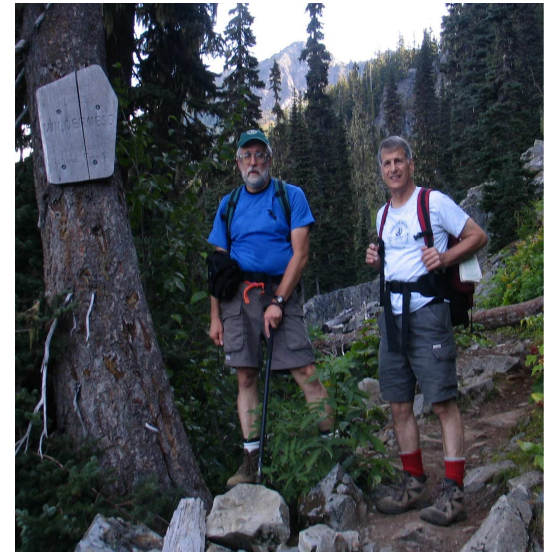


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OUTINGS DAY**

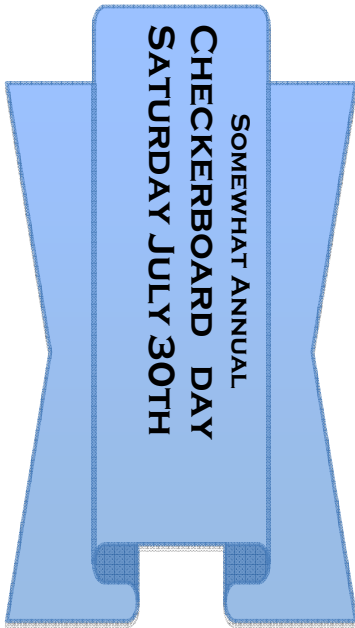
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- ✓Hike
- ✓Explore
- ✓Learn
- ✓Enjoy
- ✓Share

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# THE CHECKERBOARD

Railroad land grants over 100 years ago left us a “checkerboard” pattern of ownership in the central Cascades. The Project seeks to improve management of public and private lands to insure protection and restoration of the ecosystem in our beautiful Cascades.

## The Hikes

### ♥Heather Lake

Follow a comfortable trail (with one steep section) through beautiful woods to a clear mountain lake reflecting the nearby Grizzly Peaks.

- ✓1300 ft elevation gain
- ✓6.5 miles round trip

### ♥Lake Valhalla

Walk through a succession of alpine lakes and meadows with fine vistas. The lake is set in a cirque under the cliffs of majestic and beautiful Lichtenberg Mountain.

- ✓ 1100 ft elevation gain
- ✓11 miles round trip

### ♥Merritt Lake

Hike up through a scattering of old Ponderosa pines & Douglas firs to Merritt Lake, a tarn ringed by 6000 ft peaks.

- ✓2000 ft elevation gain
- ✓6 miles round trip

# A FULL DAY OF FUN

## Leaders & Hikes

- ✓Trained Sierra Club leader will be sure you'll get the most out of your hike.
- ✓Specific hike locations may change due to snow or adverse conditions.

## Signing Up

- ✓**YOU MUST SIGN UP BY WED. JULY 27TH**
- ✓Call Sierra Club chapter office and leave a message at 206.378.0114, **or**
- ✓Email: [checkerboardproj@comcast.net](mailto:checkerboardproj@comcast.net)

## Getting There

- ✓Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Ravenna Park & Ride under I-5 to share your car or get a ride, **or**
- ✓Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Skykomish Ranger Station on Highway 2

## What to Bring

- ✓Hiking gear: boots, layers, rain gear, etc.
- ✓Daypack with lunch, water and The Ten Essentials
- ✓National Forest Parking Pass (if parking)

## After the Hike

We re-group at the Ranger Station for refreshments and time to share our day's adventures. We'll also decide if we want an optional no-host dinner on our way home.