



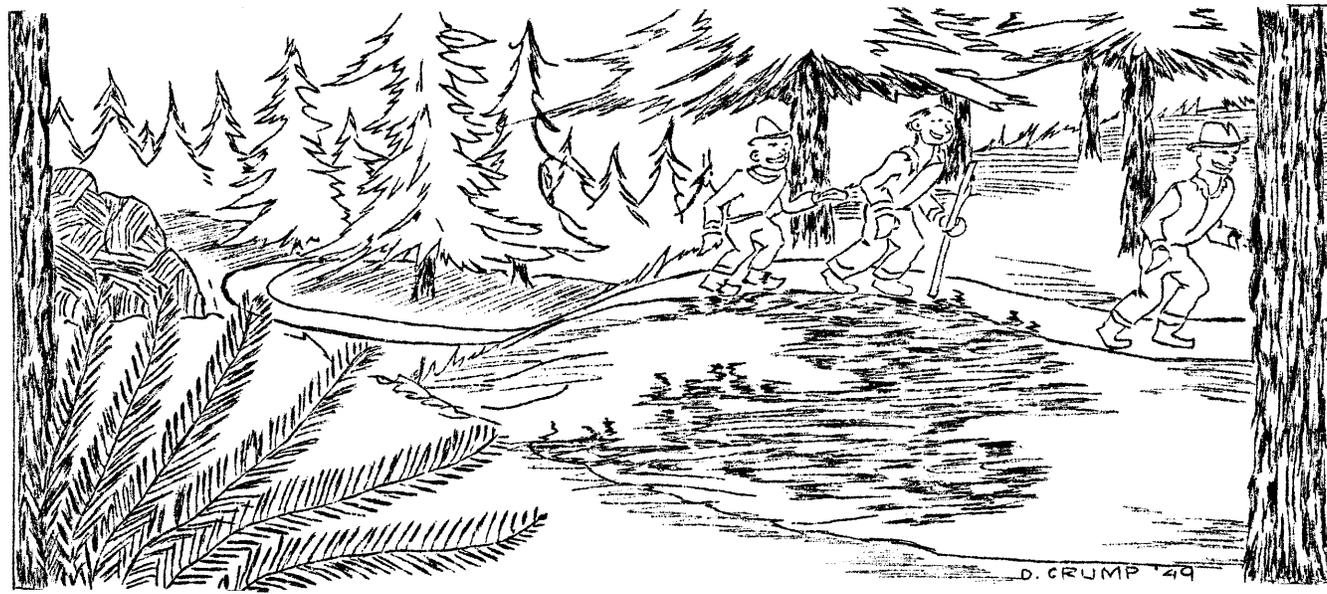
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T r a i l T r i p s

Your Obsidian Trips Committee lists below the Trips for the 1950 hiking season; the extent of your approval of this schedule will be indicated by how many you take. Hikes of various degrees of difficulty have been worked out, so all may have an opportunity to see more of our beautiful Oregon scenery. Assistant leaders will be chosen later; the leader in charge is indicated in the present schedule. If you are interested in any particular trip listed, and would like to assist, please contact any member of the Trips Committee.

We should always remember that many people have their first contact with the Obsidians, on one of these trips. It is then that they note the friendliness for which the Obsidians are noted. Both the leaders, and any other club members, should invite their friends to go with us on our trips.

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A pocket size schedule, of both Trips and Climbs, will be printed and distributed soon.

TRIPS SCHEDULE, 1950

Trips Marked Q Are Qualifying

APRIL TRIPS

16. JASPER HILLS. Dorr Hamlin, leader. A few miles beyond Jasper; a short hike, and a good view of Pleasant Hill country.

26. TWIN BUTTES. Margaret Markley, leader. A few miles S.W. of Brownsville.

30. SEAVEYS BUTTE. Wilma Rodman, leader. In the Coburg Mts.; a good view of Eugene and west towards Fern Ridge Lake. Flowers will be out at this time.

MAY TRIPS

7. SILVER CREEK FALLS. Roxie Waldorf, leader. A short hike along Silver Creek, past beautiful falls; at end of hike, a potluck dinner.

