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The purpose of the Trails Club is to foster and stimulate interest in hiking, climbing, skiing, camping and other similar outdoor activities and to promote activities of a social nature for the benefit of its members. The Club's interests and concerns are conservation of natural beauty and resources of the country. All Club activities are affected by the voluntary participation of the members. Membership requirements include an approved outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit, recommendations by two members within a one-year period, approval by the Board of Trustees, and payment of \$45 in dues for first household member, \$25 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a \$15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Mazama Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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Feb 7- 8 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open - Families

This is a promotional weekend for youth at Tyee. We will set up sledding, inner-tubing, and snowshoeing courses around the lodge with games and learning experiences inside the lodge. To keep costs down, food is potluck. Families need to bring spaghetti fixings to meet the needs of their families and to add to the potluck. We have COED dorms. Special needs children need to be with their family groups. Breakfasts are pancakes. Those desiring eggs or bacon should add them for potluck. Lunches are soups. Lodge opens 9:00 Saturday morning, closes at noon on Sunday. Those interested in opening the lodge on Friday and are approved for opening the lodge should notify hosts.

Register with hosts Glen or Linda Conrad at: 360-837-3787 or lcgrconrad@aol.com. Maximum sign up is 44

Feb 10 (Tue) Board Meeting

The Board meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the Milne residence at 1864 SE Anspach St, Milwaukie, OR

Feb 11 (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.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: Audrey Perino. 503-522-9911, audrey53@comcast.net

Feb 18 (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.

This week's hike will begin at Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

Leader: Kathy Pollock. 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com

Feb 19 (Thur) Adventures and Travel, Forest Park Author, Marcy Houle

Author, Marcy Cottrell Houle, will speak about her favorite subject, Portland's Forest Park. She is the author of "One City's Wilderness: Portland's Forest Park" and has authored three other books. Marcy, a biologist, has studied the park for the past 35 years. She will illuminate the attributes that make Forest Park stand out among all the others. She will share the park's amazing history, why it is a miracle it even exists, and how the Trails Club was an integral player in making the park happen. Marcy will also discuss Forest Park's interesting trails and the best ways to access this urban wilderness. She will talk about its diverse native plants and animals.

Social Hour 6:30 pm, program starts 7 pm Please bring a snack to share or \$1 donation to defray costs. Guests are welcome!

Location: Rose Villa Rec Hall, Fireside Room.

For more information Contact Barb Jones,
SocialChair@trailsclub.org for more info.

Feb 25 (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.

For the starting location of this week's hike, call or email the leader.

Ron Silvis. 971-998-5042, ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com

Feb 27- Mar 1 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open

Host: Sheryl Wagner (Details soon)

Mar 4 (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. This week's hike will begin at Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

Leader: TBD

Mar 6-8 (Fri-Sun) Macks Canyon to Mouth of Columbia River Backpack Class B

This 23-mile trail extends from Macks Canyon north to the Deschutes State Park near the mouth of the Deschutes River. We will hike only around 5-7 miles on Day 1 as the going is slow. We will do up to 10-11 miles on Saturday and a little less on Sunday. Usually we are at the car by noon. On Day 1 we will hire a shuttle driver to take our car to the take out on Sunday.

We will pass by the historic Harris Ranch: A homestead formally inhabited by pioneer settlers, Harris Ranch features a barn, corrals and even a sheep-shearing machine at this "Little House on the Prairie" - style destination. See full trip description at: <http://www.trailsclub.org/events/backpack.html#Macks>

Contact Leader Linda Conrad to register or for more information: 360-837-3787 or lgrconrad@aol.com

Mar 11 (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. This week's hike will begin at Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

Leader: TBD

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 Thurman and 26th. 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.

Mazamas Lodge is a common meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block south of Stark St.

Trails Ahead

**June 26-28, 2015 (Fri-Sun)
Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River**

Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 10th annual outing. The resort, which is about 300 miles roundtrip from Portland and midway between Sisters and Eugene off Hwy 126, has 2 mineral springs swimming pools and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at www.belknaphot springs.com for photos and details on the lodging choices. Recreational opportunities in the area include: hiking, mountain biking on the McKenzie River trail, fishing, boating on nearby lakes, whitewater rafting trips, golfing and other natural hot springs.

The outing is Fri. and Sat. nights, with an option of Sun. night on your own. Sat. and Sun. breakfasts and Sat. appetizers/campfire dinner will be provided. Fri. night there is an optional potluck dinner. Lunches are not included. There will be a 7-mile loop hike Sat. to view Sahalie Falls and Clear Lake.

