



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
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7	Wed	Evening Hike—Class B
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10-11	Sat-Sun	Elk Cove Exploratory Backpack-Class B
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28-Sep 2	Wed-Mon	Ross Lake and Devil's Loop Backpack—Class C
30	Fri	I-205-Gladstone Loop Bike Ride-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		

Events

Aug 1-4 (Thu-Sun) Goat Rocks Backpack with Key Exchange—Class B)

Hike on the Pacific Crest Trail through this wonderful wilderness. One group starts at the White Pass Trailhead on the north end and the other starts at Walupt Lake and connects to the PCT from Nannie Ridge. Total hiking distance is about 31 miles so daily hikes will be relatively short. The total elevation gain is between 2800 and 2400 feet depending on which end you start from. The two groups meet on the second day and camp together in an area just north of Elk Pass and exchange keys. To register, Application form and Emergency Contact Information form must be received by leader before Wednesday July 24th. These forms are available at www.trailsclub.org under Backpack Participant Information. Second leader to be determined. Contact leader for details. Leader: Paul Williamson 503-740-5158

Aug 2-3 (Fri-Sat) Tyee Lodge Open

Family gathering with group of teenagers. Open by 2 pm Friday and closing by 8 pm Saturday . Celine Stroinski and Charlie Adams 503-239-6950

Aug 4-11 (Sun-Sun) and Aug 11-18 (Sun-Sun) ALPINE OUTING

Applications now are open for both members and nonmembers for this Outing in the Chamberlain Lakes Basin of Idaho's White Cloud Mountains. See the April Trail Blazer, available on the TCO website, for a full description. Each week is limited to 12 people. A few spots remain open in each week. Applications are being accepted in the order of postmarked date and time. Cost is \$400 for TCO members and members of FWOC organizations; for others \$475. TO APPLY: 1. Complete the 2013 Alpine Outing Application and Medical Forms available in the Alpine Outing announcement on the Outings page of the TCO website (If you prefer to have the forms mailed to you, please contact Callista Snively at kista9@gmail.com or or 503-330-7344); 2. Mail the

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completed forms with full payment in the applicable amount, payable to TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON. P.O. Box 1243 Portland, OR 97207. Applicants will be notified by email or mail upon acceptance or placement on the waiting list.

No refund will be given for withdrawal within the 30 days before the Outing starts. Refund for an earlier withdrawal will be processed only after the Outing, from any funds remaining after all expenses are paid. Participants are responsible for providing or arranging their own transportation to and from the Outing. Driving distance from Portland to the trailhead at Fourth of July Lake is about 530 miles.

Aug 7 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Ron Silvis ronaldrsilvis@aol.com or 971-998-5042

Aug 7 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM. Return about 8:00 PM. Leader: Donna Covi 503-286-7243 dcibike2@aol.com

Aug 10-11 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

Summer is quickly passing by. Join us for another wonderful weekend at our home in the gorge. Virginia Larson will be our cook. Let us know when you register if you have any dietary needs. Register by Wed August 7th with: Glen Conrad at 360-837-3787 or lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Aug 10-11 Sat-Sun) Elk Cove Exploratory Backpack—Class B

Access Elk Cove on the north side of Mount Hood via Vista Ridge Trail and Timberline Trail. Hike through the 2011 Dollar Lake Burn to reach more scenic views on Timberline Trail. Scenery should include the north face of Mount Hood, Mount Adams, Mount Saint Helens, and Mount Rainier. Elk Cove is said to be quite scenic. Hike approximately 4 ½ miles each way with about 1700 feet of elevation gain going in and about a 400-foot loss into Elk Cove. To register, Application and Emergency Contact Information forms need to be received by leader before Wednesday August 7th. These forms are available at www.trailsclub.org at Backpack Participant Information. Leader: Bill Yandon 503-538-3643 cell 503-887-2932 or wkyandon@earthlink.net

