

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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## General Club Meeting

Held at 8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, normally in the large meeting room of the Idaho Falls Public Library.  
NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

## Membership Fees

Full Year	July 1 - October 1
Individuals: \$20	\$15
Family: \$25	\$20

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year. Full-time students (18 or older) and seniors (65 or older): \$5 off the above fee schedule.

## Council Meetings and Bulletin Deadline

Council Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

November council meeting, 11/18: Tim & Betsy Adkison's, 155 Chatham, Idaho Falls, 542-0786

## December council meeting, TBD:

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings. Please send electronically to the bulletin editor at [dwhitham@srv.net](mailto:dwhitham@srv.net)  
December Deadline is Midnight November 16

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## Idaho Alpine Club Annual Meeting and Election

### Tex Creek Wilderness Management Area Presentation

November 5, 2003 at 8 PM

Idaho Falls Public Library - Large Meeting Room

November is the annual meeting night during which the general membership elects four new council members to replace outgoing council members.

After the annual meeting Terry Thomas, the Tex Creek WMA Manager for Idaho Department of Fish and Game, will give us an overview of the Tex Creek WMA, while highlighting the variety of wildlife and habitat types with an excellent slide show and of the area

The presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information contact [programs@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:programs@idahoalpineclub.org) or check out the club website at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) or call D. Whitham at 524.6119.

## General Member Annual Meeting and Election November 5

The club is having its annual meeting this month where the election of four club members to the council will take place. The outgoing council members are Tim Adkison, Betsy Adkison, Michelle Fox Benson, and Bob Kroupa. If you want your name printed on the ballot, contact the President prior to the meeting. Otherwise, the club by laws do allow write in candidates the night of the meeting. For more information on the council and its duties the by laws are available on the club website in a pdf file for all club members to read. Adobe Reader is needed to read the file and a link for the free shareware is also on the club website.

## President Speaks

Not available by press time.

Happy Trails,

Tim

## IAC Council Meeting Minutes

Not available by press time.

## IAC Bulletin Archiving Project

"Club Historian" Barb Brown is trying to track missing issues of the Alpine Club Bulletin from the 1960s and 1970s. If anyone has actually stashed bulletins from those years or any other publications including membership lists, please e-mail Barb at [barbara@srv.net](mailto:barbara@srv.net) or call 522-8977. We'll also be trying to round up electronic copies to help with the archiving project.

## Day Hikes ~ 2003

### November 8 - Goldbug Hotsprings

Annual hike to Goldbug Hot Springs 23 miles south of Salmon. Two mile hike to where steamy hot springs and cascades await. In addition to the 10 essentials, be sure to bring a towel, swimsuit, water shoes, and a sit pad. Note: The springs are clothing optional. Contact Mark or Donna Whitham to sign up and for the meeting place and time at [dayhike@dahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhike@dahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

## Cross Country Ski / Snowshoe Schedule For 2003 ~ 2004

### November 29 - Christmas Tree Cutting Trip

Snowshoe or cross country ski to search out the perfect Christmas tree in Tie Canyon, which is in the Pine Creek Pass area. The location could change depending on where the Forest Service is allowing Christmas tree cutting this year. Forest service Christmas Tree permits required. They are available at the Eastern Idaho Visitors Center on Lindsay Blvd or the Forest Service Office on the Ririe Highway. (Permits were \$5 last year). Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

### December 6 - Targhee Rick's Basin XC Ski Trip

Join us for some early season XC Skiing at Targhee's Ricks Basin. This will be snow coverage dependent. The almanac says this will be a heavy snow year (it said that last year too). Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

### December 13 - Snowshoe Chick Trip

Women's Snowshoe in Kelly Canyon and soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. Contact Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

### December 30 - January 1 - New Year's Eve at Elkhorn Hot Springs

A cabin (with indoor plumbing, but no bath or shower) has been reserved for the nights of December 30 & 31, 2003. For now at least, additional rooms are available at the Trail Creek Lodge for the group rate. Lodging includes hot pool admission (with shower facilities). Assuming at least 10 people are in our group, the lodging cost will be \$12 per person per night. The resort is at a trail head for cross-country skiing in the Beaverhead National Forest, and downhill skiing is available at nearby Maverick Mountain. Plan for your own breakfasts & lunches (or eat at the lodge), but bring something for a potluck dinner Dec. 30. We'll make reservations for New Year's Eve dinner at the nearby Grasshopper Inn, since they have had an excellent buffet in past years. Call Rebecca Smith at 528-6637 for details and to confirm your spot!

