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Jan 15 (Thur) Adventures and Travel, Pacific NW Search and Rescue

Our guest speaker, Deborah Cherachanko, is returning once again to enlighten us on winter safety and the mysteries of her search and rescue pack. She is a retired chiropractic physician and a Board member and Medical Director of PAC NW Search & Rescue. Deborah, also an EMT and a certified tracker, is wonderfully funny, and always presents an enjoyable program. If called upon, she will come find you!

Social Hour is at 6:30 PM, with the program starting at 7 PM. Please bring a snack to share or \$1 donation to defray costs. Guests are welcome!

Location: Rose Villa Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Contact Barb Jones, SocialChair@trailsclub.org for more info.

Jan 17 (Sat) Bird Butte Snowshoe Tour - Class Stiff A

Nice mix of on- and off-trail snowshoe travel through deep timber to an isolated summit with limited views. Bring a hot beverage and leave cotton clothing at home. Suggested carpool donation will be 15 cents per person per mile (\$15). Vehicles will need to display a SnoPark permit. Snowshoe: 5.5 miles w/ 900' elevation gain Drive: 100 R/T miles Leave: 8:30 AM (with snowshoes) from west side of Cherry Park Safeway. Leader: Kelly Marlin, mazamamama@fronter.com or 503-665-6778

Jan 17 (Sat) Mt. Hood XC Ski - Class B

Starting from the summit parking lot we'll take the road towards Trillium lake. Distance will be determined by weather conditions, but we would like to do six to eight miles. We'll go out, do a little loop, then take the same road back. Not planning on going around the lake. Road goes through the woods and has many short small hills along the first part. Needed: snow park permit, carpool fees, lunch. Meet at Gateway TC for a 8:30 departure. Leader: Brian Carlson owatta53@hotmail.com 503-960-9451

Jan 17-19 (Sat-Mon) Tyee Open for MLK Weekend

It's a family-friendly weekend at Tyee Lodge. Ski, snowshoe, play in the snow, enjoy the sledding hill or just relax by the fire. Sign up by Wednesday, Jan 14.

**Register with Hosts Paul and Callista Snively ,
tyeelodgeevent@gmail.com or call 503-330-7344**

Jan 21 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

Jan 28 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Depart: 9:30 am from Friendly House
Leader: TBD Contact Kathy Pollock for details. 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com

Jan 30-Feb 2, 2015 (Fri-Mon) Cascade Prime Timers and Trails Club at Tyee Lodge

Three nights and four days at Tyee Lodge with Hosts: Pete & Elaine Nelson and cook: Nancy Overpeck. Lodge will be open by 11 AM on Friday. There is plenty of snowshoeing and X-country skiing right outside the door. Overnight Fri, Sat, Sun, Jan 30-Feb 1. Meals: Dinner on Fri, Sat, Sun. Breakfast on Sat, Sun, Mon. Bring your own lunches. Cost: \$60 for TCO members, \$75 for non-members. Bring sleeping bag, clothes, toiletries, towel, and washcloth. Bring snowshoes and/or X-country skis depending on snow conditions.

MEET 10 AM, Jan 30 at Restroom on east side of Government Camp or at 10:10 AM on Timberline Road.

Reservations: call or email Pete Nelson 503-591-0160 petermvnelson@gmail.com Please Register by Tuesday, January 27. Register early for a bottom bunk.

Jan 31 (Sat) Government Camp Snowshoe – Class A

Meet at Tyee Lodge and depart at 10 AM. Snowshoe in the Government Camp area. Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire.

Carpool transportation from Portland not set up for this event as the leaders are staying at Tyee.

Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson 503-591-0160 petermvnelson@gmail.com

Feb 1 (Sun) Government Camp Snowshoe – Class A

Meet at Tyee Lodge and depart at 10 AM. Snowshoe in the Government Camp area. Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire.

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Feb 4 (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 Friendly House on NW 26th between Savier and Thurman

Leader: TBD

Feb 11 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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Meeting Places

Gateway TC From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple blocks and park in the Park and Ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining).

From I-84: take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Friendly House NW 26th between Savier and Thurman. Tri Met bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Rose Villa is a common place for club meetings.

Adventures and Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park before end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right, turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd.

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 and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

President's Message - 100 years and counting

Welcome to the new year. On October 3rd, the Trails Club of Oregon will celebrate 100 years as an organization. We celebrate the birth of the club along with the completion of the Multnomah Falls to Larch Mountain Lookout Trail built by members of the Progressive Businessmen's Club of Portland. Following the dedication of the trail, Samuel Lancaster, the engineer for the Columbia River Highway, along with members of the business men's club, announced the formation of the Trails Club of Oregon, dedicated to building trails and encouraging the public to experience the beauty and grandeur of the Columbia Gorge. In the following years they were involved in building trails in the Oneonta Gorge, the Angels Rest Trail and the Eagle Creek Trail. Newspaper articles from that time provide most of the information we have, as a fire destroyed our records and photos in the late 1920s. Over the years we expanded to other activities and successfully built two lodges. More to come.

George Milne

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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.

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

Leader: Name, Phone, and/or email.

Trails Club of Oregon's Web site:

Send pictures, new events or corrections to:
webmaster@trailsclub.org

December 24 Wednesday AM hikers - photo by Ken Kane



From the (new) Editor:

Phillip Jackson deserves a round of applause for his five years of service as Blazer editor. (two-l)Phil is often my companion on the Wednesday AM hikes and has offered a great deal of assistance in my new role. I know him to be a gentleman, polite, knowledgeable, and a stickler for grammatical accuracy.

The job description of the editor, particularly in a volunteer organization, demands those qualities together with a quality of persistence and diplomacy that I can only hope to emulate.

I welcome your comments and suggestions.

(one-l)Philip Crosby

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

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