

EVENT SUMMARY

This year, our Trail Days activity host partners were:

2nd Cycle
350 Tacoma
Alchemy Skateboarding
Blue Zones Parkland-Spanaway
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Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed Council
City of Fife Parks, Recreation & Aquatics
City of Tacoma Habitat Stewardship Program
Climate Alliance of the South Sound
Clover Creek Restoration Alliance
Communities for a Healthy Bay
Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association
Downtown On the Go
Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition

Parks Tacoma
PenMet Parks
Pierce Conservation District
Pierce County Evergreen
Pierce County Parks
Pierce County Planning & Public Works:
Queers for Conservation
Tacoma Tree Foundation
Tacoma Washington Bicycle Club
WA Native Plant Society South Sound
Chapter
Washington Conservation Action
Tacoma Historical Society
Washington Trails Association

ForeverGreen Trails thanks these amazing activity hosts for making Pierce County Trail Days 2025 a success. We also appreciate the support of our event sponsors:













A list of all Trails Days activities is at the end of this report. A full list of activities with web links to all activities is <u>available online</u>.

Highlights of 2025 Trail Days Activities

(There were far too many to list them all in this report!)

Alchemy Skateboarding

Stewart Heights Skate Park Pop-up
Push the Narrows

"A great weekend for trails and skateboarding!! We had around 35+ folks come skate the pop up at Stewart Heights park on Saturday. Six of us pushed the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and back on Sunday — really stoked skaters loved getting to ride the Scott Pierson trail (most had never done it and plan to do more)! Thank you as always for hosting/organizing and giving us a great reason to get out and push!



<u>Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed Council</u> & Clover Creek Restoration Alliance

Springbrook Park Clover Creek Stewardship 2 🏂

"We had 7 people attend our habitat restoration event at Springbrook Park. We were able to remove blackberries that were growing in an area planted with native shrubs, pick up 2.5 large bags of trash (about 50 pounds), and remove thick English ivy from two large cottonwood trees. Some photos are attached. One person had never participated in this type of event before and wants to continue helping with habitat stewardship at future events. We were also able to connect with a few neighbors of the park that are interested in helping to clean up larger trash items (couches, mattresses, etc.). Overall, a great event and it was nice to still see water in Clover Creek this time of year!" Also, some folks from the community asking to volunteer at later events."



<u>Pierce County Evergreen/Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance</u>

Swan Creek MTB Park Stewardship 2 🏂

A mixed-age group of eight people gathered to brush the trails (i.e. remove overgrowth) at this popular riding destination to make them safer and more enjoyable for users. One volunteer commented that despite riding there a lot, they never realized how many fruit trees were there growing adjacent to the trails.

Washington Native Plant Society South Sound Chapter

Sehmel Homestead Park Native Plant Walk 🥦 👢

Two participants joined Regina Johnson (South Sound Chapter botanist) for this activity. The plant list for the park for the WNPS website was updated with photos from the walk. One participant was

from Tumwater and one from Enumclaw and they both planned to check the ForeverGreen Trails site for other activities.

Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association

Walk the Riverwalk Festival 5K/10K 🥻 🥻 🧘 🧘

Volkssport had 47 participants for their activity from all around the South Puget Sound area including one person from Bellingham. The walkers did a circular route of which the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail was about 2 KM.



PenMet Parks

Cushman Trail 5k Run/Walk/Ride 🧸 🗎 🗞

PenMet Parks had over 40 participants for their virtual Cushman Trail 5k Run/Walk/Ride. They ranged in age from about 4 to 70 years old, and included walkers, runners, bikers and one scooter user. Some participants were kids and teens participating with their parents, and several groups included grandparents. There were a few child-free senior groups as well.



Pierce County Parks
Blue Zones Parkland-Spanaway
Pierce County Planning & Public Works
Pierce Conservation District

Bresemann Forest Multi-Activity

"We had a total of 99 attendees come through the event, including visitors from as far as Gig Harbor and Puyallup. We were fortunate to partner with three organizations: Blue Zones, Pierce Conservation District, and Planning and Public Works. Our event consisted of:

Yoga in the Park
Guided 30-Minute Walk
Nature Scavenger Hunt
Stream Talk
Meet the Insects
Composting and recycling

It was a good day filled with community, connection, and shared purpose. Our partners expressed their appreciation for bringing like-minded organizations together in support of trails and outdoor spaces."





<u>Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition</u> & <u>Pierce County Parks</u>

East Puyallup Trailhead Stewardship (2) "We had 32 volunteers Saturday for a trail enhancement work party who put in a total of 66 hours removing invasive blackberry and watering trees and shrubs planted this spring by the Foothills Coalition in partnership with Pierce County Parks."



