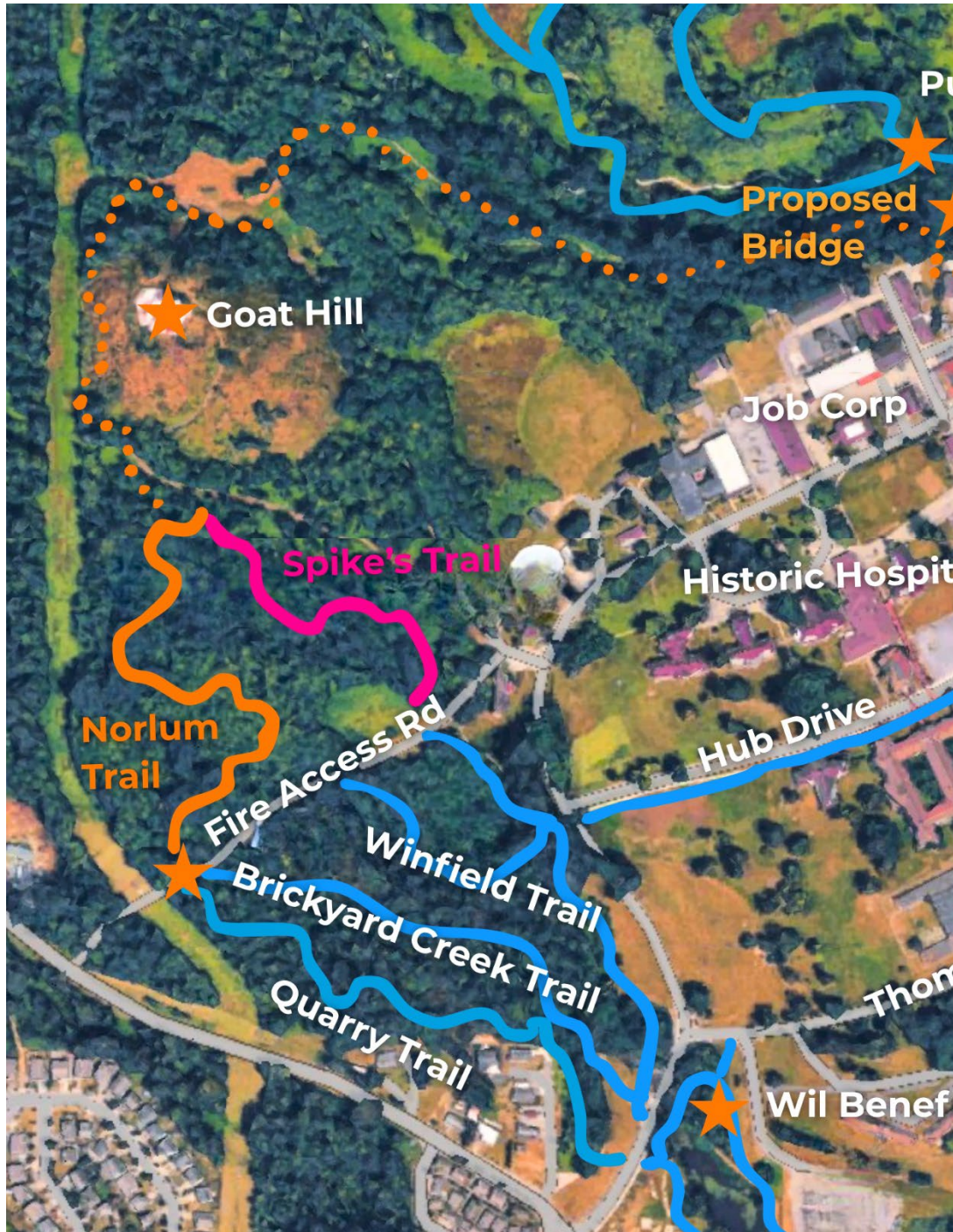


Skagit Trail Builders
Review of May 23, 2026 Work Party
Planning for the June 13, 2026 Work Party

Bull Pen Restaurant, Sedro-Woolley, WA

May 23, 2026 - Notes taken by Jenny Sandbo, Communications STB



14 volunteers in attendance for dinner

Leadership: Jim “JT” Taylor, Paul Klein, Jerry Granahan, Jenny Sandbo, Michael Hinchey, Chloe Larsen, Amelia Johns.

Volunteers at Large: John Seehorn, Anna MacKinnon, Robert Slabodnik, Ellie Slabodnik, Finley Johnson, Leslie Mitchell, Ethan

Background

This was our second work party on Norlum Trail, the latest phase in expanding the Northern State Trail System on the SWIFT Center Campus, a property managed by the Port of Skagit.

Guest Group: Mountaineers GoHike Participants

36 volunteers total, volunteering 91.8 hours

Our goals for the work party included:

1. Perform capping of Norlum Trail using pit run – we estimate we completed over half of the 1700 foot segment.
2. Trailside restoration, including transplanting ferns and applying organic material.

Discussion:

Ellie: Challenging to find organic material in the heavy brush for restoration, but overall had fun. Enjoyed that some volunteers identified their own “projects”, like removing piles of cut branches.

JT: Would it help to bring in garbage cans full of leaves?

Ellie: Yes and No. It would save time, but might also leave us with not enough to do (laughing).

Michael: Thought the half & half split on the Mountaineers was a good formula (half went for a hike while half worked, then they switched at lunch).

Chloe: Someone parked a wheelbarrow on the tarp while they were compacting*. She bumped into it and then the compactor ran over her toe. She does not need medical attention, but will probably lose her toenail.

Amelia: The capping crew worked well together. It took a while to hit their stride.

Leslie: Felt the same as Amelia. Added that there were too many people on capping.

Ethan: Enjoyed trimming back invasives. Found it gratifying.

Paul: Really good session. Should be able to finish on June 13.

John: Ditto.

Anna: Enjoyed visiting with the new volunteers while she captured timelapse footage and took pictures.

JT: Very pleased. Accomplished more than expected.

Our goals for June 13 party on Norlum Trail/Spike's Trail:

1. Complete pit run capping
2. Naturalize trail side.
3. Clip roots and rake out organic material on Spike's Trail

For Port team (JT will send).

1. Thanks for the water tank. May we have it again for June 13.

Key Dates

- June 13: Norlum Trail. Guest Group Mountaineers GoHike.
- June 27: Final scheduled work party before summer break. Trail/project TBD.