LODGING OPTIONS (per night, including tax):

Tent sites for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) are \$32.70 near the outing group area or \$27.25 across the river on a footbridge

RV sites \$38.15 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each add. person)

Cabin prices are divided by the number of people and range from \$152.60 for up to 4 people to \$277.95 for up to 6 people (\$10 each additional person)

Lodge rooms range from \$109 for 2 people to \$152.60 for up to 4 people (\$10 each additional person)

OTHER FEES include the cost and transportation of food/beverages/supplies, which totals \$21 for adults and \$11 for children under age 12.

TO REGISTER (registration opens Feb 3rd for TCO members and March 3rd for nonmembers):

Contact Vicki Wood vw48@comcast.net or at 503-850-4366 to inquire about lodging availability;

Mail a \$25 nonrefundable deposit and completed application/liability and medical form for each person to:

Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207.

These forms can be downloaded from our website at www.trailsclub.org in the "outings" section under "Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River".

3) The balance of your lodging fee is due May 25th. This outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people. TCO is not responsible for providing or arranging your transportation to or from the outing.

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing and the \$25 deposit will be credited to your balance.

2015 Alpine Outing in Washington's Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness

August 8-15 (Sat-Sat) and August 15-22 (Sat-Sat)

The 2015 Alpine Outing will be at Boiling Lake in Washington's Sawtooth Mountains. This was the site of the 2008 Alpine Wilderness Outing. It is an opportunity to hike in with a day pack (almost 8 miles and 2500 feet elevation gain) to our base camp. We will spend the week at Boiling Lake which has an abundance of trails nearby. The hikes are mostly A and B hikes but there are also opportunities to travel cross-country for people who are interested in C level hikes. The Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness provides many delights: dramatic mountains, several picturesque lakes, and great hiking opportunities. Boiling Lake is shallow and not suitable for swimming but Upper Eagle Lake two miles away has wonderful cold swimming and

good fishing. Cub Lake also provides swimming but it is four miles away. This is higher country; be prepared for the altitude. A professional outfitter will transport up to 35 lbs. of personal gear for each participant, as well as the group food and camp equipment. Camp chairs will be provided. Only ONE PERSONAL GEAR BAG will be allowed. You will only need to carry a day pack on the hike into and out from camp. All backcountry meals are provided; camp chores and cooking duties are shared by the participants. Menus will be simple but tasty and will include fresh vegetables.

Week 1 will be from August 8-15 Leader is Brian Carlson. Week 2 will be from August 15-22. Leader is Paul Snively and Co-Leader Jim Flick.

Each week will be limited to 12 people.

Participants are responsible for providing or arranging their own transportation to and from the outing.

Driving distance from Portland to Twisp, WA is about 377 miles one-way, about a 7 hour drive. We will have a pre-meeting for participants to meet, arrange carpools, and exchange information.

TCO member applications will be accepted beginning March 1 and cannot be postmarked prior to that date. Applications will be accepted in the order of postmarked date and time. Applications from non-members and members of FWOC organizations postmarked after April 1 will be accepted if space is available.

Cost will be \$425 for Trails Club members and members of FWOC organizations; cost for non-members will be \$500.

If you have any questions contact Outing Organizer/Leader Callista Snively alpinewilderness1@gmail.com or 503-330-7344. To apply for a place on the outing:

Complete the 2015 Alpine Outing Application and Medical Forms, which are available on the TCO website. If you prefer to have the forms mailed to you, please contact

Outing Leader Callista Snively,
alpinewilderness1@gmail.com.

2. Complete the forms and mail them with a NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$200 payable to TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON. Address them to:

Trails Club of Oregon
Alpine Wilderness Outing
P.O. Box 1243
Portland, OR 97207

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing. Your \$200 deposit will then be credited to your balance. Your final payment will be due May 1, 2015. Your final payment will be the total cost from above minus the \$200 deposit. If not received by May 1, your place on the outing will be assigned to the first person on the Alternates List. Alternates need to be aware that your \$200 deposit check will be held until you are accepted or it will be returned to you if no opening occurs. Refunds of the final payment due to your decision to cancel (should you decide to do this) will be processed after the outing

has concluded and all of the outing expenses have been accounted for, so a full refund of your final payment is not guaranteed. No refund will be given on the final payment if you cancel in the 30 days before the outing starts.

