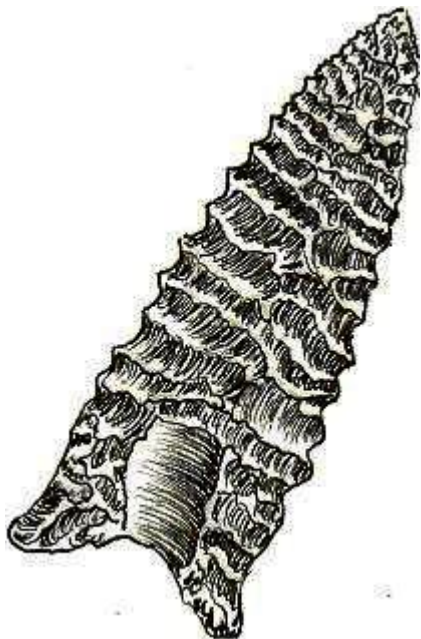


# Spalls

## Puget Sound Knappers

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**James Keffer**  
**23811 NE 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sammamish, WA**  
**98074**

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I also make it a policy never to give out member contact information unless specifically authorized. That includes email and resident/ mailing addresses and phone numbers. Every email I send out to more than one or two addressees is sent out using the blind copy feature (bcc) which hides email address.

**SUMMARY (and a note from the editor and webmaster)**

2014 was another great year for the PSK. We continue to attract like-minded individuals (and families) to our association and attendance at our Knap-ins continues to grow. And 2014 was also a year of greater participation by PSK members in events promoting flintknapping and the PSK in general. From Henry Payne's Dee-Ni Day demos and Springfield, OR Cabelas knap-in to adventures by Jim Miller (attended the 'International Knap-in in Sweden) and Barry Bonnell's trip to Flintridge, Ohio, to demos at various schools. Most all of which have been documented with photos by the participants!

Participation has grown in other areas as well. We're up to 76 member art galleries, more knapper recipes, more 'How-Tos' and the new PSK library. We continue to receive donations for the library – special thanks to Jim Smith, Joe Higgins and Woody Woodside for their contributions!

**Accepting Nominations for PSK Knapper of the Year for 2014**

**If you have a nomination for PSK Knapper of the Year simply submit a name along with a write-up describing why you think the individual should be the named PSK knapper of the year. Nominees will be forwarded to the Council of Elders who will choose the winner!**

**ANOTHER NEW MILESTONE – PSK REACHES 546 ACTIVE MEMBERS  
(and still counting)**

Almost every week we have knappers and others that want to learn the ancient art of flintknapping joining the PSK. Just since the last SPALLS from November we've had 15 new members join! Unfortunately we also lost one of our own, Michael Kinyon, of Port Orchard, WA passed away Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014. Michael hadn't been active with the PSK for several years, partly due to his battle with cancer, but he'd attended various PSK knap-ins over the years including Cole Hurst's Wenatchee Knap-in. On the good side – when Michael's wife Patsy, contacted me about possible disposition of Michael's flintknapping tools, books

and other related stuff, I was able to get in touch with local PSK members who purchased Michaels tools and books! Thanks to Woody Woodside for donating the books to the PSK library!

### **New since 7/14/2014**

Bill Dettmer – Port Angeles, WA  
Eric Wiech – Oak Harbor, WA  
Emily Shaw  
David Wolbrecht  
Luke Glennon – WA  
Cynthia Hoff - Mt Vernon, WA  
Emily Shaw - Duvall, WA  
David Wolbrecht - Seattle, WA  
Jimmy Williams - Modesto, CA  
Michael Falkner- Missoula, MT  
Max Grow – Renton, WA  
Janet Grow – Renton, WA  
Bruce A. Vanderzanden – Redmond, WA  
James Flannery – Wilderness Awareness School, Duvall, WA  
Jimmy Williams – Modesto, CA  
Terry Constable – Lynden, WA

### **\*PSK Point Display Project\***

For those that don't know already, the PSK Point Display Project is well on its way to becoming a real show piece for the Puget Sound Knappers. The Case is complete and there are about 100 member points already donated. Unfortunately, I haven't had time to take individual photos for the website or even mount all of the points in the case. But I'm working on it!

To view the points photographed to date go here (I'm way behind here):

[http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/about\\_us/PSK%20Point%20Collection.html](http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/about_us/PSK%20Point%20Collection.html)

**Upcoming Events – Note: Since SPALLS is published only three times each year, changes/updates to the schedule of events will be posted on our website**

<http://pugetsoundknappers.com>

*Also – some of the knap-in dates are tentative. The hosts will try and nail down specific dates but circumstances may dictate changes.*

*If you have attended or know about an event involving knapping let me know. I'll either publish it in SPALLS or put in on the PSK Website.*

*Note from the publisher - With concurrence from the Council of Elders*

This note is a basic reminder that the PSK and all of the knap-ins are paid for either by direct donations or auctions of donated items and community points, and competitive knapping contests. The expenses to the host of a knap-in are not trivial, running into the hundreds of dollars. To insure the continuation of our knap-ins and in particular the largest knap-in in the PNW – the Glass Buttes Knap-in, it is important that all knappers contribute what they can. The cost of Porta-Potties alone at Glass Buttes can run between \$600 and \$800 including toilet paper. We must make sure that whoever arranges and pays for the Porta-Potties is adequately compensated.

*Ongoing Events*

**Weekly Fort Knapadonia Knap-in**

There is a knap-in each Wednesday from 8:30 am until sometime in the afternoon at Fort Knapadonia on the north end of Whidbey Island (see the website's Annual Fort Knapadonia Knap-in announcement for directions or see below in the annual Ft Knapadonia announcement for contact information). While there are usually 12-14 knappers attending, from novices to master knappers, we are seeing up to 16 and sometimes more knappers attend. Dr. Joe Higgins hosts and provides expert knapping lessons. The regulars also provide lessons, loaner tools, free rock and safety gear – safety glass and nitrile-coated gloves. Brunch or lunch is usually provided by the regulars as well.

\*\*Note – please contact Joe Higgins (360) 720-0025 or Jim Keffer (425) 503-4413 if you'd like to attend and you are not one of the regulars – if the weather is bad (usually is) – we knap indoors and there is limited room. We always try and make room! Joe has also been opening the shop on Saturdays – just call ahead to make sure!

**Weekly Sammamish Knap-in**

Jim Keffer, PSK Webmaster, is hosting a weekly knap-in each Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm at his shop in Sammamish. Everyone is welcome and the shop can easily accommodate more than 25 knappers. The shop is well heated but chairs are limited (bring your own). There is free rock, loaner tools, safety glasses and gloves for everyone. Coffee is provided and there have been a number of senior PSK members attending to help instruct the 'noobies'.

### **Tri-Cities Bi-monthly Knap-in**

The Tri-Cities Knappers host a bi-monthly knap-in Kennewick, WA. The knap-in is hosted by Frank Olmsted and Marvin Barger the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 5:30pm - 9:00 pm. The location is Frank's home - 803 S. Edison in Kennewick, Washington.

This is a new group founded by four PSK members in the Tri-Cities area. There are about a dozen 'regulars' and forty -one who attend when their schedule permits.

Their goal is quote "to help all new or experienced knappers, who are interested in this art form". They also offer private session of Video Tutorials and One-on-One instruction!

