

NEWS RELEASE

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN.

RE: National Trails Day 2007 in Mason County

CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY – 2007

American Hiking Society's National Trails Day® (NTD), observed on the first Saturday of every June, is America's largest celebration of trails and the outdoors. With more than 1,000 events hosted by trail and community groups, public agencies, and businesses from coast to coast, there is something for everyone!

Mason County Parks and Trails Department would like to invite the public to participate in the National Trails Day Event here in Mason County on Saturday, June 2nd. Scheduled activities in Mason County include an opportunity to come and experience a local trail near Goldsborough Creek, located behind the Gillis Ford Dealership in Shelton. In addition, interested parties will be able to study the Mason County Parks and Trails Regional Trails Plan, which is in the early stages of development. Information on the trails plan will be displayed from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the trailhead location.

Volunteer opportunities will be available to perform minor trail maintenance on the trail at Goldsborough Creek. Maintenance tasks include brush removal, clearing debris and trees that have fallen over the trail and garbage cleanup. The trail walk and trail maintenance work will also take place between 10:00 am and noon.

If you cannot attend this event, please try to get out and recreate on your favorite trail to Celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 2nd. There are many trail opportunities in Mason County that include motorized trails, non-motorized trails, and water trails.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Now in its 15th year, National Trails Day (NTD) continues to inspire people to visit their favorite trails to discover, learn about and celebrate trails. The public is invited to participate in educational exhibits, trail dedications, gear demonstrations, instructional workshops and trail work projects.
- NTD provides a perfect opportunity to thank volunteers, land managing agencies, and outdoor-minded businesses for their support in developing and maintaining trails. Events take place in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada.
- The official date of National Trails Day is always the first Saturday in June; however, NTD events can take place at other times during the year. The American Hiking Society will always support NTD sponsors regardless of when the NTD event is scheduled.

If you have any questions about National Trails Day, please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670, ext. 669.

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