### **January 3 - Kelly Canyon Snowshoe Trip**

Join us to snowshoe in Kelly Canyon and soak at Heise Hot Springs afterwards. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

### **January 10 - 11 - Island Park / West Yellowstone Skiing**

Join us in Island Park and West Yellowstone to explore the Brimstone trails at Ponds Lodge (Park 'N' Ski permit required) and to ski at Rendezvous Ski Trails in West Yellowstone (permits available at Free Heel & Wheel in West Yellowstone). Call Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, 524.6119. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

### **February 21 - Harriman to Ponds**

Northeast of Idaho Falls in Island Park. Rolling intermediate terrain. Trail is rated as advanced due to the 12+ miles. A shuttle will be needed so those that would rather ski at Ponds or Harriman could drop off the rest of the skiers and shuttle the vehicles. We will be skiing this in reverse to avoid the afternoon winds across the meadows. Park 'N' Ski Permits will be required at either end and are available at Ponds or Harriman. End of the day potluck tailgate party. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

### **March 12 - 14 - Yellowstone Rendezvous Marathon Race**

Test what a winter of XC-Skiing has done for your fitness level by joining us at the races. Freestyle or Classic 50k, 25k, or 10k XC-ski races can be entered by accessing the website at [www.rendezvouskitrails.com](http://www.rendezvouskitrails.com)

Entry fees are \$50 until January 1, 2003, then increase monthly the longer you wait to make up your mind. You get a great t-shirt just for entering and there are 3 yummy food stations along the race course. For an additional \$15 you can attend the awards banquet (more yummy food and drawings for great prizes), in the evening after the race. If you don't want to race you can still just go up, cheer the racers on, ski on the course after the races have started, and attend the banquet for \$15. We plan to go stay in West Yellowstone on Friday and Saturday night (everyone

will have to make their own lodging arrangements). Contact Mark or Donna for more information and where we will be staying at [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

### **March 20 - 21 - Huckleberry Hotsprings XC-Ski / Snowshoe Winter Campout**

East of Idaho Falls near Flagg Ranch. Easy 2 mile ski or snowshoe in over mildly rolling terrain. Depending on the trip participants, we may continue on the additional mile to Polecat Hotsprings to camp and soak there. This is great snowshoeing terrain. This is also the annual celebration of Mark's birthday. Contact Mark or Donna to sign up and for the meeting place and time, [xcski@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xcski@idahoalpineclub.org) or 524.6119.

## **PARK 'N' SKI INFORMATION**

While we all would prefer to ski free, Park N' Ski permits have financed much of the cross-country skiing development in Idaho during the past several years. Purchasing a pass provides a funding source for ski clubs and agencies interested in maintaining and developing cross-country skiing facilities. Services offered to skiers vary from year to year depending on volunteer support, donations and revenue generated through the sale of Park N' Ski permits. Poor snow years and no support of the program often translate into low income, thus reduced services.

When you purchase a \$20 annual permit, or a 3-day temporary permit for \$7.50, the money is dedicated by law to be used exclusively for improving cross-country skiing opportunities. As such, the program has been widely supported by Nordic skiers statewide. When skiers purchase a permit, they are asked to designate a specific Park N' Ski area they would like to see improved. This gives skiers greater control over how and where the funds are spent.

**For more information about the Park 'N' Ski** Pick up a guide at one of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, or Island Park. Two of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls are:

Idaho Mountain Trading 474 Shoup Ave Idaho Falls 523.6679

Eastern Idaho Visitor Info 505 Lindsay Blvd Idaho Falls 523.1012

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FOR SALE: North Face Expedition 25 1995 model, with attached footprint. In good condition. Packed weight 11#. \$499 new, \$250 FIRM. Mark or Donna for more information. 524.6119 or programs@idahoalpineclub.org

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## Trip Reports:

### 10/11/03 - Highway Cleanup Report

The weather forecast promised sunny skies and very cool temperatures for IAC's scheduled highway cleanup day. Ken and Carolyn Katsma, Jeff Coward, John Bisset, Jack Worrell, Michelle Benson, Deborah Wagner, and Mark and Donna Whitham met at Macdonald's for a quick prework safety and work plan meeting and go juice. Bob and Marie Tyler and Joann Sherwin planned to meet us in Swan Valley.

It was a beautiful, crisp, fall morning for our highway cleanup work. Golden aspens glowed thru the evergreens up and down the canyon, clear blue skies were above us, and little patches of crunchy snow from a recent snowfall reminded us that winter is near. After we donned our bright orange vests and grabbed matching trash bags we divided up into our work groups. A road construction job between mile markers 6 and 7 made work go quite quickly for that portion of the work. The rest of us took our time picking up litter and chatting as we worked our way up and down the highway. John had a great grabber tool to pick up all the cigarette butts which were abundant on the sides of the highway in quite an alarming amount.