TO find out more contact:

Frank Olmsted: Phone - (509) 783-2798, email [mlofbo@yahoo.com](mailto:mlofbo@yahoo.com)

Marvin Barger: Phone - (509) 942-1014, email [Shmsbarg@gmail.com](mailto:Shmsbarg@gmail.com)

## **Events Schedule for 2015**

### **PSK Sponsored Events\***

\*hosted by PSK members

### **2015 Cabelas Lacey Store Knap-in Announcement** **Feb 28th and March 1st**

The Puget Sound Knappers have been invited back to Cabelas' Lacey Store for the 5th year in a row to demonstrate flintknapping to its customers! This year's event will take place the weekend of Feb 28 and March 1. Store hours are Saturday

8:00am to 9:00pm (we only stay until about 5:00pm) and Sunday 9:00am until 7:00pm (again we only stay until 5:00pm)

This has been a great event for the PSK, increasing awareness and providing a chance to meet new knappers as well as those that want to learn the ancient art of flintknapping. There are usually 15 to 20 PSK members and plenty of rock! So come on out and join the fun!

For those who want to stay overnight Cabelas allows overnight camping in their south parking lot. There are usually a couple of semis but room for a couple dozen RVs. The PSK webmaster has parked his 25' trailer there and stayed the weekend - very convenient, and FREE!

For more information contact Mick Hill – (36) 493-8439

Directions:

Cabelas Lacey Store

1600 Gateway Blvd. NE  
Lacey, WA 985164400  
3602523500

Directions to Lacey Retail Store  
Telephone: (360) 252-3500

GPS Co-ordinates:  
47.0657  
-122.7845

From Seattle (approx. 58 miles):  
Southbound I-5 to Exit 111.  
Turn right onto Marvin Rd North.  
Go to second round-about (.5 miles).  
Turn left through round-about onto Britton Parkway NE.  
On Britton Parkway turn left on to Gateway Blvd.  
Go to Cabela's - .4 miles.  
From Portland (approx. 117 miles):

Northbound I-5 to Exit 111.

Turn left onto Marvin Rd North.  
Go over I-5 to second round-about (.7 miles).  
Turn left through round-about onto Britton Parkway NE.  
On Britton Parkway turn left on to Gateway Blvd.

**2015 Glass Butte Gathering, Glass Buttes, Oregon,**  
**March 21st through March 29th, 2015**  
**Host Rocky Male**

Take Special Note – The timing of the annual Glass Buttes Knap-in corresponds to the Oregon Schools Spring Break Calendar. In 2015 this is March 23rd through March 27th!

Second Special Note and Reminder – The Glass Buttes Knap-in is held on Federal Land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM does not permit commercial activity or organized events. This is an informal gathering of people with a common interest. As a condition of using the Glass Buttes area the knappers provide sanitation facilities (Porta-Potties). The cost of these Porta-Potties is not insignificant and historically, one or two knappers have gone out on a limb and spent their own money up front to rent them. Donations from those attending will help insure that we will be able to meet our commitments to provide sanitation facilities and keep in the good graces of the BLM! Donations are absolutely voluntary but please donate if you can. And pack out your trash!

And Come PREPARED! While two of the last three years have seen moderate to good weather, those of us at the 2011 GB Knap-in experienced some tough conditions. Not bad enough to keep away the hardest of the knappers but tough nevertheless!

As always it will be primitive camping – bring what you'll need and plan to pack it out as well. Porta-Potties are the only amenities that will be provided. To see a checklist of useful items to bring go here: [Glass Buttes Checklist \(http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/events/GB\\_Checklist.html\)](http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/events/GB_Checklist.html)

A further reminder. There are specific rock collecting guidelines for collecting in the Glass Buttes area. The regulation promulgated by the BLM can be seen here: Glass Buttes Handout



Also, if you have other interests in all the other aboriginal skill sets: food/fire/water/tanning/cordage/herbs/basketry/etc., etc., etc. - this is one of the best for networking/sharing/learning. Again, the weather is THE wildcard for this event.

Point of contact is Rocky Male ([rockylmale@yahoo.com](mailto:rockylmale@yahoo.com)). Rocky will be providing the Porta-Potties (and firewood) so keep him in mind when the donation bucket goes around.

**Montana's Elk River Knap-in**  
**June 6 & 7, 2015**  
**Hosts Ray Alt and George Bryce**

“We manufacture replica projectile points & tools used in prehistoric times”.

OTHER NATIVE AMERICAN CRAFTS GENERALLY DISPLAYED

All General public and out of state knappers welcome

Hosts Ray Alt (406) 223-1929- ([rayalt@wispwest.net](mailto:rayalt@wispwest.net)) George Bryce (406) 223-8144 - ([georgebryce@bresnan.net](mailto:georgebryce@bresnan.net)), and the Yellowstone Gateway Museum.

DATE- June 6-7, 2015 -Location-Yellowstone Gateway Museum.  
118 Chinook St. Livingston Montana- 59047

Directions: From interstate I-90 to downtown (on Park street) turn north on 5th street, cross rail road track on 5 street and go 2 blocks to Chinook street (North), turn right on Chinook (East) and go 3 blocks. Museum is on North side of street.

Saturday- 9:00 AM- 6:00 PM

Activity: Open knapping all day-- Free lessons for beginners.  
2 inch goat game                      10 speed game  
Other games and activity time permitting

Auction-- About 2:00 PM-----Donations appreciated from knappers and others to cover expenses. Any funds over expenses will be donated to the Yellowstone Gateway Museum. Will have some great items to auction!!!

Sunday- 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Activity - Open knapping

General information:

Camping information: (Please contact us for camping arrangements) There is also an RV campground within 3 miles (Osen's RV) 1-406-222-0591- about a mile South of Livingston toward Yellowstone Park (highway 89) (20 Merrill Ln.)

Bring your knapping chair and table if you wish to sell or display your items.

**5<sup>h</sup> Annual Bitterroot Valley Knap-In**  
**Larry Creek Campground in the Bass Creek Recreation Area**  
**Bitterroot Valley, Montana**  
**Hosts Richard and Joan Urata**  
**Thursday June 18th to Tuesday June 23rd**

Joan and Richard Urata will be hosting the 5th Annual Bitterroot Valley Knap-In at the Larry Creek Campground in the Bass Creek Recreation Area, Bitterroot Valley, Montana, from Thursday June 18th to Tuesday June 23, 2015.

We will be there to set up from noon Thursday 6/18 thru noon Tuesday 6/23 for clean-up.

As with all PSK knap-ins, everything is free. This is a family event.

There is a paved parking lot for RV's (no hookups) and vehicles.

There will be lots of room for tents under the trees or under the stars.

Forest Service restricts RV's over 30 ft. and vehicles need to stay in the parking lot. Camp gear will need to be carried a short distance to your campsite.

This is BEAR country so tenters should bring a long rope to hang your food up in the trees, or leave it in your vehicles. There will be a pot luck dinner Saturday evening with the hosts providing the main dish. This will be a Forest Service group area with trees providing about 75% shade where we will be gathering and tenting. There is a 50 X 50 yard open area for an archery/atlatl range and tents.

There is a large supermarket 6 miles away and restaurants 6 to 8 miles away in Stevensville. There is a motel 15 miles away in Lolo.

The RV spaces at Larry Creek Group Campground are limited so be sure to make your reservations with Richard & Joan to guarantee a space in the group camp. A list of alternative RV Parks and Hotels is available by emailing Joan at the address below.

For over 30 ft. RV's and overflow RV's, use the Charles Waters Forestry Campground – the first come first served campground - is about a mile from Larry Creek in the same complex – cost is \$10/night and no hookups or \$5/night with Senior National Park Pass. This campground has individual camping spaces.

If you are planning on coming to the Montana Knap-In please drop us a line at richurata@cybernet1.com or call us at (406) 360-1752 and let us know how many are in your party and if you are tent camping or staying somewhere else in your RV. The Forest Service likes to get a tentative number of attendees so they can help us in our facility planning.

