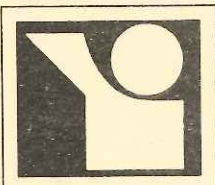




The Chinook Trek

Chinook Trek #23

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Community Foundation of SW Washington awards CTA Grant

CTA is the recipient of a \$6,500 grant from the CFSWW to continue our work with youth and to construct some needed water crossings on the Hardy Creek Trail in Beacon Rock State Park. In addition, camping gear and tools as well as some funding for machine rental will be available. We are very grateful for this funding. Working with youth on trail projects is very fulfilling and lots of fun. Kids are great. Anyone interested in assisting call Don Cannard, (360) 694-4033.

IAC awards grant for Bells Mountain Trail

The Washington Legislature voted in its last session to approve a request from Clark County through the Inner Agency Committee For Outdoor Recreation to fund the construction of the Bells Mountain Trail. This trail, when completed, will connect Moulton Falls County Park and the Tarbell Trail at Cold

Creek Campground located on the Washington Department of Natural Resources Tarbell Trail.

CTA is appreciative of the concerted effort this took on the part of the staff and administrators of Stimson Timber, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Vancouver-Clark Parks and

Recreation, IAC and the Washington State Legislature.

CTA has a construction role in this endeavor as the major local match for this grant. Funding begins in July and will signal the start of the design phase and brushing of this over-seven-mile trail.

President's Column

by Ted Klump

During the week of May 12-16, three members of the Chinook Trail Association (Roger Anderson, Fred Rogers, and myself) attended a trails workshop hosted by the Forest Service at Cascade Locks, Oregon. It was an excellent week. We learned techniques of trail reconnaissance, construction, and maintenance from the experts. We went through classroom instruction on the process of inspecting bridges for rot and insect damage, then in the afternoon we went out into the field and actually worked with the instruments used for inspections. The cadre of instructors was excellent and was made up of Forest Service trails personnel for different districts throughout Region Six.

But the week was not all work. Monday and Tuesday evenings there were two no-host dinners at the Charburger restaurant. After the dinner Monday there was a power tool demonstration and instruction on the "care and feeding" of a crosscut saw that was very informative. (Chainsaws are prohibited in wilderness areas, so crosscut saws play an important role

in trail maintenance.) Tuesday night Roger gave the slide show presentation of the Chinook Trail, which was followed by a question and answer session. Wednesday night the local chapters of the Backcountry Horsemen hosted the most spectacular barbecue I have been to in a long time. Four long picnic tables were crammed full of homemade potato salads, pies, chips and dip, with a half dozen barbecues turning out an endless supply of hamburgers and hot dogs. It was the best week I've had since I can't remember when.

The importance of the week was underscored by the makeup of those in attendance. As I understand it, the workshop grew out of a discussion some seven years ago by some Forest Service personnel and was originally an in-house activity. Last year they opened it to volunteers, and of the 30-some in attendance, eight were volunteers from different organizations. This year the attendance topped out at fifty, half of which were Forest Service people and half volunteers. The importance of volunteer organizations in contributing to the construction and maintenance of trails is becoming more evident as time goes by.

Next year we hope to send some other people to this invaluable experience.

Chinook Trail sponsors Earth Day work party on Ellen Davis Trail

Young and old attended an excellent pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lions and City Grill at the Water Resources Education Center on April 19. Following the breakfast participants enjoyed an entertaining and educational twenty minute skit on ground water. The skit was performed by a dramatic troupe from Vancouver's new magnet School of the Arts at Shumway.

Earth Day volunteers boarded buses for the various work sites throughout the county. Rain did not deter the group of hardy souls including 94-year-old Ellen Davis and four small children from a Campfire group. CTA crew members met the group and assigned tasks. Significant work was accomplished including moving several loads of crushed rock for the tread, cutting of blackberries and English Ivy and the removal of a great deal of invasive Scotch Bloom. The work site was the abandoned BPA propagation garden located on the JD Ross Complex site north of Leverich Park.

