

Trail work report for July 15, 2025

Robin Hill multi user trail, July 15, 2025 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The crew of 14 was comprised mostly of BCHW-Peninsula and the County Thursday ODT/OAT crew. This was truly a collaborative effort of the County – supplying gravel, front end loader and machine operator; PTC for the use of their trail tote and Peninsula chapter's trail tote; the local land owner who graciously offered the use of their land for gravel delivery, crew parking plus staging tractor and tote operations.

The group convened Tuesday morning and started the work of removing bits of barbed wire fencing, brushing the corridor, grading reaches of trail to better handle water management, constructing a new turnpike and spreading gravel to reaches of tread needing hardening. We encountered some hikers and an equestrian who thanked us for our efforts. All commented that they like the new multi-user trail. They all appreciated that the tread was not covered in wood chips.

Recall we installed this new trail at Robin Hill last fall. We intentionally left the trail to itself over the wet season to let the trail tell us where things needed attention.

We held an earlier work party to address the upper 4 tenths of a mile for water management and grading the tread. The native soils in that reach are good for tread.

This outing was specifically to address the 2 to 3 tenths of mile of trail nearest Davenhill lane. The native soils are not conducive to durable tread. We constructed a new 70-foot turnpike across a damp area. The turnpike construction consisted of positioning the curb logs, placing a layer of landscape cloth and cover with shot rock, placing another layer of landscape cloth and covering with 5" of 5/8" minus crushed basalt to form the tread. Next was to spread gravel over reaches of tread that show the need for hardening the treadway. Gravel movement was accomplished by using 2 trail totes and with the County front end loader making several trips up trail. In all we moved about 12 to 13 yards of material.

What remains – We ran out of time Tuesday so the remaining effort will be accomplished by the County front end loader returning to move gravel to selected locations along the trail. Once the gravel is positioned, a small contingent of crew will revisit the trail to grade the gravel to form the tread surface and to resecure a fence line at the Davenhill lane private access gate. It is expected that this small contingent will be the last effort we need to apply to this new trail for some time to come.

This trail has been installed at the request of Martha Ireland and County Parks.

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Setting up new area for
turnpike in a damp spot.



Crew preparing
equipment for work
party. →



Using tractor to fill
tote with "shot rock."



Spreading shot rock
in wet areas.

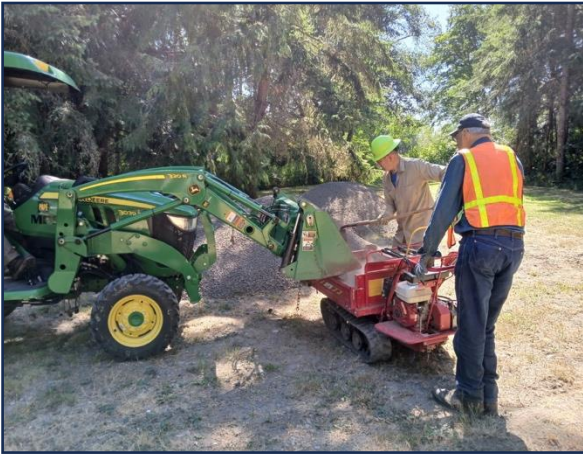


Delivery of more
rock with tote.



A layer of ground
cloth between shot
rock and gravel.





Tractor filling tote with gravel.



Spreading gravel layer.



Don Crawford and Tom Mix viewing progress.



New turnpike area complete.



Hardening section of previous trail by adding gravel.



Improving tread and managing runoff.