Aug 11-16 (Sun-Fri) Goat Rocks Backpack—Class B

Join us in exploring the enchanted beauty of Goat Rocks. We will enter Lily Basin on Sunday, and camp at Heart Lake. Second night: Move our camp to Snow Grass Flat

and explore the area. Third day: Camp at Marmot meadow, south of Old Snowy. Explore Goat Lake, and climb Old Snowy if desired. Fourth and fifth night: camp still undetermined. We will come out through Packwood Lake to our cars on Friday.
Dog-friendly hike, but must notify leaders in advance.
Contact: Karen & Roger Anderson, 360-450-9199 or p74852@gmail.com

Aug 13 (Tue) Bike Rides: Multnomah Falls—Class C, 32 Miles (Or) Latourelle Falls Class A, 12 Miles

A great summer ride on the Historic Columbia River Highway. The Multnomah Falls Ride starts at 10 am at the Lewis and Clark State Park. We ride slowly up through Corbett, stop at the Vista House. The ride continues down hill with a stop at Latourelle Falls to meet those on the short ride. Those doing the short ride meet at Guy Talbot State Park (Latourelle Falls) at 11:30 am.
DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Short Ride- Take I-84 East to Exit 28, W on Old Scenic Hwy to parking area at Guy Talbot State Park.
DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Long Ride - Drive I-84 East to Exit 18. Follow signs to Lewis and Clark State Park. Both rides bring lunch and lots of water.
All those planning on riding *MUST* contact leader for last minute changes in route, start times.
Leader: Allen Burrell, burrell@teleport.com or 503-288-3859.

Aug 14 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 9:30 AM.
Leader: Joan Miller, 503-524-0562, gojo250@gmail.com

Aug 14 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Leader: Bruce Seymour 503-722-2290
Bruceseymour65@gmail.com

Aug 17-18 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike and Dine

Please join us for a Swedish dinner, including gravlax with mustard sauce, meatballs, dill sauce and more at Tyee Lodge. Hosts and cooks are Kathy Pollock and Glenda Chaite (Glenda lived in Sweden for a time). Dinner served at 6 PM and limited to 30 people. \$12 for dinner and day fee only (members). \$20 for those spending the night. Make reservations with Kathy Pollock at 503-753-0560 or pollockkathy@ymail.com by the end of Tuesday, Aug 13.

Aug. 18-23 (Sun-Fri) Mt. Rainier National Park Outing
Outing is full, Alternates only. For information see the Mt. Rainier Outing information at trailsclub.org

Aug 21 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 9:30 AM.
Leader: Jane Storey, 503-724-5467, andrewstorey@comcast.net

Aug 21 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Leader: Catherine Schiedler
catherineschied@gmail.com

Aug 22 (Thu) Eat 'N' Hike Picnic

Come join us for a potluck picnic at Mary S. Young State Park in West Linn! A great area for an hour hike after dinner! I will bring a hot dish of chicken something, but good, and lemonade. Bring your favorite potluck dish, and eating utensils. Meet: Mary S. Young State Park, on Hwy 43 (also called Pacific Hwy & Willamette Dr.) in West Linn. The park is south of Marylhurst University. Call if you have any questions. Time: Eat at 6 pm and hike (not an official TCO hike) at 6:45 or thereabouts.
More Information: Arleta Miller 360-607-2864
leadadann@hotmail.com

Aug 22 (Thu) D.B. Cooper & the Exploding Whale Folk Heroes of the Northwest Presentation by Bill Sullivan Abernethy Center, 606 15th St. Oregon City

Special invitation to members of the TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON: RSVP to Rose Villa 503-652-4001
See flyer at trailsclub.org

Aug 24 (Sat) Willamette Mission Bike Ride—Class B-

This is a day ride starting in Gervais. The ride distance will be 25-35 miles. We can adjust the ride based on weather and participants' interests. The terrain is mostly flat, no steep hills. Meet: at 9:30 on 4th Street in Gervais, along the railroad tracks. Take I-5 south to the Woodburn exit, turn right, In about a mile turn left to Gervais, follow the road (about three miles), crossing the railroad into Gervais. Turn right along the tracks.
Leader: Louis Sowa 503-320-0440 lsowa@earthlink.net

Aug 24-25 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

We will continue working on the projects we identified at our planning meeting and hopefully have a supply of wood to place in the basement for the winter season. We also have a great time visiting and sharing with each other. Sylvia Milne has volunteered to be our cook. For more information and/or to make reservations, no later than Wednesday, August 21st, contact George Milne at lodgechair@trailsclub.org or call 503-572-8512.