From Social Trustee, Barbara Jones

Thanks to Gerda Eck who presented a lovely program in December 2014 about backpacking the Snake and Rogue Rivers. The event was well attended by 28 people. The Snake River trip was the easiest of the two, and there were wonderful wildflowers in both trips that were in bloom. There was awesome scenery in the Snake River Canyon, with interesting historical sites.

Hike and Dine Dates

This year we will have dinners on 2nd Sat, since work trips have been moved to 3rd Sat for both lodges. Please contact SocialChair@trailsclub.org if you would like to volunteer for one these dates or contact Nancy Overpeck, overpeck@wa-net.com. Call early to get the date of your choice! My thanks to all the great cooks who volunteered in 2014! We had a lot of memorable meals.

Hike and Dine dates are:

June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept 12, Oct 10

Presidents Message, February 2015

Come and join us for a special event on March 14, 2015. As part of our centennial year, we will be looking back on many important events that defined what the Trails Club was to become. During this year we also need to look to the future. The Board of Trustees is arranging a "futures planning seminar" to assist in understanding and evaluating current programs and to gather suggestions for strengthening or expanding club goals and operations in the coming years. The planning for the event is under way and further details on location and time will be in the March Blazer and posted on the web site. The participation of all club members is critical to making this an effective planning seminar.

Change is necessary for organizations like ours in order to meet the needs of our members as well as potential new members. The primary focus of the Trails Club at its inception was to build trails. In the beginning, following the completion of the Larch Mountain Trail, club members worked on establishing three other trails in the Columbia Gorge before relinquishing that job to the US Forest Service. However, members of our Pacific Crest Trail Committee never lost interest in trail work and, under the leadership of Norm Green, built 17 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail across private property to help complete the route.

After the USFS took over trail building, the club's focus then changed to encouraging the public to hike and enjoy the outdoors all around us. With interests of members expanding over the years, the Trails Club became a multi-

faceted organization enjoying hiking, climbing, canoeing and kayaking, bicycling, skiing, snow-shoeing and social events. In 1922 it was decided the club needed a base of operations, so land was purchased and a log lodge, called Nesika, was completed in 1924. With the increased interest in skiing members rented a facility in Government Camp to allow skiing for two days instead of one. The growth of skiing after World War II created the interest of having a full time lodge for members to enjoy and that dream was realized with the construction of Tyee in 1949, with expansion added in 1958 to allow more varied use of the building. In 1987 the members decided that to enhance the use of Nesika a new lodge building needed to replace the 63 year old, and decaying, log building. It was a monumental task that involved many volunteers to make that a reality. None of this would have happened without members volunteering leadership and participation in each area.

During this 100th year since the founding of the Trails Club, we remember that members have been involved in many significant events that have had an impact on recreation and conservation that also benefits those beyond this club. In 1932 we joined with the Mazamas to form the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC), a collection of recreation and conservation organizations in seven Western States. The members of the FWOC, under the leadership of FWOC President Ding Cannon, also a President of the Trails Club of Oregon, played a major role in finally establishing a plan for Portland's Forest Park to be a reality. Several other TCO members were also very involved in developing the park over the following years. FWOC also played an important role in promoting the passing of the Wilderness Act that protects some of the most pristine lands and significant habitat for wildlife across the country.

Also, you can learn about the Trails Club past and current involvement with Forest Park at the February 19th Adventures and Travel night at Rose Villa. We have an opportunity to hear about the creation, planning and laws that protect Forest Park. Marcy Houle, a biologist, active in protecting Forest Park, had the privilege to work with Ding Cannon and has a detailed understanding of Ding's vision for the park. We are probably among the longest and most active group to hike in Forest Park on a weekly basis and you will enjoy hearing why we have the opportunity to enjoy such a beautiful park. Members of our Conservation Committee are also currently involved in addressing issues that involve the park. I look forward to seeing you here.

George Milne President@trailsclub.org

**Board of Trustees Meeting,
Mazama Lodge, Jan. 13, 2015**

Present: George Milne, Glen Conrad, Randy Dietrich, Ron Silvis, Art Stangell, Joel Reitz, Joan Miller, Callista Snively, Cindy Lee

Excused: Merrill Hugo, Barbara Jones

George called the meeting to order at 7pm.

The need for a different message on the Larch Mountain road gate was discussed. "Authorized Vehicles Only" and "Do not block" should replace "No vehicles permitted". The club needs to communicate to the Forest Service that the upper portion of Palmer Mill Road needs to remain open for our use, in light of rumors that it might be designated as a bike trail.

