



Fall Trail Work Parties Coming Up

Fall trail work parties have been scheduled as listed below. Volunteers are asked to bring a favorite work tool, wear sturdy work shoes or boots, stout gloves and other appropriate work clothing. A lunch, rain gear, sun shade and a healthy desire to help build the Chinook Trail are the other essential elements to bring. We attempt to return by 5:00 pm.

September 7, 1991: Pacific Crest Trail. Contact Don Cannard (206)694-4033. Meet 8:00 WDOT Park & Ride on Highway 14, near Chkalov Monument. We will work on a three mile section below Three Corner Rock.

September 21, 1991: Tarbell Trail. Contact Ted Klump (206)695-7149. Meet 8:00 WDOT Park and Ride at NE 134th St, between Highways 5 and 205. We will attempt to complete water bar renovation on a four mile section of this trail.

October 5-(6), 1991: Bluff Mountain. Contact Paul Clare (206)892-8173. Meet 8:00 WDOT Park and Ride at NE 134th St

between Highways 5 and 205. This is an optional overnight for those wishing to car camp and remain over. We had such a great time here in June we wanted to give others a taste of this area. If overnight, plan on car camping and providing all of your own amenities. Call Paul for final details. We will rehabilitate trail head and tidy up June trail construction.

October 19, 1991: Hamilton Mountain. Contact Ed Robertson, (206)694-1648. Meet 8:00 WDOT Highway 14 Park and Ride. Ed hopes to complete some major items on the popular hike. A hike to a special view available to those wishing to mix fun and work.

BENEFIT CONCERT: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 1991

The Chinook Trail Association's annual fundraiser will be a hike, concert and harvest picnic on Sunday, September 29, 1991. The hike will be from 2-4 pm starting from the Columbia Arts Center and exploring historic downtown Vancouver, including Officer's Row. A satisfying picnic lunch and a concert featuring the Vancouver Brass Quintet will be from 3-6 pm at the Columbia Arts Center, located at the corner of Evergreen and Daniels in downtown Vancouver.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for people over 65, and \$4 for kids under 12. Tickets should be purchased in advance through the Columbia Arts Center (693-0350) or Chinook Trail Association, PO Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666-0997. For more information call Evan Hull at (206)254-8080.

Announcement:
Please Note this date on
your calendar
November 17, 1991
Annual Meeting
11:30 Brunch
Multnomah Falls Lodge

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Name _____ Telephone _____
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Yes I want to help:

September 7 PCT

September 21 Tarbell

October 5-(6) Bluff Mtn

October 19 Hamilton Mtn

Other (Please Specify) _____

Please Mail to:

Chinook Trail Association
P.O. Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666-0997



Spring/Summer Work Parties:

The Chinook Trail Association Spring/Summer work parties covered a total of nine work days and included over twenty volunteers and agency representatives. Over six hundred hours of effort was expended to construct or rehabilitate over ten miles of trail. The participants feel good about their involvement in these projects.

CTA volunteers for all work parties included:

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| Ted Klump | Vern Swain |
| Paul Clare | Larry Devroy |
| Grant Geisler | Ed Robertson |
| Don Cannard | Lois Bruhn |
| Don Burnet | Pat Burnet |
| Brian Klump | Verna Swain |
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| Marcus Robertson-Marciel | |

Thanks to all who helped!

BLUFF MOUNTAIN (USFS, Wind River District)

In dense fog, we shouldered our packs, hoisted our tools and headed down the trail, wondering what lay ahead on our four day campout/work experience.

Since the trail was overgrown with brush, we quickly became soaked so the first priority was to set up our camp, then set to work.

Andy Baker and Mei Skaham from the Forest Service came in and approved the route which would connect the remaining trail segments. With our pulaskis and other weapons of destruction, we began grubbing beargrass out of the rocky hillside. Frustrated by the lack of visibility, we were nevertheless grateful for the cool weather which made working easier.

We had made some progress by the time we knocked off for the day. Even a hot dinner

didn't quite dispel the chill that crept into our tired bodies. However our spirits were lifted by a warm fire which enabled us to dry our boots and clothes. And so to bed.

Morning only partially brightened the fog, but again we found it pleasant working weather. Foot by foot we continued to hack out a new tread.

Evening brought clearing weather and the first views of this beautiful area: open slopes covered with beargrass and other flowers, just beginning to bloom. Mt. Hood loomed large to the south and dusk treated us to a golden moon-rise.

The next day was sunny. We worked until the new trail sections were tied together, completing the trail from the trail head to Little Baldy and on to Silver Star. Some of us hiked to the top of Silver Star, while Don and Ted worked on part of the old trail section.

That evening we were pleasantly surprised by a visit from Steve Nelson, Public Service 3 Assistant, who presented us with mugs and thanks from the USFS for the work we had done. Tom Linde, Recreation Specialist, was in our thoughts as he met us at the trail head and had coordinated all our efforts.

Grady Caulk, USFS Archaeologist, joined up with us on several days and interpreted the Native American involvement in the area.

The last morning we worked until noon widening the old tread. It was a little frustrating not to have time to completely finish the job. We said "later" to Little Baldy and Silver Star and headed home; tired, dirty, but full of a warm, satisfied feeling of accomplishment, a volunteer's payment. We had amply demonstrated what a few willing, semi-skilled hands can get done.

HAMILTON MOUNTAIN (Washington State Parks)

The Chinook Trail Association initiated its spring work party schedule on April 6, 1991. Hamilton Mountain Trail in the Columbi River Gorge was chosen for this activity. Steve Johnson, Beacon Rock State Park Ranger, represented Washington State Parks in the planning and supervisory process. Mild temperature and light rain persisted throughout the day. The volunteer crew cleaned and repaired approximately 20 water bars, repaired and improved a trail junction bulkhead and cleared intruding brush on a mile of trail. A wet, muddy but satisfied group of volunteers headed home at 4:30pm.

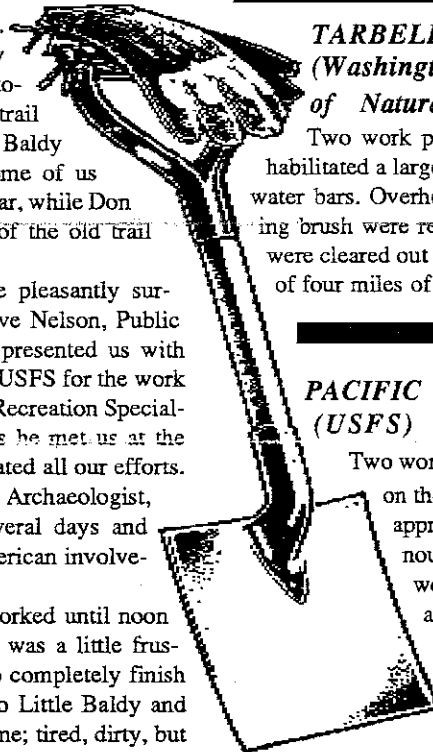
TARBELL TRAIL (Washington Department of Natural Resources)

Two work parties constructed or rehabilitated a large number of dishouts and water bars. Overhead limbs and encroaching brush were removed. Several culverts were cleared out and rehabilitated. A total of four miles of trail was so treated.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL: (USFS)

Two work parties were conducted on the Pacific Crest Trail. The approach out of the Tama-nous trail head was re-worked, adding water bars and hauling crushed rock to mix with the clay soil. About three miles of trail head was inspected and restored where necessary.

Fast flowing streams and a couple of lakes were some of the highlights of the natural features encountered.



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