

# The Skagit Flyer

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## JUNE FIELD TRIPS

By Libby Mills

### About the field trips

Beginning birders and their friends are always welcome on Skagit Audubon field trips. Membership in Skagit Audubon is encouraged but not required for participation. Please be prepared for the weather with suitable clothing, and bring field guides, binoculars, and spotting scopes. Carpool whenever possible and contribute to the driver's expense. Watch the email reminders for the latest information, including any changes and/or additions to the field trip schedule. To be added to the email distribution list contact Libby Mills:

[libbymills@gmail.com](mailto:libbymills@gmail.com)

**If you plan to join a field trip some place other than the described starting point**, call the trip leader the day before to ensure a successful rendezvous. Trip plans may change.

For now, we have two activities planned during the summer. The descriptions follow. If you want to hear about any spontaneous last minute field trips offered please send your name and email address to [libbymills@gmail.com](mailto:libbymills@gmail.com)

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## JUNE MEETING AND PROGRAM

### *Loons of the Salish Sea*

by Steve & Martha Ellis

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

7:00 Social; 7:30 Program

Padilla Bay Interpretive Center

10433 Bayview-Edison Road

Mount Vernon, Washington



Upper Left to Right: Red-throated Loon  
Yellow-billed Loon  
Lower Left to Right: Pacific Loon,  
Common Loon

Four species of loons grace our local waters: Common Loon, Pacific Loon, Red-throated Loon, and Yellow-billed Loon.

This program will focus on identifying these fascinating and compelling birds in all their plumages. Life histories of these loons will be discussed, with an emphasis on how they go about the business of fishing for a living and what species they are seeking.

Presenters are Coupeville residents Steve and Martha Ellis. Steve is immediate past president of Whidbey Audubon Society and Martha is a member of the Washington Native Plant Society. Together they have been leading field trips and giving talks on a wide range of natural history topics for 25 years.



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## Northern Bluet Damselfly

Photo by Jim Walker

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General membership meetings of the Skagit Audubon Society are held at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, 1043 Bayview-Edison Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA—7:00 PM Social/ 7:30 PM Program—on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. The board of directors meets at the same location at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

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**Skagit Audubon Society is a Chapter of the National Audubon Society.** Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

### Skagit Audubon Society Membership Form

Annual membership in the Skagit Audubon Society includes 10 issues of our newsletter, *The Skagit Flyer*, available on our website. Membership includes all members of your household.

\$20 one (1) year                      \$40 two (2) years

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Skagit Audubon Society.

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Please do not share my personal information with National Audubon Society. (It is the policy of SAS not to share information with any other groups.)

Using the form below to initially join the **National Audubon Society** will ensure that the **Skagit Audubon** chapter receives a cost share to support local programs.

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Annual membership to the National Audubon Society includes a subscription to *Audubon* magazine. Membership includes all members of your household.

\$20 for one-year introductory membership with one chapter affiliation

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When there are many worthwhile things to do, four years pass quickly. Shortly after I retired, fellow National Park Service retiree John Douglass recruited me to the Skagit Audubon Field Trip Committee. I succeeded Jim Walker as Field Trip Chair, and a few years later began a 2-year term as Chapter President. I was unsure what I'd committed myself to and hesitant because of knowing little about Audubon as an organization. My main involvement had been reading *Audubon* magazine for years and more recently attending chapter meetings and field trips. Two years extended to 4, and suddenly it's my last month as president of your chapter. It's a happy situation for Skagit Audubon that the chapter's long-serving Vice-President, Phil Wright, is available now and interested in serving as Chapter President.

There are a million different worthwhile things any of the nearly 500 Audubon chapters can do given enough volunteers, time, and funds. It's a bit frustrating to have to be realistic and just do what you can and not all you would like to. As most Audubon chapters, yours depends entirely on volunteers. Skagit fortunately has a core group willing to participate in meetings, find program presenters, plan and lead field trips, publish newsletters, study and comment on conservation issues, organize hikes, present children's programs, make coffee and refreshments, ... One of the biggest challenges for a chapter president is finding volunteers, especially in a community such as ours with so many organizations depending on the same pool of people. I feel the deepest gratitude to everyone involved with Skagit Audubon who gives so generously of her or his time, and I know that many of the same people do this for other groups too. In recruiting volunteers, I haven't hesitated to follow the advice of a long-ago supervisor in Yellowstone: "If you want to get something done, go to a busy person."