Aug 28 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Ken Kane, 503-246-6462, ken@woodbloom.com

Aug 28 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM. Return about 8:00 PM. Leader: Eric Berg ericwb@aol.com

Aug 28-Sept 2 (Wed-Mon) Ross Lake and Devil's Loop Backpack—Class C

Total hiking miles: 43-60. Difficult. Lots of elevation gain and loss. Stream crossings. Only the strong should sign up. Qualifying hike needed. Max number is 6. Start Wed. with ferry ride to trailhead on Ross Lake & hiking 5.5 miles up to Bear Skull shelter. We finish by exiting Granite Creek Trailhead. Side trips may include a night at Crater Lake and an easy climb up Crater Mtn. Last day hike out is about 4 miles to cars to plan a drive home on Labor Day. To register, Application & Emergency Contact Info forms must be received by leader by Wed Aug 21. Available at trailsclub.org under Backpack Participant Information. Register with Leader: Linda Conrad, lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3787. Assistant leader: Bill Rude.

Aug 30 (Fri) I-205-Gladstone Loop Bike Ride—Class B

This ride starts at Gateway and follows the I-205 bike path to Gladstone. From there, we will go through rolling hills along city streets back through Milwaukee to Sellwood Riverside Park, where we will have lunch. We take the Springwater Corridor and Eastside Esplanade and then come past the Lloyd Center and return to Gateway. The route is 30 miles with 600 ft of ascent, a 12-15 mph pace and frequent regroupings as needed.

Depart: 10 am from SE corner of Gateway TC across NE 99th Ave from Fred Meyer parking lot
Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250, lawson.terry@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. TriMet buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

Target is a common westside meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy, turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr, Park in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot TriMet bus 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

Trails Ahead

Tyee Schedule —2013

Date	Event Description	Contact
Aug 02-03 (Fri-Sat)	Tyee Open C	Stroinsky & C Adams
Aug 11-16 (Sun-Fri)	Mazamas at Tyee	TBD
Aug 17-18 (Sat-Sun)	Hike&Dine	Nancy Overpeck
Aug 24-25 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	George Milne
Sep 28-29 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	George Milne
Oct 19-20 (Sat-Sun)	Hike&Dine	Nancy Overpeck
Oct 26-27 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	George Milne

Nesika Schedule —2013

Date	Event Description	Contact
Aug 10-11 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Sep 06-08 (Fri-Sun)	Milne Wedding	George Milne
Sep 14-15 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Sep 28-29 (Sat-Sun)	Hike&Dine	Nancy Overpeck
Oct 12-13 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule—2013

Date	Event Description	Contact
Aug 15 (Thu)	Multnomah Falls	Ralph Rogers
Aug 24 (Sat)	Willamette Valley	Luis Sowa
Aug 27 (Tue)	Last Tue Bike Ramble	TBD
Aug 30 (Fri)	Gladstone Loop	Terry Lawson

Jefferson Park Exploratory Backpack—Class B Sep 7-8 (Sat-Sun)

Access Jefferson Park from the Whitewater Trail on the west side of Mount Jefferson. Our hike in will be approximately 6 miles one way with 1900 feet of elevation gain. Jefferson Park is well known for its scenery. Once we get to Jefferson Park, we'll explore the area for the best campsites, set up camp, and explore some more if we wish. To register, Application form and Emergency Contact Information form need to be received by leader before Wednesday Sept 4th. These forms are available at www.trailsclub.org under Backpack Participant Information. Leader: Bill Yandon 503-538-3643, Cell 503-887-2932, or wkyandon@earthlink.net.

Natchez Trace Bicycle Trip Oct 8-23 (Tue-Wed)

Trip Full, Alternates Only

This 444-mile Parkway was established as a unit of the National Park System in 1938 and officially completed in 2005. We will fly to Nashville, stay in B&B's and Hotels, bicycle between 40 and 60 miles a day. We will tour the Antebellum homes in Natchez, MS; visit the birthplace of Elvis Presley in Tupelo, MS; and visit the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. We will pedal in three states with an abundance of history, the leaves will be turning and the temperatures will still be warm in the South. This trip is limited to 10 participants. Applications closed May 10th. For more information please contact Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214 gerdaeck@comcast.net.

Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club of Oregon Board of Trustees Meeting July 9 2013

Call to Order—Richard Gaunt called the meeting to order at 6:55 P.M. Callista Snively and Phillip Jackson were absent and excused. Joan Miller represented the membership committee.

There was an initial discussion concerning the membership of a nominating committee for club offices. Approval of a nominating committee consisting of Gerda Eck, Susan Saul, Jane Storey, Nancy Overpeck, and Virginia Larsen was moved By Lisa Osburn seconded by George Milne and passed.

The minutes for the June 11th meeting were approved, Moved by Bill Yandon, seconded by Lisa Osburn and passed.

Administrative Assistant—Virgina reported that in addition to her regular tasks she has been helping with the Alpine Outing with registration and financial details,

She reviewed the current membership of the Memorial Endowment committee, Nancy Overpeck, Joyce Rasmussen, Barbara Warren-Sams are the current members. An additional member should be appointed and a chairman chosen.

Treasurer's Report—Cindy

Cash Balance	06-30-2013	\$15,550.84
Beginning Balance	06-01-2013	\$16,387.71
June Deposits		4,279.10
June Checks/withdrawals		5,115.97
Ending Balance	06/30/2013	\$15,550.84

All income and outgo for the month is consistent with the budget.

Vice President—Bill Celine Stroinski and Charlie Adams requested the use of Tyee August 2 through August 4. Approval moved by Milne and seconded by Hugo. Motion passed.

Bill told us there would be Hike and Dine events at Tyee on the third weekends in July and August and a Hike and Dine at Nesika on the third weekend of September.

Membership—Joan Miller read Thomas (Tom) T. Meyer, James F. Galbreath, and Barbara K. Madsen for the first time.

Jean Munhall was elected to membership

Trips—Jeff Lawton announced that we will Have 3 backpacks and one bike ride in August.

He then introduced a discussion of the 5% fee we apply to outings. There is general support for the fee with the funds to be applied to equipment replacement, emergencies etc. If there were overages or shortages in the outings budget it was felt that less or more than 5% could be expected. We agreed to consider hike fees at the August meeting.

He presented samples of screens from Meet Up explaining how the website worked and the advantages for the club if it was to appear on the Meet Up site. George Milne moved that we should get on the Meet up site with the Trails Club paying any fees. Bill Yandon seconded and the motion carried

Publications- There was no report since Phil had been excused from attending.

Social—Lisa Osburn moved and Bill Yandon seconded a motion to send Rose Villa \$150 in appreciation for the use of their meeting room. Motion carried.

Lodges—George moved and Bill seconded a motion that Jim Flick and Richard Gaunt be given keys for Tyee. Motion carried.

George moved that we contract with Catworks at their bid price for the repairs to the road at Multnomah Creek. We will set the total budget at \$23,000 to include removing 3 hazard trees. Cindy Lee seconded and the motion passed.

New Business—Richard passed out a series of possible by laws changes.

Conservation—George presented a strongly felt statement opposing downhill bicycle trails in Forest Park. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted Merrill Hugo, Secretary

Trails Traveled

2013 Belknap Hot Springs Outing

Blessings: GREAT THANKS to Vicki for her vision 8 years ago to establish a TCO Outing at Belknap Hot Springs. Vicki's choice of an excellent location, her efficient planning, frugal spending and ability to involve everyone in the process has resulted in a sustainable outing. Other blessings this year: 25 lbs of ribs recovered and beaver dams saving tents.

Group demographics: Pre-teens to Grandmas to those healing from injuries and illnesses (Mike Harrison/Sylvia Milne) with a group totaling 63, which includes 49 registered for the outing along with some drop-in family visi-

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tors. Art Stangell was recognized as the person on the Outing with the most years in the club (his birth and wedding announcement have both appeared in Trail Blazer 'Let's Talk About Its'.

Group Activities—something for everyone:

Hikes: Clear Lake; Sahalie & Koosah Falls; Black Crater; Blue Pool; Terwilliger Hot Springs, Deer Creek Hot Springs and Nancy Overpeck's hike of an unspecified destination.

