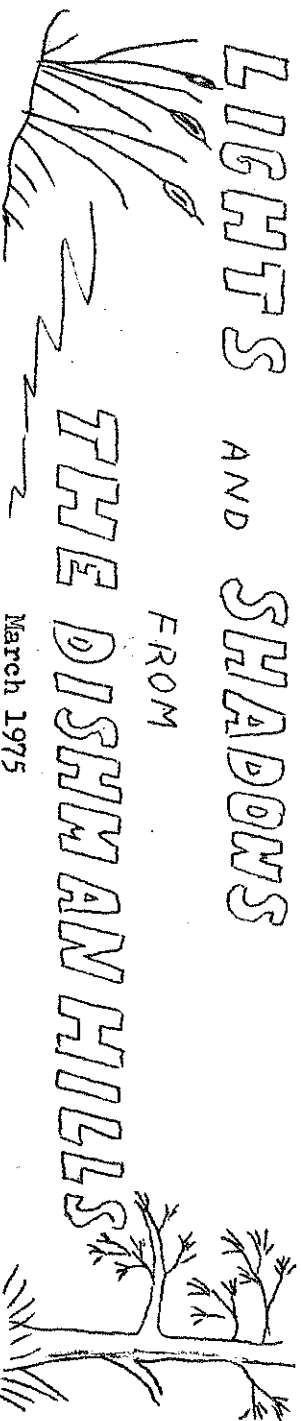


# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM

# THE DISHMAN HILLS

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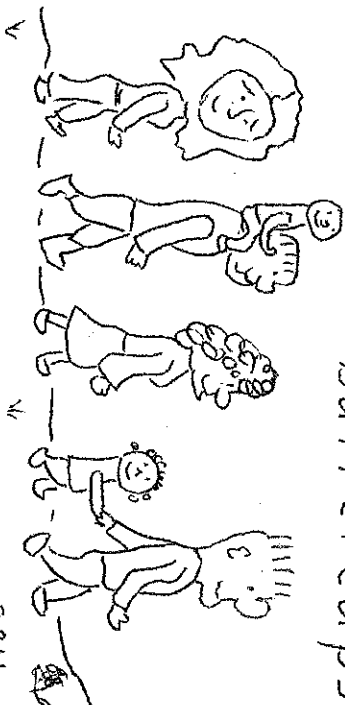
## Wild areas - Why and how?

We Americans have taken nearly two hundred years to realize the importance of wilderness. To our forefathers wilderness was something to conquer, to beat into submission, and beat it into submission we have. Oh, it fights back now and then, in disastrous floods, blowing and eroding soils, in cities of noise, fumes and crime. Our ancestors fought the wilderness and it made them strong. We have conquered it and it has made us soft. As we approach the 200th birthday of freedom for our nation, let us again assert our right to freedom, the right to wilderness and the strength it can call forth in us. Instead of squandering big sums of money to celebrate freedom, let's put the money to work buying back a little bit of our wilderness and then use it to regain our physical, mental and spiritual strength. Let's keep it possible for Americans to walk a woodland trail, to stretch their muscles and minds and regain a sense of well-being that the pressures of the city have destroyed.

Our goal in 1975 is to take a \$5000 step toward saving a little bit more of America. A small goal? It ought to be easy but it hasn't been that easy here in Spokane. To date we have, with The Nature Conservancy and Spokane County, saved about half a square mile of wild area in the Dishman Hills. The backbone of this effort was the ordinary person, you and me. Big gifts have, unfortunately, had almost no part in the project. It's up to us, the people of ordinary means but extraordinary dedication, to do the job. But hasn't that generally been the way here in America? It's up to us, nobody else. So please send all you can to the land acquisition fund, now, so we can continue to save a wild mountain. Later may be too late.

(All donations to our association and to the Nature Conservancy are tax-deductible.)

## Hike with the buttercups

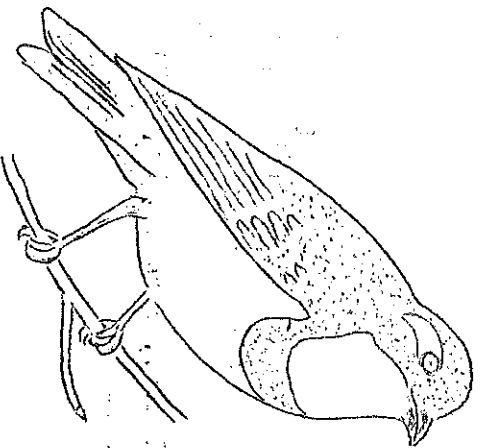


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We hope you can join us on the annual Buttercup Hike into the Dishman Hills Sunday afternoon, March 23 at 2 p.m. We start at Kiwanis Camp Carro on south Sargent Road (turn south off Sprague just west of Dishman Theater) and go on up the hill to the camp buildings. Hopefully the winter snow will be gone and the buttercups shining instead. The circuit will cover about two miles, longer if you wish, and should bring you back before five o'clock. So put on your hiking shoes, be prepared for any kind of weather and we'll see you there!

## A HIGHWAY ACROSS THE DISHMAN HILLS ?

It is always easier to build another highway than it is to find out what the country really needs. So wrote Aldo Leopold some thirty years ago and unfortunately it is still true. In the plans is a road across the Dishman Hills, across the wild land that we are working to save as open space for people to enjoy. We understand that the road has probably already been surveyed. Frankly, we feel that this road is entirely unnecessary and that the million dollars or more that it would cost (please turn the page)



"O Robin Strange!"

If you have pine trees or other conifers in your vicinity you very likely have seen Varied Thrushes this winter. Resembling robins, they are quickly recognized by the black band across the orange breast. We have just had the greatest influx of these beauties on record in the Spokane area. The Christmas count of Spokane Audubon Society came up with 152, outnumbering robins. They linger in the lowlands until the snow recedes in the mountain forests where they nest. Last summer they apparently nested in grand fir-hemlock forest along the stream that flows along the east side of nearby Tower (Browne) Mountain. In the Dishman Hills they are migrants only.

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**RECYCLING NOTES:** Kaiser's Can-Do center is taking aluminum foil and aluminum TV and similar dishes, all for 15 cents a pound. Let's keep it coming! (next column please)

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would far better be used to buy the area for recreation and wildlife needs. We citizens do have a chance to express our opinions on the matter; in fact Spokane County has been inviting us to do so in recent hearings on goals and policies. So far rather few people have attended the meetings. Later meetings will consider more detailed plans and this is where we can speak up to protect the land. Watch for notices and be there! Otherwise the decisions will be made and it will be too late.

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For recycling paper, better call Spokane Products before you take any down. Last information was they were paying \$5 a ton for newspaper and were not taking corrugated at all. White paper was still a good price, however. Prices on pop and beer bottles were holding up well in price. We'll appreciate your efforts particularly if you will put the proceeds into the land-acquisition fund. For more open space.

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