Since its 1905 founding, the National Audubon Society has become a significant player among major conservation organizations. In Washington State, though Audubon has not yet been able to reestablish the office and staff it once had in Olympia, it is the only conservation group with chapters statewide, totaling fifteen to twenty thousand members. Here in Skagit County there are very few conservation groups whose purpose in life and whose all-volunteer, low budget status allow active engagement in conservation advocacy. Skagit Audubon is such an organization, and I believe we have a special obligation to address conservation-related issues important to us (and ultimately to everyone). That's why I'm happy to continue as your chapter's Conservation Chair, working closely with the whole Skagit Audubon board to be a voice on behalf of the Audubon mission: to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. It's a worthwhile activity - - and often enjoyable too because every new issue is an interesting learning opportunity. Now at the end of these four years, let me give a hearty thanks to my fellow board members and to all the other volunteers and chapter members who make Skagit Audubon an important part of life in this place.

**VOLUNTEER**  
***LEAD BIRD WALKS FOR KIDS***

**!!!Inspire the Next Generation of Young Nature Lovers!!!**

**Where: Camp Kirby, Samish Island**

**When: Tues., June 25, 9:30 to 12:00**

Skagit Audubon is seeking volunteers to help with bird walks for boys and girls at the Campfire Day Camp. No experience leading bird walks is necessary. You will be given materials to assist in helping children learn basic birding and to identify common birds.

**Make a difference! Volunteer your time!**

**Contact Irene Perry: [irene.perry@yahoo.com](mailto:irene.perry@yahoo.com) or 931-623-2084**



This column reports submitted sightings. Any rare sightings should be accompanied by detailed written documentation and if possible a photograph. A second person to verify rare sightings is extremely helpful. Do not hesitate to call any observer to help document unusual sightings. Also do not hesitate to call if you need clarification on locations.

Please submit your sightings to **Pam Pritzl**  
[ppritzl@frontier.com](mailto:ppritzl@frontier.com) or 360-387-7024.

## WATERFOWL

**Greater White-fronted Goose** 33 on Samish Flats on 4-28 (GB)

**Snow Goose** 28 on Samish Flats on 4-28 (GB)

**Cackling Goose** 1 on Samish Flats on 4-28 (GB)

**Wood Duck** 3 males, 2 females on Gages Slough at District Line Rd. on 5-15 (RH)

**Gadwall** 4 on Cockreham Island on 5-12 (GB)

**Blue-winged Teal** 4 at Van Horn Rd. on 5-7 (RM); 1 on Minkler Flats on 5-8 (GB)

**Green-winged Teal** 1 "Eurasian" at Hayton Reserve 4/28-5/7 (RM)

**Long-tailed Duck** 1 at March Point on 4-28 (GB)

**Common Goldeneye** 1 on Minkler Flats on 5-4 (GB)

## GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

**Sooty Grouse** 3 heard calling along Illabot Rd. on 5-4 (GB)

## HERONS

**American Bittern** 1 at Northern State Recreation Area on 5-8 (TM)

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** 1 in Stanwood on 4-28 (PP)

## RAPTORS

**Rough-legged Hawk** 1 at Samish Flats through 5-7 (RM)

## RAILS

**Sora** 1 heard on Minkler Flats on 5-4 (GB); 3 at Northern State Recreation Area on 5-8 (TM)

## SHOREBIRDS

**Semipalmated Plover** 4 at the Skagit Game Range on 4-28 (GB); 4 at English Boom, Camano Island on 4-28 (PP)

**Lesser Yellowlegs** 1 at the Skagit Game Range on 4-28 (GB); 2 at Samish Island on 5-7 (RM)

**Solitary Sandpiper** 2 on Samish Island on 4-28, 1 at Van Horn on 5-7. 1 on Samish flats on 5-7 (RM)

**Spotted Sandpiper** 1 at Northern State Recreation Area on 5-8 (TM)

**Whimbrel** up to 140 on farm field on north Camano Island from 4-28 to present (PP & SP); 8 at West 90 on 5-7 (RM); 25 at District Line Rd. on 5-13, 30 at District Line Rd., Burlington on 5-14 (KJW)