Bikes: Groups to solo. Diane's 10-mile trip uphill; Group bike trip to Deer Creek.

Scenic car ride: Sisters Bakery & Dee Wright Observatory

Campfire conversation: Expanding club campouts; saving Forest Park; dreaming of a Tyee addition and Physics/Engineering Geeks exchanging secret formulas

Water: more than half the group soaked in the upper and lower hot springs pools (104 degrees); members becoming one with the water, cooled off in a parking lot geyser and 9 signed up for a guided rafting trip down the McKenzie.

Games: Mexican Train, UNO & Backgammon.

Music: Jeff, Randy, Sylvia and Diane played Mandolin, Recorder, Guitar, Native American flute and drum. by Sylvia Milne on behalf of the June 30th dinner group.

Lake Oswego Historical Bike Tour—Class B Jul 25 (Thu)

The bike trip started early to avoid the predicted 90-degree afternoon temperatures. The back roads of Milwaukie, the bike path along I-205 to the bike path along the Clackamas River and on thru Oregon City. We pedaled across the refurbished historic bridge and then saw the West Linn neighborhoods before pedaling through Mary S. Young Park, then thru the beautiful area along River Road and onto the path that took us to George Rogers park. This is where Ralph Rogers met the group to recount history of his youth in Oswego. Ralph and his cousin Ann Marie Dudley used to play in this spot that is now a park named after their uncle. We pedaled by Ralph's boyhood home, saw where his relatives operated their grocery stores, we visited the meeting tree and the old chapel on First Street, where the grade school was operating in the house next door. It was most interesting to hear the history from one of our members. The group biked again on a very shady path through Tryon Creek Park, up Terwilliger Blvd to the Cemetery. So glad we could zoom downhill rather than labor uphill. Our trip took us across the Sellwood Bridge and Sellwood neighborhood and back to Milwaukie's starting point. This is a fabulous 25-mile urban ride and will surely be repeated.

By Gerda Eck



Lake Oswego Historical Bike Tour By Gerda Eck

Let's Talk About It

Portland Parks Dept Public Meeting On Changes to Forest Park. Aug 5 (Mon)

Dear Board, Portland Parks Dept will be holding a public meeting August 5 at Hoyt Arboretum to take testimony on a framework for decision making (PEM) for changes to the Forest Park Management Plan (FPMP). At least, that is what I make of the jargon. I will be attending as a citizen, but I seek your permission to speak for TCO. There are going to be a lot of Mt bikers there, and we need to make a good showing because it looks as if changes will be made on the basis of public input. The assumption being made is that the studies of the park are adequate. (it had previously been decided that single-track bicycling could not go forward before the studies of the park were complete). More later, when the actual PEM is posted July 29.

Sydney Herbert

Permission Granted

Phone the City of Portland Comment Line: 503 823-4127

With 2 minutes to speak - this is what I said
Save Forest Park as Wilderness—Opposed to Single-Track Bicycling and Shared Trails Forest Park is managed by a plan adopted in 1995 and prepared in fulfillment of a requirement of the Land Use Law of 1973. Goal 2 states: Provide opportunities for Passive Recreation: "Forms of recreation must be appropriate for Forest Park and must be passive in nature." (Page 21) Single Track Bicycling (essentially a downhill bike park with potential speed of 30 MPH) - is outside the scope of Forest Park's usage.
Sylvia Milne

**Dear Friends I thought I would forward to you an email
Les Blaize, of the NW Neighborhood Association,
just wrote;**

to Parks Director Mike Abbate and the others in Parks,
some responsible for creating the PEM evaluation .which
appears to be a venue to supersede the Forest Park
Natural Resources Management Plan.

The PEM is supported by cyclists who are trying to put in
the high speed single track trail.

Les said I could share his letter with you, so you could see
his concerns. I think they are all valid, and we really need to
attend the August 5th meeting, or at least barrage parks
(and Amanda Fritz) with letters.

Best wishes,
Marcy Houle

Director Abbate,

I will be meeting with Commissioner Fritz on 30th of July, I
would like to have an advanced copy of the PEM before the
29th so I can review it for our meeting.