Carol Peterson, Vancouver Audubon Educational Coordinator, provided engaging lessons for the younger

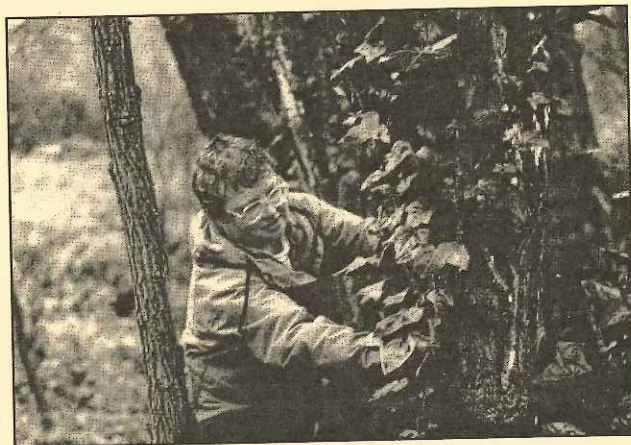


Ellen Davis and Sue Cannard, Earth Action Day on the Ellen Davis Trail.

Photo by Don Cannard

group on common birds during the lunch break. In fact, some of the adults were mystified about the source of the bird calls until they realized they were coming from a recorder.

Upon returning by bus to the Water Resource Center, participants exchanged work "war stories" over hot and cold drinks. All felt good about the highly successful Earth Day activity which accomplished much needed work in the community.



Carol Peterson on the Ellen Davis Trail, Earth Action Day.

Photo by Don Cannard

Forever Young Hiking Group contributes

Many thanks for the assistance from the Forever Young Hiking Group members led by Margaret Zuke. They assemble our Chinook Trek newsletter. This is an unglamorous but very essential task which they do very well each quarter for the Chinook Trail Association. The group also handles any special mailings as needed. Also, thanks to Paul Clare who picks up the newsletter and delivers the assembled Trek to the Post Office.

There are many unsung heroes keeping the Chinook Trail Association going on the right Trek. Thanks to all. If you wish to become one of the unsung heroes call Paul at (360) 892-8173 or Ted Klump at (360) 695-7149.

The Eagle is in the air and continues to soar



Our "Quest" fund drive continues to build thanks to contributions from the following: Paul and Sue Cannard, Bruce Davis, E. Thompson and Bonnie Reynolds, Vancouver Audubon Society, Byron and Jennifer Folwell, Hing Lee and Larry Devroy, Minnehaha Garden Gate Club, Dr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Miller, James and Annerose Cochrane, Pat and Darlene Bleakney, Dorothy Franks, Richard Lathom, Lt. Col. Curtis W. Borchardt, USAF (Ret.), Gregg Everhart, Larry and Judy Swatosh and Norma Schofield.

National Trails Day Update

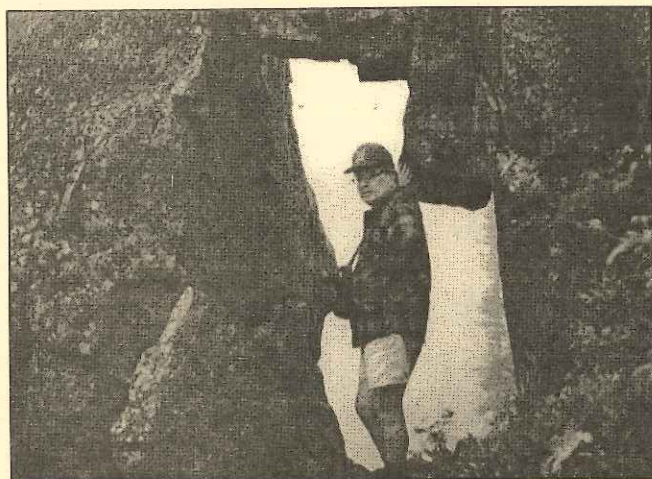
The Chinook Trail Association held two events on National Trails Day, a first for CTA. One event was held on Silver Star Mountain. Tom Hauss of the St. Helens District, US Forest Service gave a safety presentation to the entire group of nearly thirty volunteers. Part of the group then proceeded to work Squaw Butte Trail, cutting vegetation and establishing drainage systems for one mile.

The second group, led by Paul Clare and Joe Sunthimer,

worked Ed's Trail. They widened the trail and did brushing.

Tom Hauss installed a "Hiker Only Ed's Trail" sign. The crew also improved headroom clearance at the natural arch.

Our second event was on the Indian Creek Trail in Hood River. CTA has been improving sections of this trail. Volunteers led by Larry Devroy cut brush and blackberry vines. Another work party is scheduled for October 18th at Indian Creek. See work party schedule for details.



Hiker at the Natural Arch on Ed's Trail, Silver Star Mountain.

