



May 2020 News

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The Sierra Club extends our warmest thanks to all of the essential workers who are keeping us safe, healthy, fed, educated and functional.

Third Thursday (Virtual) Gathering

Our first virtual monthly social was fruitful and fun! Join us as we meet again.

May 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

"Doors" open at 5:30 for conversation.

7 p.m. we break into small discussion groups.

Guest speaker will be Megan Dunn, County Council member and environmental champion.

You can submit questions for Megan in advance to

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[Sign-up](#) to let us know you're coming (optional), then join us on Thursday by clicking

<https://zoom.us/j/200716378>



Take Action

Save Urban Trees and Wildlife Habitat

One of last remaining urban forest stands in Snohomish County is set for clearing and -- like the recent Picnic Point debacle -- cut **before** all required development permits have been granted.

If allowed, logging for the Ironwood development in Bothell will not only destroy a Priority Habitat and Species area, but will likely increase downstream erosion as it replaces eight homes with 88.

If this sounds like a bad idea to you, contact Snohomish County Council members and let them know you oppose this project and the early clearing/grading of this site and ALL sites: contact.council@snoco.org



photo by Brandon Baugh

Create Wildlife Habitat in Your Own Yard

Here is action you can take in your own yard, while staying home and staying safe.

1. Provide a minimum of three food sources for birds and wildlife.
2. Provide at least one water source.
3. Provide at least two sources of cover.
4. Provide two places where wildlife can raise their young.
5. [Get certified! Here's how.](#)



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Outings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we paused Sierra Club outings. But it's still important to go outdoors to exercise, enjoy fresh air and view wildlife. The recent opening of some state parks for day use is welcome news for those feeling stir-crazy with pandemic restrictions.

Open parks include Deception Pass and some others on Whidbey and Camano islands. However, Wallace Falls State Park is still closed. Of course social distancing precautions are still necessary.

Before you go check the [State Parks status](#)



Elections

The Most Important Election of Our Lives

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the need for better national leadership. The Sierra Club is implementing a nationwide strategy for victory in the November presidential and down-ballot elections. [Read More...](#)

Your help is urgently needed. Be a part of the solution, [Sign Up](#) now!



Major Conservation Success Story

Here's something to cheer you up while you are hunkered down. A new book by Marysville native Adam Sowards, "[The Copper Mine That Wasn't](#)" tells the story of how activism saved the beautiful Glacier Peak area from a huge open pit copper mine. Ground zero for the conservation battle waged a half-century ago was Miners Ridge east of Darrington.



Glacier Peak photo by Mike Fields

[Read the Daily Herald article....](#)

The Sierra Club Seeks Your Savvy

Consider volunteering with one of two dynamic committees.

Our **Legislative** Committee is developing ongoing relationships with our state and national legislators to further our goals for conservation and the environment. We'll provide training.

Our **Climate/Conservation** Committee needs help determining this year's action goals.

The time commitment for these activities can be adjusted to reflect your availability and what you'd like to do. Monthly meetings are held via ZOOM. For more information, please contact

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Photo by Bill Anderson

We've changed our monthly newsletter issue date. Instead of the 1st of the month, you can expect it on either the first or second Monday of the month. Let us know if you have any comments about when you prefer to receive it. Thank you!

It is strange how
new and unexpected conditions
bring out unguessed ability to meet them.

~ *Edgar Rice Burroughs*

from the [Sierra Club Daily Ray of Hope](#)

As we deal with the global pandemic, we want you to know [how the Sierra Club is adapting and responding](#) so we can keep up the important work of helping our communities, protecting our natural environment and fighting for a just, clean energy future.



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