



# Mountain Ear

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OF WESTERN MONTANA

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FRUIT  
LEATHER

A light-weight nutritious food ideal for backpacking or camping, fruit leather is a delicious treat made by drying fruit pulp in a thin sheet and then rolling it up for storage.

It is almost essential to have a blender to make the puree of the raw fruit. Choose fruit that is ripe to get the maximum flavor. Wash and puree fruit and add sweetening and/or flavoring if desired.

Line a cookie sheet with plastic wrap and spread puree approximately one-quarter inch thick evenly over the plastic. A 17x20-inch cookie sheet will hold about 2 to 3 cups of puree. Leave the plastic a bit larger than the cookie sheet for easy removal.

There are two methods for drying fruit leather. To sun dry place in direct sunlight 9-10 hours or until leathery and chewy. When dry and still warm from the sun, roll the fruit, jellyroll fashion, removing the plastic, and store in covered glass jars or plastic bags.

Drying time depends on the temperature and humidity.

To oven dry preheat oven to 200 degrees, set rack low in oven, and bake overnight or until leathery and chewy.

Some recommendations for preparing and flavoring various fruits:

Apples — puree and sweeten to taste;

Apricots — puree and sweeten with one tablespoon of sugar or honey to one cup of fruit;

Peaches — wash and peel, sweetening optional;

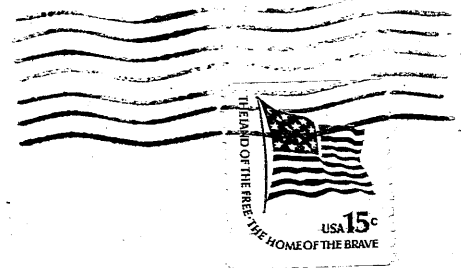
Pears — peel and add small amount of water to help puree if necessary, no sweetening needed;

Plums — wash, pit, and puree, sweeten as desired;

Raspberry — wash and puree, sweeten as desired;

Rhubarb — add water to part of fruit to aid pureeing, sweeten as desired.

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Time to thank the outgoing officers for their leadership this past year:

Myra, for her enthusiasm and continuity of club programs, and for all the trips she led when a gap in scheduling appeared;

Katherine for her survey of members' interests, and the great coverage of trip announcements in the newspaper;

Les, who was railroaded into the secretary's position after it became vacant, and for taking hold so ably; and thanks to

Arnold, for assuming the treasurer's position a second term, executing the job with exactitude.

Our newly-elected officers take the Rocky Mountaineers of Western Montana into its 21st year!

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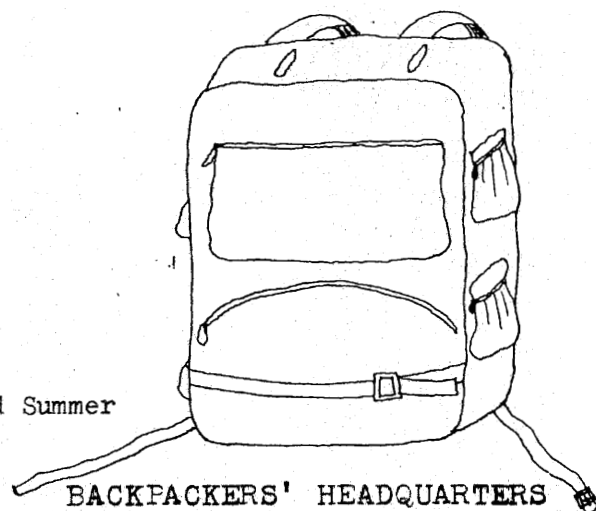
NEW MEMBERS: Nikki Dye and Family, 728-8978  
Betty Laber, 251-3107  
Scott Frey, 728-7103

RENEWED MEMBERS: Bob Benson and Eric  
Don Davidson and Family  
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- May 14, Wed. Rocky Mountaineer May meeting, Double Front Cafe, 7:30 p.m. Mountain slides to be presented by Ralph Klawitter.
- May 17, Sat. Climb St. Mary's in Missions, or equivalent. Strenuous, no rock, but over snow. Call Jim Ullrich, 549-2844, by May 14.
- May 23-27, Fri.-Tues. Les Ojala will lead a canoe float trip down the White Rocks area of the Missouri River on Memorial Day weekend. Leave Missoula on Friday evening, May 23, and return Tuesday evening, May 27. Call 549-5263, by May 20.
- May 27-29, Tues.-Th. Bicycle trip to Jerry Johnson Hot Springs. Depart late Tuesday. 25 miles to camp spot. Call Art Anderson at 728-2080 by May 23.
- June 1, Sun. Ski the bowl at Lolo Peak. Call George Howe, 543-4200, by May 29.
- June 7, Sat. Float trip appropriate for families on a nearby river. Call Don Davidson, 543-3684, by June 4.
- June 8, Sun. Sweeney Peak hike, moderable. Call Charles Hamma, 549-0463, by June 6.
- June 11, Wed. June pot luck at George and Sharon Howe's, 915 Park View Way, 6 p.m. A-I main dish, J-P salads, R-Z desserts. Bring your own utensils and beverage.
- June 14, Sat. Overnight hike to Homer Young's Peak in the Big Hole. Call Bill Morgan, 1-363-5339.
- June 29, Sun. Day canoe trip. A training trip for erstwhile canoeists, with a short trip included. Bring your own life jacket. Call Bill Beaufait by June 26 for details at 543-5400.

