

# MOUNTAINS TO *Sound*

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*Photo Nancy Keith*

**Tim Schmidt, right, manager of Iron Horse State Park, and Colleen McKee, left, manager of Lake Easton State Park, survey construction progress of a new trailhead at Rattlesnake Lake, just south of North Bend. When complete, the trailhead will provide the first official western terminus for the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, which runs through Iron Horse State Park.**

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# At Last :

## a Western Terminus for the John Wayne Pioneer Trail

After years of planning, grant-writing and wading through the thickets of land use permitting, State Parks has begun to build the long-awaited west end trailhead for the John Wayne Pioneer Trail. Construction started in June on a six-acre site just east of the Rattlesnake Lake recreation area.

The 109-mile John Wayne Trail follows the railroad bed of the old Milwaukee Railroad line, beginning at Rattlesnake, passing under Snoqualmie Pass in a 2.3-mile tunnel and ending at the Columbia River. The state Department of Natural Resources owns most of the remaining rail right-of-way to the Idaho border. State Parks bought the abandoned rail line in the 1980s and has worked to convert it to a safe, continuous trail ever since. "It's the very backbone of the whole Greenway trails system," says Greenway founder Ted Thomsen.

Another John Wayne Pioneer Trail enthusiast, Paul Cooke, has several reasons to be excited by the construction of the western trailhead. "There's never been a good place to get on the trail at this end," he says. "In the past, there was a real funky path up to the railroad embankment and coming down one time, I went head over heels on that thing and landed on a rock and needed several months of physical therapy!" Cooke likes the trail so much, he wasn't discouraged.

"I look at this as the interstate highway of trails," he says. "It takes you so easily to places where you can peel off to other great places, like the McClelland Butte trail or the Lake Annette trail, or over to

South Cle Elum where you can get the Coal Mines Trail to Roslyn. It's just going to be great to have an official place to park and a safe way to get on the trail."

The new western trailhead will have spaces for 60 cars, says State Parks Engineering Manager Arnie Larsen, and a separate area with spaces for 7 horse vans. A quarter-mile trail will give hikers, bicyclists and equestrians access to the railroad grade. Users will also find picnic tables, vault toilets and several interpretive kiosks. "We'll be closing the gate at night for the time being," Larsen says, "but once we can get a security program in place, we'll hope to provide overnight parking so people can really do long hikes and camping along the trail." Currently, about 140,000 people a year use all or part of the trail.

Costs for the project are approximately \$300,000, Larsen says. The dollars come from the state Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation which administers funds allocated by the state legislature.

"We had a lot of big projects in need of funds on this trail," Larsen says, "including the huge Hall Creek trestle a few miles east. So it just took us quite awhile to put together all the funding we needed." Larsen hopes to see the trailhead completed in August.

The entire project was planned in close collaboration with the Seattle Public Utilities Watershed staff, according to trail manager Tim Schmidt. The two agencies exchanged easements along the lake shore to insure better protection of the lakeside environment. While the trailhead parking lot will be a paved surface, Schmidt says, the runoff from it will all be filtered through a bio-swale that would have been required regardless of the parking surface.

King County's Cedar Falls Trail will provide a continuous connection to the John Wayne trailhead from Snoqualmie and North Bend. "With the trails that now exist and the ones that are in the planning stages," says Nancy Keith, Greenway Executive Director, "We're just looking at a few gaps to fill and we will achieve the Greenway dream of a safe, off road trail, from the Seattle waterfront to deep into the mountains."



Photo Nancy Keith

Work has started on the new parking lot for the John Wayne Pioneer Trail trailhead at Rattlesnake Lake.

## MAJOR GREENWAY TRAIL PROJECTS AFOOT

Hundreds of volunteers are out on Greenway mountain trails this summer building bridges, clearing brush, improving tread surfaces and, in some cases, creating new trails. Projects are located in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, the eastern edge of Rattlesnake Mountain and on Squak Mountain near Issaquah. All are coordinated by the Greenway Trust Volunteer Stewardship Program working closely with the non-profit group EarthCorps.

Managers of public lands and trails in the Greenway are facing shrinking maintenance budgets and increasing public demand. "We're really coming to depend on groups like the Greenway Trust, EarthCorps and Washington Trails Association," says John Phipps, supervisor of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. "They know what's out there that needs work, they write the grants and most of all, they recruit, train and supervise volunteers. Our system of trails would be in very bad shape without them."



