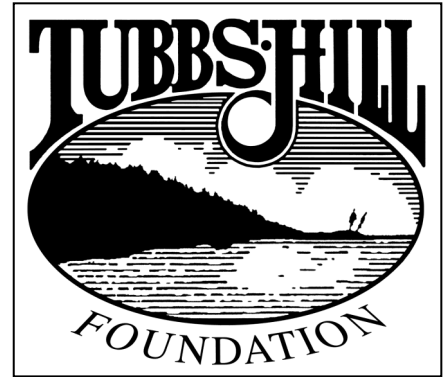


Friends of Tubbs Hill

Spring 2015 Newsletter



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The accessible trail is checked by Claude Corteau, Elmo Warren, Barbara Zimmer, Peter Luttrupp, Marvin Hage and George Ives.

Tubbs Hill Accessible Trail

In the fall of 2014 the Parks Department began work reconstructing 1,500 feet of existing trail on the east side of Tubbs Hill to make it accessible to a greater range of users.

The scope of the work included building retaining walls, reducing the grade and slope, widening the trail in places, creating level landings, building wide passing areas, smoothing the surface of the trail, compacting gravel into the surface of the trail and reconstructing the entranceway to the trail.

The trail surface was constructed with natural materials identical to the current trail with gravel added for stability, which will eventually incorporate into the trail surface.

The work was funded by a Recreational Trails Program grant from the State of Idaho, an Avista grant and from the Trails Improvement line item in the Parks Department Capital Improvement budget. The final cost of construction was \$49,995.

The work was completed in March of 2015 and opened to the public. A grand opening and memorial service for advocate Tom McTevia will be held in May at a time and date yet to be determined. He died recently in an ATV accident.



Sorenson Elementary — Tubbs Hill Traditions



In September, these Sorenson Elementary third graders spent part of a day exploring the hill with their teachers Kerry Erwin and Moira DuCoeur and foundation board member Jessica Bryant. Also a Sorenson parent and local artist, Jessica gave instruction on landscape drawing and tree identification. Students spent time completing the Junior Friends of Tubbs Hill Activity Book, available to the public for free at tubbshill.org. Printed copies can be found at the CdA Parks Department, the CdA Visitor Information Center, and at the Tubbs Hill booth at various events such as the city's Earth Day celebration and Art on the Green.

Teachers at Sorenson Elementary frequently take advantage of the close proximity to Tubbs Hill with field trips. Many classes utilize aspects of the hill for specific curriculum such as studying habitats and animal life. First graders "graduate" to second grade by crossing the suspension bridge in the spring. Second and third graders spend a full day on the hill each spring learning about plants, animals, water quality, conservation, and much more by rotating through different education stations. Sixth graders spend a week in an outdoor classroom environment that includes Tubbs Hill. Over the course of their Sorenson career, students participate in a tradition of Tubbs Hill education and visitation. This cumulative experience builds knowledge and understanding of nature and cultivates an appreciation for the importance of preserving natural areas like Tubbs Hill for the enjoyment of the public.

Foundation Hike

By George Ives

During the Tubbs Hill Foundation board's annual State of the Hill tour, sunshine was enjoyed as well as huckleberry muffins baked by Julie Clark. Ultimately the group got down to the serious business of assessing the impacts of nature and humanity on our lakeside treasure.

During the group's discussions several conclusions were voiced: paths below the lakeside trail are impractical to address. The focus should be toward uphill incursions where terrain is most susceptible to runoff erosion. There may be a need to balance fire suppression of understory efforts with how opening such new vistas might be encouraging abuse of newly accessible areas. Photos and GPS coordinates might be used to isolate problem areas for reporting to Parks Dept. staff.

Vertically oriented trails with severe erosion potential should be addressed with a variety of appropriate interventions such as low-impact informational signage, rock barriers, native vegetation plantings,

riffle bars, etc. A demonstration project at the gully by trail marker 3 might be undertaken as a way to gauge the relative effectiveness of remediation efforts.

The steep trail above Eastside Park should be addressed as a safety issue.

Chuck Hosack said, "The unauthorized trail up the bank from Eastside is probably not so much a safety issue as it is possibly the most visible and most thoroughly unauthorized trail on Tubbs. It is practically an advertisement for the use of unauthorized trails. Perhaps we should take that one on as a "pilot project" for trying methods to deter use of unauthorized trails."

Jessica Bryant observed that "Adding a sign or two at the north end of the park indicating location of the trail entrance. Also an educational display by the large mossy rocks explaining the need to protect the soil and vegetation from erosion, asking children to refrain from climbing and hikers to use the maintained trail head."

