



# Chinook Trail Association

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## SEIZE THE DAY

## JUNE 5, 1993

## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY



On June 5, 1993, the Chinook Trail Association will celebrate National Trails Day by sponsoring a volunteer work day on a new segment of the Chinook Trail on Squaw Butte in eastern Clark County. National Trails Day is an event originating with the National Trails Association and the American Hiking Society.

Persons interested in participating need to bring their lunch and drink, adequate clothing and sturdy shoes. Also bring a favorite digging tool.

Meet at 8:00 A.M. at 134th Street & I-5 WDOT Park & Ride to share ride and receive location directions. We plan to return to the P. & R. by 5:00 P.M.

This working celebration is being co-sponsored locally by the *Washington Department of Natural Resources, Recreation Equipment Incorporated and Chinook Trail Association.*

Come, bring some friends and enjoy a day as a volunteer!

For additional information call:

Ted Klump 206-695-7149 or  
Ed Robertson 206-694-1648.



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

## Message from CTA President

The Spring Work Parties are underway! Over the late fall and winter we met with representatives from the Washington Department of Natural Resources in an effort to clarify the permit process. It is essential to work in partnership with agencies in the construction of the Chinook Trail. We were, of course, elated when the permit finally came through for us to proceed with construction on the Squaw Butte Connector portion of the Chinook Trail! And in time to schedule work parties for this year!

Those of us who hold CTA near and dear to our hearts sometimes have difficulty accepting the small part our beloved project plays in large land management organizations. We rely on representatives within the agencies to keep our goals alive in the overall agency plans. Many thanks to those individuals both in the community and in the land management agencies who continue to support the Chinook Trail. We believe it will play a significant role in the quality of life in Southwest Washington. Happy Trails!

Karyl Ramsey

*Now Available in select bookstores and outdoor stores throughout Oregon is a guide-map entitled: "50 Old-Growth Day Hikes in the Mt. Hood National Forest"*

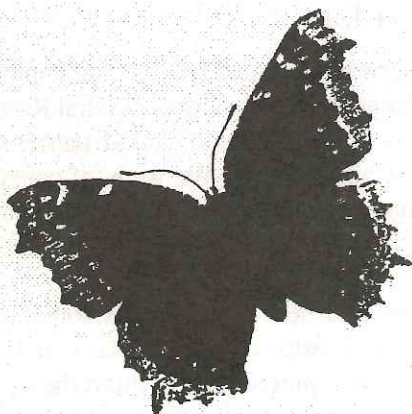
The guide map was created by Diane and John Cissel and is being published by Old-Growth Day Hikes © 1993. The unique blend of detailed maps and interpretive text provides educational information about old-growth, shows where to find old growth, points out and describes special old-growth groves, and maps several types of old growth on detailed topographic maps. These maps are surrounded by a new elaborate border illustration featuring plants and animals of old forests found in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Information is included about tree species and sizes, ecological characteristics, unique features, and a hike rating from very easy to difficult. Barrier-free trails are also noted.

(The guide is also available post-paid for \$7.50 from Old-Growth Day Hikes, PO Box 5651, Eugene, OR)

#### Special Thanks

Robert Michael Pyle is a naturalist, author and friend of the little things: insects, which are essential for a healthy earth. His books on butterflies, including the **Audobon Society Handbook for Butterfly Watchers**, won the Governor's Winter Award in 1985. He authored **Wintergreen**, **Rambles in a Ravaged Land**, which won an award. His most recent book, **Handbook for Butterfly Watchers**, is a must for those seeking understanding of this part of the insect world. He lives and writes from his home in Gray's River, Washington.



## Friends of the Columbia Gorge Hiking Weekend

**Saturday, June 19: Stebbins Creek.** A pleasant, forested 9-mile hike up the western side of the Three Corner Rock Trail. Pass interesting rock outcroppings to a charming creek-side lunch spot at the forks of Stebbins Creek. 2,000-ft elevation gain. Chinook Trail Association: Ed Robertson (206) 694-1648 or Paul Clare (206) 892-8173. Meet at 8:00 A.M. Hwy 14 Park & Ride near Pearson Airport or 9:30 A.M. at the Washougal River trailhead.

**Sunday, June 20, 1993: Nestor Peak.** 8-mile hike in the Buck Creek area to a 3,088-ft summit with a working fire look-out tower. 2,000-ft elevation gain. Panoramic views abound. Chinook Trail Association: Heather Rosenwinkel (503) 244-9016. Meet at 8:00 A.M. DOT or 9:00 A.M. at Bridge Mart, just east of the north end of the Hood River Bridge.