Photo Mike Stenger

Ben Cate and Minnie Chan of EarthCorps install a culvert on Squak Mountain.

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# Lake Sammamish State Park Nurtures Future Forests

Most of the million-plus visitors each year to Lake Sammamish State Park head for the lake or the picnic shelters and don't know they're driving by the region's future forests, growing in pots on a lot behind the maintenance buildings. The space, donated by Washington State Parks, plays a critical role in the Greenway Trust's expanding Volunteer Stewardship Program.

"In the late 90s, we began getting significant donations of tree seedlings from the National Tree Trust," says Greenway field program director Doug Schindler. "They are great for our



*Greenway Trust board member Dianne Hoff volunteers her time in the tree nursery.*

nursery lot at Lake Sammamish. "That gave us some space and, as we started putting in the trees and pots, other partners started turning up," Schindler says. "Cadman donated gravel for a short road into the planting area. One of our regular volunteers was Jed Fowler whose family owns HD Fowler Company which specializes in irrigation and other waterworks equipment. They donated the water system for the site and Larry Zimmer of LBL

Landscape Group donated his time to design and install the overhead sprinkler system."

By 2002, the Lake Sammamish Greenway Nursery has expanded to 25,000 square feet. "We have room for 20,000 potted trees and shrubs." Another benefit Schindler notes is having storage space next to the nursery for Greenway volunteer tools and supplies. "Since so many of our projects are right up the road from the Park, this is an enormous help."

## Great for Kids

"One of the great things about this nursery," he adds, "is that it allows us to involve younger volunteers – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders - who might not be able to handle some of our more strenuous planting and trail projects. This is a place where they can start learning about the importance of vegetation around us and the satisfaction of being a volunteer for the good of the community."

Some school groups return to work in the nursery every year. "The Overlake School has been a huge help and Cougar Ridge Elementary classes come out every year and have contests to see who can pot up the most trees. Tree potting happens in the late spring. The rest of the year, volunteers weed the pots and add fertilizer. In the near future," Schindler says, "we want to get a covered potting shed with tables so we can have all-weather potting events."

John Lawrence of State Parks says his staff sees several rewards in the nursery partnership. "When you see a school bus out there and a whole bunch of 6 and 7 year-olds working in the nursery, we kind of think that's what parks are all about. We're also pleased to be part of putting more trees in all kinds of parks and open spaces and we're just happy to be a partner with something like the Greenway and have this relationship with all the other people and groups that are supporting it."



*Photo Kim Galbraith*

*Volunteers at the Mountains to Sound Greenway nursery at Lake Sammamish State Park care for tree seedlings at Day in the Greenway, the annual volunteer event each spring.*

## ...Trail Projects, Continued

### Famous Ledges Trail Relocated

The short, steep trip to the rocky promontories called 'the Rattlesnake ledges' is one of the most popular hiking experiences in the Greenway, says Ken Konigsmark of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. From the Ledges which are south of North Bend, views of Mt. Si and the rest of the world are spectacular with sub-alpine plants growing at the relatively low elevation of 2,100 feet. The northwest flora and the great views are attracting an increasing number of hikers and the steepness of the existing 1.25-mile trail has caused increasing erosion, according to the staff at the City of Seattle Watershed, which owns this part of Rattlesnake Mountain.

This summer, thanks to cooperation and funding from the Seattle Public Utilities Cedar River Watershed, a new trail with a gentler, 2-mile grade is being designed and built. Trail specialist Mike Stenger designed the new route and will now oversee its construction. Hundreds of volunteers with the Washington Trails



*Photo Mike Stenger*

*Squak Mountain turnpike construction by EarthCorps crew members, from left to right, Erin Ransco, Dave Dow, Sean Carey and Heather Hendriks.*

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# NEWS ALONG THE GREENWAY



*Trekkers enjoy a break, looking down on Rattlesnake Lake from Rattlesnake Ledges.*

