



WMBBC
SAVE THE TRAILS
2016 ANNUAL REPORT



EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Provided rides for over 200 riders this year. Continued development and growth of weekly Elementary and Middle school rides. Ongoing programs in 9 Elementary Schools and 2 Middle Schools in Bellingham Public School District. Programs ongoing for spring and fall.

In collaboration with RRAD (Ride, Run and Dig), we provided funding, insurance and support for Chris Mellick to host a Bike Rodeo in every one of the 14 Elementary Schools in Bellingham, as well as several schools out in the county and private schools. This reaches over 6,200 Elementary aged children in Whatcom County.

Trained 21 new ride leaders through a new 1 day Ride Leader class through March Northwest and staff for local adults interested in volunteering their time to ride with local youth, women and coed rides throughout the year.

👍 **BIKE RODEO SKILL TRAINING REACHING OVER 6,200 KIDS**

👍 **11 AFTERSCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUBS**

👍 **21 NEW RIDE LEADER TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS**



Partnered with RRAD to provide funding for Service Learning projects in Trail Building for a 6 week Spring program at Fairhaven Middle School, Whatcom Middle school, Windward High School and Lynden Christian School.

Trained Middle School riders in basics of First Aid out on the Trail. Developing a local youth culture and program focusing on Leadership, Trail Building skills, Stewardship, Mountain Bike Technique and Fitness.

Sponsored "Take a Kid Mountain Bike Day" program through IMBA, run by RRAD, WMBC and March Northwest for spring and fall, providing advertisement, supplies, instructors and insurance.

Sponsored Joyriders Womens' group with instructor training, insurance, advertising and apparel.

ADVOCACY

Partnering with the City of Bellingham, Whatcom County and other Non-profit organizations to determine a public purchase option for Galbraith Mountain.

Obtained approval and permits for a new Pump Track has been approved and permitted for construction in Whatcom Falls Park. Construction will begin in Spring 2017. Birchwood Park pump track and skills will likely be next (already in discussions).

Lake Whatcom Reconveyance - Lookout Mountain Trail Planning and Scouting has begun. The trail plan has been approved by Whatcom County Council and trail construction to begin in summer of 2017.

Bellingham to Baker Recreation Planning Committee - Eric Brown and Glenn Gervais are representing the mountain bike community in this 2 year process to create authorized recreation on DNR-managed lands in Whatcom County.

The WMBC is working with other recreation and conservation partners to find legislative funding to keep the upper 1,600 acres of Blanchard from future timber harvest. We co-hosted a luncheon with our legislators and have given tours of Blanchard to our newly elected Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz, and the Governor's Advisor on Outdoor Recreation, Jon Snyder.

Upper Nooksack Access and Travel Management Plan - Our effort helped Road 31 (Canyon Creek Road) and 3140 to remain open for recreation access to Canyon Ridge Trail.

Colville National Forest Management Plan - Partnered with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance and conservation partners to identify high value trails to keep out of Wilderness Designation (process ongoing).

Eric will be on the USFS Resource Advisory Committee again for 2016.

Proposed a new ascending route for bikes from Fragrance Lake to the top of Chuckanut Mountain's parking lot at Cyrus Gates Overlook (awaiting approval).

STEWARDSHIP

GALBRAITH MOUNTAIN

- Ongoing maintenance of Galbraith trail network – including drainage, brushing, clearing blowdown and reroutes.
- Continued the lower/mid-mountain cross country network build out with Pony Express, Deja Vu and Jack & the Beanstalk trails.
- Worked with 29 Trail Adoption Program (TAP) Sponsors to maintain adopted trails.
- New benches and snack shack shelter (GoGregJones!) were installed at strategic locations around the mountain.
- New Kiosk maps and extra signage to help with neighborhood issues.

LARRABEE STATE PARK

- Ongoing Maintenance on Double Black Diamond, Double Down, Lost Lake Trail, Two Dollar Trail and Upper Ridge Trail.
- Cleared blowdown on all trails and roads during major windstorms
- Contributed \$\$ towards the grading of Cleator Road.

BELLINGHAM PARKS

- Civic Dirt Jump's – Monthly maintenance of the dirt jumps.

WHATCOM COUNTY PARKS

- Constructed new Bridge that connects Lost Lake and Lower Salal (Hush Hush).
- Ongoing maintenance to fix the worst eroded sections of Hush Hush.
- Cleared blowdown on trails and roads during major windstorms.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Co-hosted National Trails Day on Blanchard Mountain to work on Lily Lizard Lake Trail.
- Eric Brown is one of 16 members on a committee to establish authorized recreation on DNR lands in Whatcom County.



2016 WMBC VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

- 👍 Gate & Switch trail – a new arterial / connector trail built to connect the Pipeline road to the Tower Road. Built a 70 foot bridge built to span Chuckanut Creek.
- 👍 Unemployment Line – Middle 1/3 went through a full rebuild.
- 👍 Evolution Trail – middle and upper sections rebuilt.
- 👍 Das Autobahn Trail constructed.
- 👍 Lair of the Bear trail constructed.
- 👍 Grasshopper - New entrance and exit constructed.
- 👍 Jack & the Beanstalk trail constructed.

EVENTS

SHOOT THE TRAILS

Our annual video and photo contest sold out in advance for 4th year in a row, over 700 people in attendance.

TAKE A KID MOUNTAIN BIKING DAY

Held in June and October with over 125 kids participating in rides, races and skills courses.

CHUCKANUT ENDURO RACE

Over 270 racers from all across the US and Canada racing at this national event.



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