

Pierce County Trail Days 2024

Friday July 26th - Sunday July 28th

FREE recreation & stewardship activities

www.forevergreentrails.org



EVENT SUMMARY

In 2024, we made a little adjustment — “Pierce County Trails Day” became “Pierce County Trail Days”. Based on our partner feedback, a multi-day event provided important flexibility for their schedules and capacity. We were very happy to accommodate this request since we cannot do Trail Days without our awesome partners. Speaking of which, we had many returning host organizations and a few new ones as well:

Alchemy Skateboarding
Black Girls Run!
Bluezones Parkland-Spanaway
Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed Council
Clover Creek Restoration Alliance
City of Fife Parks, Recreation & Aquatics
Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association
Eastside Tacoma Community Leaders
Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition
Garry Oak Coalition
GirlTrek
Job Carr Cabin Museum
Key Peninsula Parks District

Metro Parks Tacoma
Montañistas de Washington
PenMet Parks
Pierce Conservation District
Pierce County Evergreen (PiCOE)
Pierce County Parks
Pierce Transit
Puyallup Pride & Brave and Unbroken Project
Queers for Conservation
Ride Together Pierce
Tacoma Washington Bicycle Club
WA Native Plant Society South Sound Chapter
Washington Trails Association

ForeverGreen Trails deeply thanks and our amazing activity hosts and participants and our event sponsors — Parametrix and Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition for making Pierce County Trail Days 2024 a success. A full list of activities is [available online](http://www.forevergreentrails.org).

Highlights of 2024 Trail Days Activities

Alchemy Skateboarding & Pierce County Parks

Scores of people showed up for a multi-activity event at Sprinker Recreation Center and the adjacent Bresemann Forest. A guided walk was offered by the County's Natural Lands Steward, a scavenger hunt educated people about plants and wildlife, a build-a-kite activity, and a casual group skateboard cruise to nearby Spanaway Park (and back) rounded out the offerings.

The Bresemann Forest activity saw between 120-150 people who walked the trails, participated in outdoor yoga, or scaled the Spire Rock climbing facility. The Sprinker Recreation Center has been undergoing extensive outdoor improvements and Trails Day was a soft re-opening for the public, with a larger grand reopening to follow.



Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed Council & Clover Creek Restoration Alliance

Clover Creek Habitat Stewardship

This habitat stewardship event included work in the riparian zone along Clover Creek. Nine volunteers helped remove invasive plant species, care for native trees, and remove trash.



East Tacoma Community Leaders (ETCL) & Montañistas de Washington

Swan Creek Park Walk & Cleanup

New Trail Days partner Montañistas de Washington joined local grassroots organizers ETCL for a social walk and litter cleanup event at Swan Creek Park. Ten participants gathered to care for this well-used park in Tacoma's most diverse neighborhood. They gathered 13 large bags of litter and two car tires throughout their 4-mile walk in the park.



[Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition](#) & [Pierce County Parks](#)

East Puyallup Trailhead Grand Reopening & Stewardship

This celebration of a much-anticipated reopening of the newly expanded Foothills National Recreational Trail trailhead was complemented by a volunteer stewardship activity to remove invasive plants and improve sight clearances for trail users.

[Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition](#) — **All Along the Riverwalk**

FGT member and frequent partner Foothills held their All Along the Riverwalk Arts, Education & Entertainment Festival on Trails Day this year. They estimate that between 700-1000 people passed through or came to the festival to enjoy music and art at the various booths.

[Queers for Conservation](#) — **2024 Earth Gay**

In cooperation with Metro Parks Tacoma, 74 volunteers worked to improve the trails and grounds at Wapato Hills Park. They spread 8 yards of gravel to resurface trails, cleared over 500 square feet of invasive noxious tansy, and collected 24 bags of trash, all within an hour! All of the stewardship goals were quickly completed so everyone could enjoy playing games in the park like giant Jenga and cornhole. Several partners had information tables as well, including Tacoma Pride, WA Conservation Action, and Tacoma Tree Foundation.



[Tacoma Washington Bicycle Club](#) & **Campfire Coffee** **Tacoma Water Flume and Pipeline Trail Tour**

Ten riders met up at locally owned Campfire Coffee for a 15-mile ride around Tacoma featuring the Water Flume Trail and Pipeline Trail. This is the third year that Campfire and TWBC have partnered to co-host this event.



Washington Trails Association — **Trail Building at Rainier Woods Park**, South Hill, Puyallup
Long-time Trail Days partner, WTA hosted a trail building workparty. It was attended by 10 participants including one youth. The group put in 83 hours of work total and built 300 ft of new trail.



List of All 2024 Trail Days Activities

***** FRIDAY, JULY 26th EVENTS*****

PUYALLUP: Riverwalk Trail Cleanup

<https://www.facebook.com/events/407554662302830>

TACOMA: Garfield Gulch Work Party

<https://www.facebook.com/events/479307591463571>

TACOMA: Old Town Self-Guided History Walk

<https://www.facebook.com/events/488502233757599>

***** SATURDAY, JULY 27th EVENTS*****

BONNEY LAKE: Mountain Bike Tour of Tehaleh

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1746677529201012>

FIFE: Fed Ex Trail Stewardship

<https://www.facebook.com/events/474155788652946>

GIG HARBOR: 360 Trails Rubber Duck Challenge

<https://www.facebook.com/events/437250449304165>

GIG HARBOR: McCormick Forest Native Plant Walk

<https://www.facebook.com/events/297284266739398>

GIG HARBOR: McCormick Forest Park Stewardship

<https://www.facebook.com/events/806380208147813>

LAKEWOOD: St. Claire's Garry Oak Restoration Project
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1734402154031952>

LAKEWOOD: Clover Creek Habitat Stewardship
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1625681278275629>

PARKLAND-SPANAWAY: Trails Day at Bresemann Forest
<https://www.facebook.com/events/386098830752529>

PUYALLUP: Trails Day at East Puyallup Foothills Trailhead
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1496032414318946>

PUYALLUP: All Along the Riverwalk Festival
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1142036490430947>

PUYALLUP: Clarks Creek South Trail Cleanup w/ Puyallup Pride
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2212233982447256>

SOUTH HILL: WTA Trail Building @ Rainier Woods Park
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1046318397010873>

TACOMA: Discover Defiance Park
<https://www.facebook.com/events/464820489827606>

TACOMA: Water Flume & Pipeline Trail Bike Tour
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1189698545780134>

TACOMA: GirlTrek @ Wright Park
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1669488823836416>

TACOMA: Swan Creek Park Walk & Cleanup
<https://www.facebook.com/events/956420909575238>

TACOMA: Earth Gay 2024
<https://www.facebook.com/events/26153737767550368>

*** SUNDAY, JULY 28th EVENTS***

TACOMA: Defiance Park Birdwalk
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2213536625651550>

PUYALLUP: Black Girls Run! 5K, 10K, choose your own
<https://www.facebook.com/events/471797222162330>