## 2002 Summer Trek a rousing success

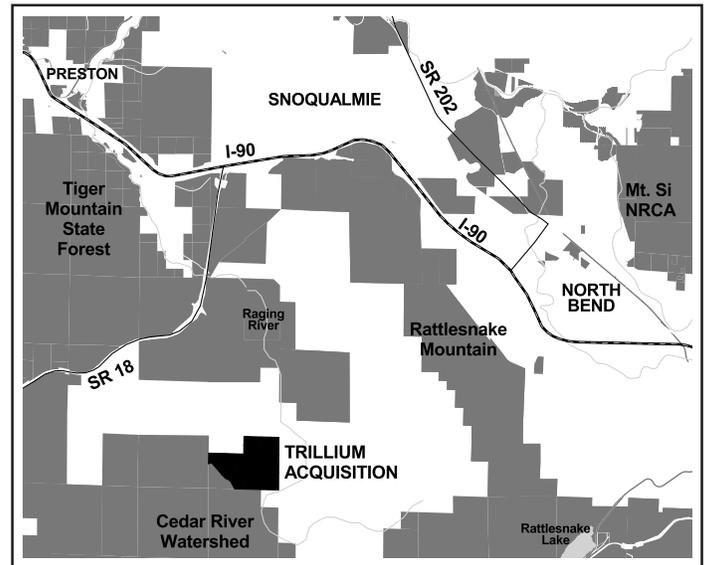
Over 120 hardy hikers covered 35 miles in three days during the Greenway 2002 Summer Trek, beginning at Snoqualmie Pass and including a tough, hot day for 11.5 miles up and across Rattlesnake Mountain to finish at Snoqualmie Point. Many participants who were not familiar with the Greenway effort are now strong Greenway supporters and the event touched many of them deeply. There were even participants from Ireland, Netherlands, Korea, and elsewhere who joined the Trek as part of their international volunteer program with the Greenway. 11-year old Kelsey Harrell probably said it best after climbing to Rattlesnake Ledges and, for the first time, seeing the dramatic view, "It's all just so wonderful....it's like magic."

## Forest Parcel Acquired Above Raging River Basin

In March, 350 forested acres at the head of the Raging River basin south of Preston passed from private to public ownership, thanks to work by the Trust for Public Land and purchase by the Bonneville Power Administration. The parcel, previously owned by the Trillium Company, had been segmented into 20-acre view parcels and was available for residential development.

"We have been trying a lot of different strategies to keep this in forest," says Greenway Special Projects Director Ken Konigsmark. "It's above the Raging River which is one of our best regional salmon streams, and it abuts Seattle's Cedar River Watershed where development is precluded and wildlife of all kinds thrives. We were really lucky to have TPL step in and purchase an option on the property while we looked for the right funding source. In the end, Rinee Merrit of TPL found the right buyer in the BPA."

Funds for the purchase came from the BPA's Internal Mitigation Fund. The power utility is currently evaluating several routes in and near the Seattle Watershed for expansion of large transmission lines.



## ...Trail Projects, Continued

Association will work on the project. Other volunteers from the Youth Volunteer Corps, SCI-International Volunteer Service and the Student Conservation Association will be led by EarthCorps while camping and working on the new Ledges trail for a week at a time. Stenger hopes to have the new trail completed by early 2003.

Design and construction work is also planned for the remainder of the cross-Rattlesnake Trail system from the Ledges to Snoqualmie Point, just above I-90 at Exit 27.

### Middle Fork Trails Lead Into Wilderness

Across the upper Snoqualmie Valley from the Rattlesnake Ledges, the wild Middle Fork Snoqualmie River carves a path from the Alpine Lakes Wilderness to the edge of North Bend. For years the Middle Fork valley was given scant attention by a variety of public and private owners, says Greenway Board member Mark Boyar. He founded the Middle Fork Outdoor Recreation Coalition to bring attention to neglected recreational opportunities in the valley and rallied contributors in 1993 to construct a suspension bridge 12 miles into the valley so that people could cross from the Taylor River trailhead and hike east into the high Cascades.

A new trail project has begun at the Taylor River trailhead, going west to meet the old Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) road that leads back to Mt. Si. When completed, the trail will give hikers, bikers and equestrians a 14-mile connection from North Bend to the Taylor River trailhead.

Trail design and construction is funded by a Non-Highway Off Road Vehicle Activities grant to the U.S. Forest Service and directed by Kathy White, Forest Service trails specialist. (NOVA grants are funded from 1% of all state gas tax monies allowing gas tax money to be used for recreational



*Photo Mike Stenger*

*Volunteers build a boardwalk on the Swamp Trail at Tiger Mountain.*

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**W**hen the City of Snoqualmie acquired the spectacular viewpoint above I-90 at Snoqualmie Point in 2000, City park planners faced a particular challenge: how to keep the view available when it's surrounded by 120 acres of growing trees. This spring, four seniors from the University of Washington College of Forest Resources took on that challenge as a senior project. Working with the US Forest Service, which owns the surrounding property, and park designers Jones and Jones Landscape Architects, the students developed a plan for keeping the view clear and generating revenue for on-going maintenance. "This really gives us an excellent basis from which to make some decisions about keeping the view," says City Parks Director Jeff Mumma. Producers of the "Snoqualmie Vista Park Vegetative Analysis" were, from left, Forestry Professor Gordon Bradley and students Bill Wells, Jason Englehart, Eli Lester and Nathan Leake.