**Black Turnstone** 1 at March Point on 4-28 (GB)

**Western Sandpiper** 1,900 on Samish Flats on 5-5 (RM)

**Least Sandpiper** 1 at Corkindale on 4-29 (RM)

**Baird's Sandpiper** 1 on Samish flats on 4-28, **UNUSUAL IN SPRING** (RM)

**Wilson's Phalarope** 1 female on Samish Flats on 5-5, 1 female at Jensen Access on 5-7 (RM)

## DOVES, PIGEONS

**Band-tailed Pigeon** 20 on Butler Hill SE on 4-19 (RH); 4 near Samish River Fish Hatchery on 5-14 (HP)

## OWLS

**Western Screech-Owl** 1 heard at 1:30 a.m. on 5-9 at District Line Rd., Burlington on 5-9 (KJW)

**Great Horned Owl** 1 at Northern State Recreation Area on 5-8 (TM)

**Northern Pygmy-Owl** 1 along Jackman Creek on 5-11 (GB)

## SWIFTS

**Vaux's Swift** 5 at Iverson Spit, Camano Island on 4-28 (PP)

## HUMMINGBIRDS

**Anna's Hummingbird** 1 female on Butler Hill SE on 5-9 (RH)

**Rufous Hummingbird** several males and females on Butler Hill SE from 5-1 to present (RH)

## WOODPECKERS

**Red-breasted Sapsucker** 2 on Butler Hill SE on 4-25 (RH)

**Pileated Woodpecker** 1 at Pamona Grange Park on 5-14 (GB)

## FLYCATCHERS

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** 2 at Cranberry Lake, Deception Pass State Park on 5-10 (SAS)

**Western Wood-Pewee** 1 on Lincoln Hill, Mt. Vernon on 5-15 (TM)

**Western Kingbird** 1 at Corkindale on 4-27 (GB); 1 on Wylie Rd. on 4-28, 2 at Corkindale on 4-29, 1 on Martin Rd. on 5-7, 1 at Marblemount boat launch on 5-1 (RM)

## VIREOS

**Warbling Vireo** 1 near Barney Lake on 5-2, 1 on Lincoln Hill, Mt. Vernon on 5-4, 6 at Northern State Recreation Area on 5-8 (TM); 1 in Mt. Vernon yard on 5-8 (JA)

## CORVIDS

**Western Scrub-Jay** 1 on S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Mt. Vernon on 5-14 (TM)

## SWALLOWS

**Purple Martin** several at English Boom, Camano Island on 4-28 (PP)

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** 2 at Ship Harbor on 4-16 (GB)

**Bank Swallow** 2 at Van Horn Ponds on 4-16 (GB)

## WRENS

**House Wren** 1 at District Line Rd., Burlington on 5-9 (KJW)

## THRUSHES

**Mountain Bluebird** 1 at Sauk Prairie on 4-29 (RM)

**Townsend's Solitaire** 3 at Corkindale, 7 at Diablo, 1 at Newhalem on 4-29 (RM)

**Swainson's Thrush** 1 near Barney lake on 5-4, 3 at Northern State Recreation Area on 5-8 (TM); 1 heard east of Lyman on 5-10 (GB); 1 heard on Camano Island home on 5-13 (PP)

## THRASHERS

**Sage Thrasher** 1 at Marblemount on 5-12 **UNUSUAL FOR AREA** (RM)

## WAXWINGS

**Cedar Waxwing** 5 near Conway on 5-13 (MB)

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### WARBLERS

**Nashville Warbler** 4 at Martin Rd. on 4-29 (RM); 1 near Barney Lake on 5-2 (TM); 1 at District Line Rd., Burlington on 5-6 (KJW)

**Yellow Warbler** 1 at Barney Lake on 5-4, 1 at Helmick Rd. on 5-8 (TM)

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** 1 at Corkindale on 4-27 (GB); 1 at Camano Island home on 5-1 (PP); 1 at Larrabee State Park on 5-3, 1 near Barney Lake on 5-4 (TM)

**Townsend's Warbler** pair at Camano Island home on 5-16 (SP)

**MacGillivray's Warbler** 5 along Illabot Creek on 5-4 (GB)

**Wilson's Warbler** 1 near Barney Lake on 5-2, 5 at Northern State Recreation Area on 5-8 (TM); 1 at Mt. Vernon yard on 5-8 (JA); 1 at District Line Rd., Burlington on 5-14 (KJW)

### TANAGERS

**Western Tanager** 1 at Barnaby Slough on 5-4 (GB); 1 at Mt. Vernon yard on 5-8 (JA); 1 at District Line Rd., Burlington on 5-10 (KJW); 1 heard on Butler Hill SE on 5-12 (RH)

