

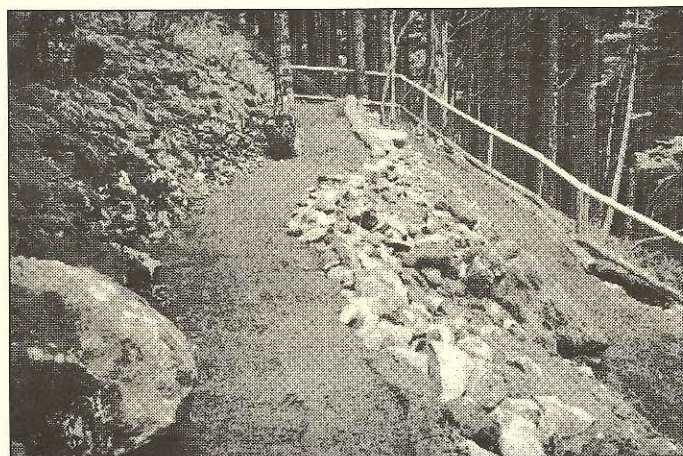
Chinook Trek #37

May 2002

# Beacon Rock Trail Dedication Set for June 8th

by Don Cannard

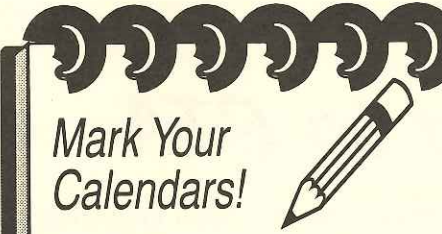
You are all invited to a dedication and celebration at Beacon Rock State Park. The Chinook Trail Association, in cooperation with the Interagency for Outdoor Recreation and Washington State Parks, has completed a major restoration of the Hamilton Mountain Trail, the steps and trails around the Pool of Winds, the reconstruction and elimination of 23 switchbacks on a mile of the Hamilton Mountain Trail and the construction of a 1,000-foot, barrier-free trail leading to the unique basalt formation named Little Beacon Rock (LBR). This construction project was funded through the Federal National Recreation (Restoration) Trail Grant Program. LBR Trail ends with an overlook to Beacon Rock. LBR Trail provides an opportunity to view a raptor flyway where Bald Eagles, Osprey, Turkey Vultures, Peregrine Falcons, Red-Tailed



A portion of the recently completed Little Beacon Rock Trail, a 1000-foot, barrier-free trail.

Hawks, Sharp Shinned Hawks, and Coopers Hawks have all been sighted flying over during the past year of construction.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

- ✓ **National Trails Day** Sat., 6/1/02
- ✓ **Little Beacon Rock Trail Dedication** Sat., 6/8/02
- ✓ **Hamilton Mtn. Hike** Sat., 6/15/02  
*Led by Fred Rogers*
- ✓ **Silver Star Mtn. Hike** Sun., 6/16/02  
*Led by Roger Anderson*

For more information on both hikes call the CTA office: 360-906-6769

## National Trails Day Save Date June 1, 2002

by Paul Clare

June 1st marks a significant milestone for CTA. All permits have been signed and issued giving us the green light to build the first bridge from the Moulton Falls end of the Bells Mtn. Trail. You can make it a family affair because in addition to the bridge building project there will be other tasks to be accomplished for all ages and abilities. Crews will be kept manageable and led by experienced Crew Leaders to maximize our work effort. At

**National  
Trails Day**



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Lewis & Clark College "Spring Break" work party on Beacon Rock.

## A Spring Break Well Spent

by Megan Murray

Back in March, students from Lewis and Clark College in Portland spent part of their Spring Break helping Chinook Trail Association complete work at Hamilton Mountain. From March 23rd to 26th, the students camped out at the park and built trail to be used by future hikers. They even started work on the trail that will enable wheel chair accessibility from the camping area.

The group had a great time and even got a chance to hike to the top of Beacon Rock on one of the warmest days this year. The students were a delight to work and camp with. They enjoyed their stay and we hope to work with them again next year for another Spring Break. Thanks again for your hard work.

## CTA's Strategic Action Plan Set

By Roger Anderson

On Saturday, May 4th, the CTA Board of Directors attended a retreat held at Menucha Lodge in Corbett, Oregon. The purpose of the retreat was to lay out our strategic plan with both long-term and short-term goals.

One major focus for the short term was to contact and activate current members and to increase the number of new members in the organization. We need your help to do this.

Our strategic action plan identified member involvement as a critical component for success of the Chinook Trail Association. We must have your help to fill and chair the committee positions we have available. We also need a part time volunteer at the office. Many of these are simple tasks the overloaded board members cannot further commit to. This is where you come in.

Help us fulfill our strategic action plan by volunteering for eight hours a month. When several people work together, the tasks are much easier. Call the CTA office at 360-906-6769 to find out how you can fit in.

## A Letter of Appreciation to CTA

The following is a note recently received from Diana Clark describing the completed work at Beacon Rock State Park.