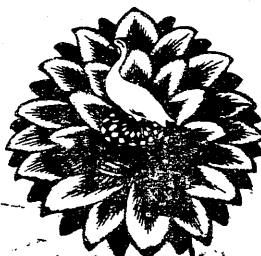
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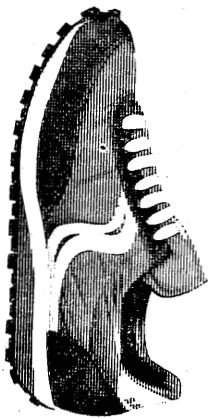
Whole foods, rice,  
quiches, pies, soup,  
salad bar, specials

- July 4, Fri. Deborah Hayden is going to Banff to walk over VICTORIA GLACIER. Sound intriguing? Call her at 549-3263.
- July 4, Fri. Sail the San Juans with Ben Engelking. See February MOUNTAIN EAR for details, or call Sharon at 543-4200.
- July 9, Wed. July pot luck at Mary Ambrose's, 2526 Spurgin Road, 6 p.m. A-I salads, J-P desserts, R-Z main dish. Bring your own beverages and utensils.
- July 11, Fri. Red Gap Pass in Glacier Park. You will see grizzlies. Moderate hike. Call Russ Rusunen, 549-0348, by July 7.
- July 12, Sat. Little St. Joe work party, either Saturday or Sunday. Call Bill Morgan at 1-363-5339 for information, by July 11.
- July 27, Sun. Stark Mountain. Moderate hike. Call Paula Mullis for information at 549-9551 by July 25.
- Aug. 2, Sat. Eat Yourself Up a Mountain with Kim Williams. Call Kim at 543-8598 by August 1.
- Aug. 2-3, Sat.-Sun. Sperry Chalet in Glacier Park. Contact Russ Rusunen, 549-0348, by JUNE 1. Total cost is \$25 per person, with \$10 deposit due by June 1.
- Aug. 10, Sun. Sheep Mountain hike, about 8 miles round trip. Call Arnold Finklin by August 8 at home 543-8705, or at work 329-3479.
- Aug. 13, Wed. Pot luck at Greenough Park picnic area. A-D desserts, E-N main dish, O-Z salads. Bring your own utensils and beverage.
- Aug. 16, Sat. Mosquito Peak in Rattlesnakes. About 26 miles round trip. Call Charles Hama, 549-0463, by August 15 for information.
- Aug. 17, Sun. Turquoise Lake in the Swan Valley. 10 easy miles. Meet Russ Rusunen at Eastgate parking lot at 8 a.m.
- Aug. 22-24, Fri.-Sun. Holloway Lake in Bitterroots. 8 moderate miles. Call Joe Knoteck, 549-2040, by August 21.
- Aug. 24, Sun. Pyramid Pass. Call Jim Schultz for details by Aug. 21.
- Sept. 6-7, Sat.-Sun. Overnight to be announced. Call Sharon Howe by September 24 for more information at 543-4200.
- Sept. 13, Sat. Marshall Ski Area September pot luck. Arrive at 2 p.m. for hike in area. Volleyball starts at 5 p.m., and we'll eat by 7 p.m. Bring 10 slides of your summer outings. A-L main dish, M-S salads, T-Z bread. The club will furnish coffee, tea, Tang and dessert. Bring your own beer and utensils.
- Sept. 14, Sun. Warren Pass hike. 10 mile loop, moderate. Return through Maloney Meadows. Call Nancy DeCou, 728-5376 for information by September 12.