Twelve bags of litter were left for the Idaho Highway Department to pickup on Monday. Many thank-yous to all who helped and to Bob and Marie who hosted a wonderful potluck barbeque at their home above Victor afterwards.

### Trip Report - North Idaho Rail Trails, July 18-21, 2003

by Jeff Coward

Trip participants: Jeff Coward, Barb Brown, Judy Williams, Kit Struthers (all from Idaho Falls), and Chris Satterwhite (Pocatello)

On Friday, July 18th we drove up to Wallace, Idaho where we stayed at the Best western Wallace Inn. On last year's trip, the temperature in North Idaho was a lot cooler than it was in southeast Idaho, but with this

year's heat wave north Idaho was just as hot. It was over 100 degrees in Wallace, so we were glad we had air conditioning and a pool at the motel. The drive up took most of the day since we stopped several times and there was the usual road construction on the Interstates in Montana. After checking in, we stopped at the grocery store for ride food and supplies. We noticed that the town was full of ATV's, and found out that there was a big ATV gathering that weekend in Wallace. Fortunately, no motorized vehicles are allowed on the trails we would be riding on.

Due to the hot weather we decided to ride as early as possible each day to avoid the worst of the high temperatures. On Saturday drove to the trailhead for the Route of the Hiawatha trail at the east portal of the 1.8 mile long St. Paul Pass (or Taft) Tunnel. We were pleasantly surprised to find that we were the first people there, which enabled us to get parking spaces close to the tunnel entrance. That meant that our vehicles would be in the shade again by the time we returned from the ride. We unloaded the bikes and prepared to ride. Barb was riding her Bridgestone with the mustache handlebars, and Chris had a Seven Cycles cyclocross bike, with the rest of us on mountain bikes. Despite the heat later in the day, the early morning temperatures were cool, and the temperature inside the tunnels was even cooler so everyone put on an extra layer for the trip through the long tunnel. There is also water dripping from the tunnel ceiling as well, so the extra layers were quite useful. After turning on our lights we started off through the tunnel. The long tunnel has water drainage channels on each side, with reflectors at intervals to help you see the edges. You can't see the other end at first, since there is a slight bend in the tunnel near the east portal. There is also an information sign in the middle of the tunnel. At the west portal of the tunnel we stopped to check out the waterfall and read the first of many signs along the trail with historical and other interesting information. The trail is all downhill from the east portal to the Pearson trailhead. There is also a trailhead just a short distance from the west portal where the shuttle busses drop off riders returning from the Pearson trailhead. There is a road that goes over the pass, but it is 5 miles long and a lot steeper than going through the long tunnel.

The trail continues downhill along the west slope of a valley, with trees and shade on at least part of the trail for most of the day. This is the one section of the trail where you may meet motorized vehicles, since it is used by the shuttle busses and others heading to the Pearson trailhead. There is also one tunnel on this section where you will need to watch for vehicles. We proceeded down the trail, stopping at each of the signs

and markers. A little farther down the trail there is an overlook that allows you to see most of the trail in the lower part of the valley, including many of the tunnels and trestles, as well as the surrounding mountains. We stopped there for photos and to remove extra clothing layers since it was now warming up nicely.

The rest of the ride down the trail was just as nice. There are lots of signs and other things to see, as well as photo opportunities in abundance. We stopped at each of the displays, and on the highest of the trestles, so the ride took a lot longer than most rides of that distance would simply because there is so much to see. When we reached the midpoint of the trail we found one of the trail rangers just arriving and purchased our trail passes. By the time we arrived at the Pearson trailhead it was starting to get hot. We found some shade and took a lunch break. After lunch Barb, Judy, and Kit decided to take the shuttle back to the top, while Jeff and Chris decided to continue on into Avery. From Pearson on the trail follows the North Fork of the St. Joe River, which joins the main St. Joe at Avery. There are several more trestles and tunnels on this section, which is also open to motorized traffic. We only encountered about a dozen vehicles on this section, though.

In Avery we stopped at the store for some ice cream and drinks since it was quite hot by this time. We sat in the shade to refuel and rehydrate. Before starting back, I decided to check the temperature of the water in the St. Joe River, to see how cold it was since the heat made the water look rather inviting. Surprisingly, it was as warm as or even a little warmer than the water in Rigby Lake - cool but not cold.