One absolute, of course, remains: vigilance and care are necessities for all of us who remain Friends of Tubbs Hill.

Scott Reed

Attorney Scott Reed, one of the original advocates to keep Tubbs Hill open to the public and natural, died May 3 at age 87.

He had retired this past year after more than 60 years as an advocate for environmental causes. He and his wife Mary Lou helped establish the Friends of Tubbs Hill, and his book "A Treasure Called Tubbs Hill" told the hill's story. He donated all proceeds for the sale of the book to the Tubbs Hill Foundation. It will continue to be sold.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his law degree from Stanford Law School. He also fought to keep Sanders Beach public and to prevent Interstate 90 from cutting through downtown Wallace.

He is survived by Mary Lou, daughter Tara Woolby and son, Bruce. He requested no funeral service.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the Reed family. Scott will be missed by all his Friends of Tubbs Hill.

Have Your Name or Company Logo Engraved On One of the Tubbs Hill Monuments

Tubbs Hill is comprised of 120 acres of publicly owned land, and has an abundance of tranquil, breathtaking scenery and hiking trails. Tubbs Hill is dedicated to the citizens of Coeur d'Alene and everyone is encouraged to use and enjoy its magnificent splendor.

To become a member or have a name engraved on one of the monuments, fill out the form below, attach a check or money order for your choice of membership or \$150 for each line of engraving and mail to Tubbs Hill, Inc., PO Box 3061, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-3061.

If you would like to engrave your company's logo on a separate corporate monument, the cost is \$500, plus the engraving charge. The maximum logo size is 4" x 4".

For more information please contact the City Parks Department, 208-769-2252.

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Name _____

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Annual Membership

(Both include upcoming newsletters)

_____ Individual Membership, \$15 _____ Family Membership, \$25

Engraving

The monuments are located at the Third Street Entrance to Tubbs Hill and at the East Tubbs Hill Park. Please designate which location you prefer:

_____ Third Street Entrance _____ East Tubbs Hill Park _____ Corporate Rock

Please print the name as you would like it to appear below. Spaces count as one letter. Total cannot exceed 22 spaces. Please note IN MEMORY OF inscriptions may require two lines for a total cost of \$300.

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THANK YOU for your generous support. Your contribution to the Tubbs Hill Foundation is tax-deductible as permitted by federal law for nonprofit foundations.



Flowers on Tubbs Hill

Tubbs Hill Presentation Available

Would your group like to know more about Tubbs Hill and the work of the Tubbs Hill Foundation? Well, now you can easily do so. The Tubbs Hill Board has developed a 30-40 minute PowerPoint presentation that is available free of charge to interested groups. The presentation documents the natural history of the hill, including its geologic past, its flora and fauna, and historical usage on or near Tubbs Hill. It also details how the hill became public space through the efforts of a group of dedicated citizens, and traces the origin and activities of the Tubbs Hill Foundation. There are ongoing issues regarding Tubbs Hill, and the program concludes with a brief overview of some of them.

For more information or to arrange for a presentation to your group, contact George Saylor at 664-2787 or gsaylor-cda@aol.com.

Tubbs Hill Guidebook

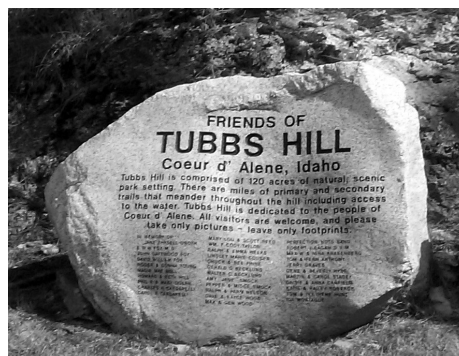
The newly printed Tubbs Hill guidebook is available featuring a guided tour and updated map. This beautiful booklet is freely available at the CDA Parks Dept and CDA Chamber.

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Mission Statement

Tubbs Hill, Inc. is a non-profit association dedicated to the preservation of Tubbs Hill City Park as a unique and natural lakeshore forest typical of North Idaho while providing for compatible public use. We act as advocates for the park; advise the city administration on issues pertaining to the park; and support volunteer efforts, fund raising, community relations, and other tasks as needed to achieve this goal.



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Tubbs Hill Monthly Meetings

Please join us for our monthly meetings held the second Thursday of each month, 8 a.m., at the Iron Horse Restaurant, 407 East Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene.

New Members Wanted! Please join us!