## State Adds Small, Important Greenway Parcel s

**I**n protecting a connected corridor of greenway lands along I-90, the biggest challenges are often the smallest parcels of land. This past spring, persistent work by the State Department of Natural Resources (WADNR) secured several small properties that will provide great value to recreational users of two of the state's most popular recreation areas.

The High Point Trailhead for West Tiger Mountain is the single most frequented starting point for hikes in Washington State. It took WADNR five years to conclude negotiations for a 3.65-acre parcel next to the Tiger Mountain's High Point trailhead, according to Deann Johnigk, WADNR Project Manager for Special Lands Acquisitions. "This is a highly visible parcel that includes a small house," Johnigk says. "People may recall seeing it because it was serving as the base for a residential window installation business and there were stacks of windows all around it."

It's important to the WADNR, Johnigk says, because it's bounded on two sides by the Tiger Mountain Natural Resource Conservation Area. "It could easily have been redeveloped into a large home, church or school that would have been incompatible with the habitat conservation goal of the natural area." WADNR purchased the property for \$412,000 using grant funds from the Washington Wildlife and

Recreation Program. The house will soon be gone, says Johnigk.

### Buffers Added to Mt. Si Conservation Area

In April, WADNR also bought two properties on the edge of the Mt. Si Natural Resource Conservation Area in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. In an average year, over 60,000 people use the trails that wind through the Conservation Area to the top of Mt. Si, where sweeping views are available from a height of 4,190 feet.

One parcel of 2.71 acres is near the Middle Fork bridge, just a short way up the Mt. Si Road and will provide additional parking for the Little Si trailhead. It will also serve as a buffer between the popular trailhead and nearby residences. DNR purchased the property for \$134,000.

The state also acquired 26 acres on the edge of the conservation area, a half mile south of the current Mt. Si trailhead on the east side of the road. "Zoning would have allowed two houses there," Johnigk explains. "Development of this parcel would have meant additional logging to clear for home sites and subsequent fragmentation of the scenic and habitat values of the surrounding NRCA."

The state Wildlife and Recreation Program funded purchase of both sites with dollars budgeted by the State legislature and administered by the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

### ...Trail Projects, Continued

facilities reached by non-highway types of roads.)

In mid-summer, Greenway volunteers led by crews from EarthCorps will lay 380 feet of raised boardwalk to keep users out of muddy sections of the route over several miles of trail. Volunteers from Youth Volunteer Corps of King County, SCI-International Volunteer Service, YMCA Earth Service Corps and other Greenway volunteers will carry in timber and decking, build the boardwalks and dig drainage ditches. The volunteer component of the CCC Trail project began on July 1st and volunteers will be camping and working in the Taylor River area for six weeks.

The original Middle Fork trail heading east from the Taylor River trailhead is one of the few year-round hiking trails leading so far into the wilderness, according to Doug Schindler, Greenway Director of Field Programs. "Heavy use means additional maintenance for the Forest Service so for the past year, we've been working to recruit volunteers to help with that," Schindler says.

Since last summer, volunteer crews under supervision of EarthCorps and the Greenway staff moved over 10,000 pounds of timber and 18 tons of gravel out to portions of the trail that needed improvements to crossings and trail treads. They installed a 22-foot bridge and 218 feet of trail turnpike. Greenway Volunteer Coordinator

Kelly Kirkland recruits and schedules hundreds of volunteers for the project, which will continue to the end of this summer.

### Trails Linking in the Cities' Backyard

Closer to millions of people, State Parks manages a 2000-acre forest on Squak Mountain that's just a 20-minute drive from downtown Seattle. For the past two years, Greenway volunteers have been working with crews from EarthCorps to expand and improve the South Squak trail system beginning at the trailhead on May Valley Road. "Crews from the Washington Trails Association have also been working hard on this side of Squak Mountain," Schindler says.

