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8/15 VASHON ISLAND CENTER FOREST

Vashon Island is still a bastion of rural America. Accessible only by ferry, the island still has about 10,000 residents total, or about one per every two acres. One of my oldest friends has a sister who works in woodcraft and has lived on this island most of her life because of its quiet artist colony feel. In the middle of the island is a King County park. According to the WTA “with lovely Douglas-fir forest, wetlands, and a great network of trails, Island Center Forest is one of King County's best-kept secrets”. Birds are abundant on the wetlands, and the forest is lush, with large, second-growth trees, a testament to the effort that several groups have put into managing this forest in order to restore the health of this area. This nature preserve offers a network of forest trails to residents of (and visitors to) Vashon and Maury Island. The network includes about 10 miles of tracks trails and loops for the casual bird watcher to the avid trail runner. Bring your binoculars, your bird books and your native plant identification books for this trip. Provided: transit, maps. Date 8/15 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 back)



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 was really anticipating that by the first of August we would have the Coronavirus 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).

Vashon Island Hike Logistics (no parking fees, Fauntleroy ferry fare \$26/car&drv)
Driving Directions: Drive to West Seattle and the Fauntleroy ferry docks. Remember that the usual West Seattle bridge is closed. After getting off the ferry drive south on Vashon Hwy SW all the way to the town center of Vashon about 5 miles. Drive through the town of Vashon and turn right onto 188th Street SW. In about a half-mile, see the brown King County Park sign on the right, and turn in to the parking lot.

Fauntleroy/Vashon ferry schedule (20 min. crossing time): morning leaving Fauntleroy: 8:15, 9:25, 9:55, 10:20, 11:15, afternoon leaving Vashon at: 1:50, 2:45, 3:10, 3:45, 4:50, 5:25, 6:30, 7:05.