Photo by Don Cannard



Blain Ingram, Vern Swaim, Fred Rogers, Frank Funk on National Trails Day on Squaw Butte.

Photo by Roger Anderson

Mazama Lodge available to CTA members

The Chinook Trail Association is a member of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. The Mazamas, a Portland based outdoor club, is also a member. These memberships enable all CTA members, as affiliates of FWOC, the privilege of staying at the Mazama Lodge on Mt. Hood. The facility is unique and comfortable and the surrounding scenery is very spectacular. There are fees associated with a night's stay at the lodge which comes complete with meals when arranged in advance. For more information on the fees and arrangements for you and yours to stay, please call Jasmine and Jason Star, managers, at (503) 272-9214 or write for complete details: Mazama Lodge, Box 87, Government Camp, OR 97208.

Special Thank Yous

A special thank you goes to Bob Scullin for the great job he did in inventorying and marking our tools. We now have a complete count on our tools and sign out sheets so we know where they are at all times. Thanks, Bob.

A Special Thank You to...

All the people who worked so hard to make Trails Day successful:

Roger Anderson - Chairman of Trails Day Committee
Larry Devroy and Hing Lee - Indian Creek Crew Leaders
Randy Holland - Publicity

Joe Sunthimer - T-Shirts and Mugs

Bob Scullin - Tools

Roger Anderson, Paul Clare, Fred Rogers, Joe Sunthimer, Florence Wager - Crew Leaders, Silver Star.

Our Sponsors...

The Columbian, Express Signs & Graphics, Washington Trails Association, and the Mt. St. Helens Monument District of the USFS.

And...

Tom Hauss - US Forest Service, Mt. St. Helens District

Steve Rogers and Don Seaman, Washington Trails Association - Registration

And for all those who turned out to work.

Annual Meeting

November 9th

Join us for our annual dinner meeting at the Water Resource Education Center in Vancouver.

Call for details.

Mission Statement

The Chinook Trail Association (CTA):

- Advocates development of a Columbia River bi-state loop trail;
- Cooperates with appropriate local, state and federal agencies to develop this recreational resource;
- Monitors and participates in route selection, design standards, trail development and maintenance in an ongoing spirit of conservation to preserve the natural beauty of the Gorge;
- Provides information and education to develop public support.

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1997 Saturday Work Parties

Mark your calendars now for the following work party dates:

Sept. 6 & 20
 Oct. 4

Bells Mountain Trail. We will begin work on this new 7-mile trail from Moulton Falls Park to Cold Creek Campground. Carpool from Clark County PUD on NE 117th Ave. (SR 503) in Vancouver or call for actual work site.

Oct. 18

Indian Creek, Hood River. We will do general maintenance and brushing. Car pool from Gateway DOT P&R or call for actual work site.

Nov. 1 & 15

Hamilton Mountain Trail. We will do general maintenance and brushing. Carpool from Washougal Woolen Mills parking lot or meet at Beacon Rock upper parking lot at 8:45.

All work parties depart shortly after 8:00 a.m. and return by 4:45. As arrival times back to carpool locations cannot be guaranteed, volunteers who have a definite appointment back home may want to take their own car. Travel is usually on passenger car accessible roads.

Reminder: All participants must wear work boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, bring own lunch, drinking water and appropriate clothing for rain or shine. Sun and insect lotions are advised.

For additional information: call Ted Klump (360) 695-7149 or Roger Anderson, (360) 254-2371.

Summer Work Experience

August 7-10

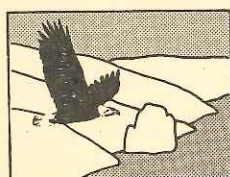
We will camp at Beacon Rock State Park and do brushing, build guard rails and clean and install culverts on the Hamilton Mountain Trail. Join us for all or part of this four-day event, but please call to sign up so we can reserve campsites and plan work crews.

CTA sets plans for Summer Getaway

The Chinook Trail Association has scheduled a four-day summer Get-Away for August 7-10 at Beacon Rock State Park. In addition to night time campfires, skits and things, we will be spending some time refurbishing the Hamilton Mountain trail system which sustained considerable damage in the winter flooding.

CTA is tentatively planning evening entertainment including guest speakers, music, a trip to Carson Hot Springs and potluck dinners. Fun for the whole family. Mark the dates on your calendars and plan to attend. You need not attend the entire time.

Call Roger Anderson, (360) 254-2371, for details and suggestions.



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