



Trail Notes

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The Newsletter of Volunteers for Outdoor Washington

Robe Canyon Update

Volunteers continue to make excellent progress at Robe Canyon. March accomplishments include improving the tread and drainage on the Old Robe Trail, clearing brush at the future trailhead of the Lime Kiln Trail's (LKT), installing two culverts and other drainage improvements on the LKT, and breaking ground on the new River Loop at the end of the LKT. The loop trail will deliver that "wow" sense, says Robe leader Steve Dean, as hikers are naturally drawn to the raging beauty of the South Fork of the Stillaguamish.

Reporter Diane Brooks account of a LKT work party appeared in the April 9th Seattle Times. "Parking on a logging road near the trail's midpoint," she wrote of the volunteers, "they slipped into rain gear, stuffed their pockets and packs with extra work gloves and headed for the river." Fittingly, the article concludes with a quote from Dean: "I think the overarching thing for volunteers—whether they're working at the food bank or building a trail—is they want to leave their mark on the Earth and feel like they've left the place better than they found it. It's the most rewarding thing I've ever done."



Under the close supervision of Chica, official Robe Canyon canine, trail veterans Bob Keeney (left) and Duane Acheson saw a log on the Lime Kiln Trail. (April 2003)



VOW President Al Wagar tamps a Ravenna Park trail. (April 2003)

Sunday in the Park

VOW has been busy around town, too. On a Sunday in early April a crew of volunteers, plus Seattle Park's Jacobo Jiminez, brushed, grubbed, built, grveled, and tamped along a Ravenna Park trail. A large curb log was installed, reinforced by a couple of "dead man" logs. The volunteers, some with no experience, expertly wielded McLeods, loppers, pulaskis – even a sledge to drive re-bar into the timbers. A job well done. Stay tuned to www.trailvolunteers.org for future work parties in Ravenna Park and other sites around Puget Sound.

VOW and SKY!

Great news from Jeri Krampetz, VOW board member and Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) Executive Director: PNTA and North Cascades Job Corps have combined to offer SKY Job Corps. SKY, Service Knowledge Youth, is the youth education program of the PNTA; through outdoor projects it teaches job skills, leadership, teamwork, and stewardship of public lands. This summer SKY Job Corps



will spend several weeks on VOW's Bandera Mountain/Mason Lake Trail. Both VOW and the PNTA are excited about this and future collaborations to share with youth the challenges and rewards of trail work.

Recognizing Volunteers

Did you know that April 2003 was declared Nonprofit Service Month by the State of Washington? A proclamation, signed by Governor Gary Locke, proclaims: "Whereas, in times like these, Americans also re-discover the deep satisfaction that is found in

We're not a big party, son. We're just a handful of people sent out to mark the trail and prepare the ground for those who are gonna come after us. —Frank S. Nugent

working with and through nonprofit corporations to meet the needs of their neighbors, address the challenges facing our communities and brighten the days of strangers in every part of the world ..."

Well, we here at VOW would like to recognize two volunteers. PNTA graciously loaned us **Estelle Kapland**, a number crunching guru. Her counsel and patience and knowledge of all things financial have really streamlined things in the office.

Randy Washburne has also been busy behind the scenes, setting up our website to allow for online sign ups. He is massaging ASP pages and other acronyms that are a mystery to most. When it's all done, we'll have Randy and his deft touch to thank for a new, user-friendly system worthy of the 21st century. Please stay tuned to www.trailvolunteers.org. A big, big VOW thank you to both Randy and Estelle. Thanks, too, to Mary Lynch for her continued web-mastery in maintaining our current website!



Front to back, Rachael Grieve, Bozena Eykholt and Debby Cooke. Without volunteers VOW would be OW, and what kind of name is that?

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VOW CALENDAR

April
 26, 29 Robe Canyon/Lime Kiln Trail work parties
 28 VOW board meeting, 6:45 pm

May
 3, 7, 14, 17, 21, 28, 31 Iron Goat Trail work parties
 3, 4, 8, 17, 20, 25 Robe Canyon/Lime Kiln Trail
 17 **Bandera Opening Day!**
 24, 31 Bandera Trail
 26 VOW board meeting, 6:45 pm

June
 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25, 28 Iron Goat Trail work parties
 7 National Trails Day!
 7, 14, 15, 21, 28, 29 Bandera Trail
 21, 24, 29 Robe Canyon/Lime Kiln Trail



Volunteer Bozena Eykholt improves Ravenna Park. (April 2003).



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Volunteers for Outdoor Washington (VOW) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization promoting volunteer stewardship of recreation, natural, and heritage resources in Washington State. We partner with land managers to accomplish trail construction and maintenance, youth development, interpretation, and other service projects. VOW is a member of Earth Share of Washington.

We depend on volunteer efforts and contributions. Please fill out form and send to VOW. Thank you for your generous support!

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

___ I'd like to volunteer. Please send me a volunteer profile form.

___ I'd like to become a member/renew my membership:

\$25 individual \$30 family

\$50 Contributor \$100 Supporter \$100 + Patron

___ I'd like to support VOW with a donation of \$ ____.

Note: If your employer will match your gift, please include a gift-matching form.