"You can quickly lose yourself in solitude here," he says, "and it's one of the few official horse routes in the area." Squak Mountain lies between Cougar and Tiger Mountains and directly south of downtown Issaquah. It's one of the forested Issaquah Alps, so-named by hiking writer Harvey Manning.

Greenway Trust trail projects on Squak have drawn over 150 volunteers in 21 work parties including groups from the Griffin Home, Student Conservation Association and the University of Washington. Work has included construction of 160 feet of trail turnpike, hauling 60 yards of gravel and creating drainage ditches and other structures.

The chatty, blue-eyed fourth grade girl insisted she had seen "demented dog" tracks in the sand. She settled in next to me as we finished walking the Tradition Lake trail at Tiger Mountain. Seizing the opportunity as a "teachable moment" I carefully

inquired about her sightings. She proceeded to describe what sounded like a dog print rather than the oft reported cougar or wolf track that fourth graders frequently "see." After visions of wild poodles and cantankerous rottweilers passed through my mind I realized that she was talking about "domesticated dogs." The whole group shared a good laugh about the mix-up.



## FORESTS

The opportunity to teach children about forest ecology, land use issues and biosolids has provided many poignant moments. Middle schoolers arrive with an attitude of polite disinterest and leave softened by their observations of the natural environment at Tiger Mountain. Their thoughtful discussions on land use issues push the adults to provide in-depth information and discuss values such as freedom. Elementary children have innocently asked, "Why do people need to own land?" One cherubic-faced ten-year-old struggled mightily in class with the concept of deciding how to use land: recreation, timber harvesting, development, etc. At the end of our field trip he sighed and said, "You know it was hard to decide how best to use this land until I came out here and saw it!"

- Sally Kentch, Environmental Educator

I was once told a rather amusing story about a trapper who was camped at the lower end of Lake Keechelus in the mid 1920's. Although beaver trapping was illegal at that time, he decided to poach a few skins. He hiked up the old abandoned Milwaukee Railroad grade to a point near Hyak and then went down to a beaver pond near the present railroad



## HISTORY

location. While tending to his traps, he looked up toward Hyak and saw the game warden coming down the railroad track. He immediately went around the swamp to his point of entry and put his snowshoes on backward. He then retraced his tracks up through the timber to the old railroad grade.

The game warden later told Emil Campbell, proprietor of the Sunset Inn, "I found where somebody was trapping beaver up near Hyak. I found where he came into the swamp but I went around the swamp twice and could never find where he went out."

- Morris Jenkins, Cle Elum

# Greenway People:

Copying, collating, and coffee making: the unholy trinity of every college student's summer internship experience, or so I have heard. I confess, as an intern with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust I have not yet made coffee, I have taken a grand total of two trips to the copy machine, and I do not have the faintest idea what collating entails. My work with the Greenway Trust hardly qualifies as a conventional internship, but please don't tell that to the generous sponsors of my "internship" this summer, the Williams College Alumni Association. In all honesty, "student" of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is the more accurate title for my experience.

No matter what project I work on here at the office, I get to learn about the history of the organization, the projects it champions, and the people who contribute their time, skills and creativity to preserve, protect and enhance the Greenway. For instance, I was asked to prepare an application to a National Scenic Byways competition. While chronicling the "Zorro" Mountain re-greening project and the Snoqualmie Summit kiosk for the application, I learned the effectiveness of building a diverse coalition. Another assignment was to research the possibility of running a multi-sport relay race in the Greenway. I suspect it will take a very enthusiastic coalition to bring my research to reality.

Yes, I have stuffed an envelope or two, but I am far more likely to be found writing a newsletter article, organizing press clippings, or creating an index of office materials. They even let me out of the office for a recess (i.e. weed pulling) in the Greenway every once in a while.

From what I can tell, there are three different ways in which individual people develop their own personal sense of ownership and stewardship of the Mountains to Sound Greenway: (1) by donating money, (2) by volunteering with a stewardship project in the Greenway, and (3) by sharing the story. For most of us, sharing the Greenway story is the one action of the three we always have the opportunity to take. I love when someone asks me what I'm doing this summer because the Greenway story is captivating; even people who may have never heard of the Greenway are genuinely interested in knowing more. Being aware of the Greenway's past and willing to help protect its future is certainly important, but sharing the Greenway concept with others is key.

So, just in case you need a little inspiration, here are six Greenway tenets I like to share:

1) For the Greenway to grow trees instead of condos commercial logging must remain an attractive business. MTSGT supports working forestry in the I-90 corridor because logging provides an economic base that precludes strip-city proliferation.