14. MOTHERS DAY

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NOTE TO OBSIDIAN FAMILIES

Some Obsidian families who have small children may be considering the idea of reserving cabin accommodations near the site of the 1950 Obsidian Summer Camp.

Norman Lee supplies the information that such reservations should be made immediately by writing to Jim Manges Ranch, at Moose, Wyoming. Letters will reach them in about a week. Norm and his family will be there.

MAY TRIPS(Continued)

21. CAPE PERPETUA. Clarence Scherer and Blanche Beckett, Leaders. Good camp site for campers; about 30 miles north of Florence. Fair minus tide at 9 A.M.

28. WARD BUTTE. Helen Erickson, leader. South of Cottage Grove; short hike, unless you take a short cut.

JUNE TRIPS

4. GOLD POINT. Florence Sims, leader. This is in the Fall Creek area, east of Clark Creek recreation area.

11. EAGLES REST, Q. Clif Stalsberg, leader. A few miles from Dexter; good climb.

18. GOLD HILL, Q. Ray Sims, leader. A long but interesting hike, from near Blue River.

25. TENDERFOOT CLIMB. Middle Sister - Obsidian Chiefs and Princesses, leaders. Come one, come all; if you have never climbed a major peak, now is the time to do so, under the expert guidance of seasoned mountaineers.

JULY TRIPS

2. HIGH DECK. Helen Hughes, leader. An easy hike, to a lookout station, near Cascadia on the South Santiam.

9. MT. THIELSEN. Wayne Bailey, leader. A long, but very interesting climb, with a good view of the Crater Lake Country. This is a joint climb with the Salem Chemeketans.

10. MT. HOOD AREA. Adeline Adams, leader. Probably a hike into some of the mountain meadows at base of Mt. Hood.

23. GREEN LAKES, Q. Earl Britton, leader. Near Broken Top Mt., and east of South Sister.

DIAMOND PEAK, Q. George Korn, leader. This climb will start at Summit Lake.

30. BLACK CRATER. Dennie Koupal, leader. This is a high point just east of the pass, on the McKenzie.

OUR NATIONAL FOREST

The Trips issue of the Obsidian seems an especially suitable place to review some very interesting facts about "Our National Forest" the Willamette, which is the special playground of the outing clubs of the upper Willamette Valley. It is a good thing for all of us, once in a while, to "count our blessings". For instance, did you ever think how much more fortunate you are, than members of a "Mountaineering Club" in Iowa?

Just as a review of what many Obsidians know already, but which some Obsidians and many Eugeneans don't know, your editor has assembled some very interesting information which we obtained from J. R. Bruckart, Supervisor of the Willamette National Forest; Roy Elliott, Recreation Director of WNF; and Bill Parks, Recreation Director for the NW Region. Here are a few of the "High Lights".

AREA. In total area, the Willamette National Forest covers one and a half million acres! A lot of country to get over, if you have an urge to "see it all".

LOGGING. About one million acres of this area are potentially subject to commercial logging. But when you think of logging in the N.F., do not think of the too common practice of "cut out and get out"; or of clear cutting of whole watersheds that has been all too common. Block cutting, sustained yield, protection of small streams, erosion control, all are established principles of the Forest Service logging. If their present plans and principles can be carried out, the commercial parts of the forest after 200 or more years, will be as good or better than they are now.

RECREATION. Of prime importance to Obsidians, of course, is the attitude and work of the Forest Service in connection with recreation. A very brief talk with Roy Elliott or Bill Parks would quickly convince anyone that recreation is a very live subject to the Foresters. In the Willamette, we have:

THE PRIMITIVE AREAS. (Mount Jefferson primitive area, and the Three Sisters primitive area), covering about 300,000 acres. These areas are set aside permanently to be free of any kind of commercial exploitation. These areas, as any Obsidian who has been in either will agree, include about the choicest high mountain country in Oregon. And both are within a few hours drive and hike, of Eugene. What wouldn't that Iowa Mountaineering Club give to be in our boots!