Location: Larry Creek Campground in the Bass Creek Recreation Area, Bitterroot Valley, Montana

#### Directions:

Drive to Missoula, Montana, on Interstate 90. Take exit 101 and head south on Reserve Street (also designated Hwy 93) toward Hamilton. Turn right on Brooks street (also designated Hwy 93). You will pass 2 towns, Lolo and Florence. Look for the Forestry sign for Bass Creek Recreational Area. There is NO sign for the Knap-In on highway 93. Turn right onto Bass Creek Road, 0.6 miles south of mile post 71 to Bass Creek Recreation area. Go 2 miles into Bass Creek Recreation area then turn right to Larry Creek campground group area. There will be 'knap-in' signs to direct you in the recreation area. Go 1 mile on gravel road to our group campground. You will pass a parking lot for day users on your right.

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* 2015 Rocky Mountain House Knap-in, Alberta, Canada**  
**July 9th - 13th, 2015**  
**Host Russell Thornberry**

New PSK member Russell Thornberry will host the second-ever PSK Canadian Knap-in. It will be held at the Rocky Mountain House Heritage Site on the outskirts of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada, during the Legends and Legacy weekend. This event draws 3000-4000 visitors annually that come to see

history relived on this historic site where in 1799 the North West and Hudson's Bay companies set up rival posts at the end of the fur trade line on the North Saskatchewan River. Competition was fierce at Rocky Mountain House, and during its 76-year history, nine different Aboriginal cultures came to this site to trade. Explorer, fur trader and map-maker, David Thompson, used the North West Company post as a base for finding a pass across the Rocky Mountains. During the Legends and Legacy weekend many Aboriginal skills will be displayed, and we get to be a part of it!

Arrangements have been made for free RV parking and/or tenting for our knappers, but since space is somewhat limited we have been asked to pre-register for those sites. With this much lead time there should be ample room for everyone IF you pre-register soon!

To pre-register the following is required.

Email or call Russell Thornberry at - phone (403) 872 4866. He will need the name of each attendee, email address, phone number, license plate number and state or province of origin.

### OFF SITE ACCOMMODATIONS

For those who elect to stay in a hotel in Rocky Mountain House, below are a list and phone numbers of suitable accommodations. Be advised that Rocky Mountain House is a busy little town in the center of a brisk oil business and you will have to make reservations well in advance to get a room.

### HOTELS IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Best Western Rocky Mountain House Inn & Suites  
(800) 588 8520

Rocky Mountain House Canalta  
(403) 846 0088

Rocky Inn Express  
(403) 845 2871

Walking Eagle Inn  
1-(866) 845-2131

**2015 Fort Knapadonia Knap-in Announcement**  
**Dates pending - probably August 17th - 23rd, 2015**  
**Hosts Joe and Sunny Higgins and the Knapadonia Gang**

Joe and Sunny Higgins will host the annual Fort Knapadonia Knap-In in August. He promises to have a full schedule of events – archery target shoots, 2-inch Goat, 10-speed, etc., etc., and don't forget – making arrowheads and blades. There will be water available, electricity, Port-a-Potties, and lots of room for camping and RVing. Women and families are welcomed and encouraged to attend! Close by Oak Harbor offers plenty of garage sales and stores for shopping.

In addition to the usual great knappers knapping, plentiful rock and great weather, Whidbey Island is also a great place for families interested in sightseeing and other tourist activities.

And for those that don't already know it there will be salmon fishing from the beach! Yep - 2015, being an 'odd' year, will see a return of Pink Salmon, also known as 'Humpys', to the Skagit River Drainage. This run passes right along the beach which is only about 200 yards from the camping area at Knapadonia. In each of the last three 'odd' years, 2009, 2011 and 2013, the run has been excellent and getting larger each year! We fully expect the 2015 to reach or exceed the 2013 record of returning fish. The limit is four (4) fish per day and daily limit are not unheard of!

Knappers and guests at the knap-in who don't hold a resident fishing license can purchase a temporary one:

<b>Temporary License</b>	<b>Resident 16+</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident 70+</b>	<b>Non-Resident Military*</b>
<b>1 Day Combination</b>	<b>\$11.35</b>	<b>\$20.15</b>	<b>\$11.35</b>	<b>\$20.15</b>
<b>2 Day Combination</b>	<b>\$15.75</b>	<b>\$28.95</b>	<b>\$15.75</b>	<b>\$28.95</b>
<b>3 Day Combination</b>	<b>\$19.05</b>	<b>\$35.55</b>	<b>\$19.05</b>	<b>\$35.55</b>

\*You may qualify for reduced fees if you are a:

- Veteran with a service-connected disability of 30% or more
- Veteran 65 years of age or older with a service-connected disability

- Resident who permanently uses a wheelchair
- Resident who is blind or visually impaired
- Resident with a developmental disability

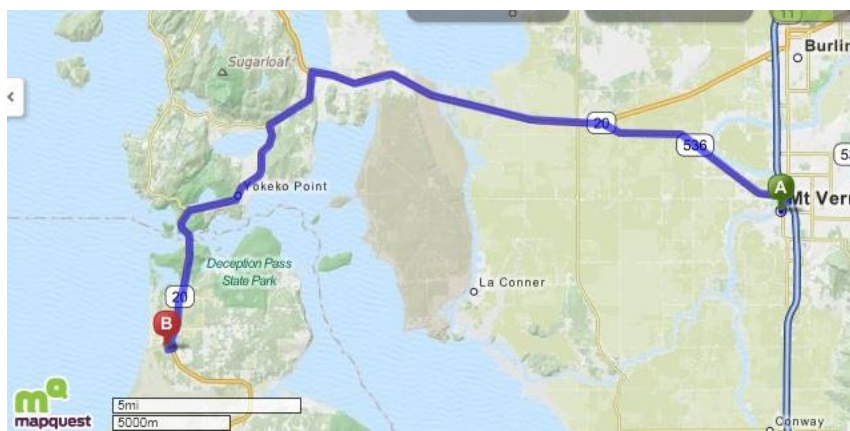
There will also be two large teepees available for overnight guest accommodations. Use of these teepees is FREE but on a first come-first served basis. Each teepee can accommodate 6-8 people.