I would also like to know: (Please don't send this over to
Josh, your Press guy to answer)

When and who initiated the need for the PEM and all of the
people who were involved in its creation up to this point?

What are all of the "construction and capital projects" that
this additional expense is suppose to help evaluate? City
Nature using the NRMP has successfully managed the pro-
jects for over 15 years, so why the sudden need, when al-
most all of the projects have been completed?

The only problems I can remember in over 40 years of
working with Parks is when Comm. Fish overrode City Na-
ture. Are you still operating in that mode or is this a left
over?

Are you still claiming that the snapshot wildlife study is the
Wildlife Base line that is called for in the NRMP? Are you
looking to the public to say that is good enough?

It is clear in the NRMP that the preservation of the natural
systems and resources are it's top priorities and balancing
that with recreation is not a requirement, when push comes
to shove than recreation has to go. That being said , are
you making the same mistake that Fish made with the Sin-
gle Track Comm., that the public can override the NRMP
and if they want to have dogs off leash, bridle paths, stee-
ple chases, obstacle courses, miles of paved trails, single
track, skills parks, geo trekking, night usage etc they should
have them?

The NRMP is clear that the management is based on sci-
ence not public input, Is that your position?

If so then, should we go forward with any expansion if we
can't afford the science, it is incomplete and not even close
to what the NRMP calls for because the public says so?

Should we do what ever the public, inspired by their own
uses, want?

What exactly do you think this public input is going to ac-
complish?

Finally at this time Mike, I would like to know what is your
current Vision (not the one in the NRMP) for Forest Park?
Has it changed from when Comm. Fish was in charge? I
have it around here some where, it went something like
this: If it takes putting more trails in Forest Park to get the
kids off the couch than we will do it and the more people we
get into Forest Park the Better.

Please include details for what types of new uses, trails you
foresee for the future of Forest Park.

Thank You

les blaize Forest Park Neighborhood Association

**The serenity of Forest Park is very near and dear to me.
My Forest Park story is in response to predictions of
early founder Thorton Munger (1883-1975)**

He is quoted in One City's Wilderness: Portland's Forest
Park authored by Marcy Cottrell Houle, as saying: In a few
years, nearly a million people will be living within a few
miles of the Forest Park. This wilderness within a city is not
a place for speeding...; here there should be no need for
haste. Its roadways should be sufficient for leisurely pic-
nickers, nature students, photographers, and not used so
as to inconvenience pedestrians. There will be requests for
facilities for active recreation: play equipment, play courts...
(but) this is not the place for such active recreational uses.
Portland is well supplied with many and better parks for
such uses..It is hoped that soon the privately owned land
within the exterior boundaries will have been acquired by
the City. This, the feeling of an extensive, uninterrupted
forest sanctuary may be preserved "far from the madding
crowd."

My Forest Park story began in the late 70's. During that
time I was going through some very stressful personal
times. As a new Trail's Club of Oregon member, sponsored
by Alice Wagstaff and Lucile Beauchamp, I joined a recom-
mended group in Wallace Park every Wednesday and
hiked sections of the many trails in Forest Park. At that time
Fran Koenig led the group. He took over as leader when
the Portland Parks hiking program disappeared as a result
of budget cuts. Today, this same group is led by the Trails
Club, which picked up Fran's duties when he passed on.

Ding Cannon, a club member and person responsible for
inspiring the committee of 50 to implement earlier master
plans for the park, was among the most influential of those I
spoke with. Similar to Fran, Ding knew the park like the
back of his hand and shared many amazing Trails Club
adventures with me. One in particular warned me to always
be prepared. The club now has a living memorial to an ex-
perienced hiker who did not survive unexpected perilous
conditions on one of the many club outings Ding partici-
pated in. I do remember being grateful for his advice later

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when I led a hike in Forest Park in early spring where weather transitioned from sun, to rain, to wind and then to hail. In those days, aside from weather conditions, the greatest interruption to a peaceful hike was making way for runners, some more polite than others.

Sylvia Milne, Historian; Trails Club of Oregon July 2013



Happy Campers Dinner at Silcox Hut .