### SPARROWS

**Chipping Sparrow** 1 at Hayton Reserve on 4-28 (RM)

**White-throated Sparrow** 1 near Cockreham Island, staying until at least 4-20 (GB); 1 at Northern State Recreation Area on 5-8 (TM)

**Black-headed Grosbeak** 2 males on Butler Hill SE from 5-3 to present (RH); observed at Camano Island home on 5-4 (SP); 1 at Hamilton on 5-4 (GB); 1 near Barney lake on 5-4 (TM)

**Lazuli Bunting** 5 at Corkindale on 5-7 (RM); 3 near Marblemount on 5-12 (GB)

### BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** 1 female on Minkler Flats on 5-16 (GB)

**Bullock's Oriole** 1 near Cockreham Island on 4-27, **EARLY ARRIVAL** (GB)

### FINCHES

**Red Crossbill** 1 male and 2 females at Camano Island home on 4-19 (SP); 3 pair at Camano Island home 5-9 to present (AT)

**Pine Siskin** 6 on Butler Hill SE on 4-23 (RH)

**American Goldfinch** 2 pair on Butler Hill SE from 5-9 to present (RH)

**Evening Grosbeak** 4 pair on Butler Hill SE on 5-9 (RH)

### OTHER

**Northern Bluet Damsel** 2 at Camano Island home on 5-14 (SP)

**Blue-eyed Darner** 1 at Camano Island home on 5-14 (SP)

(JA) Jean Ashby; (GB) Gary Bletsch; (MB) Mike Bowlin; (RH) Ron Holmes; (TM) Tim Manns; (RM) Ryan Merrill; (HP) Howard Patterson; (PP) Pam Pritzl; (SP) Sheila Pera; (SAS) Skagit Audubon Field Trip; (AT) Alice Turner; (AW) Andrea Warner; (KJW) Keith & Jan Wiggers

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**Fri. – Sun., June 14 - 16, 2013**

**Annual Klipchuck Campout**

**Klipchuck Campground**

**Mile 175, State Route 20**

**Need more info-call Libby Mills:**

**360-708-6975 or [libbymills@gmail.com](mailto:libbymills@gmail.com)**

Each summer members and friends of Skagit Audubon gather in this USFS Campground off Highway 20, 1.2 miles up a side road on the north side of the highway near Highway mile 175, at elevation 2,900 ft. There are usually plenty of sharp eyes in our group and the birding is great right on the campground loops as well as on nearby trails and birding areas further down in the Methow Valley. There is no schedule or plan beyond a Saturday night dinner potluck. Informal groups form to look for birds, or folks go out on their own with binoculars or cameras. Klipchuck is a magnet for warblers and vireos, flycatchers and woodpeckers, hummingbirds and wildflowers. A trail to Driveway Butte leads up the hill right out of the campground for the ambitious hiker. Deer are usually fawning around the campground so dogs are not recommended and must be kept on leashes. It's about 6 miles to Mazama the nearest store, so come with what you need or plan to drive a bit further to re-supply.

Overnight campground fee is \$12 per site. Campsites can not be reserved, but there always seem to be enough. Vault toilets and water are available. **If you plan to hike**

**from a trailhead be sure and bring your U. S. Forest Service Parking Permit, available from U. S. Forest Service offices in Sedro Woolley or Winthrop.**

**Tuesday, July 9**

**Big Four area ~ East of Granite Falls**

**Birding, Walk/Hike**

**6:30 a.m. to Early Afternoon**

Meet at 6:30 a.m. Park & Ride I-5 (Exit 212) for car-pools or 8 a.m. at the Big 4 Picnic Area on Mountain Loop Highway 92. The birding is exceptional in early summer. The picnic area has spectacular views of Big Four Mountain and Hall Peak. Another bonus is the diversity of alpine wildflowers along the trail. The 1 mile trail takes you on a boardwalk across a fresh water marsh. Expect to see Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Flycatchers, and Warblers. Across the bridge over the south fork of the Stillaguamish River look for Dippers, Common Mergansers, Harlequin Ducks, and Spotted Sandpipers. Common in the forest are Pacific Wrens, Brown Creepers, Western Wood-Pewees, and Varied Thrushes. Next is a huge cirque that ends at a lookout area. We'll plan to eat lunch here. Wear hiking boots and expect to walk a leisurely 2 miles round trip, with a 200 ft. elevation gain.