Dan Beals and Mike Stenger

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2) Particularly when it comes to land swaps, the Greenway Trust thinks two generations ahead. With the understanding that we can grow more trees but we can't grow more land, the Trust will support deals that trade trees to private companies in exchange for large gains in public land.

3) MTSGT is not a typical environmental group; it does not oppose logging or commercial development on purely ethical grounds. It's not in the business of twisting the arms of private companies and landowners, but rather is committed to providing them with creative options and alternatives.

4) The Greenway is not static; it is delicate and dynamic. It is important that people know the Greenway isn't a fluke because in the long-term the Greenway can only survive if the public feels ownership. As Ken Konigsmark advises, "Any public lands are just a political decision away from being lost."

5) The Greenway Trust is unique in that it enables cooperation between traditional antagonists; it brings three major political powers – business, conservation, and government – to the same table. It represents a new paradigm for getting things done: cooperation and collaboration, diplomacy over confrontation.

6) Accessible public lands are as significant as pristine wilderness; the Greenway should be readily accessible to all people regardless of age, mobility, or financial resources.

Thanks to the Greenway Trust office staff for giving me a desk to work at, a window to look out of, a plant to water, and a vision to share.

- Jessica Ebberson, July 2002

## NEW FACES AT THE GREENWAY TRUST

Dan Beals, left, joined the Greenway Trust staff as part-time Office and Finance Manager in March. Dan has owned and managed several small businesses. He decided to return to work after several years of retirement in order to bring his expertise to improving the environment. On his days off Dan can usually be found playing golf.

To help meet the challenges of increasing public demand for safe, accessible trails, the Greenway Trust also recently added experienced trail designer Mike Stenger, right, to the Trust staff. Mike has a background working with conservation nonprofits with youth development and education missions, and has managed trails projects for national, state and local land management agencies.

Ever noticed a parade of half black/half red ants traveling in wagon trail fashion on a tree trunk? Chances are these are our native western thatch ants busily packing food from their aphid farm high in the tree. They farm aphids much like people farm cattle. The ants tend the colonies of aphids that suck the juices from the tree, protecting them from predators and herding them in groups. The ants even "milk" the aphids by stroking their abdomens with their antennae, which causes the aphids to extract a syrupy drop, called honeydew. This drop is then carried back to the ant nest and used as food to feed the colony.



## ANIMALS

The trail to the aphid farm may not be dusty, but it is painted with a scent pheromone that helps the ants find their way. And the "cowboys" are really "aphid girls" because the trail pokes are non-reproductive females who tend the aphid "herds" their entire working life, which lasts about one year. Later in life, they will spend another year inside the nest serving as living pantries, which store food for the colony. They have voracious appetites, which allow them to pack in the honeydew and dead insect vittles (the equivalent of thirty hamburgers annually) brought to them by the aphid-girls. Their bellies swell up to three times their normal size, storing the honeydew/insect stew that will feed the entire colony through regurgitation in winter. These ants are so adept at storing food that they can support colonies of a hundred thousand individuals!

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## Sitka Spruce Fights for Freedom

The Puget Sound segment of the Greenway Corridor is graced with four major conifers prized for their timber. The most significant of these is Douglas fir, followed by Western hemlock and Western redcedar. The fourth and shyest conifer is Sitka spruce, *Picea sitchensis*, which grows in isolated groves below elevations of 1000 ft. This is the world's largest member of the spruce family and is 'prickly' to the touch as the needles are stiff and sharp. The wood contained in the lower portion of the trunk on large trees is very white, light and strong and without knots.



## TREES

In fact it was this beautiful straight-grained Sitka spruce that was so important to the war effort in WW I that a special United States Spruce Production Board was formed and soldiers with woods and mill experience were given the option of working in Northwest mills and forests to harvest this precious commodity rather than being shot at in France.

Sitka Spruce continued to be a major aeronautical resource after WW I and was sought out once again as war clouds gathered in Europe for World War II - to be almost totally replaced by metal before the end of the conflict.

- Dave Battey, Snoqualmie

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*The Big Tree Inn was a popular chicken restaurant in Des Moines, Washington, in the 1920s. A chicken dinner could be purchased for a dollar! The restaurant was constructed inside sections of a 2000-year-old redwood tree. The building was built in San Francisco for an exposition and brought to Des Moines, although the structure eventually burned down. Photo courtesy of Paul Dorpat.*

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