

## Field Trip 4 (Comparing both sides of the Cascades) Information

**Meeting place:** Parking lot behind Bloedel Hall and Winkenwerder Hall

**Meeting time:** 7 AM!!!

**THIS IS AN ALL DAY FIELD TRIP (7 AM- 7 PM).** Dress for the full range of weather (ie. layers; waterproof outer wear; sturdy boots). Note the various hazards described below.

**Bring water, sack lunch, snacks, and drinks for the full day!** As always, bring your two fact sheets and your journal. Each year there are students who bring only one small bottle of water; this is insufficient for the duration and amount of hiking we will be doing.

### **Itinerary with hazards:**

**Stop 1: Asahel Curtis:** We will be walking along a nature trail that is fairly smooth and mostly level. It is often very cold here this early in the morning and very wet. You will need sturdy shoes, preferably water-proof, and a jacket.

**Stop 2: Snoqualmie Pass:** Cold and probably wet. We will make a couple of stops here. We will do some hiking at the first stop to reach an avalanche chute; the trail is fairly steep and rocky. When Robert and I checked here on May 13, there was still snow. Dress accordingly. The second stop will be at a rest area. At this stop will be your only opportunity for a large, civilized bathroom throughout this field trip day. THIS IS A BRIEF STOP to use the restroom only.

**Stop 3:** Aspens and a marsh along Highway 10: The hazard is that we will be walking along a fairly busy highway and crossing it to view the marsh

**Stop 4:** Swauk Sno Park/Discovery Trail at Blewett Pass. High elevation, hot, and dry. There is one outhouse here. This is our main stop. We will be here about 3 hours, including time for you to eat your picnic lunches.

**Stop 5:** Treatment Area. We will walk down a gentle hillside with trip hazards

**Stop 6:** On our return to Seattle, we will stop twice in the city of Cle Elum for refreshments. You may want to bring cash. We'll stop at 1) Cle Elum Bakery (yummy pastries) and Owen's Meats (excellent beef jerky), and 2) Pioneer Coffee Roasting Co. for espresso, etc. There is a bathroom in the coffee shop.

*This is an awesome field trip, and the highlight of the quarter. It demonstrates nearly all the topics we have covered throughout the course. Your journal entry for this trip should be extensive.*