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Centennial Trail History Day Leads Trail-Goers Through Snohomish County's Past

Free and open to the public on July 21, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

EVERETT, Wash., July 12, 2018 – The Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission will host “Centennial Trail History Day” on July 21, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the trail. There will be activities for kids, hands-on interactive exhibits, and a chance to touch historic artifacts at six different sites along the 30-miles of historic rail line. The event is free and open to the public.

Did you know this once bustling rail line was built in part to deliver lead-silver ore from the outskirts of Snohomish County to Everett in the 1890s as part of the great gold and silver rush? Interested in learning more about Snohomish County’s rich heritage along the former tribal route and early-century transportation corridor that is now the Centennial Trail? Then tie up your walking shoes, hop on a bike, or put the kids in a stroller and make your way down the Centennial Trail on July 21st for a self-guided tour with six interactive stops along the way. You can also drive to each point of interest and park at the trail heads.

Specific activities are located at these six trailheads and can be done in any order:

- Nakashima – 32328 SR-9, Arlington
- Arlington- Legion Park 114 N Olympic Ave, Arlington
- Bryant -26804 SR9, Arlington
- Lake Stevens- 13205 20th St NE, Lake Stevens
- Machias – 1624 Virginia St., Snohomish
- Snohomish – Pine and Maple, Snohomish

Snohomish County started to develop sections of the Centennial Trail in 1989 during the State’s centennial celebration. Today this rail-trail is part of a developing regional trail network connecting Woodinville, Monroe, Everett, Lake Stevens, Arlington and Skagit County. More than 400,000 people utilize the Centennial Trail each year as a recreational trail, non-motorized commuter corridor, and race/events trail. This linear park has become one of the most valued and well-used assets in the Snohomish County Parks system and serves as a conservation corridor protecting sensitive and important natural and cultural resources. Walkers, runners, cyclists, equestrians, long boarders, and others utilize the trail bringing communities together.

The Centennial Trail is also currently in the running to be considered this year’s nationally recognized Rails-to-Trails Conservancy’s “Rail Trail Hall of Fame.” Results will be announced later this year.

For more information about the event, contact Hal Gausman, Snohomish County Cultural Division Manager at Hal.Gausman@snoco.org or 360-805-6729.

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