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10/10 ASHLAND LAKES AND BALD MOUNTAIN

We have sought for years to keep the Mountain Loop Highway dirt and gravel in part to help keep the traffic and use to a minimum, but also to keep this an old world style highway. The drive through here is beautiful, winding past lakes and wetlands and descending right down the Sauk River canyon, and is perhaps reminiscent of the original Snoqualmie Pass one lane road back in 1909. They “improved the road” that year and ran a Ford Model T race for the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition in Yesler’s Seattle. Back then it took the racers ten hours to make the descent from the summit to Seattle. With the exception of a few areas like Lake 22 and Monte Cristo this area tends to be less crowded for hiking and mountain recreation. The Ashland Lakes area is a series of small mountain lakes on a beautiful plateau we have visited in the winter by ski and snowshoe. To get to the second lake is only a five mile round trip with less than 1,000’ elevation gain, and is a wonderful place for lunch or just a photo stop, before climbing up the ridge a ways for some vistas. If Bald Mountain is your destination this is about a 12 mile return and about 2,500’ gain, but the views from the top are stupendous with Mt. Pilchuck to the west, Blue Mountain to the south, Monte Cristo the east and Whitehorse and Three Fingers north. Provided: transit, maps. Date 10/10 Cost \$51



*Summer 2020 Covid-19 Precautions: We will be limiting participation to 50% capacity on trips this summer. The transit van will be sterilized before and after each trip we do. The corona virus is mostly spread during prolonged indoor contact rarely in the outdoors, so travel distances will be limited to a maximum of 1:15 hr. Masks will be required on all participants, and hand washing before entering the vehicle. All personal gear will be kept in the back not in the seating area, and we will try to keep extraneous stops to a minimum. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available for those who need it. Please do not come if you feel sick in any way: dry cough, fatigue, nausea, loss of smell/taste, sore throat, headache, temperature, etc. A full refund will be provided for any who have symptoms or have had any recent contact with the virus. (Please see update on ba

MAIL THE FORM BELOW WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP & DONATION
To: One World Outing Club; 14810 Linden Ave. N.; Shoreline, WA 98133
Annual Membership is \$20 (www.outingclub.org)

Name: _____ Trip Title: _____ Enclosed \$: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ H. _____ O.Sign _____

I the above signed understand that there are risks and hazards involved in active sports including the activities I will be participating in with One World Outing Club. I accept these risks as my responsibility and agree to release One World Outing Club, their representatives, guides, and associates from any liability for accidents or injuries which may occur during or traveling to and from said activities.

Current Covid-19 situation and trip logistics modifications to accommodate:

I originally anticipated that by the first of August we would have the Coronavirus largely contained in our area or at least on the tail end of the decline curve. This has not happened here as it has in much of Europe and Canada. It appears to be infecting younger people 20-40 as much as the older (more wary) generations this time around. Washington State Governor Insley is now stopping the reopening plan, recommending gatherings of no more than 10 people (down from 50), and advocating face masks be worn by everyone.

Because of the continuing risk I no longer think that it is a good idea to run our summer as hoped, in particular the car pooling part gathered together in the club van. For now we will try to keep the schedule we have but everyone will have to drive themselves separately. I will put the driving directions and rough trail map on the back of the trip sheets on the web for anyone who is interested in the destinations. On the Outing Club trips we do I will be requiring face masks whenever people are hiking or sitting together even outdoors. While normal breathing in close proximity for short periods may not infect others, even if you are asymptomatic positive, heavy breathing like when exerting yourself, coughing or sneezing can infect others quite easily.

Please feel free to print out the directions and do these trips on your own schedule. This is encouraged as most of these destinations were picked specifically because they are often less traveled places, and perhaps even quieter on midweek days, they are also fairly close to home and pretty easy drives. Those who come with the club I would ask that you sign up as I will be limiting the participation numbers to conform with state recommendations (and will ask half price \$25/hike to help keep the Club running through this unusual time).

Ashland Lakes

Logistics: (Parking requires a Washington State Discover Pass \$11.50/day or \$35/year available online).

Driving Directions: Drive north out of Seattle on I-5 or old Highway 9, then go east on Hwy 92 toward the town of Granite Falls continue past the Verlot Ranger station (about 10mi). Continue another 4.6 miles from the ranger station, turn right on FR 4020, signed for Boardman Lake, Ashland Lakes. Come to a junction in 2.7 miles and take the right fork, FS 4021. Stay on this road for another 1.4 miles to another junction take the left onto the spur road and follow to the end and trailhead.