The office laptop has been replaced, but Microsoft Office needs to be obtained and installed.

The History Project is moving videos and history to disk. This is a slow process. This needs to move along to support a possible OPB Oregon Field Guide or Experience Oregon feature.

Treasurers' report

Membership dues are coming in, including some via PayPal. Several positive comments have been received. The deficit has decreased this past year, but needs to be reduced more by gaining new members. Last year saw reduced dues income as member's age into the senior dues category.

The Board approved to move the investment account to the Vanguard Group. It was moved to start an investment committee of 5 non-board members, with one non-voting board member, as in the bylaws, to oversee the investments.

The budget was presented, which started discussions about the details. Randy proposed removing some of the "handbook" pages to reduce the bulk of the handbook/directory. It is at the threshold for a more expensive postal rate. The deadline is March 1st. Board members were asked to submit their views on what should stay and what could be removed. Most "handbook" content is on the web site, and can be included in the new member packet. Ron proposed a photo of Nesika be included in the new member packet for display and recruitment purposes. Randy moved that the budget be approved, and it was approved by the board.

Any dues increase needs club approval as per the by-laws. This process has started. A lodge guest fee increase from \$15 to \$20 was proposed to become effective in April. It would encourage multiple time visitors to become members.

The board tabled action on this.

Vice President's report

The FWOC conference is meeting at Menucha in August

and several members will stay at Nesika the evening of August 27th. The board approved extending member rates to all FWOC attendees who want to see and stay at Nesika.

The board also approved the use of Tyee on February 23-25, Monday to Wednesday by the Mazamas, to be hosted by Callista.

Two events at Nesika were requested by Pamela Moore for June and August. Both fall within the accepted use policy and did not require board approval.

Keys for Tyee were approved for Russ Hunt, Agnes Prescott, Cathy Schiedler, and Chaz Shaw.

Membership

All 2nd reading new member proposals were approved. There were no 1st readings this month.

Trips

Summer outing this year is August 8-15 and 15-22 to Boiling Lake. Brian Carson will host the first week, and Paul Snively will host the second week. The outfitter was paid for the cancelled outing last year, so has already been paid.

Publications

Blazer deadline is the 15th. Write-ups need to be in before the deadline. Phil is quite fast once the material is in.

Randy proposed starting a publications committee to handle the various tasks: Blazer, Web site, Meet-up, e-mail list, and Facebook page. Submitting dues online with PayPal was set up by Cindy Lee. It could be expanded to cover other payments to the club..

Social

Report distributed via e-mail. Banquet notice is going in the Blazer.

Nesika

About one cord of wood is down across the road and trail. The opening /closing procedure is being revised. Wood has been brought up from the shed by the generator. The host at Multnomah lodge has been promoting our club and we had 12 drop-ins with several expressing interest in joining.

Tyee

There were 35 attending for New Years, where many enjoyed viewing the fireworks at Multipor from above Government Camp. There are 17 signed up for MLK weekend plus 30 for a hike.

Other business

A \$50 donation was approved for the Portland Mountain Rescue.

The February Board meeting will be at George's house, 1864 SE Anspach St., Milwaukie, OR, as he will be recuperating from January knee surgery.

Meeting adjourned just past 9 pm.

Joel Reitz – Vice President

Let's Talk About

(Editor's Note) As part of the upcoming centennial celebration of the Trails Club, Sylvia Milne <historian@trailsclub.org> has provided a historical article written by past TCO president Leonard Murphy. The History Committee has accumulated an interesting trove of articles and photos of interest to students of TCO and Gorge history.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON

Leonard Murphy, Past President, TCO

The Trails Club of Oregon had its genesis, its beginnings, as a result of the vision of Samuel Hill and Samuel Lancaster along with the energy of the Progressive Businessman's Club of Portland.

Samuel Christopher Lancaster, the first president of the Trails Club of Oregon, was a railroad and highway engineer. He had accompanied Samuel Hill on a trip to Europe to study the major highways of that continent. Lancaster, bewitched by the possibility of creating a beautiful road through a relative wilderness was the consulting engineer in charge of the construction of the Gorge Scenic Highway.

Highway construction started in October 1913 and was officially completed July 6, 1915. To construct such a beautiful highway, utilizing brain and brawn power, in less than two years was an incredible feat. The bridges, tunnels, viaducts and the road across and down from Crown Point were all beautifully designed to complement the native beauty of the landscape. The workforce reached about 500 men in June of 1914.