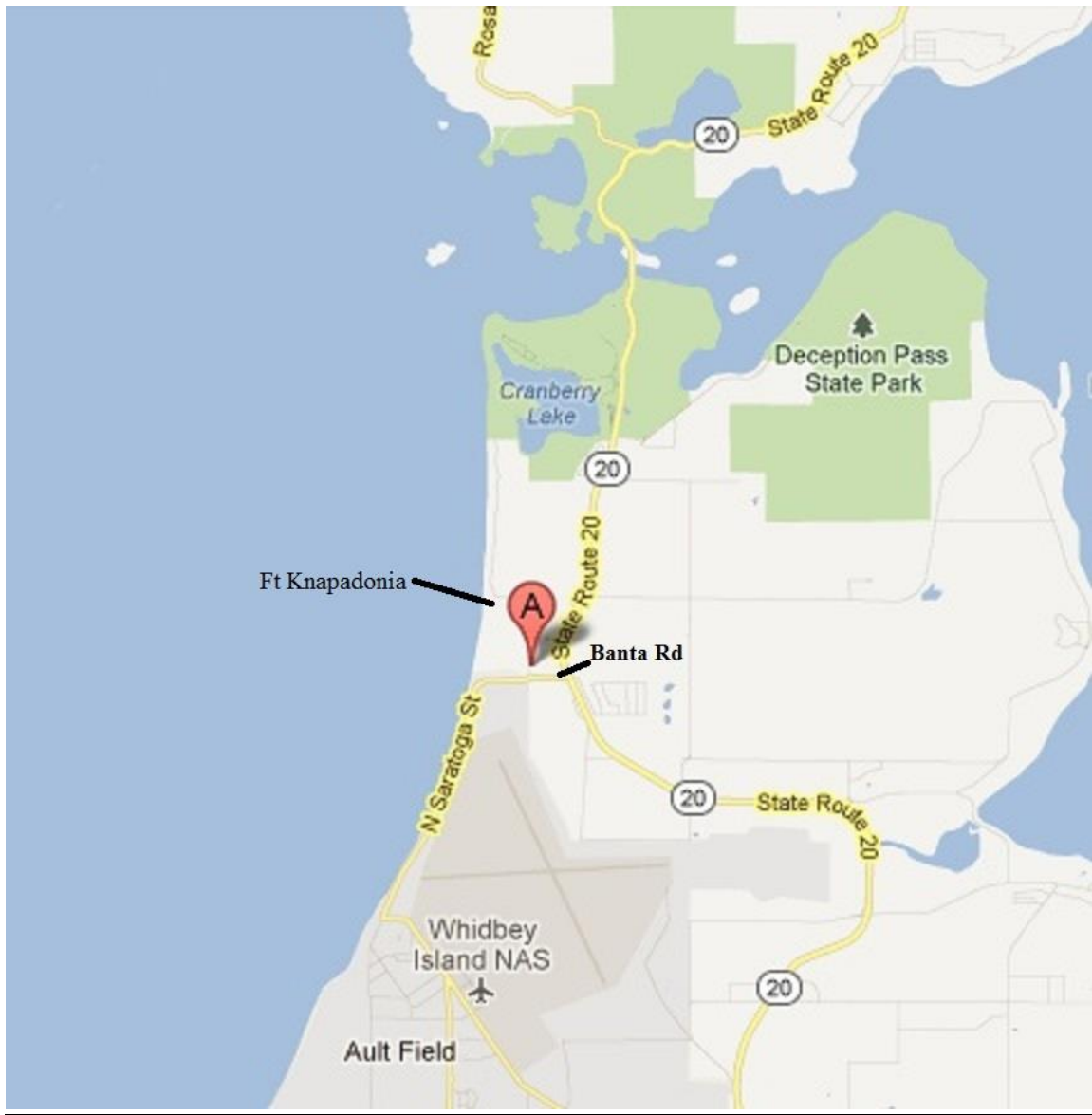
Directions:

To get to the knap-in:

Drive north past Seattle about 70 miles on Interstate 5. Take the 230 off-ramp to highway 20 and go west toward Anacortes. Take highway 20 turn off to Deception Pass. Go past Deception Pass about 2 miles and turn right (west) on Banta Road. Follow the signs from Banta Road to the knap-in. There are stores and restaurants/fast foods in the area. Contact Joe Higgins at (360) 720-1076 or (360) 675-4943 for more information on fishing and the knap-in.

**Maps:**







**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sammamish Knap-in**  
**Hosts Jim and Beverly Keffer**  
**August 28<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>**

(May be changed to Labor Day Weekend September 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>)

Jim and Beverly Keffer will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sammamish Sasquatch Knap-in either Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> or Labor Day Weekend (Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>) at their place in Sammamish, WA.

There is camping and parking space in the north pasture for trailers, campers and other vehicles. Electrical power will be available on a limited basis and there are two battery chargers if needed. Tent camping are spaces available in the orchard. There will also be sleeping space in the shop on the second floor.

If the weather is unfavorable, knapping will be in the shop. There is adequate room on the first floor (1,000 sq. ft.) for 30-40 knappers (or more) and it can be heated if necessary.



There will be the usual events – 2” Goat and 10-Speed. Plus there will be targets for archery, atlatls and tomahawks. And plan on a Saturday evening Potluck dinner.

There two grocery stores (Safeway/Albertson) within one mile as well as a couple of pharmacies. Costco is just 7.7 miles away.

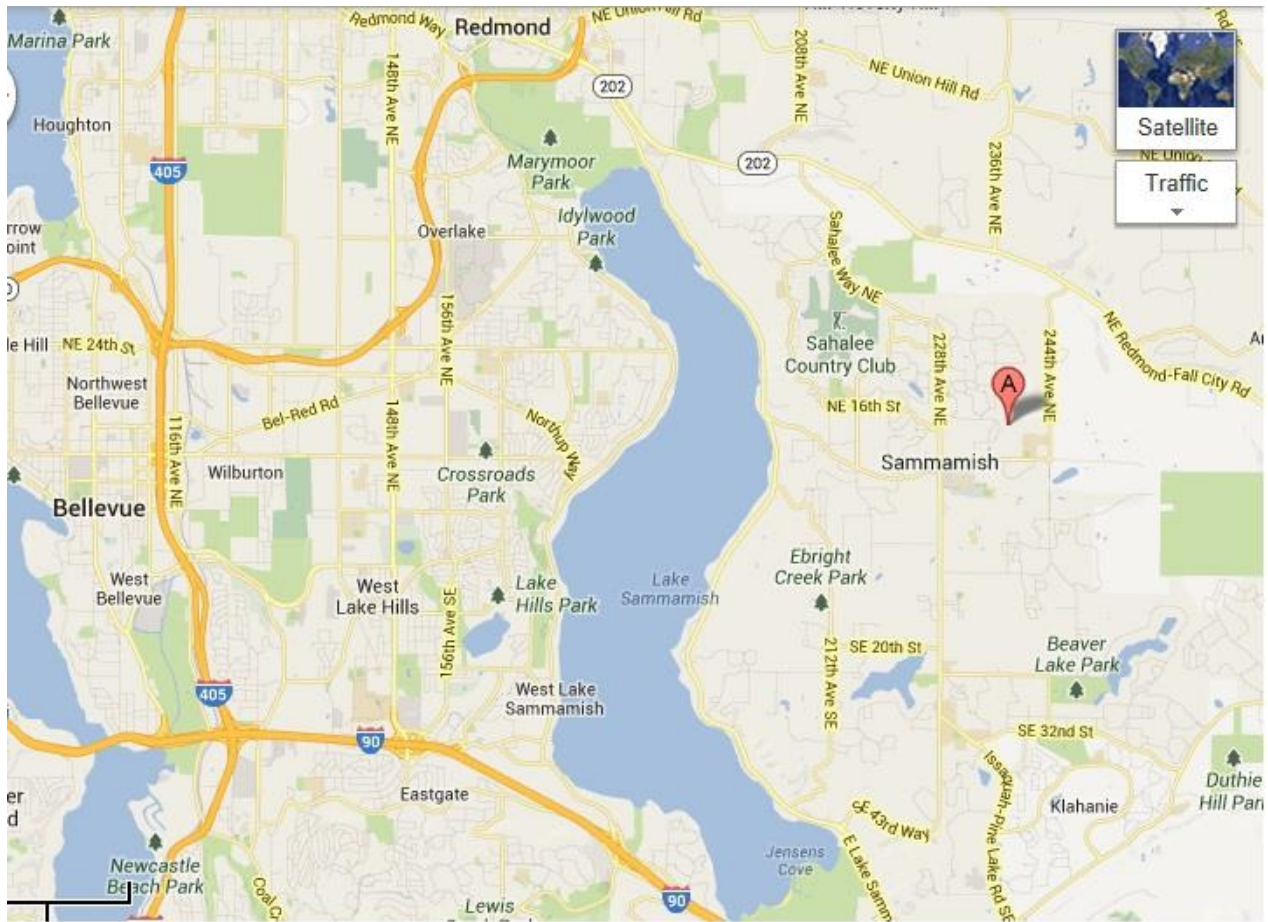
**Location:** 23811 NE 14<sup>th</sup> St, Sammamish, WA 98074