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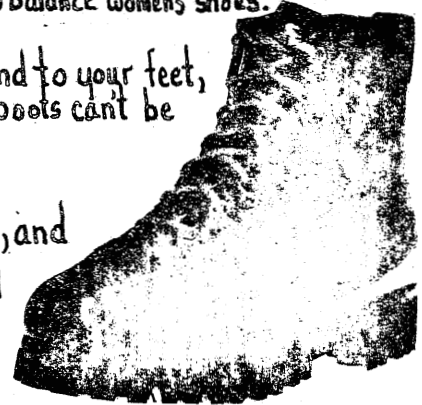


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## BIG MOUNTAIN TO THE BUGS

Recollections of Danny On

By George Howe

If you've often been one of the first, or last, to load onto Chair 1 at the Big Mountain Ski Area on a Saturday or Sunday, you probably knew Danny On. Maybe you even took a run or two with Danny. But you can't claim to have really skied with Danny unless he took you on a fog run when you were a shaky intermediate.

I took such a run. It was so foggy near the top I couldn't see the next chair. Danny said, "Not to worry," he was going to take me through the trees. Through the trees! Why the hell didn't I get off at Midway? So, I snowplowed down the off ramp. Danny waited patiently while I buckled down. (That WAS Danny through the fog, wasn't it?) Then he was off along the cornice and I lost him. Vertigo! I was down. I got to my feet and fell again. There was no horizon. Was I moving or still?

Somehow I made it to the Chute. Danny waited. He was right--there was no fog in the trees. They held it out, and they gave a skier perspective. After passing Danny's first test, I was worthy to ski with him.

Danny was known as a powerful skier. We also knew him as an extraordinary wildlife photographer. His ptarmigans and grizzlies are displayed from the Visitor Center at Logan Pass and the Ptarmigan Room at Big Mountain to the greasy walls of the Stockman's Bar in Missoula.

However, you may be surprised to learn that forestry, not photography, was Danny's profession. He was a World War II paratrooper and pioneered free-fall sky diving in Western Montana, too. Did you know he was a bow maker? Would you have guessed he was an accomplished cook, or a student of the automobile?

I knew all these parts of Danny's personality. But, most of all, I knew him as an immensely giving person. What he gave me was his time--helping me to ski. He took me from beginner to powder addict, inspiring me to practice compression turns through Big Mountain's crud and chop. After skiing, we would talk about the day, or what we would do tomorrow.

We also planned next year's dream trip. In 1974 we dreamed of skiing the Bugaboos.

The big Bell 212 left nine skiers and a guide at the top of Pigeon Run. The clatter of the rotor faded. "There's no way down now," I thought, "but on these skis. There's no downbound chair!" I never once felt a more excited moment in the six years of helicopter skiing which were to follow. It was like suddenly realizing I was about to make love for the first time. Danny just grinned.

That first trip was the best of the five years that Danny and I heli-skied together. It was best because of the snow-turns until my legs collapsed, turns without ever hitting base snow--just floating in the endless, awesome, brilliantly sunlit mountain spectacle.

It was best because we learned about each other--and ourselves. Gleefully, I witnessed Danny lose his reserve. I listened to him whoop with pleasure as powder blasted from his skis and around his head.

I learned about me, too. In a week of skiing, Day 3 was always bad, no matter how much I prepared. I also learned that my first helicopter ski trip would not be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, for by the end of the week, I knew I was addicted.

Before Danny asked me to helicopter ski with him, he made sure I could cope with his eccentricities--first things first, like hobbies before tidiness. His place was a pot pourri of presses, photo chemicals, skis, canned goods, pots, enlargers, letters, trinkets, and stacks of magazines pertaining to his interests. And Danny EXPECTED you to push things aside to sit down. It was part of the test--just don't bend a print.

There was also the matter of getting used to Danny's snoring. It was classic. Hardened deep snow skiers around the world, who consider it a matter of honor to sleep through anything, have been kept awake by Danny's snoring. He is a legend in the Bugaboos, Cariboos and Monashees.

Dining at Danny's was excellent preparation for ski lodge eating. Despite the disarray of his kitchen (or perhaps because of it?), Danny created some of the finest home cooking in the Northern Rockies. Because of the quality, seldom was I tempted to take only one serving. When I WAS tempted, Danny glanced at me sternly to remind me I was in training. Discipline yourself! So I took a second serving, or a third.

If you didn't know Danny from skiing, you may have known him during summer weekends in Glacier National Park. Perhaps you watched him sit for hours near a goat, getting the animal accustomed to his presence. Perseverance was a mark of all Danny chose to undertake. What he chose not to undertake, he would not try at all. I never saw him swim, dance or play cards. I believe he preferred not to attempt, rather than to fail to totally master.

I think Danny understood there was time enough in life to accomplish a few things well, or many things superficially. He chose to do the former. I admired that attitude. Skiing was one of the choices.

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