Lancaster, with numerous city of Portland businessmen had the vision of sharing the beauty of the Gorge with the visitors of the world; not just to view the waterfalls, rugged cliffs and flora of the area from the highway but also by making the hinterland available by foot, using trails constructed and maintained for safe accessibility. It was their vision that energized 26 men of the Progressive Businessmen's Club to hike the 6-1/2 miles from Multnomah Falls in stormy weather to the summit of Larch Mountain. It was there that they posted the American flag on the Forest Service observation tower. The business meeting then commenced with a brief prayer by Mr. Lancaster. It was at that meeting on October 3, 1915, held in a crude shelter constructed of logs cut from the surrounding trees that the Trails Club of Oregon was formed.

The objectives of the club were to promote outdoor recreation in the form of hiking, mountain climbing, skiing, and camping, for the enjoyment of the members. All of the Trails Club members were fully aware that they would need to devote some of their time and energy to building and maintaining trails in order to make many of our scenic places accessible.

Those first years between 1915 and 1923 were chiefly

dedicated to achieving the how, when and where aspects of the club's goals: WHERE do we want to construct the trails to reach those very special water falls, view points and summits. This involved knowing the terrain and making maps of the pertinent areas. HOW do we make the trails utilizing the brain and brawn available with the cooperation of the U.S. Forest Service, as most of the trails would be on U.S. Forest Service lands. WHEN, by prioritizing the importance of the trail to be made and when the volunteers were available. Rules, regulations and membership requirements were developed in these formative years.

The work involved in designing and constructing a trail in the 1910's and 20's was stupendous. In a letter written by Henry Hayek, TCO president in 1917, he describes some of the details encountered to locate the best route for a trail around Multnomah Falls which took two reconnaissance parties two trips. Twenty five men overcoming the fear of height and equipped with ropes and brush cutting tools were then engaged.

Fortunately the snow was only a few feet deep in March when the work began. By August of that year the trail was practically completed. This undertaking was accomplished in such record time through the cooperation of the U.S. Forest Service, financial assistance from the Bensons, and donors of the rights-of-way.

Some of the many trails constructed were Angels Rest, Oneonta Gorge, and Eagle Creek. As the trails were completed, the USFS took over responsibilities of administration, signage, and some maintenance. Thus, the emphasis of the Trails Club from the mid 20's on was not so much as builders but a club inviting others to join and enjoy the trails and views we now have. Fortunately, the Civilian Conservation Corps was created.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was one of the most popular relief programs in President Roosevelt's "New Deal". It was formally launched in 1933, less than one month after President Franklin D. Roosevelt's first inauguration.

Young men mostly between the ages of 17 and 25 were recruited for 18 months of service. For \$30 a month (\$25 went home to their families) and room and board they fought forest fires; planted trees; constructed roads and water detention dams; and constructed and maintained trails including those recently developed in the Gorge.

The burden of maintaining the existing trails in the Mt Hood National Forest then became the responsibility of the Civilian Conservation Corps under the supervision of the Forest Service. Recreation in the out-of-doors was the major activity during the 1930's and the Great Depression. The trails were reasonably close to the population and the Trails Club members continued to utilize the well maintained trails for hiking the mountains for winter sports and the nearby rivers for water recreation activities.

(to be continued in future Blazer issues)



Larch Mountain lookout tower.
(1923 TCO History Archive file photo)

Excerpt From The Sunday Oregonian, October 10, 1915 - Club Launched at Dedication of Larch Trail to Boost Scenic Points...

Mr. Lancaster Elected President.

"...Next on the program came the organization of a club which will have for its purpose the opening of other trails into scenic points through the state that are now practically inaccessible: the building of a comfortable house on the summit, with water and sanitary facilities, and the setting aside of Multnomah, Eagle Creek and Oneonta waterbeds as game preserves and stocking of the streams with fish. Samuel C. Lancaster was unanimously elected president in recognition of his deep interest and personal efforts for the opening of the trail and all present became charter members. A committee with J. P. Jaeger as its chairman was then appointed to draw up constitution and by-laws, with instructions to make an early report..."



Larch Mountain lookout tower.
(1940s USFS photo)

Wednesday A.M. Hikers Crossing the Steel Bridge - On Jan. 14, our hikers enjoyed filtered sunshine while crossing the Steel Bridge. (Editor photo)



Membership Notes - January 2015

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.

First Readings:

None

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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

Leader: Name Phone and/or email.

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