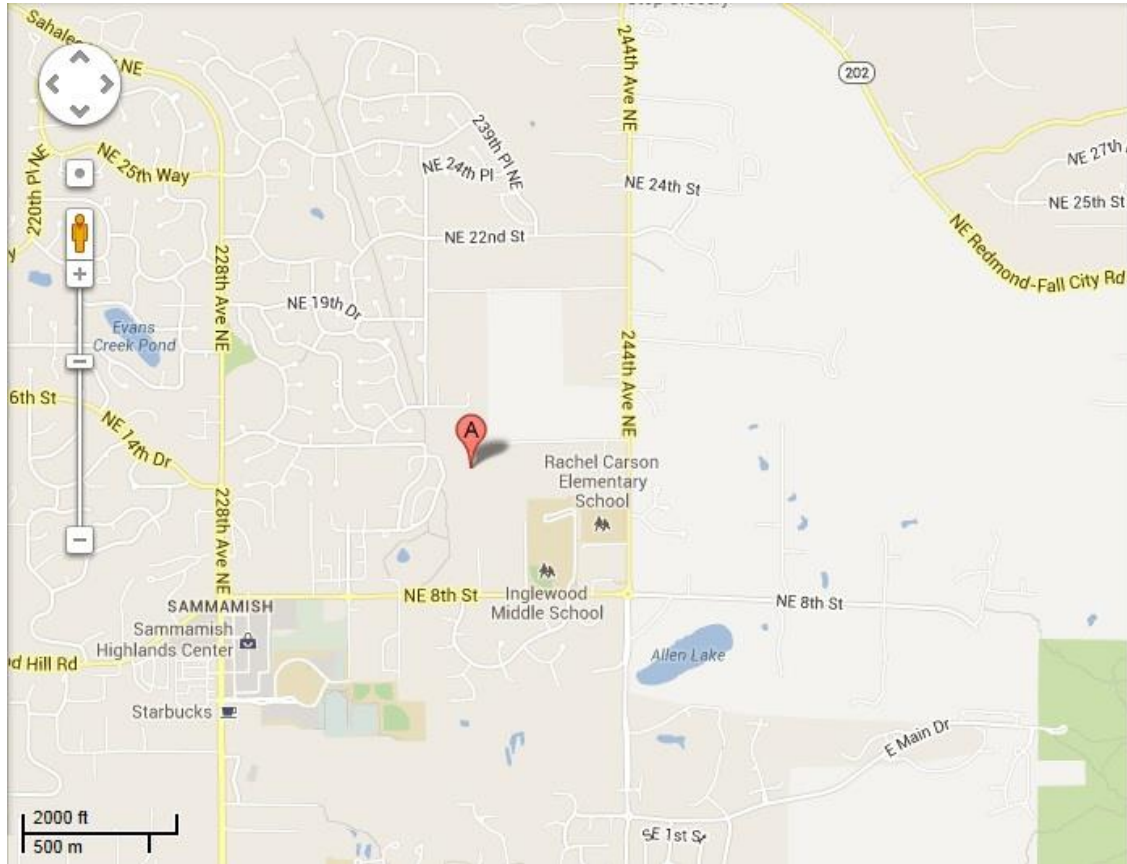
**Directions:**

From the East – Take I90 to the Preston exit (exit 22). Turn right at the end of the off-ramp and turn right on SE High Point Way. SE High Point Way becomes Preston-Fall City Road. Continue on Preston-Fall City Road 3.7 miles to Fall City and turn left on SR-202 (Redmond-Fall City Road). Go 8.7 miles to 244<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (stoplight) and turn left. Go 1.2 miles and turn right on NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 23811 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street is at the end of the gravel road (there will be signs).

From North, South or West - Take I405 to WA520 and head east towards Redmond, WA (5.5 miles). Exit at Redmond WA. SR202 and turn right towards Sammamish. Go approximately 5.1 miles and turn right onto 244<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Go 1.2 miles and turn right on NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 23811 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street is at the end of the gravel road (there will be signs).

Maps:





**2015 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Western Regional Knap-in – Vicinity - Carson City, Nevada**  
**Hosts Jim Keffer, Ray Harwood & Gary Pickett and Dick Woodward**  
**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Still working on it – updates to follow

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fort Whoop-Up Knap-In**  
**September 18th – 21th, 2015**  
**Host Barry Rogers**

**The Archaeological Society of Alberta Lethbridge Centre, Fort Whoop-Up National Historic Site and Barry Rogers (Knapper) invite you to the:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Canadian Knap-In on September 18th to 21st, 2015 at**

**Fort Whoop-up National Historic Site, Lethbridge, Alberta.**

Master knappers from Canada and the US will be available to instruct those who want to try or improve their knapping skills.

Canada has had great knapping training sessions, but they always lacked a time to socialize and an opportunity to get to know their fellow knappers.

Knap-ins differ from workshops in that they are usually situated in a camping area and have an evening campfire to sit around, socialize and to get to know and enjoy fellow knappers.

Potluck suppers and various contests add to the fellowship and enjoyment. I have attended many Knap-ins in Florida and the Pacific Northwest, and have made many good friends.

Fort Whoop-Up was a historic whiskey trading fort built in the mid-1860s. The Northwest Mounted Police (today's Royal Canadian Mounted Police) was created to curb that whiskey trade. The people at Fort Whoop-Up today interpret and symbolize that whiskey trade.

Many of you may wish to visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site near Fort Macleod, about 40 miles west of Lethbridge.

If you are a knapper or a wannabe knapper and wish to attend, register as soon as possible with Barry Rogers at [barryrogers@shaw.ca](mailto:barryrogers@shaw.ca) or 403-678-5041. This will help us plan our second Canadian Knap-in and to secure a camping site for you.

We are also trying to arrange an archery/atlatl range.

There is no entry fee for knappers and their families.

Potluck suppers will be held: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The main entree will be provided and side dishes are to be provided by knap-in participants. Please bring adequate for your family. Tea, coffee and water will be available all day.

You must register for a camping site either trailer or tent, no services, just a field in Indian Battle Park right outside the Fort. There is room for 20 to 30 trailers, plus a few tents. Public toilets are available a short walk away, or in the Fort during open hours.

Full service campground (Bridgeview RV Resort, 403-381-2357) in the river valley off of Highway #3 is available a short drive away.

Hotels: Two hotels, both at the top of the hill above Fort Whoop-Up are within an up/down hill walk (300 foot elevation above the river valley).

Days Inn 100 3rd Ave So. (403-327-6000)

Lethbridge Lodge Hotel 320 Scenic Dr. So. 403-328-1123.

Lethbridge has supermarkets, Costco, Wal-Mart etc. There is a trailer dump station and potable city water available at the Tourist Information Hut (403-320-1222) on the corner of Mayor Magrath Dr. and Scenic Drive So. A multitude of food facilities are at the hilltop above Fort Whoop-Up, near the corner of 3rd Ave. So. and Scenic Drive, including a nice wine and liquor store.

Arriving – to get to the Knap-In:

From the East on the Crowsnest Trail Highway (#3) - Entering Lethbridge from the East on the Crowsnest Trail Highway (#3), turn South onto Scenic Drive, go South (about 1/2 Mile) to 3rd Avenue South, then turn right (West) and proceed down the hill to Indian Battle Park. Fort Whoop-Up Interpretive Site is just off to the left at the bottom of the hill.

