

Skagit Trail Builders

June 28, 2025 Work Party Plan & Trail Head BBQ

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On June 27 (day before the work party), Paul, Jerry, Jenny, and JT will meet at 2pm to stage materials and organize tools and equipment. Jenny and Anna are meeting at 4pm to hide the cards for the treasure hunt.

Guest Group: Mountaineers Go Hike Course

8:00 am Early Team meet at tool shed

Bret or Paul will deliver coolers for BBQ to trailhead

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

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

Jenny Announcements

Anna explain treasure hunt

JT & Paul lead introductions, explain today's work

Anna explain treasure hunt

Jenny explain jobs and set-up teams

Safety Talk : Alex

T-shirts & Group Photo

Noon: Lunch at the Pump House Trail Head

BBQ Set-up 2:30-3pm: Jeremy & Ashley

Trailhead BBQ: 3-5pm

Anna lead trail builder trivia and treasure hunt prizes

Announcements

Today we welcome the Mountaineers Go Hike team. (have Pam explain to the group what that means). They will be splitting the day between a hike and working on the trails.

This is our last work party of the 2024-2025 build year. When we return on September 13, we will dedicate one more volunteer session to prepping for the Sept 19 Ribbon Cutting at Song Sparrow Bridge. On Sept 27, we start a new trail project on Port of Skagit Property (more info coming soon).

During the summer our leadership team will finish up the wind phone, a few small projects identified in our scope of work, and our build plan for fall.

On Saturday, July 26 we will be participating in Public History Day at Northern State. We are looking for a few volunteers to help us out between 10am-4pm. If you are interested, talk to Jenny.

Today at 3pm, we are hosting a trailhead BBQ. Thanks to the folks who helped make it happen...Bret, Paul, JT, Ashley, Jeremy, Anna, Jenny.

Objectives and 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 (2 people)

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

Lead : Kip

1 white

2 white

Photo & Video: Anna and Jenny

1. Complete restoration work at the Pump House Bridge

Vandals used the flat surface of the rock terraces to pry rocks out of the wall and throw them in the creek. We've repaired the damage, improved the rock steps down to the water and covered the terraces with soil, transplanted ferns, and seeded with wildflowers.

Here is what is left to do:

- Retrieve trash thrown into the creek by vandals (being mindful of the salmon fry).
- Lay sod at the base of the rock wall.
- Finish rock work at base, spread topsoil, water in the ferns, naturalize the soil surfaces.

Lead: Jenny (4 people)

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2. Complete the switchback at the Pump House Bridge

At our last work party we decommissioned the temporary equipment access and widened the trail so that maintenance equipment, bicycles, and jog strollers can more easily make the turn.


Here's the finishing work:

- Level the surface of the switchback.
- Compact a deep layer of rock sand to withstand maintenance equipment and bicycles making the turn.

Lead: Jerry (2 people)

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3. Vegetation clean-up on the trails

We are deeply grateful to the Parks Dept for mowing the grass on both Hill Creek Trail and the Pump House Trail! **Hooray!** 

Here is what our volunteers will do:

- Rake up organic material left on the trail and clip overhanging “stragglers”
 - If left on the trail, the grass and leaves will decompose and become a slippery goo that holds water. We’ve built the trails to a standard for multi-use, meaning the trails are graded and compacted to shed water so they can be used year-round.
- Widen the trail corridor in areas where it has narrowed by the sod growing in. This will involve cutting back the sod with shovels and mcleods (also called a rake-hoe).

Leads: Paul and Bret (everybody else)

4. Remove rocks at entry to West Meadow Loop

Last summer our volunteers built a temporary rock enclosure to establish the “Y” in the trail. Now that the grass and wildflowers are growing, we will remove the rocks to make it easier for Parks Dept mowing equipment to maintain the corridor.

Lead: TBD (8 people + 2 wheelbarrows)

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5. Final Rock Sand Capping...

...From the switchback trail to the Pump House Trailhead.

Lead: Paul (6-7 people)

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Map* Please note trails have been renamed!

