

Trail Notes . . .

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Great Potential to Market ODT in 2010.

Diane Schostak of the Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau insisted at the PTC board meeting on Nov 11 that the Olympic Discovery Trail has great potential to attract visitors to the North Olympic Peninsula. Diane strongly feels that the pace of development of the ODT has quickened and that progress in developing the trail will proceed at a much faster rate than it has in the last twenty years.

At a follow-up meeting at the Fortune Star restaurant on December 11 in Sequim, a group of interested folks gathered to brainstorm and sketch out a plan to market the ODT. Larry Little and his wife Michelle, organizers of our local marathon, were among the attendees. Larry felt that events like the marathon bring visitors to the North Olympic Peninsula, so obviously other events that use the trail would bring more visitors if the event is effectively publicized. Joyce Daze which is held in August has sponsored both a hike and bike ride on the Adventure Route. However, publicity is needed to attract participants to such events. What other events can be publicized? It was noted that there are key websites that need to be used to publicize such events. There is a small reserve of the hotel/motel tax that might be used for publicity purposes. Also attending this meeting was Bob Selby, the webmaster for www.OlympicDiscoveryTrail.com.

Diane Schostak, Chuck Preble, Jeff Selby, Michelle Little, Larry Little, Bob Selby



Randy Washburne is an avid Thursday Trail Crew volunteer who works on the trail rain or shine. He has prepared maps for the PTC website: www.olympicdiscoverytrail.com



We are linked to a new map and photos feature on the ODT trail web page that needs YOUR pictures. It can also post your comments. Send your submissions to Randy : randy@washburnemarine.com

ODT On-line Tour:

Randy W

Imagine that you plan to ride the ODT as part of your bike trip down the coast. Or that you'll be entering next years' marathon and wonder about the route. Or just that you've never been to the north peninsula, have heard of the Olympic Discovery Trail, and are curious what it's like for some casual walking or bike riding.

The ODT Tour is designed for all of these and more - a way to preview the Trail through maps with photos and descriptive notes associated with points along the way. You pick the section of trail and east-west direction you'd like to travel, and each time you click the "Move Ahead" button you jump to the next point that has either a photo or note, marked with a blue circle on the map. When you come to the end of a map, it jumps to the next one automatically, all the way from Port Angeles to Blyn (presently), and starting options at several other points in between. GPS waypoints along the trail are used to designate points that photos and maps are keyed to, and make it easy to update and add both photos and notes.



The November 18 microburst storm

. . . not only took out 26 power poles in Clallam County depriving some folks of power for almost a week, but caused extensive damage to parks and trails on the North Olympic Peninsula. PTC members sprang into action raking leaves and branches, cleaning out culverts, repairing trail tread and slides, sawing out and removing blow-down. But trail repairs are far from finished. Some repairs will have to wait for drier weather.; so it will be many months before some trails are open. For example the brand new six mile stretch of the ODT west of the tunnels was undermined by a massive slide above the Camp David Jr. road.

Tom M, John W, Gene R, Bill M with Granddaughter Kayla, Dave M. Photo by LaVonne M near Ennis Creek

Needed: Courtesy Crew Lorrie C

The ODT is maintained to a large degree by volunteers. Right now we need more Courtesy Crew members to help patrol the busier parts of the Trail. Please contact Lorrie Campbell at 360 565-2606.

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AaT Coordinator for JeffCo

Jeff S

I think every trail adopter ought to be congratulated for initial or on-going trail maintenance. They do a great job. We here in Jefferson County desperately need an Adopt-a-Trail Coordinator. No one is currently doing it, so there is no record of assignments, work being done, sections being worked, or hours being logged. If you are even slightly interested, or would only like to be a trail adopter, please contact me at 360-385-0995.

By The Time You Read This

Jeff S, Gunvor H, Dave S

. . . Winter wanderlust in Port Townsend will be half over, the Travel Series in Port Angeles will be completely over, and the Traveler’s Journal in Sequim will be about to begin. So here is what is left.

2010 Winter Wanderlust, Wednesdays, @ 7:30, Wheeler Theater, Fort Worden

- Feb 3 Kayaking the Queen Charlotte Islands S Franklin & L. Somme
- Feb 10 Cruising America’s Great Loop J Norris @ A. Fraser
- Feb 17 Inside Afghanistan Marc Weinblatt
- Feb 24 Columbia and Venezuela (Cyling . . . Willie Weir & Kat

2010 Traveler’s Journal, Thursdays, @ 7:00 pm, Sequim High School Cafeteria

- Feb 4 Queen Charlotte Islands Mar 4 Tibet & Nepal
- Feb 11 World “Cash” Adventures Mar 11 Peru
- Feb 18 Around the World in 25 Days Mar 18 Alaska
- Feb 25 Mexico Mar 25 Denmark

New Trail adopters

Carrie, Lorrie

A welcome to new adopters along the section between Priest Road and Railroad Bridge Park: Terry and Vicki Boyer. [Mike Rampenthal will adopt the whole stretch from Lower Elwha Road to the Elwha bridge when opened.](#)

Second Saturday accomplishments . . .Kathe

If any adopter needs help with their section – ask your manger to get a Second Saturday work crew to your segment. Folks are waiting to help you! A full day in November found 14 hard workers brushing the trail at MP 15 to help Adopters Pat and Darrel Hansen. Loppers, hand saws, power pole saws and hedge trimmers, a rented chipper and LOTS of patience.

