun backpack with a great group of people. Pete Bryant

Lacamas Lake Bike Ride

On May 21, three TCO members and one guest joined leader Terry Lawson on a 25 mile bike ride through Vancouver and Camas neighborhoods and the countryside around Lacamas Lake.

Summary of Board Minutes

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 14, 2011

Call to Order—Randy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Attending: Randy Dietrich, Carolyn Jenkins, Audrey Perino (excused), Nancy Overpeck, Bill Yandon, Vicki Wood, Phillip Jackson, Callista Snively, and George Milne. Others attending: Virginia Larson, Administrative Assistant, Art Stangell, Legal Counsel, Leonard Murphy, Conservation Committee, and Chris Monti, Investment Committee.

Approval of Minutes—were approved. (MSC) Carolyn/George.

Administrative Assistant's Report—Virginia Larson, No report.

Treasurer's Report—Audrey Perino (excused) provided the reconciled bank statements and the financial reports to the secretary for our records. The YTD and monthly financial reports were reviewed and discussed by the board.

Cash balance at May 31, 2011 \$10,142/31

Beginning balance	05-01-11	\$4,576.52
May Deposits		1,613.00
May Checks \$		<u>-6,047.21</u>
Ending balance	05-31-11	\$10,142.31

Full report of financial statements on file.

Committees

Membership—Vicki Wood reported, first readings: Jorge Abich, Dave M. Barlow, Barbara A. Swanks, Laura A. Borchers, Bruce E. Speidel, Lawrence I. Solomon.
Second reading and vote: Veda A. Wilson. Unanimous.

Trips—Carolyn Jenkins (full report in July Blazer) First Aid and CPR held May 14; Trail Maintenance Day held May 21 in Forrest Park; a second Maintenance Day will be July 16; Jane Storey accepted an additional three months as Weekend Hike Coordinator; Jane will hold a hike leaders sign-up meeting July 5; a hand-out "Hiking with Trails Club of Oregon" has been revised; the backpackers are planning an adjustable date schedule and a more user friendly website.

Publications—Phillip Jackson report that our printer (Impress Printing) had run out of paper for the June Blazer because of Paper Plus's being out. Problem

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was solved. Blazer was out on time

Social—Callista Snively reported BBQ for Memorial Day with 34 people successful, despite the snow and/or rain at Tyee. First picnic is June 16 and first Hike 'N Dine, July 16 (hopeful snow will be gone at Tyee).

Lodges and Properties—George Milne stated that there have been three incredible work parties at Nesika despite the bridge's being out. He is still trying to meet with the Forrest Service engineers for bridge approval for Multnomah Creek. The roof on Nesika looks good, any leaking in the winter was from the flashing. Sullivan's article in the Eugene paper seemed to bring only inquiries regarding "want-to-rent." We are not in the rental business. Obsidians use of Tyee changed from September 14-16 to July 7-9 (already approved) Mazamas will use Tyee August 24-26 for overflow for FWOC meeting (already approved). Linda Conrad requested use of Nesika July 16-17 for Mazamas. (MSC) George/Bill . Audrey Perino requested use of Tyee August 10-11. Approved.

History—(needs new chair)

Investments—Chris Monti reported Investment Committee met to set goals and look into taking an active part in managing the funds. The Committee's questions for the Board were: What were the immediate goals and direction by the Board? What were the Board's expectation of the funds? What is the Board's expectation of the Committee? Discussion regarding transferring management of portfolio from Morgan Stanley to TCO Investment Committee with quarterly Board over site. In house management would save \$5-7 thousand per year and invest in moderately conservative 60:40, stocks to bonds.

Motion: Authorize TCO Investment Committee to start the process of transferring investment funds form Morgan Stanley to the self management by the TCO Investment Committee with two Board signatures on official documents. (MSC) George/Vicki. Chris, TCO member, with an extensive bank and financial management experience has been approved by the Board to be Chair of the TCO Investment Committee.

Conservation—Leonard Murphy reported that he bought a home in Tuscan and will be away 6 months a year. He will continue working with the committee through the summer with the FWOC meeting. Conservation Committee will need new leadership. Leonard Murphy will be the official representative of the TCO in the FWOC meeting (MSC) George/Callista.

Legal Counsel Report—Art Stangell reported that TCO received \$3,000 from the estate of Bernice Sterns.

Unfinished Business—none

New Business—Audit committee will be Virginia Larson, Carla Haake, Joyce Rasmussen (MSC) Audrey/George.

Nominating Committee will be looking for president, (treasurer will continue), membership trustee, lodges trustee, and social trustee.

Good of the order

Budget Committee needs two members-at-large.

Action Item Review

Randy Dietrich will get By-Law articles in Blazer August/September.

Adjourn: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Overpeck

**Membership Hike
May 21, 2011**

Trails Trodden, Continued

This group of happy hikers trekked to Nesika on the May 21st membership hike lead by Jeff Andrew.





North Fork of Umatilla River Backpack -

Membership Notes

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

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

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Gentle Reminders

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

For hikes and showshoe activities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves food expense and are unable to participate you are obligated to do one of the following: cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food.

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

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: **blazer@trailsclub.org**

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month of publication.

Please use the following format:

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

Description Text - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis
Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

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

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