



## Snoqualmie Valley Connections

Connecting you to the forests, farms, and waterways of the Snoqualmie Valley.

### SPECIAL NEWS

New SnoValleyUnited effort is off to a great start with all three Chambers of Commerce endorsing, along with over 40 local businesses, farms and community groups. [Learn more and voice your support.](#)

### FORESTS

#### **Sculpture Cast from North Bend Hemlock Tree Tours the Country**

Local artist John Grade spent several weeks in the woods of North Bend creating plaster molds of a live 140-year-old hemlock tree. An intricate sculpture was then built around the casts, constructed from salvaged old-growth cedar bonded with waterproof glue. The sculpture has been on display in Seattle since January, and will now go on a national tour. After traveling the nation, the sculpture will be returned to the foot of the tree from which it was cast, gradually mossing over and decomposing back into the forest floor. [See photos and video.](#)



### FARMS

**Watershed Improvement District** - The Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance (SVPA) is proposing the formation of a Watershed Improvement District (WID) for the lower Snoqualmie Valley. A WID is a type of special purpose district, governed by landowners. WIDs can help landowners on a number of high priority issues including access to irrigation water, addressing drainage and providing a mechanism to secure water rights. [More information.](#)



### FISH, WILDLIFE & WATERWAYS

**Wolves in Western Washington** - On April 27, a suspected wolf was hit and killed near North Bend. Officials with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife have been getting reports for years that wolves were making their way across the Cascades into the West, now they may have proof. Experts are working to verify that the animal was a wild wolf, rather than a dog-wolf hybrid. [Read more.](#)



## RECREATION

**SnoValley Adventures Shuttle to launch June 6th** - Next month, recreation users will be able to take a shuttle from downtown North Bend to the Little Si, Mt. Si and Teneriff trailheads, offering riders a solution to the trailhead traffic jams. The shuttle will run on Saturdays and Sundays, leaving every thirty minutes. In addition to helping reduce congestion, the shuttle offer hikers an opportunity to visit the downtown merchants. [Learn more.](#)



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

**Raising Adventurous Kids** - Remember your summers as a kid-cannonballing into the river, racing your bike around and building forts? Compass Outdoor Adventures offers kids a summer to remember. Their summer adventure programs help build confident and engaging young adults throughout the Snoqualmie Valley who are excited to get outside and challenge themselves. [Learn more and register.](#)



## HERITAGE AND CULTURE

**Swing Rock Women in Arts Tour** - Last weekend, the first annual Swing Rock Women in Arts Tour was held featuring 10 women-owned or managed venues in North Bend, Snoqualmie & Carnation as well as featuring a showcase of 22 local artists. The By Spirit of Foremothers sculpture (pictured) was created just for the event and will begin its own tour throughout the Valley starting May 20th. [More information about the tour.](#)



## SNOQUALMIE STRATEGY

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Let us know what you think!

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