**Leader: Pam Pritzl, 360-387-7024**

**Required is either a U.S. Forest Service Parking Permit, available from U. S. Forest Service offices in Sedro Woolley or Winthrop ~ or ~ a Golden Eagle Pass.**



**NOTE:** This summer hiking schedule was prepared on May 16, 2013. As of this time the following hikes appear to be a “go” in the sense that we should be able to drive to the trailheads. However, there is a chance that one or more of the hike destinations will be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. If a hike destination is changed, the meeting time and meeting place will remain the same.

All the hikes are on Wednesdays. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times.

**WILDERNESS HIKES:** The information on the various wilderness hikes is too lengthy to print here. For information contact **Joan Melcher 360-424-0407** or at [jdmelcher@comcast.net](mailto:jdmelcher@comcast.net)

**SAT. – JUNE 1 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY**

Celebrate trails! Go for a hike or walk with family and/or friends. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will sponsor trail work at Deception Pass State Park. **Contact Joan Melcher** (above) for details if interested.

**WED. – JUNE 5 SAN JUAN ISLAND**

Hike on trails at American Camp, Whale Watch Park/Limekiln State Park, and English Camp. Meet at 8:15 a.m. at March Point Park-n-Ride to pool rides. No ferry walk-ons as we will need cars on the island. We will take the 9:30 a.m. ferry from Anacortes, arriving in Friday Harbor at 10:35 a.m. Return ferry sailings are 4:15 and 6:25 p.m. Car pool according to return times. People staying on the island for dinner will take the 6:25 p.m. ferry boat back.

**WED. – JUNE 12 THUNDER CREEK**

Hike up to 12 miles round trip, including a 1,000 ft. total elevation gain, on one of the best forest hikes in the North Cascades. **Meet at 7:30 a.m.** on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. **Return time is 3:30 p.m.**

**WED. – JUNE 19 DUNGENESS SPIT**

This beach walk along the Strait of Juan de Fuca is 5.5 miles out to the lighthouse and 5.5 miles back. We usually see seals near the lighthouse and shipping on the Strait. An entrance fee is required but Golden Age passes work. Drivers must have a reservation for both ferry trips. So, get together with friends, decide who will drive, and have the driver make reservations ASAP. We will take the 8:45 a.m. sailing from Keystone (Coupeville on the schedule). Drivers should be there at least 45 minutes early so their reservation is not cancelled. It usually takes 45 minutes to drive from the meeting place to the ferry dock. This means a meeting time at the March’s Point park-n-ride of 7 a.m. to be safe. Convenient ferry return times from Port Townsend to Coupeville are 4:14 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 6:45 p.m. Reservations can be made on line—google “Washington State Ferries.” You can also **call customer service: 1-888-808-7977**. Ask for an operator to speak to a person.

**WED. – JUNE 26 BAKER RIVER**

Hike along the Baker River to Sulfide Creek, entering the North Cascades National Park along the way. Dogs are not permitted on the National Park section of the trail. The hike is 5 miles round trip, with a 300 ft. elevation gain. Meet at 8:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. If you do just the river hike, return to the trailhead

at 1:30 p.m.; Return at 2:00 p.m., if you also walk south on the north Baker Lake Trail to Hidden Creek.

**\*NOTE: A Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) is required**

**WED. – JULY 3 THE OLD SAUK RIVER TRAIL**

The Old Sauk River Trail is a hike along the scenic Sauk River. On this low-elevation trail you will walk through patches of old growth Douglas firs. It is 6 miles round trip with little elevation gain. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Mount Vernon Safeway. Audubon South hikers may go directly to the trailhead. Drive to Darrington. At the four-way stop there, turn **RIGHT** onto the Mountain Loop Highway. About 4 miles south of this turn you will come to the Clear Creek Campground. The trailhead is a little farther down the road. Turn **LEFT** into the parking area, which is a short way down a dirt road. Follow the trail through the forest and along the Sauk River until the trail comes out onto the Mountain Loop Highway. Then return the way you came. When all the people in your car have returned to the trailhead, you may leave.