LIMITED AREAS. There are three of these areas in the WNF. Any commercial development in any of these will require very special reasons, and their use in recreation, wild life preservation, watershed protection, will always be considered of first importance. The three areas in our forest are: Summit Lake-Diamond Peak area, of about 24,000 acres; Waldo Lake area, of about 89,000 acres; and Mt. Washington area, of about 66,000 acres.

STREAMSIDE AND ROADSIDE ZONES. About 500 miles of roads in the Forest will have roadside strips that will remain free from cutting; also many miles of streams will have their banks similarly protected. Also, no cutting will be allowed on the shores of any of the lakes.

Much more could be written, concerning the present and future of recreation in our National Forest. This data will at least prove that our interests are by no means forgotten. We also, as Obsidians, have a duty; it is, to maintain a high standard in our use of the forest areas. To the NF officials, I believe the Obsidians will rate as "recreation at its best"; and in sharp contrast to some of the selfish tin can tourists that infest many beautiful spots. It should be our duty to take an active interest in the Forest Service recreation program, support their forward looking policies wherever we have an opportunity, and, as recreationists ourselves, maintain a high standard of conduct wherever we may go.

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OBSIDIAN BENEFIT CANASTA PARTY

Friday, April 21

AUGUST TRIPS

6-20. SUMMER CAMP IN THE GRAND TETONS of Wyoming. Base camp at String Lake. Some trips may be scheduled for those not in summer camp; let us have your suggestions.

27. TENAS LAKES. Q. The Lemon family, leaders. These famous lakes are near Scott Mt. and Scott Lake.

SEPTEMBER TRIPS.

3. JEFFERSON PARK. Q. Bailey and Mary Castelloe, leaders. This hike will be from Breitenbush Lake, with some grand views of Mt. Jefferson.

10. MYSTERY TRIP. Q. George Korn, leader. No one but George knows where this one is.

17. WALDO LAKE. Q. Mike Stahl, leader. A long but not too strenuous hike into the Waldo Lake Limited area.

24. MCKENZIE RIVER. Q. Louis Waldorf, -- leader. This trip follows the McKenzie near Clear Lake, where it runs under the rocks for a long distance.

OCTOBER TRIPS

1. FUJI MOUNTAIN. Q. Bob Lyon, leader. This peak is not far from Salt Creek Falls area.

8. SKYLINE TRAIL LOOP. Q. Frank Sipe, leader. Follows the Skyline Trail, from the McKenzie Pass, south to Collier Glacier, then west to Frog Camp.

15. DEER BUTTE. Ray Cavagnaro, leader. There should be lots of autumn color at this time; trail starts near Alder Spgs, on McKenzie Highway.

22. ROOSTER ROCK. Gilbert Sprague, leader. This peak is near the Santiam Highway, not far from Upper Soda.

29. OBSIDIAN CABIN. Probably a work trip.

The Obsidian Building Committee and the Entertainment Committee are working together as a group to sponsor a Benefit Canasta Party on the evening of Friday, April 21, at 8:00 P.M., at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall at 166 E. 13th.

The proceeds from this party will be added to the fund which will eventually build an Obsidian Town Lodge.

Tickets will be \$1.00 each and may be obtained from any member of either committee, or at two downtown locations: Thelma Watson at Russell's, 64 E. Broadway, and Mary Castelloe, at Mishler's, 1079 Oak St.

They are on sale NOW, so contact any of these Obsidians and make up your table NOW:

Building Committee: Doran McKee, Ch. Omar Gullion, Florence Sims, Bailey Castelloe, Dorr Hamlin, Paul Campbell, Chester Pietka, Ray Boals, and Doris Sims.

Entertainment: Helen Smith, Ch., Adeline Adams, Mary Castelloe, Jean Hjelte, Lloyd Gust.

CLIMBING SCHOOL

The Climbing Committee, Lloyd Gust, Chairman, announces its first session of instruction for April 28th. Following sessions are set for May 12 and May 26. Locations will be announced later, so watch the Register-Guard for further information.

NOTE TO TRIP LEADERS:

George Jack is the official Club Reporter, and he will see that announcements of your trips get in the Register-Guard.

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