## Spring Butterflying in the Columbia Gorge

*by Robert Michael Pyle*

As the winter winds abate, the butterflies of spring come forth. To many of us, the cerise flag of blood current blooming in the mossy rocks spells spring; others await the first chirp of a returning violet green swallow to signal the season. But it is the butterflies that always strike me as the ultimate heralds of the coming warm days.

In the months of March and April we can hope for glimpses of at least a dozen species of butterflies in the western Gorge, maybe twice that number in the eastern reaches. These consist of two groups: the winter hibernants and the new emergents. Of the former, we have eight species, all known as the true nymphs. These are the angelwings and tortoiseshells, medium-sized butterflies of tawny and rusty hue, with black spots and ragged margins.

Because they overwinter as adults in hollow trees or other protected cavities, these nymphs may appear on sunny days all through the winter. They begin coming out in numbers as soon as the days moderate and the sun shines in March. Watch for the golden-tawny flash of the satyr anglewing or the orange, brown, and yellow-striped flicker of a Milbert's tortoiseshell. Both are to be found around the freshly emerging stems of stinging nettle, their sole larval hostplant. Near willows, you might be surprised by the spectacle of a mourning cloak coming out of its winter hiding. This biggish butterfly might be cloaklike on its ashy underside, but above it shines mahogany with blue spots and French vanilla rims.

The first of the fresh spring emergents are the spring azures, or echo blues which come out as early as the end of February and fly all through the spring. Their sluglike larvae feed on flowering shrubs of many kinds while the adults nectar on coltsfoot or yellow violets.

Not long after the early blues come the veined or mustard whites, related to the cabbage whites of the garden, but native. The loveliest of the spring whites is Sara's orangetip, the symbol of the Ellen Davis Trail. The handkerchief-white male and the butter-yellow female both sport bright orange patches in the corners of their forewings, as well as delicate green marbling below.

"In a world made smaller by human dominance," wrote John Hay in *The Bird of Light*, "the butterflies of spring keep me in touch with the planet's abiding distances." Their numbers and variety may be greater in summer-time, but we should not ignore the special pleasures brought to the Gorge by the butterflies of spring.

## Washington Trails Association needs your membership

Washington Trails Association, 1305 Fourth Ave., Suite 512, Seattle, WA 98101-2401 (206)625-1367, is a grassroots organization working to improve and protect trails by representing hikers, walkers, backpackers, and other self-propelled trail users. WTA organizes public involvement in decision-making that affects trail enhancement, provides conservation education, information about recreation opportunities and Washington's wildlands and parks. We work with other citizen groups statewide, as well as Congress and the State Legislature, to increase public funding for trail construction and maintenance on public lands, and to promote the interests of hikers and other non-mechanized trail users. We also serve as the trail community's watchdog, protecting our state's trail network from encroachments by logging and conversion of trails to motorized use. We are the only statewide association devoted solely to trails.

During 1992 we successfully set up two volunteer regional committees to monitor specific National Forests within the state. The success of these two committees has underscored the need to establish five additional committees, each designated to monitor one of the five other National Forests within the state during 1993.

The Baker/Snoqualmie is currently prioritizing potential new trail projects with the intention of forming coalitions to see that some of these projects are completed.

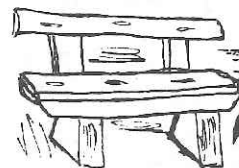
This committee is also at the forefront of an effort to bring all user groups together to sponsor "Roads to Trails", a conversion of logging roads into recreational use.

The Gifford Pinchot Committee is focusing on attaining protection for the Dark Divide.

We are also undertaking the publishing of a barrier free trail guide for the state. WTA is the state coordinator for National Trails Day to be held on June 5, 1993.

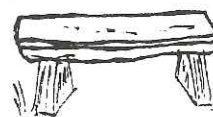
Washington needs more trails simply to protect our wilderness areas, many of which are already seriously over-used. Washington needs new trails, old trails reopened, and current trails properly maintained and protected. This is our mission and we have been successful thus far. Please help us continue this valuable work by joining our membership. For further information contact Gregory S. Ball, Executive Director.

