
TROOP 166 TRIP BULLETIN Upper Big Quilcene Trail, Marmot Pass Fri July 29 –July 31

DESTINATION Marmot Pass, at 6,000 feet high, provides a trail corridor through the beautiful Buckhorn Wilderness in the Olympic Mountains. The pass is situated near Buckhorn Mountain (6,870 feet) and Iron Mountain (6,804 feet). From Marmot Pass, one can see the tallest peaks in the Olympic mountain range, and look down at the Dungeness Valley, and Hood Canal. We will hike Upper Big Quilcene Trail (#833), which meanders in mossy woods for the first few miles, and then has a **very strenuous** climb (the infamous Poop Out Drag) to the Alpine meadows of the pass. We will set tents up at Camp Mystery (5.5 miles in) for both Fri & Sat nights. Saturday we will take a day-hike on the adjoining Tubal Cain Trail (#840) to explore more of the area (6-8 mile day hike).

DEPART Meet at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church (WWPC) parking lot **at 8 AM FRIDAY, July 29th** for car load-up and equipment drop off. We will depart at **8:30 AM**. Rosters, maps, and driving instructions will be provided.

LEADERSHIP ADULT: Sponsor: Trent Siegel 206-909-8438 (c); Adult: Peter Krystad 206-412-0684 (c)
Bill Montgomery, Scoutmaster: 206-523-0072 (Home)

SCOUT: Sean Volke, Senior Patrol Leader

PROGRAM This is a **2-night** backpacking trip into backcountry. While open to all, it is better suited for older scouts. The hike to Marmot Pass is **very strenuous** at times, and participants must be in good physical shape + capable of carrying all of their gear & food up a 3500' elevation gain. The USNF limits backcountry camping groups to a max of **14 people**, so we will have limited scout/adult numbers. Depending on how many sign-up, we may need to create an additional hiking group. Adult drivers will need Northwest Forest Passes for the vehicles parked overnight. Scouts will be expected to pack and carry all of their own gear and their share of patrol food in backpacks. There are no facilities or running water, so scouts should be prepared to purify their water from streams. We will set up base-camp at Camp Mystery Friday afternoon, which should help us secure tent sites on this popular summer destination. Saturday we will take a day-hike from the junction with Tubal Cain Trail to Buckhorn Lake, and (time-permitting) to the site of an old B-17 plane ruin. We will practice LEAVE NO TRACE, and pack out everything we carry in.

ROUTE Drive from WWPC to Edmonds Ferry Terminal. Embark on the **9:40 AM ferry sailing** from Edmonds to Kingston. From Kingston, travel Route 104 across the Hood Canal Bridge to US 101, and head south towards Quilcene. From Quilcene drive US 101 south for 1.5 miles. Turn right (west) onto Penny Creek Road. After 1.5 miles bear left onto Big Quilcene River Road (Forest Road 27). Drive 9.25 miles, turning left on FR 2750. Continue 4.75 miles to the trailhead. (approximately 3 hours travel from WWPC).

EQUIPMENT Scouts should be fully prepared for a remote backcountry experience. There are no facilities once we leave the trailhead Friday. Scouts should be prepared for rain, hot and/or cold weather. **There will likely be no campfires allowed.** Dress in layers you can shed. Wear hiking boots & moisture wicking socks. There are extensive sections of the trail that are exposed to the sun – bring plenty of sun protection for high elevations. Each person must have enough water bottles to carry at least 1 liter of water. Bring a sleeping bag, camp pad, light cooking supplies and personal mess kit. Bring a pocketknife, first-aid kit, sunscreen, flashlight or headlamp and batteries.

FOOD Scouts are responsible for preparing dinner on Friday; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast on Sunday. Scouts are to bring a sack lunch and snacks for Friday & money for buying lunch on the return trip home Sunday.

FEE **\$20.00 CASH** covers transportation, including the ferry and car transportation. Provide an additional **\$20.00 CASH** to your patrol grub master for food (adults, too). Scholarships are available. Contact Bill Montgomery at least 5 days prior to the outing.

Pick-Up Summer ferry traffic is heavy, so depending upon which return ferry is taken, cars might return to WWPC between 3-5pm on Sunday. Updates on estimated arrival time will be given via email from the return ferry line.

SIGN-UP **Signed permission slips** and **\$20.00 CASH** can be turned in at the Troop meetings on June 20th and June 27th.

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PERMISSION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM:

Scout _____ has my permission to participate in the Marmot Pass Backpacking Trip sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 166.

Contact phone number for any unexpected circumstance: _____
This phone contact **must** be available from departure at parking lot to return.

Please Note: please go on line and complete YPT, copying your completed certificate to J Bolivar.

Youth Protection Training certificate needs to be on file with the troop. If not please include a copy. YPT is mandatory to drive or accompany scouts. Date YPT completed: _____

Contact John Bolivar – cleopatrajb@gmail.com to find out if your YPT is on file.

YES NO I will be accompanying the troop on this trip.

YES NO I will provide transportation for the Scouts.

Auto Insurance Company:

Policy Number: _____

Insurance Coverage: Liability Each Person \$ _____ Each Accident \$ _____

Property Damage \$ _____

Or initial if you meet or exceed Washington State Minimum Requirements _____

\$25,000 of bodily injury each person, \$50,000 of bodily injury each accident, \$10,000 property damage. - Amounts from WA. DOL 2006

Driver's License Number: _____

Vehicle make Vehicle Model year Owner's Name license plate No. Seat Belts

I hereby give permission for any and all medical attention necessary to be administered to my child in the event of an accident, injury, sickness, etc., under the direction of the adults listed on this form or the adult leaders listed on the trip bulletin until such time as I may be contacted. This release is effective for the time during which my child is participating in a Troop 166 Boy Scout outing, including traveling to or from activities. I also hereby assume full responsibility for payment of any such treatment.

Parents' or Guardians' Names: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Health Insurance: _____

Policy Number: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

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Scoutmaster: Bill Montgomery Phone: 206-523-0072