

Skagit Trail Builders

May 24, 2025 Work Party Plan

Edited 05/19/2025 Jenny

Guest Group Mountaineers Go Hike

8:45 am Sign-in at parking lot: Bret Turner

9:15 am: Meet at the Pump House Trail Head

JT & Paul lead introductions, explain today's work

Jenny explain jobs and set-up teams

Safety Talk : Alex

T-shirts & Group Photo

Noon: Lunch at the Pump House Trail Head

Clean up: 3-4pm

Planning Meeting: 4:30 pm (by invitation)

About 50 people signed up for this work party, including 20 people from the Mountaineers Go Hike Course. They are going to split their team in two. One team will go for a guided hike with their leader, while the other team works. After lunch they will switch places.

Our objectives for the work party:

1. Caning invasive blackberries and trimming vegetation encroaching on the trail between the rock garden and the culvert (marked on the map). Load trimmings in garbage cans and wheelbarrows and dump where designated by team leads.
2. Establish three bench sites for the Port. Clearing vegetation, trimming branches, laying landscape cloth, marking outer edge of area with 4x8 rock. Build a step down at the bench site next to the elevated trail.
3. Repair vandalism to the rock wall at the Pump House Bridge.
4. Final capping on elevated trail
5. Clean out Pump House. Leave the trash in a designated area south of the concrete pad at the trail-head for the park dept to pick up.

Additional projects, if there is time:

1. Establish "Y" trail from the trailhead to the maintenance road
2. Planting grass seed and wildflowers in the decommissioned borrow pit near the Big Meadow
3. Trimming blackberries on the bonus loop

Teams

Roving Lead : Paul

Walk between teams making sure everyone has the tools & materials they need, that they are working safely and efficiently - providing guidance & answering questions.

Loading Power Carriers : JT

Description: Load gravel and rock into power carriers using the Dingo loader.

Power Carrier Drivers (3 people)

Description: Carry rock and gravel from the Pump House Trail Head to our work sites.

Lead : Kip

1 white (capping)

2 white (capping)

3 white (capping)

Rock Team (4 people)

Leads: Jenny and Paul

1. Establish three bench sites for the Port. Clearing plant life, trimming branches, laying landscape cloth, marking outer edge of area with 4x8 rock. Build a step down at the bench site next to the elevated trail.
2. Rock Sand Capping on Elevated Trail

Pump House Team (3 people)

Lead: Jerry

1. Repairing rock wall at Pump House Bridge
2. Clean out Pump House. Leaving the trash in the designated area south of the concrete pad at the trailhead for the park dept to pick up.

Restoration Team (Mountaineers Go Hike + everybody else = 15 people)

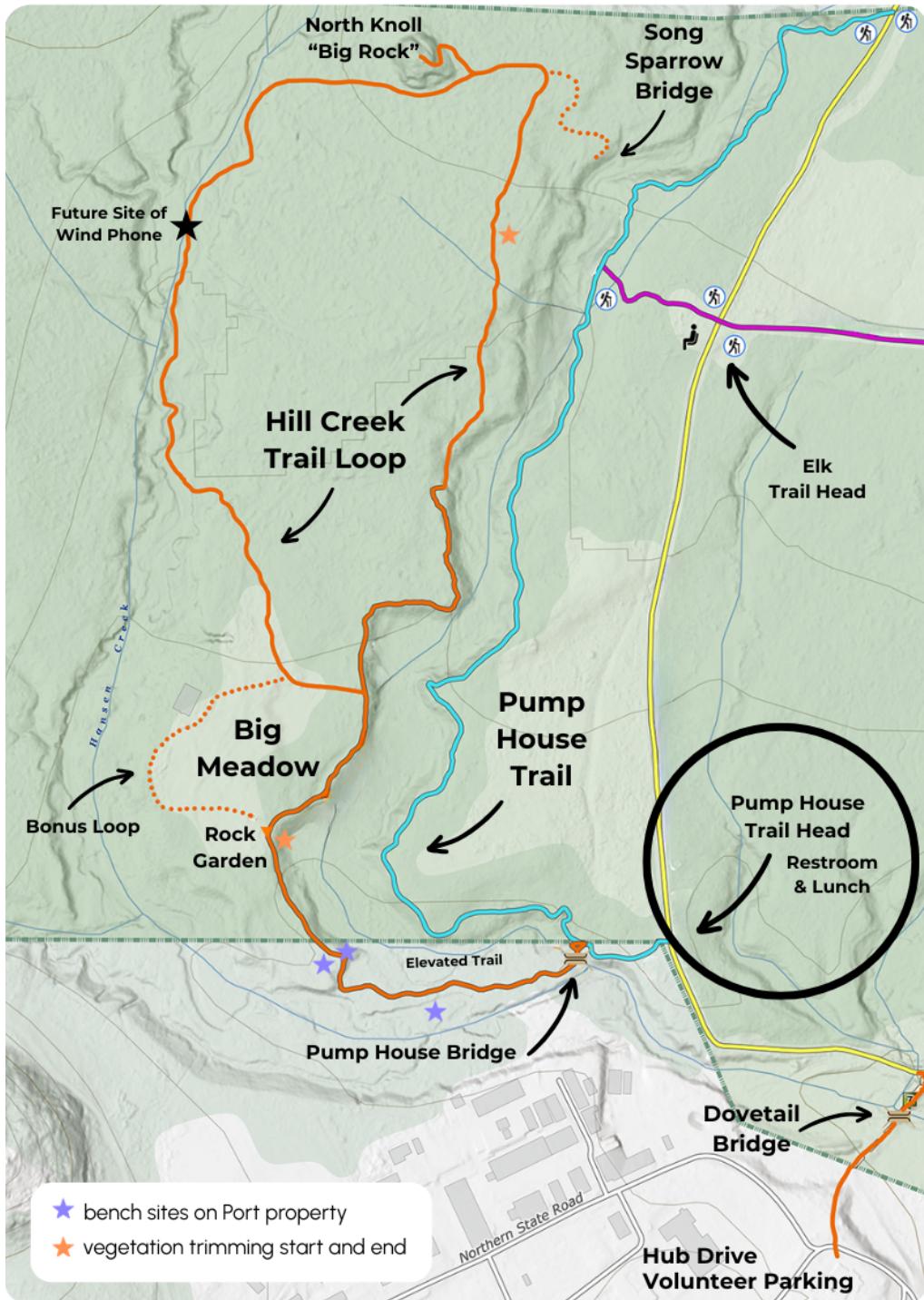
Leads: Lynn & Bret

1. Caning invasive blackberries and trimming vegetation encroaching on the trail between the rock garden and the culvert (marked on the map). Load trimmings in garbage cans and wheelbarrows and dump where designated by team leads.

If there is time:

2. Plant grass seed and wildflowers in the decommissioned borrow pit near the Big Meadow
3. Trim blackberries 4-6' back from the trail edge on the bonus loop

Photo & Video : Jenny + Anna



Planning Meeting for June 14, 2025 Work Party (Dinner Count)

1. Review of May 24 work party
 - a. Did we achieve our work party objectives?
 - b. How did things go, in general?
 - c. Improvements & ideas
2. What is our plan for June 14?
 - a. Objectives
 - b. Teams
 - c. Materials list
 - d. Equipment needs