Queers for Conservation, Washington Conservation Action, 350 Tacoma, Climate Alliance of the South Sound, Communities for a Healthy Bay, Parks Tacoma, Tacoma Tree Foundation

Earth Gay 2025

Seventy-two volunteers put in two hours of service clearing a restoration site that was overgrown with scotch broom and blackberry. They then laid 20 cubic yards of mulch on the site to suppress weed re-growth, and to prep the site for future planting. Volunteers also helped clean out 3 stormwater drains that had large amounts of litter and invasives within the bounds of the drains. They filled 12 bags with litter and 21 contractor-sized bags with invasive plant debris.





"We had 25 participating volunteers who each performed three hours of service. They removed blackberry and ivy from the north end of the natural area and spread 10 yards of mulch to suppress the re-growth of invasives."

Tacoma Washington Bicycle Club

Coffee Pipeline Bike Ride

Seven cyclists began at locally owned Campfire Coffee for a 32-mile ride around Tacoma that included the Prairie Line Trail, the Water Flume Trail, the Pipeline Trail, and the Thea Foss Esplanade. As the group set out, the Executive Director of ForeverGreen Trails provided some history about the Prairie Line Trail and the importance of that RR corridor to the region until it was supplanted by the newer line that runs along Tacoma's waterfront. The group took a break at Orangegate Park where the Pipeline Trail



currently ends, and our Executive Director spoke about Pierce County's plans to extend the trail and how ForeverGreen Trails will be supporting that work.

Parks Tacoma

Ursich Park Habitat Restoration 2 🏂

A mixed-age group of 16 people including actively serving park stewards and current WA Native Plant Society Members gathered for a work party in Catherine Ursich Park in the Old Town section of Tacoma. The volunteer group removed well over 5 yards of blackberry, old man's beard, and ivy. Efforts this week helped cap off a big push this summer to clear the entire entryway to this park of non-native, invasive plant species. Three people were first-time volunteers in our park. Refreshments were enjoyed following the activity.



Washington Trails Association

Ranger Creek Trail, Greenwater, WA

Long-time Trail Days partner, WTA hosted a trail building workparty on this trail in a rural part of Pierce County. "We had 10 participants total, ranging in age from 13-76, on the Ranger Creek trail near Greenwater, WA. Our crew rebuilt over 900 ft of tread and repaired 2 switchbacks.



Full List of 2025 Trail Days Activities

*** FRIDAY, July 25th EVENTS ***

SNOQUERA (East Pierce County): WTA Ranger Creek Work Party 2 🏂

TACOMA: Explore the Short @ Owen Beach @ 👰 🔘 🔍

TACOMA (EAST): Swan Creek MTB Park Stewardship 2 🏂

*** SATURDAY, JULY 26th EVENTS ***

DUPONT: Sequalitchew Creek Work Party 2 🏂

EDGEWOOD: Nelson Nature Park Work Party 2 🏂

FIFE: FedEx Trail Stewardship 2

GIG HARBOR: Sehmel Homestead Native Plant Walk 🥬 👢 👢

GIG HARBOR: Sehmel Homestead Scavenger Hunt

GIG HARBOR: Cushman Trail DIY 5k Run, Walk, Bike 🧸 🖟 🗞

PARKLAND/SPANAWAY: Bresemann Multi-Activity 👶 📥 🥬 🥾

PUYALLUP: All Along the Riverwalk 锅 🏇

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PUYALLUP (EAST): Foothills Trail Stewardship 2 🏂

SOUTH PRAIRIE: South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party 2 🏂

TACOMA (NORTH): Ursich Park Habitat Restoration 2 🏂

TACOMA (SOUTH): Kiddical Mass Bike Ride 🧑 🥘 🚲

TACOMA (SOUTH END): Wapato Lake Park Habitat Restoration 🛚 🥕

TACOMA (SOUTH END): Fern Hill Open Space Work Party 🛚 🏂

TACOMA (EAST): Swan Creek Park Earth Gay 2025 2 🕭

TACOMA (EAST): Stewart Heights Pop-up Skatepark 🥜

*** SUNDAY, JULY 27th EVENTS ***

LAKEWOOD: Springbrook Park/Clover Creek Stewardship 2 🏂

TACOMA: Coffee Pipeline Bike Ride 2025 🖱 🚴 🗞

TACOMA: Push the Narrows w/Alchemy Skateboarding 🔗 📇

*** DIY EVENTS (no host — do anytime) ***

TACOMA: DIY Downtown (On the Go!) Walking Tours 🌡 🖟 🥻