



Loo Wit Rumblings



Environment, Education, Conservation & Events for Southwest Washington

July 19 Member Meetup at Ben's Bottle Shop

Lehman Holder, Programs Chair

Join us on July 19 (Thurs) for an enjoyable summer evening of drinks and conversation at Ben's Bottle Shop, next to Planet Fitness in The Mill shopping area, E. Mill Plain and Garrison Rd in Vancouver. Time is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Two complimentary drinks per person will be provided by Loo Wit. You can also order food (your cost). Chat with your fellow Sierrans and find out about Loo Wit's conservation, outings and political activities. You may even decide you'd like to get active with us.

See you there!



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Connect with Loo Wit and the Outdoors with Summer Outings!

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Need more ways to connect with Loo Wit? If you've not participated in a summer outing, we've missed you!

Whether it be cycling, paddling a sea kayak, or hiking, now is the time to Get Out There. For information on hikes, contact Mike Newsham, 2newshams@comcast.net. If you'd like to join us on your bike or in a sea kayak, your contact is Lehman Holder, tripsguy@aol.com.

Cycling and sea kayak outings are scheduled through mid-October and are done both locally (Vancouver and Portland) and out of town. All bike outings are "group" rides, with no one left behind, and are done at an easy pace. Sea kayak outings are done on easy-to-paddle local rivers and lakes.

Don't miss out! As it always does, summer is already slipping by. We'd love have you with us.

LOO WIT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 19: Member mixer at Ben's Bottle Shop

Saturday, July 14: Hiking: Toutle Creek/Sheep Canyon

Sunday, July 15: Cycling: Banks-Vernonia State Trail

Saturday, July 21: Hiking: Mt-Adams Bird Meadows

**Outings are posted on Meetup approximately 7 days in advance of the event.*

Beyond Coal & Oil Task Force Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Vancouver. Meet & greet with pizza starts at 6:00 pm, followed by the meeting at 6:30 pm. *JULY MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY THE 18th

Executive Committee Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Vancouver. NO MEETING IN AUGUST

We're on Facebook!

If you haven't already, please give us a "like" on Facebook! We share information about upcoming events, photos from outings and the latest Loo Wit news. You can even share our posts with your own Facebook friends, helping to spread the word about Loo Wit! We'd love to interact with more of you online!

You can also find all of our upcoming outings on MeetUp, and archives of our monthly newsletters on our website.

www.facebook.com/loowit.group

www.meetup.com/Portland-Vancouver-Sierra-Club-Outings-Events

www.sierraclub.org/washington/loo-wit



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Explore — Enjoy — Protect



Loo Wit Fighting Proposed Timber Sale along Hantwick Trail

Emily Waters, Executive Committee

In May, Loo Wit Executive Committee members learned of a proposed timber sale along the Hantwick Trail to Moulton Falls. The sale, titled Michigan Trotter Timber Sale, is slated for January 2019 and will encompass approximately 63 acres, leaving no more than 8 trees per acre after harvest.

The Hantwick Trail is popular with hikers, bikers, runners and equestrian users. The 2.5 mile (one way) trail is a flat, shaded path that is paved for the first ½ mile, making it accessible for users with a wide range of abilities. It parallels the East Fork Lewis River, offering peeks of swirling rapids and sparkling pools through the trees along its length. Large, twisted snags of old-growth trees, remnants of the Yacolt Burn of 1902 dot the forest. Lining the path are native plants such as Sword and Maidenhair ferns, Salmonberries, Vine maple, Douglas fir, hemlock and cedar, alder, Big Leaf maple, and many other herbaceous flowers and shrubs.



The Hantwick Trail in early Spring. Photo courtesy: Emily Waters

Alice Linker and Emily Waters joined forces with a local landowner to start a grassroots effort to convince Hilary Franz, the Washington State Commissioner for Public Lands, to remove this section from consideration for harvest. Since then, the coalition of activists has grown, and the group got the attention of The Reflector and The Columbian newspapers. They have also created a website where people can learn more about the proposed sale, the Hantwick Trail, and how to take action. Check it out here: <https://preserve-our-trail.com/>

In the meantime, check out the trail for yourself! Washington Trails Association has detailed directions here: <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/moulton-falls>. You can start this hike at either Hantwick Road Trailhead, or at the Moulton Falls overflow lot near Sunset Falls Road. The proposed sale will affect approximately the first mile of the trail after you leave the parking lot at the Hantwick Road trailhead. Look for pink flagging marking the sale boundaries.



Loo Wit, Chapter interviews 3rd CD Democrat Candidates

Lehman Holder, Programs Chair

Loo Wit Group political committee members and the Washington State Chapter political chair have interviewed Dorothy Gasque, Carolyn Long and David McDevitt, Democrat candidates for Washington's third Congressional District.

Group chair Mark Leed, along with Sharon Fujioka and Lehman Holder, arranged the interviews, which were held in late May. They were joined by Chapter "polcom" chair Bonnie Gail in Seattle, who participated using a "Zoom" computer program. Endorsement for federal office by Sierra Club is a two-step process. First step is a recommendation by Washington State Chapter, followed by approval by the Club's national political committee in Oakland, CA. Loo Wit Group can help with interviews, but cannot endorse, federal candidates. Following the upcoming Washington primary, Loo Wit polcom hopes to arrange endorsement interviews with state legislative, county council and city council candidates.

Just a reminder: Washington state primaries are coming up. Remember to vote on August 7th, 2018!

September Celebration Planned for National Drive Electric Week

Tracy Ceravalo, Loo-Wit volunteer

Join Loo Wit at the Peace and Justice Fair this September to learn more about the wonders of electric cars! Driving an electric car is so much more fun than driving a car with a combustion engine. It is really responsive, zippy, and quiet. Owning an electric car is so much cheaper than owning a gas-powered car to boot! I can drive my Leaf 45 miles for 80 cents in "fuel". We bought our vehicle used for \$8200, and it looked like new. My husband just talked his coworker into buying one — he found his on Craigslist for \$6200! You can buy these cars so cheap if you get them used. And if you drive in traffic, they can't be beat! Your driving range can double in traffic! This year's event will be at Esther Short Park in Vancouver on September 8th, from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Hope to see you there!



Photo courtesy: Tracy Ceravalo



Initiative 1631 for Clean Air and Energy

Don Steinke

Looking from Linnton Oregon toward Vancouver and Mt. St. Helens, we can see our air is not as healthy as we like to think. Initiative 1631 will help clean it up.

Initiative 1631 for Clean Air and Clean Energy is likely to be on the November ballot. We needed 260,000 signatures but turned in 370,00 on July 2. Other than fighting large fossil fuel projects, I can't imagine anything more important to do this year for our children's future, than help get a *Yes on 1631* vote in November.

The exhaust from the combustion of fossil fuels includes greenhouse gases and gases which cause birth defects, cancer and haze.

Get in touch with Don Steinke to volunteer for doorknocking and phone banking for I-1631 .
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Smog visible looking from Linnton Oregon towards M. St. Helens. Photo courtesy Don Steinke.



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