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Here is the schedule for the remaining events for the season. The first part of the summer was very successful and we are thinking of scheduling more for the fall. Certainly there is something here for everyone who enjoys outdoor recreation and wants to know more about the conservation challenges of our community.

Saturday July 24 – Iller Creek NA Mountain Bike Ride

Sponsor: Fat Tire Trailriders **Leader:** Peter Jantz

Meet: Iller Crk. Trailhead-End of Holman Road **Time:** 9:00 AM

Join the Fat Tire Trailriders for an introduction to mountain biking in the Iller Creek Area. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Iller Crk. entrance in the cul-de-sac at the end of Holman Rd. Contact Peter Jantz, pjantz@gmail.com, by July 17 if you plan to attend.

Sunday August 15 – Value of Open Space Hike

Sponsor: Inland NW Land Trust **Leader:** Brooke Nicholson

Meet: Camp Caro **Time:** 1:00 PM

Learn more about how organizations like the Inland NW Land Trust work to make open spaces like the Dishman Hills and Iller Creek Natural areas protected from development so that hikers, wildlife and plant enthusiasts, and other outdoor recreationalists may enjoy them for generations to come. Hike will be from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Meet at Camp Caro off of Appleway Ave. in Spokane Valley. Contact Brooke Nicholson, 509-328-2939 or outreach@inlandnwlandtrust.org, by Aug. 8 if you plan to attend.

Saturday August 28 – Riding Potential of the Iller Crk NA

Sponsor: Backcountry Horseman **Leader:** Barbee Scheibner

Meet: Iller Crk Trailhead-End of Holman Road **Time:** 9:00 AM

Come hike around the Dishman Hills and learn about possible future opportunities for horseback riding in the area. Even if you aren't interested in riding, come for the introduction to the area and its scenic beauty; all people are welcome. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Iller Creek entrance in the cul-de-sac at the end of Holman Road. Contact Barbee Scheibner, setauketb@cet.com, or 624-6292, by August 21 if you plan to attend.

Saturday or Sunday Sept. 11 or 12 – Gonzaga Hike

Sponsor: Gonzaga Outdoors Club and Gonzaga Environmental Organization **Leaders:** Jace Bylenga/David Dunphy

Meet: TBD **Time:** TBD

Open to all Gonzaga Students as well as the general public. If you're a GU student, come see the best closest place to Gonzaga to hike, and see wildlife. Dishman Hills Natural Area is approximately 10-15 minutes and Iller Creek Natural Area approximately 20 minutes from the Gonzaga Campus. Non-students are welcome; come feel young again! Learn what YOU can do to make sure places like this are around for Gonzaga students and all area residents to enjoy forever. Meet at Camp Caro off of Appleway Avenue in Spokane Valley at 9:00 AM. Contact Jace Bylenga, bylenga@gonzaga.edu, by Sept. 4 if you plan to attend.

*Flowers are restless to look at.
They have neither emotions nor conflicts*
Sigmund Freud, Austrian Psychoanalyst

ALLIANCE ALLIES

There's a new kid on the block in the Dishman Hills. Actually, not a new kid, but rather a new name, the **Dishman Hills Alliance**, with a mission that has been active for several years. The Alliance is an offspring of the Association that started as the Dream Trail Team. A coalition has formed of over 20 groups that includes outdoor recreation clubs, conservation groups, government agencies, and concerned citizens that want to help establish trail and ecological connections between the Dishman Hills Natural Area and the Iller Crk Conservation Area about 2 miles to the south. The goal is to open up new recreational opportunities for the community while conserving our natural spaces for the native ecology, scenery, and environmental health.

The Alliance's Connecting People to Nature Project is the driving force behind the events listed in the article to the left. Other ongoing projects includes communications with land owners, education of the public, and exploration for the large amount of financial resources that will be needed to make these connections possible. Working as a close partner with our Association, the Alliance has really broaden our base of support in the community.

We plan to provide information on what the Alliance is up to on our new web site that will be up and running very soon. Sometime next month we will send you an email announcing our remodeled website. We hope you will check it out!

ASSOCIATION NEWS

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to saving nature areas in the Spokane region for public enjoyment and education. Call Michael Hamilton, 747-8147, if you have questions. Our board meets every month on the third Tuesday. Our next meeting will be July 13th, the second Tuesday. We will meet at the Camp Caro lodge at the end of Sargent Rd. Visitors are always welcomed.

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