



National Trails Day Report *by Phil Delany*



On Saturday, June 4th, National Trails Day, Chinook Trail Association hosted a work party on the Kloochman Butte Connector Trail. This is an important section of the Chinook Trail system. Leaving the Tarbell Trail at an elevation of 2400', it takes hikers up to Ed's Trail on Silver Star at 3800'. Ed's Trail leads to the Bluff Mtn. Trail and points east. We were blessed with beautiful weather and 11 people

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L-R: Max (The Dog), Roger Anderson, Karen Anderson, Bob Scullin, Janelle Chamberlin, Mike Turner (WTA), Ted Klump, Dick Blackburn (WTA), Carol Boyer, Phil Delany, Hank Bergquist, and Evan Hull



Lunch break along the trail.



L-R: Carol Boyer, Janelle Chamberlin, and MarCine Miles at the end of the work day.

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showed up eager to work on the trail. CTA members were Roger Anderson, Bob Scullin, Ted Klump, Hank Bergquist, Evan Hull, Carol Boyer, MarCine Miles and Phil Delany. We were joined by WTA friends Dick Blackburn and Mike Turner. We were also joined by a new young and enthusiastic trail worker, Janelle

Chamberlin. Ted Klump gave a safety talk before we started. Then we worked until noon when a great lunch was arranged by MarCine Miles. We did a lot of much needed brushing on the lower half-mile of trail. We hope the companionship and success of this trail building work party will lead to interest in future work parties. There is always more maintenance needed.

— Phil



Janelle Chamberlin



Ted Klump and Phil Delany

Trail Stewards

by Don Cannard

Trails are built for people; now people are caring for trails. This could be a mantra for Trail Stewards throughout Washington and the United States.

Meet some of our local stewards:

❖ **Steve Tubbs** and **Chris Edwardson**. They are stewards for Ed's Trail on Silver Star. Both are semi-retired attorneys in Vancouver. "Being a steward gets us out on the trail and adds to our joy of seeing the beautiful sights of Silver Star."

❖ **Patrick Moynihan** of Troop 358 is earning his Eagle Scout achievement by keeping the water bars open on a steep part of the Ellen Davis Trail. Without his efforts the trail is susceptible to erosion. He is involving his family and others in his endeavor. We believe he will make

his Eagle Scout award.

❖ **Ted Klump**, former chair of CTA and currently CTA office manager, has taken on Hamilton Mountain as his trail steward project. He frequently works a day on the Hardy Ridge Trail in Beacon Rock State Park and will camp overnight and spend the next day cutting brush, improving drainage issues or whatever the trail needs to make the hiking experience for others safer and more pleasant.

We salute these individuals for the work they achieve while enjoying the outdoors and trails. By the way, there are other trails needing stewards. Call CTA at 360-993-0040 to learn more about this activity.



Kloochman Butte

by Phil Delany

On July 23rd and 24th, CTA members Ted Klump and Phil Delany joined with the WTA to do more work on the Kloochman Butte Trail. On Saturday, Ted and several others used CTA's motorized tote to haul large rocks up the trail in preparation for check steps to be built on a badly eroded section of trail. Phil and the remainder of the crew went further up the trail and did some much needed brushing. On Sunday, we did more brushing, while the crew on the check steps worked on their project. Again, we were blessed with good weather, however, large horse flies were really on the attack in the brushy sections. We hope to join with other groups for more work on the Chinook Trail in the future—but don't forget the bug spray.

Ed's Trail Work Party Slated for September 17th *by Ted Klump*

The Chinook Trail Association is sponsoring a work party on Ed's Trail on Saturday, September 17th.

Ed's Trail is on the west side rim of Star Canyon on Silver Star Mountain, and was named in honor of Ed Robertson, the co-founder of the the Chinook Trail Association. It is the premier trail in the Silver Star Natural Area.

The work will involve brushing and/or tread restoration. A moderate hike into the work site is required, as are long pants, sturdy boots, gloves, lunch and two liters of water. CTA will provide hard hats.

We invite you to join us. If you are interested, please call Ted Klump at 360-993-0040 or send an email to ctaoffice@mail.com. Meeting and driving instructions will be provided for you.



Ed's Trail

For your information . . .

Earn points for your "Discover Pass" through CTA



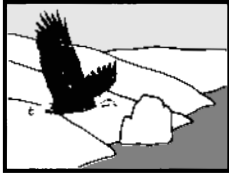
The State of Washington has established a "Discover Pass" to help deal with the severe funding restrictions for state parks. The pass can be purchased for \$10 per day, or for \$30 for the year. The pass provisions also include the opportunity to earn points for volunteering with the development and maintenance of trails. The CTA provides opportunities for you to earn your Discover Pass for a year. For more information, please contact Ted Klump, the CTA office manager, at 360-993-0040.

CTA participates in National Get Outdoors Day *by Sharolyn Osman*

On June 11 the Chinook Trail Association took part in the National Get Outdoors Day at the Water Resources Education Center in Vancouver, Washington. The mission of the event was to promote outdoor fun with a variety of family activities and ideas for enjoying and exploring the outdoors. We set up an area for children to create their own drawings for fun things that "occur outdoors." They drew volcanoes, trees, bears, flowers, salmon and pictures of themselves. When they finished, they received the very popular "silly bands." While the children were busy drawing, Phil Delany, MarCine Miles, Evan Hull and I talked with parents about the Chinook Trail Association. The interest and exposure for the CTA was well received and we look forward to participating in this event next year.



Phil Delany with young artists at National Get Outdoors Day.



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Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. and generally last an hour and a half. The meetings are held at the Larry Swatosh residence, and are open to all interested parties. Please call for directions.

Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trail Project begins

The Chelatchie Trail Project construction has begun on the first segment of a 10-foot-wide paved trail. The initial one-mile segment will run southwest from Battle Ground Lake. When this work is done, CTA volunteers will have the opportunity to work on the unpaved user-built section. The plan is for volunteer work to begin in the fall of 2011.

CTA is pleased to be a part of this important trail development with future trail links. Contact Ted Klump to be on the list of volunteers so that direct contact can be made with you in regard to your participation on the trail.

Additional information can be found on the official website at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/chelatchie/index.html>.

Brian Potter is responsible for the user-built portion of the trail.

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Dave Sanks retires as CTA treasurer after 15 years of service

by Ann Blaker

The Board of Directors of the Chinook Trail Association passed a resolution at its July 6th meeting commending Dave Sanks for “his extraordinarily long and generous service as treasurer of the CTA.” Dave is stepping down as treasurer after fifteen years of service, yet remains to serve as a board member.

Board members collectively

acknowledged Dave for the impact of his service on the development of the Chinook Trail. He continues to make a valuable contribution to the institutional memory of the organization and for that we are grateful. Thanks Dave!