The January work party had 22 happy planters. Their vision will be fulfilled this spring when a couple thousand flowering bulbs greet us where the trail crosses Kitchen Dick in Clallam County. Thanks to leader Rick Cooper and Home Depot.

The March work party will be heeling in seedlings at Lazy J tree Farm that will later be used for mitigating the ramp widening at Railroad Bridge Park. Look for the announcement in late February.



Bulb Planting Saturday Jan 16

Cherie, Carrie

Susan Hendrikson, Susie Schneider, Coop and Rick Cooper and about 20 other great folks planted bulbs donated by Home Depot along the ODT near Kitchen-Dick Rd. Thanks, Folks!

Memorial Donors to PTC. . . Cherie, Kathe

M.J.Vail, Sandra and Herb Balch, Jean and Everett Tozier, Donna Carlson, and Marion Heikes donated to PTC in memory of Lottie Brelsford.

Patrician and Michael Devlen, Daphne Raymond, and Gay Hunter donated to PTC in memory of Neil Douglas Jervis.

Thank you so much.

Editorial: Have you ever attended a Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee Meeting? *Gene*

If you haven't, then you do not know how difficult it is to build the ODT. If you ever have a chance, come to one of these meetings and you'll find out that the development of the trail is a **Major Miracle** produced by our County Government. The CCTAC generally meets in the Commissioners conference room on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm.

In order to extend the trail, you generally have to have all three commissioners on board with Federal, County, and State (DNR) governments working together. You have to have folks who work in county government dropping traditional jealousies when the trail and not "their department" gets more funds. You have to have a high degree of cooperation from private property owners in order to obtain Right of Way. You have to find a politically satisfactory way of dealing with setbacks such as the recent slide below the new six mile paved portion of the Fairholm Hill ODT onto the unpaved portion of the Camp David Jr Road on the north side of Lake Crescent. You have to have very skilled grant writers who can take our dreams and turn them into reality. The opening of the new Elwha Bridge with its pedestrian walk underneath was a **Major Miracle**. But a far greater miracle will be when the ODT is routed through the RR tunnels on the north side of Lake Crescent. If that project is completed in the next three or four years, it will be **unbelievable!**



Rich James, who heads up the County's Trails Advisory committee is an avid cyclist and trail user, himself.

Observers stand on the Camp David Jr Rd looking up at a massive slide that undermined the ODT, crossed the road, and dumped tons of debris in the yard of a private property owner.

Olympic National Park considers this Fairholm stretch of the Olympic Discovery Trail closed.



The first six miles of the Adventure Route is also closed due to logging. Please respect property rights when ROW (right of way) is located on private lands.

Gene, In your next newsletter would you mind advertising for someone with wood burning skills? I have a large round (about 5 feet across) from an old growth tree that fell down across the Camp David Road a couple of years ago and I'm going to incorporate it into a kiosk on the trail. I'm thinking it might look good if someone etches an outline of the peninsula and ODT on it. If anyone can help, please contact Dave LeRoux 360-775-7364.

Thanks with new recognition plans *Kathe*

PTC and Clallam county will co-host a thank you get together for all trail volunteers (both counties) during the third week of April, National Volunteer Week. A collectors item trail photo post card for all trail volunteers who turn in hours will be initiated and will replace the country certificates and hats. Details will follow from your volunteer manager or the Second Saturday list.

Scheduling coordinator needed for PTC booth events

The trail gets new volunteers and helps people know what is happening and where through PTC's festival booths and information tables. We need a person to schedule volunteers for this effort in 2010. Please contact Kathe Smith at **457-1493**. Thanks.

Catering to trail users

The Agnew Grocery is under new ownership and they welcome Trail users! There will be fresh food from Johnson Farms, baked goods from Bell Street Bakery, drinks and places to sit and picnic. We all know that their location 0.1 mi off the trail at Spring and Old Olympic Rd is where the "hungerys" strike. Also joining the desire to keep us fit and fed is the Old Sweet Shop in Carlsborg with daily soup specials and homemade cornbread: Coffee and a huge homemade cookie for \$2.

Tools available:

There is a new Stihl gas leaf blower available to ODT volunteers at the PTC tool locker. Ask your volunteer manager how you can reserve it.

Is It Really Going to Happen? *Dave L*

Help is needed in building concrete forms and wiring in rebar. Yes, the bicycle and wheelchair ramp at the east end of Railroad Bridge Park is **finally going to be rebuilt**. Hopefully, we will no longer have to crash and burn on that double right angle turn. If you can help with this project, please call Dave! 360-775-7364.



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