

# SKAGIT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

## Adopt-a-Trail or Park Program

### *Objectives of the program:*

The **Adopt-a-Trail or Park** program is a combined effort between the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department and volunteers.

Individuals, families and organizations can be responsible for a defined portion or entire length of a specific trail or park at the SCP&R Department's discretion. Skagit County has a number of trails and parks that are used by the public and experience varying degrees of impact.

Volunteers can help keep the trail free of unsightly litter, monitor conditions and perform routine maintenance.

### *Volunteer Responsibilities:*

The level of required maintenance varies with each trail or park, the organization's capabilities, and must be matched with the level of property needs. The types of maintenance a property need include:

- Pick up litter and debris at least 4 times a year.
- Make routine hazard checks for general damage, down trees, sinkholes,
- Report hazards or any unusual/suspicious trail events to SCPR personnel.
- Pruning of brush and branches (trimmings can be scattered in brush and weeds alongside trail).
- Removal of debris, such as tree branches, from the drainage ditches along side of trail.
- Mowing and weed trimming along trail if described and approved by SCPR in the project maintenance plan
- Report the need for mowing to the SCPR staff.

### *Volunteers Agree to:*

- Complete and return the **Adopt-a-Trail or Park** Volunteer Application.
- Be courteous to trail and park users.
- Have a sense of responsibility of safety for self and others.
- Review the Safety Tips to be aware of the hazards of working on a trail right-of-way and take them seriously.

- Pick up litter and perform other maintenance as described in project maintenance plan on a designated segment of the trail or park for at least a two year period.
- Work during daylight hours only.
- Provide adequate supervision to participants under eighteen years of age.
- Stay within the area between the right-of-way boundaries, marked by Skagit County Boundary sign posts. Trespassing on private property is not allowed.
- Pick up needed supplies from SCPR during business hours.
- Arrange litter pick up date in advance with SCPR.
- Place filled trash bags at prearranged locations determined by SCPR. You are encouraged to recycle appropriate materials for your own benefit.
- Return borrowed or unused supplies to SCPR at such time that you no longer need them.

### ***Skagit County Parks and Recreation will . . .***

- Provide trash bags and hand tools as needed.
- Arrange to remove filled trash bags from the adopted trail or park.
- Arrange to remove large, heavy or hazardous materials as needed.
- Coordinate trail and park adoption by interested parties.

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