From the West on Crowsnest Trail Highway (#3) - About ¼ mile after you cross bridge over the river at the bottom of the valley, take the First Ave South (City Centre) exit. At the traffic lights at the top of the hill turn right onto Scenic Drive, go 2 blocks, turn right onto 3rd Ave. So. and follow down the hill to Indian Battle Park. Ft. Whoop-Up Interpretive Site is just off to your left at the bottom of the hill.

From the South coming in on Highway #4 (from Coutts US/Canada Border Crossing): - Follow Highway #4 to the intersection of Mayor Magrath Drive and continue (West) straight through on to Scenic Drive. Follow Scenic Drive (for 2-3

miles) to 3rd Avenue So., then turn left (West) continue down the hill to Indian Battle Park. Fort Whoop-Up Interpretive Site is left at the bottom of the hill.

Note – A passport is required to enter Canada and return to the U.S. Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) indicates both citizenship and identity and are valid for entry into Canada by land or sea, though not valid for international air travel. As of January 2009, these licenses are only available in Washington and New York.

We have a very limited database to send this invitation to, ask any knapper or knapper wantables if they received this invite, and if they would like to be included please forward their names, tel #and emails to Barry Rogers.

If you have question call Barry Rogers, 403-678-5941 or [barryrogers@shaw.ca](mailto:barryrogers@shaw.ca)

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual North Columbia Knap-in - North Columbia Knap-in**  
**Host Patrick Farneman**  
**October 9th - 11th, 2015**

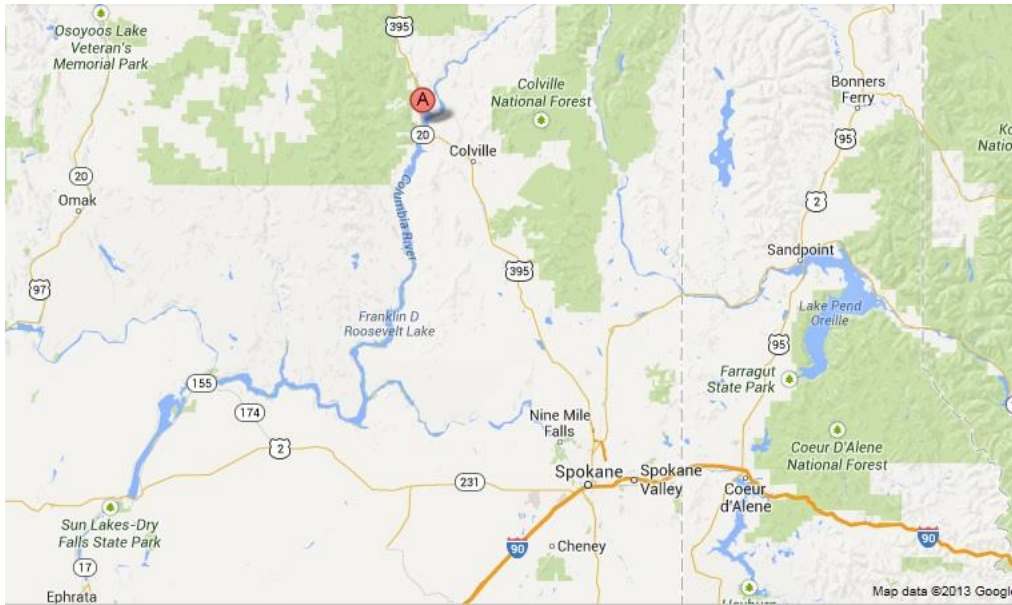
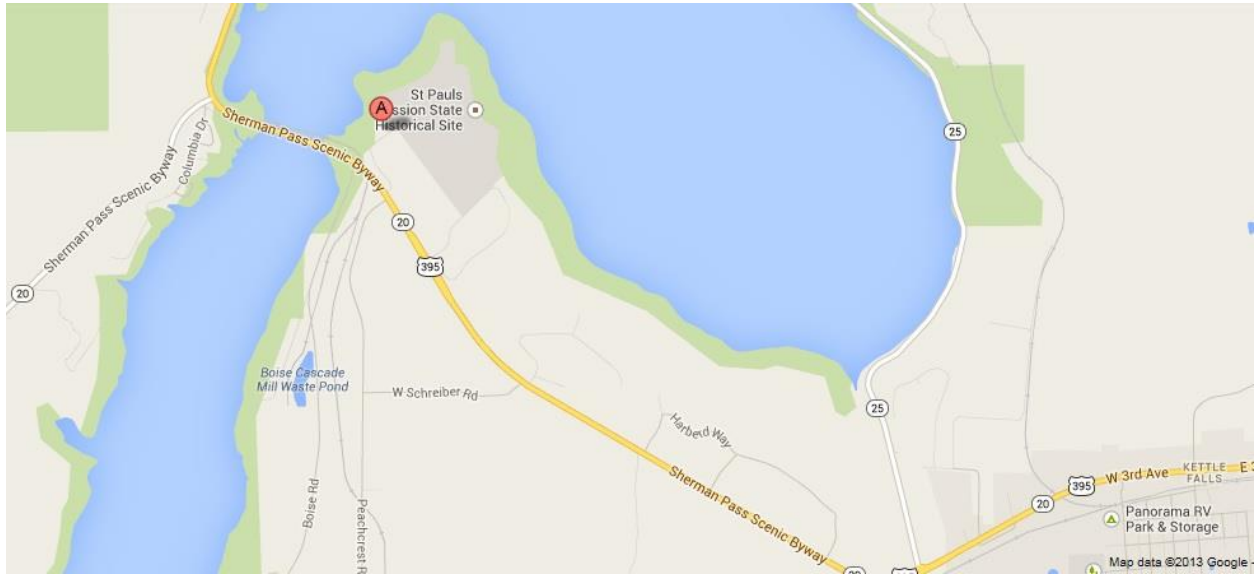
Patrick Farneman will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual North Columbia Knap-in this year at the Kettle Falls Museum and Interpretive Center at 1188 St Paul Mission Road, Kettle Falls, WA 99141. The dates are Friday, Oct 9th thru Sunday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

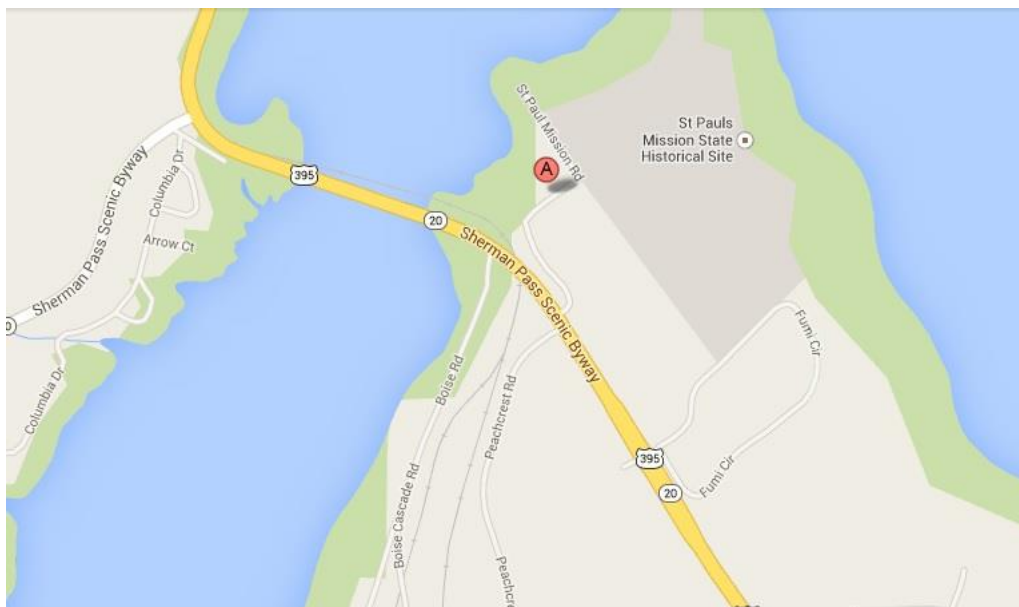
The site is a short walk from the historic Kettle Falls Tribal fishery and gathering place and borders National Park land. We have an open door to camp on the 7 acres of open ponderosa pine forest behind the center. We will have water available & restroom facilities, and the Staff of the center have volunteered to open the museum for us (special off-season opening) to be able to view the collections they have of local artifacts.