Of course, the trip back was going to be all uphill, although the railroad grade was not at all steep. However, the grade combined with the heat meant that plenty of water would be needed. As we reached a small pool where a tiny stream entered the river, we decided that some externally applied water would reduce our temperatures and conserve the drinking water that we were carrying, so we stopped and used some of the stream water to cool off. Continuing back up the road towards Pearson, the tunnels were a welcome relief from the heat. We stopped at another stream that cascaded down a rock wall at the upper end of one of the tunnels to cool off again. Chris discovered that a large section of the rock wall which was covered with moss had acted like a giant sponge when she leaned back into it. Back at Pearson, we decided to visit the river one more time before heading back up the remainder of the trail, since we would be well above it for the rest of the ride. We also refilled

our water bottles before continuing. There was more shade on this part of the trail, which was most welcome. We stopped at one last stream again just past the halfway point from Pearson, then continued back to the long tunnel. Passing through that tunnel again, we noted that all of the water dripping from the ceiling during the day combined with the bike traffic had created a lot more watery mud than we had encountered that morning. The bikes did get somewhat muddy during the trip back through the tunnel. After checking out the historical signs at the east portal trailhead, we loaded up the bikes and headed back to Wallace.

Barb, Judy, and Kit had reached the trailhead and returned to Wallace hours earlier, and they spent the time while waiting for us to return visiting the museums in Wallace and the motel pool. After Chris and I returned, we went to get something to eat at one of the restaurants in Wallace.

After consulting our maps and talking with Paul McCarthy, we decided to ride a section of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes from Pine Creek (Pinehurst) to Bull Run Lake. This section is mostly flat and follows the Coeur d'Alene River, with trees and many scenic views. Once again we started early in the morning on Sunday to avoid the heat, with an extra outer layer of clothing being used for the first part of the ride. The trail of the Coeur d'Alenes is all paved, with benches, picnic tables, and toilets constructed along the trail at various points. There were few riders out early in the morning, but later in the day we met quite a few people on the trail. The scenery was excellent, and we saw many different kinds of birds while riding, with Kit recording them in her log. This was another very pleasant ride on what I think has to be one of the best rail trail conversions anywhere in the U.S. The many people who worked hard to get this rail line converted to a trail instead of being torn up and eliminated deserve the thanks of both the trail users and the Silver Valley residents who will benefit greatly from this trail in the coming years. We covered about 30 miles out and back, except Kit who waited for us at the Cataldo trailhead.

After the ride we visited the Cataldo mission, where a video presentation on the history of the mission, while reasonably interesting, still almost put us to sleep. We then checked out the mission buildings, and noted that the cherries on the trees next to the buildings were ripe and quite tasty. The plan for the remainder of the day was to meet up with Paul McCarthy at Harrison for a tour of the lake and a stop at Paul's summer home. We stopped for lunch on the way, noting that cell phone

coverage on the road to Harrison was marginal at best. As we approached Harrison, we saw a large plume of black smoke, and when we got closer we could see that there was a forest fire burning on one of the hills overlooking Lake Coeur d'Alene. It was in an area where a new housing subdivision was being built. The local fire departments were on the scene, and fortunately the highway we were on did not have to be closed. We met Paul at the public boat docks in Harrison, and he took us on a tour of the lower part of the lake in his boat. We saw the work on the swinging bridge, which is being raised and fixed in place as part of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes (which also passes through Harrison). We stopped at Paul's summer home for a while and enjoyed some lemonade and cooled off in the lake. On the way back to Harrison in Paul's boat, we noted that a helicopter with a dip bucket had been called in to help fight the fire, which the fire fighters appeared to have gotten contained, much to the relief of some new homeowners in the area. We then drove back to Wallace for dinner.

The next day we drove back to Idaho Falls, wishing there had been more time to ride the trails in the Silver Valley. As we passed through Missoula, we noted another large forest fire in the Bitterroot Valley. The smoke from this fire and from the fires near Salmon, Idaho was again visible as we drove south on Interstate 15, billowing over the mountains west of the highway.

I am definitely planning on doing this trip again next year. The bridge across Lake Coeur d'Alene will be open, and I want to do the entire Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. I am planning on taking my motorhome and boat. This will allow us to bring both a road bike and a mountain bike, plus we can go boating on Lake Coeur d'Alene as well. Since I am already working on the bicycling schedule for 2004, I would request anyone with any preference for schedule dates or other ideas for this or any other bicycling trip to please contact me. I am always interested in ideas from other people.

