

SPRING VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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Whatcom County
Parks & Recreation



New Trail Building at Lookout Mountain Forest Preserve

We need your help building new trail at Lookout Mountain! Expanding on the success of the Chanterelle Trail at Lake Whatcom last summer, we plan to complete 5 miles of new trail this summer. The trail will expand off the existing Loop Trail and climb higher into stunning mature forests. No experience is needed and building trails is fun for the whole family!

We have 15 trail building parties scheduled throughout the summer, visit our [Work Party Opportunities](#) for more information and to sign up.



Volunteer Spotlight: Bill & Jan Ellingson



"Anybody who wants to enjoy life and be outside, the park is a great place to volunteer."

- Bill Ellingson

Every morning for the last seven years Bill and Jan have been found tending to the barnyard residents at Hovander Homestead Park. Jan, who grew up on a ranch, adores the animals and thinks of them as her own kids. Bill is always full of smiles and stories and enjoys chatting with other park goers. They both view Hovander as a home away from home and the park would not be the same without them.

Recent Volunteer Projects

Volunteers from Rotary Club of Bellingham and Whatcom Land Trust came out recently to help install a new foot bridge on the Geneva Pond Loop at Stimpson Family Nature Reserve. Thank you for the hard work, and a special thank you to Rotary Club of Bellingham for providing the grant.



Partner Spotlight:

Washington Trails Association (WTA)

Committed to fostering a love for the outdoors and trails throughout Washington State, WTA strives to provide opportunities for everyone to get out on the trails and protect the unique natural spaces of our diverse region. We want to thank them for providing more than 1,100 hours to Whatcom County Parks in 2017 and for helping us design and build more amazing trails this summer. Visit their [website](#) to learn about the great work they do and how to get involved.

Want to Spend the Summer Giving Back?

Come spend the summer at the parks! We are currently looking for [Park Hosts](#) at Lake Whatcom Park and [Campground Hosts](#) at Silver Lake Park. Duties include basic cleaning, administrative, and maintenance activities in exchange for free camping space, suitable for an RV or other self-provided overnight accommodation.

We are currently looking for volunteers at Hovander Homestead Park to act as a docent at the historic homestead house on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons through the summer. If interested please email: WCPRVolunteers@co.whatcom.wa.us