We are hoping for another great knap-in following our third successful knap-in in 2015!

For more information visit <http://www.bridgestothepast.org/Home/north-columbia-knap-in>

Maps:





**19th Annual (Pre) Thanksgiving Knap-In, Millersylvania State Park**  
**(Near Olympia Washington)**  
**Hosts Mick and Holly Hill**  
**Saturday October 31st and Sunday November 1st 2015.**

Join Mick and Holly Hill at their annual November knap-in. This gathering began with the idea of putting closure to the year, reflecting on the fun gatherings and campouts that happened thru the year(s). It is our knappers' time to give thanks and be grateful, and then look forward to the holidays with our own families.

This event takes place at Millersylvania State Park which opens at 8 a.m. and closes at dusk, 5 p.m. Kitchen #1 is a log cabin that includes an area with fireplace heat and extra lighting set up for flintknapping. There is also a kitchen area with wood stove to plan the potluck. We have electricity and running cold water if the weather is not freezing temps. Part of the cabin is open to the weather elements and cannot be closed off. It can be cold! There are also bathrooms near the cabin.

Visitors to the Park must have a Discover Pass with the exception of those camping overnight. The annual pass is \$30. If you access the park for 2 days without an annual pass, the fee is \$10 each day.



One pass is good for two (same registered address) vehicles and must be displayed in the vehicle that is in the park. If you have 2 vehicles in the park, you must have 2 passes displayed.

If you have reserved and paid for a campsite, the parking tag/fee is not required.

A potluck Thanksgiving dinner will be served by 1 p.m. on Saturday only. Mick and Holly provide coffee, turkey and some traditional thanksgiving dishes. Bring a potluck dish, camp stool or chair, and plan to wear warm clothes and boots for the mud, sometimes rainy weather. Pack a project to work on or maybe share with others how to make something.

Some may camp and stay thru Sunday. If camping, expect to follow state park rules and provide payment for a camp site. There are bathrooms w/plumbing and token-operated hot showers available. Check the website at [www.parks.wa.gov](http://www.parks.wa.gov), select Millersylvania, to consider reservations.

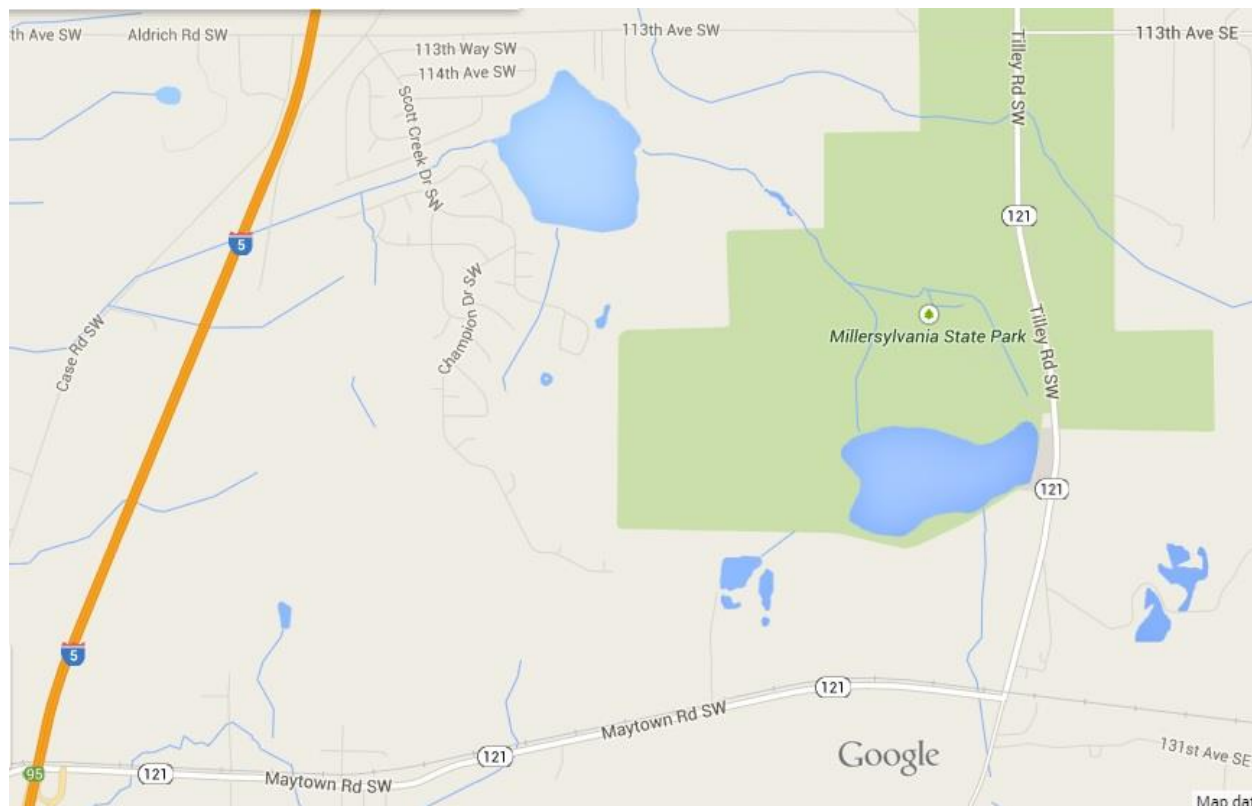
We meet again Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be pulled pork for a reduced number of knappers. This is a good time for learning flintknapping from others with more experience if you are new to the art.

Directions:

From North or South, take I-5 to Exit 95. Follow signs to the park entrance. Look for Kitchen #1. Park in the first parking lot around to the left, near the entrance of the park. Access to Kitchen #1 is by walking a path thru the woods. We will have 2 wheelbarrows to shuttle your flintknapping supplies from your vehicle to the cabin. Watch for others that may be trying to find our cabin! It gets confusing to new visitors. If necessary, there is a back road access to drive/assist those who don't hike, or to deliver the extra big load. Park rangers want to limit our driving thru their back roads.

For more info, contact Mick or Holly Hill, 360-493-8439 or e-mail: [hollyhill54@gmail.com](mailto:hollyhill54@gmail.com) or [Michaelhill30@gmail.com](mailto:Michaelhill30@gmail.com)

Map:



### **Other Events – not PSK Sponsored**

#### ***Bakersfield Monthly Knap-In, Monthly, Bakersfield, California, hosted by Gary Pickett and Ray Harwood***

A monthly knap-in is held on the first Sunday of every month. The one-day event goes from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Hart Memorial Park. The park is eight miles northeast of Bakersfield on the Alfred Harrell Highway. Knappers meet at the East end of the park.