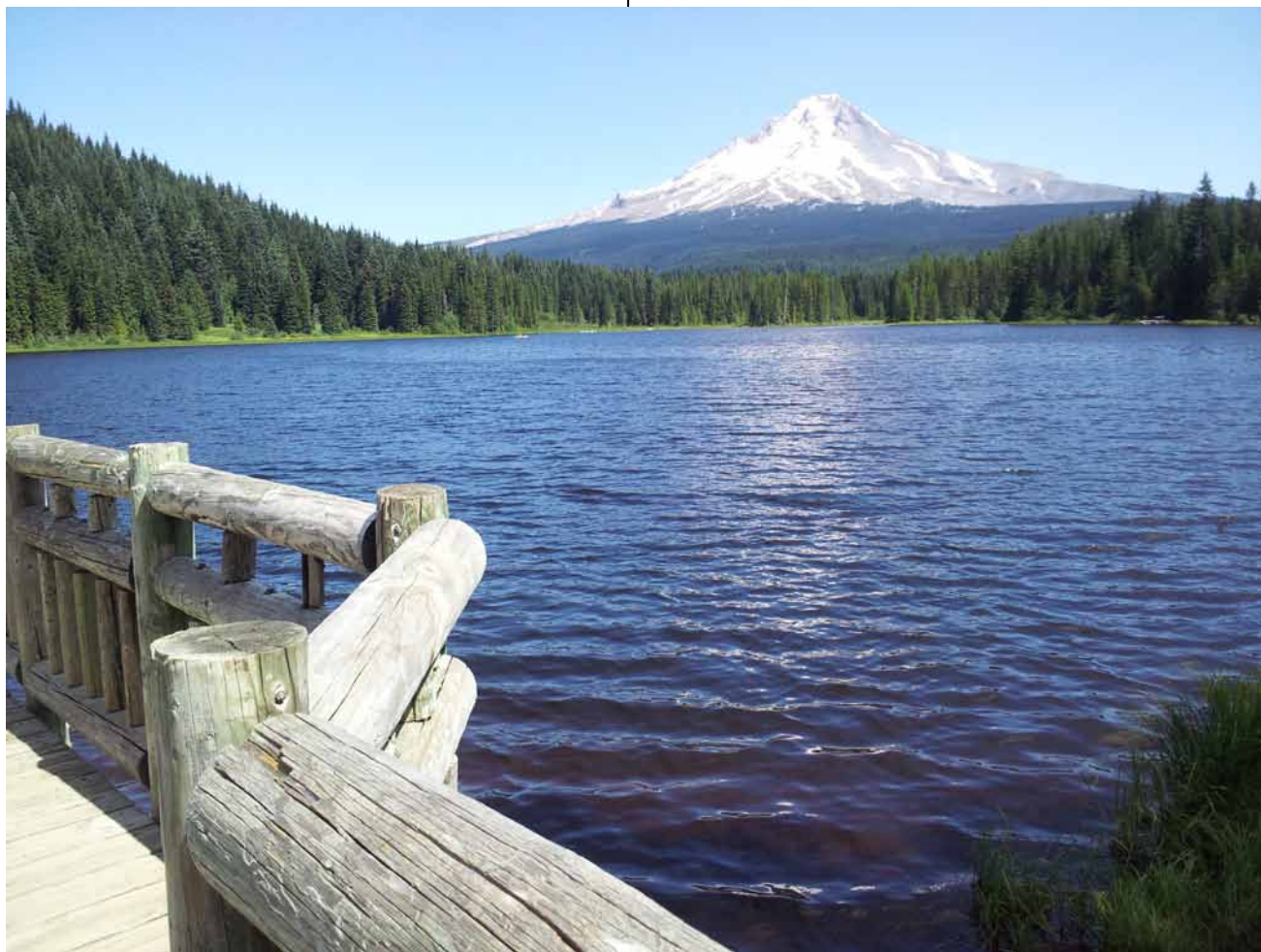
**Sue Armstrong, Audrey Perino, Nancy Panitch,
on the White River Canyon Trail**



**Mt. Jefferson from The Pacific Crest Trail near
Timberline Lodge**



**Crossing White River Canyon
near Timberline Lodge**



Trillium Lake

Photos By Ken Kane

Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first readings, 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 prior to publication.

Please use the following format:

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

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

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

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

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