## CHINOOK TRAIL GARDEN BENCHES



*The Chinook Trail Garden Benches are patterned after those constructed in the early 1960's by Dr. Takumo Tono, creator and designer of the Japanese Garden in Portland's Washington Park. Original benches may be seen by visiting the Japanese Garden. One bench design has been modified to accommodate a back rest.*

*The benches are constructed from red and Alaskan yellow cedar. Oak pegs nestle the legs to the cross support. Concealed screws hold the piece together. All surfaces have been treated with a UVL wood treatment. These pieces were constructed by one of our members for the benefit of CTA.*



### Chinook Trail Association (CTA) Membership Application

- ☐ Individual \$20    ☐ Family \$30    ☐ Student/Senior \$10    ☐ Institutional \$60  
☐ Sustaining \$100    ☐ Life \$500    ☐ Corporate \$1,000 and above

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I wish to purchase a trail patch @ \$3.00 + .50 handling TOTAL: \$3.50  
☐ I wish to purchase a tie tack or ☐ lapel pin @ \$5.00 + .50 handling TOTAL: \$5.50  
☐ I wish to become a volunteer:

\_\_\_\_\_ Trail building    \_\_\_\_\_ Assist with mailings  
\_\_\_\_\_ Membership    \_\_\_\_\_ Promotions (Photography, writing, newsletters)    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Members will receive CTA newsletter, "The Chinook Trek," and other mailings as appropriate to keep you informed of Chinook Trail progress.

**Send application and remittance to:**

**Chinook Trail Association**  
P.O. Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666-0997

*Florence Wager, Chinook Trail Board Member and volunteer will be selling walking sticks again this year at Vancouver's Saturday Market. A special feature this year will be the Chinook Trail Garden Bench. The Vancouver Saturday Market opened May 1.*

*Thank you Florence and good selling!*

## Beacon Rock State Park

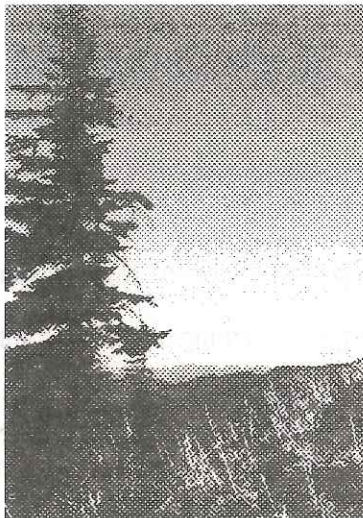
Our first work party at Beacon Rock State Park was Saturday, April 17. We concentrated on the section of trail between the picnic area and Hardy Falls. Our thanks to Leonard Brown and his crew for the work they did on this section of trail over the winter months. Two more work parties are scheduled for the fall, October 16 and October 30.



*Work party at Beacon Rock*

first steps in this process.

We are in the preliminary stages of planning a connector trail from the summit of Hamilton Mountain down across Hamilton Creek and up to the Pacific Crest Trail. Ed Robertson and Ted Klump met with Steve Johnson, Head Park Ranger at Beacon Rock, on April 10 to discuss the



*It's views like this that make all the hard work worthwhile.*

## 1993 Work Schedule

Dates and locations of the 1993 work parties contain a mix of trail maintenance and new construction projects. These are of necessity subject to some change due to weather and availability of necessary agency permits. Last year CTA performed over a total of 600 hours of work on trails. Thanks to the willingness of our volunteers and crew leaders to keep plugging along on this task.

May 15 Tarbell

June 5 Squaw Butte 26 PCT\*\*

Sept 11 Tarbell 25 Moulton Falls

Oct 16 Hamilton Mtn\*\*30 Hamilton Mtn.\*\*

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## The Evergreen Summit

The Evergreen Summit was held on March 26-27 at the new Skamania Lodge. The conference was sponsored by 1 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition through a grant from WWRC and co-sponsored by the National Parks Service. It was funded in part by the Bullitt Foundation. The purpose of the conference was to formulate the Evergreen Agenda to be used as a legislative tool in the preservation of open spaces in the State of Washington. Karyl Ramsey and I both attended as representatives of the Chinook Trail Association.

The conference opened Friday morning with an impressive keynote address by Jennifer Belcher, the new Commissioner of Public Lands. Throughout the day there were various workshops available for attendance on an individual basis, among which was an ongoing round table for the purpose of giving input on the Evergreen Agenda itself.

The conference resumed Saturday morning with more workshops and round table for the agenda. Keynote speakers at lunch on Saturday were Governor Mil Lowery and Senator Karen Fraser. A closing address was given by Den Hayes, Founder of Earth Day and President of the Bullitt Foundation.

We were given the opportunity to sign our names individually in acceptance of the Evergreen Agenda. It is a concept worth working hard for. We have the opportunity before us to make Washington State a very unique place to live. It was an honor and a privilege to represent the Chinook Trail Association at this important conference.

Ted Klump

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