**Location:** Hart Memorial Park - eight miles northeast of Bakersfield, CA on the Alfred Harrell Highway

#### **Directions:**

While on highway 58, east of Bakersfield, take the Comanche exit and turn to the north. Comanche curves around 5 to 6 miles and dead ends into highway 178. Turn north on 178 (right) then a quick left (less than 1/4 mile) onto Alfred Harrell

highway. Alfred Harrell 7-8 miles goes into Hart Park. The knap-in is 100 yards or so from the entrance on the right hand side of the park. For more information contact Gary Pickett at: Home: (661) 392-7729, Cell: (661) 444-6163, e-mail: [air-o-head@webtv.net](mailto:air-o-head@webtv.net).

### **Latest PSK Knap-in Reports and Sponsored Events\***

(Since November 2014)

\*These events are hosted and/or supported by PSK members

Due to time constraints some of the reports may be abbreviated or even missing. I will include the missing reports as in the next issue if I receive them. All of the reports, along with photos, are in the 2014 Event Reports section of the website.

Only One Knap-in Since November

### **2015 Cabin Fever/Winter Break Knap-in Report**

Hosts Dave Pehling and Jim Dennis  
February 7, 2015 - Granite Falls, WA

Bettye Hensel "We all had a good time, weather was not too bad. It looks like Jim Dennis's daughters may be interested in knapping!"

This year's Cabin Fever knap-in saw a smaller crowd than usual for a number of unforeseen and unfortunate reasons. Still there were several 'noobies' that attended and had an opportunity to meet and learn from some of the PSK's best!

### **Update on the Website**

Well, we've passed the **93,000** 'unique visitors' mark. We've also had almost more **4.5 MILLION** hits! A 'unique visitor' is one that has not visited the website in the past. Many people visit the website more than once as evidence in the more than 3,000,000 hits! And we've had visitors from **157 different countries**. The number of people visiting and the number of pages accessed (hits) is growing each month.

**We're now up to 76 Member 'Art Galleries'**.

I'd like to encourage every member to contribute to the website. If you have photos of your knapping and/or 'Paleo Art', email them to me and I'll create your very own art gallery on the PSK Website. And for those that already have an art gallery – send in photos of your newest work!

### **Knapper's Marks**

Once again, we encourage every member to register their 'knapper mark', submit a photo of themselves, contribute to the 'How-To' section and send in photo of their knapping/Paleo Art. Again, if you submit photos of your art I will create an Art Gallery in your name!

The 'Knapper Recipe' section continues to grow – check out the latest recipes from Warren 'Smitty' Smith – Sour Cream Chicken Enchiladas and Chili Rellano Casserole!

We've also added a new section, PSK Humor prompted by contributions by Dave Rauschenberg and Mick Hill!

The Knappable Rock in the PNW section is still off to a SLOOOOWWWW start – only two contributions so far. This could be of great use to both noobies and old-timers!

This section will feature knappable rock found in the PNW and include photos of 'rough rock', as it was found in nature, slabs of the same rock and, where appropriate, photos of slabs of that rock after heat treating. Only general locations will be given, i.e. NW Oregon or Columbia River Basin, but additional information such as heat treating recommendations will be included. I encourage all members who can contribute photos as outlined above to send them to me at [reefer@pugetsoundknappers.com](mailto:reefer@pugetsoundknappers.com).

The 'Lost and Found' Section has already paid dividends – the owners of several 'found items' were located and the items were returned.

If you lose or find something at one of our knap-ins just contact the webmaster and I'll include it!

The 'Interesting Stuff' sections even more new articles and information.

### **Website Funding**

Our current web hosting contract for the website expired in September of 2013. I renewed the contract for a cost of \$180 for three years (up slightly from the introductory price of \$150). I also renewed the contract with an outside service to monitor and protect our website from hackers for \$99/year.

The website is paid for by voluntary contributions, usually at the knap-ins. However, covering the cost of the knap-in has greater priority to make sure to donate to cover their costs first. Still, any contribution helps!

I've also refined our back-up procedures. Not only do we do periodic backups but I maintain a complete copy of every page on the site on a separate drive.

### **NEXT SPALLS ISSUE:**

The next SPALLS issue will be in June 2015 following the Bitterroot Valley Knap-in. The weather's finally great, so go to the knap-ins!

### **Other items of interest:**

**TEANAWAY COMMUNITY FOREST** - An issue knappers and rock collectors need to know about. Contributed by Joseph Wernex

In 2013 the state legislature purchased 50,272 acres of forest land in the Teanaway drainage west of Ellensburg for a "Community Forest". Management of the land was given to the state DNR. There are many resources and opportunities for dispersed camping, rock collecting and pleasure driving that could be made available to the public..... if the agencies chose to do so. The agency DNR appointed a committee of individuals to "advise" on management of the forest. From what little I have learned so far it appears that committee selection was carefully designed to choose people who would tell DNR and WDFW exactly what they wanted to hear. To my knowledge there is no one on the committee who knows or cares anything about rock collecting. There are many logging roads in the area that could provide rock collecting, dispersed camping and pleasure driving enjoyment, if only people were allowed to do so. Some of us used to collect rocks in the area many years ago, before the previous owner a logging company locked up the roads and kicked the public out. I have in the past found agate, nice aragonite crystals and jasper good for cutting and knapping. There are good rock collecting opportunities in this area, however if we don't speak up and get involved we will as usual get nothing.

*For more information go to:*

[http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/OtherLandTransactions/Pages/amp\\_teanaway.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/OtherLandTransactions/Pages/amp_teanaway.aspx)

**Obsidian Sources (Worldwide):**

[http://www.obsidianlab.com/sourcecatalog/s\\_home.html](http://www.obsidianlab.com/sourcecatalog/s_home.html)

**Obsidian Sources (Western U.S. - (Northwest Research Obsidian Studies Laboratory) [http://www.obsidianlab.com/gis\\_sources.html](http://www.obsidianlab.com/gis_sources.html)**

**Rock Collecting Regulations Links:**

WA and Oregon Rock Collecting Guide -

[http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/how\\_to/rock\\_collecting\\_Guide\\_WA-OR.html](http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/how_to/rock_collecting_Guide_WA-OR.html)

**BLM Glass Buttes Handout -**

[http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/how\\_to/BLM\\_Glass\\_Buttes\\_Handout\\_4-09.html](http://www.pugetsoundknappers.com/how_to/BLM_Glass_Buttes_Handout_4-09.html)

**MAY BE OF INTEREST:**

Website for Artifact and Archeological Books

This website has Artifact and Archeological Books and Videos for sale.

Go to: <http://www.hothemhouse.com/> .

**Check out the Arrowhead Forum! <http://arrowheadology.com/forums/>**

**Society of Primitive Technology (SPT) <http://www.primitive.org/> The purpose of the Society of Primitive Technology is to promote the practice and teaching of aboriginal skills; to foster communication between teachers and practitioners; to set standards for authenticity, ethics and quality. Publishes the Bulletin of Primitive Technology**

**TARP**

There is a flint forum where knappers can participate by posting and reading messages and/or going into the chat room. It may be of interest as knapping information is passed back and forth via messages. It is called TARP – you know,

the thing you put on the ground to collect the débitage.

<http://www.egroups.com/group/thetarp> .

### **Knappers-R-Us**

Here's another e-group for knappers: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Knappers-R-Us/>

### **Flintknappers Digest**

Another Egroup called Flintknapper's Digest:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/flintknappingdigest/>

### **Lithic Casting Lab**

Anyone who wants to replicate certain styles of points (Flake patterns, thickness, convexity, length, and width), you can purchase castings of artifacts from Lithic Casting Lab. <http://www.lithiccastinglab.com/>

### **Paleo Planet**

Primitive Technology discussions, including flintknapping. [www.PaleoPlanet.net](http://www.PaleoPlanet.net).

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