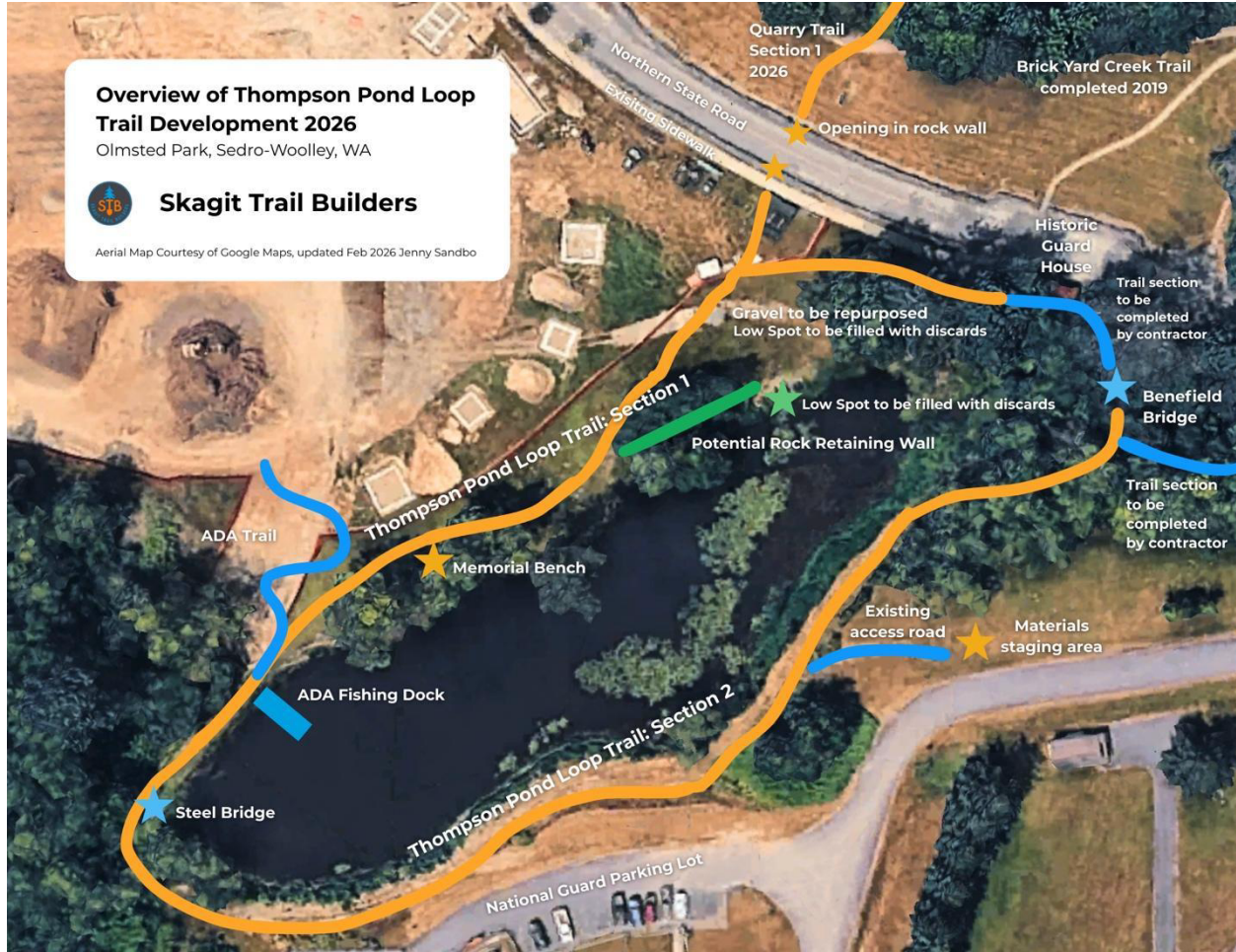


# Skagit Trail Builders

## March 28, 2026 Work Party Work Party Plan

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## Background

Our plan for March 14 was adjusted due to heavy precipitation in the days leading up to the work party. The rain allowed us to see where water is flowing down the hill from the park to the pond and its effect on our trail routing. Unstable soil conditions also caused us to minimize our use of machinery, pausing our plan to fill the low spots with discards and prepare the foundation for the rock retaining wall.

Our team cut and removed sod from the trail routing on the west side of the pond, creating a pile in the area designated to be filled with discards.

The trail routing was filled from the sidewalk to the end of the contractor's trail (marked blue on the map) and then another 100+ feet on the other side of the "Y".

Our team also dug out the mud where the routing connects to the ADA trail and filled it with gravel to accommodate drainage. We also built up the approach to the steel bridge with 3/4.

The low area between the ADA trail and the “Y” is where significant water is running down the hill and filling up the trail routing. We have discussed a drainage plan with the City and have been given clearance to build up the area with rock.



### **We achieved our goal of having the “Y” walkable before the March 20 Ribbon Cutting for Olmsted Park.**

On March 28, we will be hosting a group of youth volunteers from 4H Kids ‘n K9s, ages 8-12. We are organizing our work to engage with their abilities, while being mindful of the wet conditions and our primary objectives for the work party.

Our plan is to use the Dingo loader to cut the trail routing on the east side of the pond, along a former gravel road bed. There is little sod in this area, so the sod cutter is not needed. We will have the students pick up the discards and pile in a designated area (TBD), then rake and tidy trailside.

Other volunteer activities may include completing the rock work at Benefield Bridge and restoration work around the pond (TBD).

Note: Jenny will not be in attendance. We will be leaning more on Lynn and our Youth Leaders, Chloe and Amelia, to guide the student teams.

### **Goals**

- 1. Remove discards along east bank trail routing**
- 2. Fill with ¾**
- 3. Make sure our volunteers have a good time!**

### **Schedule**

**8:00 am** Most of our leadership team meets at the tool shed to bring the tools and power carriers to the trail head. Chloe and Amelia meet at the trail head.

**8:45 am Volunteers Sign-in** at the material staging area on Thompson Rd. Volunteer Parking is located at “the Quad” on Thompson Rd. [Directions.](#)

**9:00 am:**

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

Safety Talk : Chloe & Amelia

T-shirts & Group Photo (JT)

**930-noon:** trail work

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

**1-3 pm:** trail work

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

**4:00 pm:** Work Party Planning Meeting (by invitation for volunteers who work a full day 9am-3pm)

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## **Teams**

**Roving Crew Leader: Paul**

**Sod Removal and Capping Leads: Chloe and Amelia + TBD**

**Restoration: Lynn**

**Power Carrier Drivers: Kip, Michael and Craig**

**Material staging and loading: JT**

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

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## **Key Dates**

- April 3: Ground Breaking ceremony at Hilt Creek Falls Park near Rockport
- April 11: STB Work Party at Thompson Pond
- April 25: STB Final work party on Thompson Pond
- March 17: Ribbon Cutting for Yudwasta Big Rock Park (County conference room)
- May 9: STB First work party on Norlum Trail. Guest Groups Skagit Alpine Club and SW Earth Club.

- May 23: Norlum Trail. Guest Group Mountaineers GoHike.
- June 13: Norlum Trail. Guest Group Mountaineers GoHike.
- June 27: Norlum Trail. Final work party before summer break.
- July 25: Public History Day at SWIFT
- Aug 22: Music in the Park SWIFT (tentative)
- Sept 12: Music in the Park SWIFT (tentative)