

Trails Day 2020 Report

Due to COVID, a lot of our energy was spent on setting up self-guided DIY events (12 out of 24 events) to encourage folks to be active while minimizing their potential exposure to coronavirus. Our in-person events had controls on them such as group size, and of course mask wearing, and social distancing. We have no way of knowing how many people did and are continuing to do the DIY events. This year, instead of solely looking at participant numbers, our success is perhaps better assessed by being able to pull off Trails Day at all, as well as the partnerships we fostered with new organizations (see below) and continuing relationships with past hosts as well.

Alchemy Skateboarding

They had a fun event with five skaters who headed from Foss Skatepark (Heidelberg Davis Park) to and across the Narrows Bridge. Their post on Instagram has a [cute video](#) with the following:

“6+ miles, 1 hour 40 min, one 35mph hill, lots of friends make for one great Pierce County Trails

Day! Thanks for all who came to push, we had a blast. And thank you [@fgt 253](#) for organizing such a fun day of enjoying our trails!”



Black Girls Run!

We had 14 adults and 2 kids on bikes (and one in a stroller) at Van Lierop Park who ran/rolled on the Foothills Trail.



Bob's Gravel Ride



We were just three, but mighty and brave. Relive the ride here:

<https://www.relive.cc/view/vrqD4BD3jLq>

Buddha & Blueberries

Amy Boucher from MetroParks Tacoma reports: The event was amazing! Great opportunity to get out into the community and connect with others, while we worked in the park and toured the temples. This was a creative trails day, as I seen the trail being represented from our walk to temple from parks, as well as along a cultural trail where we were able to see connections being made on a spiritual and communal level.



There was a total of 5 volunteers, plus Sean and I at the Blueberry Park till 10am helping maintain a critical area of the park that was recently restored. We removed about 1 yard of invasive Himalayan Blackberry. For a total of 7 at work party. We then toured the Korean and Cambodian temples — 3 volunteers, plus Sean, Ala, and I for a total of 6 at the tour. Thank you so much for organizing! It was amazing. The connections that were made to connect more people to the park and discussion about future collaboration was uplifting. It was much needed. Look forward to future events!

Shawn Phelps from ForeverGreen Trails Board reports: The President of the Asian Pacific Cultural Center met us at the Korean Temple to provide us with interpretation. At the Cambodian Temple, a young Cambodian couple joined us part way through and helped explain the religion and customs in addition to the Monk's discussion. The Temple events were filmed and available on the Asia Pacific Cultural Center's Facebook.



Comunidad-Latinos Outdoor – Swan Creek Park Cleanup

They and their co-organizers had two groups of ten volunteers on Trails Day and overall the weeklong event hauled out over 1,600 pounds of garbage from Swan Creek Park.



ForeverGreen Trails, Pierce County Parks Department, and Friends of the Carbon River — Wilkeson Outreach

We helped promote the Carbon River Corridor Cooperative Action Plan, particularly the online survey. We spoke with ~20 people throughout the day. Many were cyclists who were biking through the corridor. Also, we spoke with tourists traveling by car, some of whom were lost and hoping to get to the Paradise side of Mount Rainier. We used the maps on the new kiosk in Wilkeson to help orient and direct them.



Gig Harbor Peninsula Trail Hunt

Only one of the teams — the Masked Hunters a family of 5 from Puyallup who did the contest by bike — submitted their scoresheet. They did have a perfect score, which earned them a prize of a \$20 gift certificate to the Gig Harbor Farmer's Market.

On 7/26/2020 9:28 AM, Archie Adams the team captain wrote: "Thanks for organizing this event, we really enjoyed exploring Gig Harbor as a family."

Ms.Fits MTB Brigade – Swan Creek MTB Park Beginner Trail Ride



We had a pretty good time! There was 4 of us ladies that did a beginner's ride. Two of the riders hadn't ridden in almost 5 years. They were a riot and totally fearless! I was impressed. The other rider had more experience but had never been to Swan Creek. We started on the paved trail then cut in towards the lower rocky section next to the pump track then made our way in. We ended up playing in the pump track for a bit seeing who could

make it the furthest. Their favorite trail was called "Feedback". We did that one quite a few times. We talked about basic body positioning and also how to navigate roots on a trail or rocks. They asked about other beginner friendly trail areas. It was pretty great.

Pen Met Parks

They had 20 volunteers doing park cleanup at several sites — McCormick Forest, Rotary Bark Park, and Harbor Family Park. Pen Met had done their own outreach campaign to promote the event(s).

Pierce Conservation District & Tahoma Audubon



Trails Day went really well, thanks for all of your support. We had a total of 7 people — 2 hosts handling two family groups of 2 each and another single person and two hosts. We don't have any feedback; we wish that we could have had more people because there were certainly a lot of other folks out on the trail and it would have been nice for more people to join us. But those are the times we are in.

Pierce County East Puyallup Event



“I would estimate we had up to 50 public members stop by our event at the East Puyallup Trailhead. While numbers were low, our vendors told us they had more beneficial conversations and interactions with the public than at other events they have attended in the past. Thank you for everything you do for us!”

Tacoma Musical History

I had six participants in person, plus I've received a few e-mails from people who decided to pursue the tour with the app, so I'm sure there are more who did that as well. It was a great experience! No complaints or concerns from any participants, and I was especially inspired by three of the participants who had done several of your activities that day, mine at 4pm being their last. Thank you for the opportunity, and I'll be happy to participate again next year!

WTA – Swan Creek Park Trail Maintenance

Our crew had a great Pierce County Trails day at Swan Creek Park. We repaired the tread from the top of the 4th (numbering from north to south) connection trail, down and along the Swan Creek trail, to the curb installation site, about 600 feet. We easily found the timber and rebar that you left for us to make the trail curb. It was installed to rescue a section of tread between the 4th and 3rd connection trails.