**\*NOTE: A Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) is required**

**WED. – JULY 10 ROSS LAKE, WEST SHORE**

Hike down to Ross Dam and beyond along the west shore of Ross Lake as far as the Big Beaver if you wish. There are many other turn-around points. The hike is up to 13 miles round trip, with up to 1,800 ft. total elevation gain. There are 2 return times: 4:30 p.m. for those who wish to hike to Pierce Creek or Big Beaver and 3:00 p.m. for those who turn around before then. Car pooling will depend upon what return time you select. Meet at 7:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot.

**WED. – JULY 17 BAKER LAKE TRAIL FROM THE SOUTH**

For an 8 mile round trip, hike to Maple Grove and Anderson Point, with just a 620 ft. total elevation gain. There are beautiful forest and views of Baker Lake and views of Mt. Baker and Mt. Shuksan too, if the weather is clear. Meet at 8 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. There are 2 return times to the trail head: 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.; car pool accordingly.

**\*NOTE: A Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) is required**

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**WED. – JULY 24 LAKE SERENE**

The Lake Serene hike is up to 8.4 miles round trip with a 1,900 foot elevation gain with many steps. A shorter hike to Bridal Veil Falls is available. (Up to the Falls, back down, and then easterly on the main trail to an obvious lunch spot among huge chunks of rock east of the footbridge is 4.6 miles round trip). We will try for a 4 p.m. return to the trailhead. To get to the trailhead, travel east on Highway 2 east of Gold Bar and turn south at milepost 35.2 onto the Mt. Index Road. This road is just before one would cross the Skykomish on a big, old bridge. Drive 0.3 miles, bear right and continue about 600 feet to the parking area on the left.

**\*NOTE: A Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) is required**

**WED. – JULY 31 HAPPY CREEK MILL SITE & THUNDER KNOB**

We will first hike to the Happy Creek Mill site above Ross Dam with a 3.6 miles round trip and about a 500 ft. elevation gain. We will then drive to the Colonial Creek Camp Ground and do the Thunder Knob hike, again a 3.6 miles round trip

with a 635 ft. elevation gain. When your car-load of people has returned to each trailhead, you may leave. Meet at 7:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot.

**WED. – AUGUST 7 WILDERNESS HIKE**

**WED. – AUGUST 14 SAUK MOUNTAIN**

This hike is 4.2 miles round trip with a 1,200 ft. elevation gain. There is an option to walk down to Sauk Lake, 7.2 miles round trip with a 2,400 ft. elevation gain. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion. Return at 12:30 p.m. to the trailhead for those who go only to the summit. Return at 2:30 p.m. for those who do both the summit and Sauk Lake. Please carpool accordingly.

**WED. – AUGUST 21 WILDERNESS HIKE**

**WED. – AUGUST 29 WILDERNESS HIKE**

**WED. – SEPTEMBER WILDERNESS HIKE**

*Summer June 2013 Calendar*

*See "August 2013 Summer Calendar" on page 8*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 26	May 27 Memorial Day	May 28	May 29 Hiking: Skagit River Gorge	May 30	May 31	1 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY Trail Work at Deception Pass State Park
2	3	4 SAS Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	5 Hiking: San Juan Island	6	7	8
9	10	11 General Meeting: Social 7:00 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM	12 Hiking: Thunder Creek	13	14 Annual Klipchuck Campout	15 Annual Klipchuck Campout
16 Annual Klipchuck Campout	17	18	19 Hiking: Dungeness Spit	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Hiking: Baker River	27	28	29
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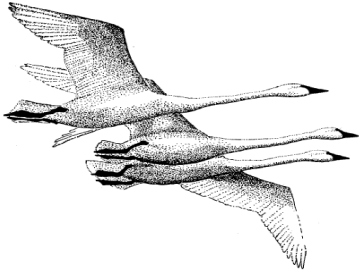
*Summer July 2013 Calendar*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 30	1	2	3 Hiking: Old Sauk River Trail	4	5	6
7	8	9 Field Trip: Big Four Area	10 Hiking: Ross Lake, West Shore	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Hiking: Baker Lake Trail from the South	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Hiking: Lake Serene	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Hiking: Happy Creek Mill Site & Thunder Knob	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3





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*Summer August 2013 Calendar*  
See "June & July 2013 Calendar" on page 7

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31 Hiking: Happy Creek Mill Site & Thunder Knob	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Hiking: Wilderness Hike	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Hiking: Sauk Mountain	15	16	17 Deadline SAS September Flyer
18	19	20	21 Hiking: Wilderness Hike	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Hiking: Wilderness Hike  Sept 4: Wild. Hike	29	30	31

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