*"I hiked the Hamilton Mtn. loop last November and was amazed at the thoughtful and beautifully done trail reconstruction. I have hiked Hamilton Mtn. once a month for many years, and from 1989-99 led "Walk Gently on the Earth" hikes each month of the hiking season, always including Hamilton Mtn. and introducing dozens of people to this beautiful place and well-kept trails. I was lucky enough to meet Park Ranger Plunkett in the parking lot and asked him who I could thank for creating the new trail. He said all the credit goes to the Chinook Trail Association. I can only imagine the hours/days/weeks of dedicated, backbreaking labor it took, as well as the exquisite Beacon Rock view. My heartfelt thanks to all of you who contributed time, money, labor and vision to this major project. Pictures were taken on our group hikes over the years sharing your love for this precious mountain with its waters, woods and views.*

*—Warmest Regards, Diana Clark."*



# Public Information

by Megan Murray

## April 6th, 2002 Work Party

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out on our first work party of the year up at Bells Mountain/Moulton Falls. Trees were cleared and trail was built and we even put in a log crib wall. A special thanks to the new faces at that work party: Hank Bergquist, Jim Eplin, Ken Murray, Chelsey Murray and Riley the dog.

## Earth Day, April 20th, 2002 Work Party

Earth Day had a great turnout. A lot was accomplished in a short time. This work party was also at Bells Mountain/Moulton Falls County Park. Trailsides were sloped and water bars put in. A lot of maintenance was done at this work party. We were fortunate to have the help of more new faces. Special thanks go to Ginger

Dorsey, Jennifer Karnecki, Liza Halpenny, Kieran Connolly, Steve Willmott, Nate Erickson, Josh Arnett, Brandon Rice, Brad Thompson, Matt Townsend, Nick Babb, and all the other volunteers who attended the work party. Without your help we couldn't build our "Pathway to the Future."

## Home Garden Idea Fair Booth Big Hit for Kids

This year the Chinook Trail Association had a booth in the Environmental Building at the HGIF. We participated in the "Passport Game" and handed out information and flyers to fair goers. The big hit at this booth was "A.J. The Moose" presented by creator and puppeteer, Megan Murray, Community Education Coordinator. Many children came up to shake the hand of A.J. Some were shy but others engaged in 15 minute conversations with the puppet. A special thanks to all who gave of their time to sit at our booth and speak with people at the fair.

## National Trails Day *continued from front page*

the end of the work period we will be rewarded with a barbeque under the capable direction of our own chef, Bob Scullin. All participants will receive Chinook Trail Association NTD tee-shirts. A raffle of donated merchant prizes will be held following the meal. As in past years, we expect to have a great time. Friends will be made and just possibly you will be one of our lucky raffle winners. Don't miss this one! Meet at Clark Public Utilities parking lot, 8600 N.E. 117th Ave. at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 1st to register and arrange carpooling if needed. For more information, call the CTA office at 360-906-6769.

## Beacon Rock Trail *continued from front page*

Don Cannard, chair for this project, believes this will be a very popular "sit-and-bird-watch" spot. There will be opportunities to hike this short, easy trail and hike a 3,000-foot trail to a vista of the Columbia River Gorge and a dramatic view of Hamilton Mountain. For the more hardy, a one-and-a-half mile trail to the Pool of Winds and Rodney Falls awaits or they can continue on to a rebuilt, one-mile access trail to Hamilton

Mountain and a new viewpoint under some rather spectacular cliffs. There is a hike for everyone.

The celebration will start at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8. Participants will drive to Beacon Rock State Park on Highway 14 and turn left or north up into the park and continue up the road on the left. Watch for a sign directing you to the upper picnic area. Bring a brown bag



Work crew putting the bridge together.

lunch. Drinks will be provided. Please call the Chinook Trail office at 360-906-6769 and let our Americorps office worker, Megan Murray, know if you plan to attend.



# Bridge Construction Moves Forward

By Roger Anderson

The Chinook Trail Association is eagerly waiting June 1st—National Trails Day. We are awaiting the opportunity to embark on our bridge building venture this year. Two bridge packages will be delivered to Moulton Falls County Park prior to June 1; from there they will be distributed to stream #1 and #2.

We are hoping to use a Larch Mtn.

Corrections crew to manually move the three 25' long beams and decking planks to the building sites and CTA members are planning to set the mudsills and beams in place. If that can be accomplished prior to June 1st, the volunteers on Trails Day can then concentrate on the actual bridge assembly and hopefully complete a bridge or two. Come join us and help deck the bridges.

We also plan to construct approximately 10 bridges this year starting at the north end of the trail and working southward throughout the summer. Most of these packages will be helicoptered in to the remote drop sites and then distributed to the steam crossings. Eight organizations have signed on to construct a bridge under CTA's guidance and a plaque will be installed to commemorate their efforts. You can assist us with those efforts also.

## 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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## 2002 Work Parties

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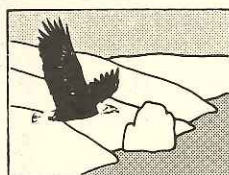
May 25 . . . . . Chinook Ridge  
**June 1** . . . . . Bells Mountain / Moulton Falls (**National Trails Day!**)  
 June 15 . . . . . Chinook Ridge  
 June 29 . . . . . Ed's Trail  
 July 13 . . . . . Ed's Trail  
 July 27 . . . . . Bells Mountain  
 August 10 . . . . . Bells Mountain  
 August 17 . . . . . Bells Mountain  
 August 24 . . . . . Bells Mountain

All work parties meet at 8 a.m. at the south parking lot of Clark Public Utilities, 8600 N.E. 117th Ave (SR 503).

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