

# Skagit Trail Builders

## Jan 10 2026 Work Party Plan

Edited 01/05/2025 Jenny

We are continuing our work on Port property expanding the Northern State Trail System.

Winfield Trail was completed in November. We cancelled our December work party due to the historic flood event; however Port staff completed the lawn crossing and rock wall rebuild as planned. Now we are starting on a new section of trail: Quarry Trail.

Port staff have done an excellent job of routing the trail and roughing-in for us. It follows a slight ridge, passing the hospital's original quarry and a low knoll before connecting to the Fire Service Rd. The Port plans to put up interpretive signage and (potentially) a bench at the quarry site. The Port's contractor is building a spur trail to the top of South Knoll.

The trail plan is split into 3 sections (see map). Today we will be building a low rock wall at the entrance to section 1. At the same time, we'll also be working the tread on section 3; raking organic debris into piles, grading trail tread, performing finish capping, decommissioning a temporary trail and naturalizing trail side.

Things to note:

- 1) Sections 1 and 3 will be finished at 3' wide with 1' of clearance on each side.
- 2) At this time of year, the NPD permit requires that soil exposed for more than 3 days be covered, so we will be covering any tread that hasn't been capped or filled with ballast before we leave for the day.
- 3) The Port plans to restore that area with native plants, so we do not need to expend much energy on restoration beyond the established 5' trail corridor.

Guest Group: Sedro-Woolley High School Earth Club

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**8:00 am** Our early team meets at the tool shed.

**8:45 am Sign-in** at the trailhead: Please note the new parking area for volunteers is located on the Fire Access Rd behind Trevennen Hall. [Directions can be found here.](#)

Youth Leaders: Chloe & Amelia

**9:00 am:**

JT & Paul will lead introductions, make announcements, and explain today's work.

Jenny will explain the jobs and set-up the work groups.

Safety Talk : Chloe & Amelia

T-shirts & Group Photo

**930-noon:** trail work

**12-12:45 pm:** lunch

**1-3 pm:** trail work

**3 pm:** clean up and organize tools

**4:15 pm:** Work Party Planning Meeting (BullPen by invitation only)

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### **Our objectives for the day :**

1. Build rock wall at entrance to section 1
2. Grade and level tread on section 3
3. Spread and compact mineral soil from South Knoll to Fire Access Rd
4. Decommission access trail below South Knoll
5. Trail side restoration on areas where capping is complete

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### **Teams**

#### ***Friday Pre-Work***

##### **JT, Paul, Michael, Jerry, Craig, and Jeff**

Description: Starting from the Fire Access Rd, fill most significant dips with ballast so the power carriers can be safely driven on the roughed-in trail. Apply final capping to 100 yds of trail, starting at the blue flagging west of South Knoll. This will allow volunteers to begin restoration work right away.

#### ***Saturday***

##### **Roving Crew Leader: Paul**

##### **Restoration Lead: Lynn**

Number of volunteers:

- 1) Decommission temporary trail below South Knoll
- 2) Restoration work on completed trail, starting at South Knoll, working toward the Fire Access Rd.
- 3) At end of day, lightly cover any uncompacted soil on the trail with leaves.

### **Ballast Leads: Craig and Chloe**

Number of volunteers: 6

Guide rock delivery: 1

Rake and level: 5

Description: Working ahead of the mineral soil crew. Guide material delivery.

Spread ballast on top of bare soil where needed to fill dips. Level and grade the soil in preparation for final capping.

### **Capping/Mineral Soil Leads: Jason and Amelia**

Number of volunteers: 7

Guide the soil delivery: 1

Rake and level: 4

Compact: 2

Description: Spread and level mineral soil on top of filled and graded soil, creating a slight crown or slope for drainage. Compact.

### **Rock Wall Lead: Jerry**

Number of volunteers: 2-3

Description: Remove existing rock and grade trail at entrance. Gather rock from other areas of the trail and stage at entrance. Build low rock wall (2 rocks high) 10-12' long on both sides. Can use power carrier or wheelbarrow to move materials

### **Power Carrier Drivers Lead: Kip**

Drivers: 2

Description: Carry ballast and mineral soil between staging area and the work site.

### **Material staging and loading: JT**

## Project Manager + Photo & Video : Jenny

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\*\*Additional teams may be determined on Friday afternoon after the conditions and materials are evaluated.

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