#### Links:

[http://www.skilookout.com/bike\\_home\\_page.html](http://www.skilookout.com/bike_home_page.html)  
<http://wallace-id.com/skilookout/taft.html>  
[http://wallace-id.com/CdA\\_trail/index.html](http://wallace-id.com/CdA_trail/index.html)  
<http://wallace-id.com/bestwest.html>  
[http://friendsofcdatrails.org/photo\\_trail.html](http://friendsofcdatrails.org/photo_trail.html)  
<http://www.harrisonidaho.com/Maps/TrailMaps.html#Overview>  
[http://friendsofcdatrails.org/links.html#ride\\_the\\_wall](http://friendsofcdatrails.org/links.html#ride_the_wall)  
<http://www.northidahotrails.net>  
<http://silver-valley.com/bike.html>

### **Grant Applications For Recreational Trails Program Project Funding to be Accepted Until January 30, 2004:**

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation provides a variety of grants to government and private entities in Idaho for the creation and renovation of outdoor recreational facilities.

The federal Recreational Trails Program of 1998 established a program for allocating funds to the States for recreational trails and trail-related projects. Permissible uses of the funds are: administrative costs, environmental and safety education programs, maintenance and restoration of existing trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails; purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment; and construction of new recreational trails (with restrictions for new trails on Federal lands). Environmental mitigation projects are given priority consideration. At least 30 percent of the funds received each year must be allocated to non-motorized projects. Another 30 percent of the funding is allocated to motorized projects. The remaining 40 percent of the funding is allocated to projects that serve diverse trail use types either motorized, non-motorized, or a combination of both motorized and non-motorized trail uses. About \$700,000 is available annually, funded from the federal gasoline tax. Up to 5 percent of the funding each year may be used for environmental and safety education programs.

Governmental entities and private organizations can apply for grant funding. All projects are reviewed by the Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board for final approval.

Grant Forms are available at [www.idahoparks.org/about/grants\\_trails.html](http://www.idahoparks.org/about/grants_trails.html) & in Word (and WordPerfect) format from Donna Whitham (the IDPR ORMV Southeast Idaho Non-Motorized Representative).

#### Contacts:

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## Web Site News

If you haven't noticed, the IAC web site ([www.IdahoAlpineClub.org](http://www.IdahoAlpineClub.org)) has recently been redesigned. For your convenience, the most recent club bulletins are included as well as all the posted club activities. Additionally, you can:

- Download membership applications and Common Adventure Release forms
  - Look up contact information for club officers and activity coordinators
  - Read the club By-Laws
  - Search the club classified ads or post you own ad
  - View pictures from recent club activities
  - Find out what the 10 E's are anyway?)
  - Check out club members' Restaurant Reviews or submit your own review
  - Activity coordinators and officers wishing to publish information on the web site can contact the IAC Webmaster (George Cole) at 522-4084 or [Webmaster@IdahoAlpineClub.org](mailto:Webmaster@IdahoAlpineClub.org)
- George Cole - IAC Webmaster

## Club Member Benefits

10 % discount on (non sale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:

**Idaho Mountain Trading - Shoup & B**  
Idaho Falls - 523-6679

**K & R Adventure Gear - 522-5279**  
or 877-369-7407 [www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com)

**Canyon Whitewater Supply**  
450 S Yellowstone Idaho Falls-522-3932

**Free Heel and Wheel,**  
40 Yellowstone Ave. West Yellowstone, Montana,  
406-646-7744.

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

Alpine Club Rental Gear is available to paid-up members. Call the appropriate coordinator for more information.

North Face VE-24 tent--George Cole  
Climbing helmets-- Kurt Myers  
Ice axes-- Kurt Myers  
Caving helmets-- Dean K.  
Carbide lamps, Clinometer & compass for cave mapping--Dean K.  
Rafting equipment --Greg Hulet

## Stone Walls Rock Gym

Winter Hours are 12 p.m.-9p.m. Monday-Saturday  
Closed Sundays.  
The gym offers a \$1 discount to Alpine Club members.  
Phone: 528.8610

## Newsletter Advertising

Members: Free space is usually available for members' ads for used or needed equipment. Free space (up to half pages depending on space) is also available to businesses that offer discounts to members.

Nonmembers: Half page ad - \$25

12 half-page ads, purchased at the same time - \$20 each for a total of \$240

Full-page ad - \$40 12 full-page ads purchased at the same time \$33.34 each for a total of \$400

## IAC Logo T-Shirts!!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$12 each. Long sleeve \$21 each. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large. The shirts are available at the monthly meetings, but if you just can't wait until the next meeting, contact Tim Adkison 542.0786 to get yours sooner.

## Notes Of Interest...

This website is a good source for plants although you do need to have an idea of what plant family you are looking for:

<http://plants.usda.gov/>

Access Fund's Endangered Climbing Areas Web Page Updated with added information and pictures at:  
<http://www.accessfund.org/endangered/index.html>

