



Snoqualmie Valley Connections

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

ECONOMY

SnoValleyUnited presents: A River Runs Through It - Next February, Snoqualmie Valley business owners and community leaders will come together for *A River Runs Through It*, an eight-part workshop series to explore how to establish a more connected local economy. Participants will work together on niche market development to help promote local food, enhance outdoor recreation and cultural heritage, and create opportunities to entice visitors to farms and trails and historic downtown districts. [Learn more and save your spot.](#)



FORESTS

Join City of Duvall for their first Arbor Day Celebration - Duvall will join North Bend and Snoqualmie as the next Tree City USA in the Valley. The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program was started in 1976 and currently works with 3,400 communities across the country to provide the framework and resources necessary to manage forested public spaces and increase the number of trees planted within communities. The celebration will be held on Friday, December 4th at 6:00pm at Depot Park and will be part of the City's tree lighting ceremony. [Learn more](#) about the Tree City USA program.



FARMS

New Snoqualmie Valley Farmers Cooperative - The Snoqualmie Valley Farmers Cooperative launched this summer with the goal of promoting a more robust, sustainable local food economy by providing a weekly subscription of produce grown exclusively in the Valley. Initial pilot funding was provided by King Conservation District and Evergreen Health Medical Center. The first summer featured a 15-week Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) pilot in Duvall and through Evergreen Signature Care, and in 2016 the CSA will expand to deliver produce to hundreds of Evergreen employees. The Co-op will



be working with farmers this winter to identify more ways to help support agriculture in the Snoqualmie Valley. [Learn more.](#)

FISH, WILDLIFE & WATERWAYS

“Lowest Lows Ever Recorded” for the Snoqualmie River - This past summer, the heat and low water levels combined to create a very challenging environment for the native salmon population, including the fragile Chinook population, a species that is federally listed as threatened. Over the Fourth of July weekend, temperatures peaked at 79 degrees, well above the safe range for salmon. In response to the drought, the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum led an intensive field study to monitor water temperature and will have a completed report in early 2016. [Read the full article.](#)



RECREATION

Fall City’s Best Kept Secret - The Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater (SFFT) is a privately-owned, 95-acre jewel located at the base of Snoqualmie Falls. In addition to hosting outdoor theater productions in the summer, SFFT offers annual membership with incredible benefits. Members and their guests are permitted unrestricted access to the property year round, including 1/3 of a mile of private riverfront beach, camping, hiking, and use of the park for private events. [Learn more](#) about Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Snoqualmie Valley Community Rallies to get Kids Outdoors - Over a dozen Snoqualmie Valley youth leaders and outdoor educators gathered on November 5th to identify how to connect more Valley youth to nature and the outdoors. The meeting included a talk from Dr. Roberta McFarland, an eleven-member expert-panel, and break-out groups. Four priority projects emerged to be carried out over the next year, including building a new Youth Activities Center in North Bend, hosting an Outdoor Youth Jamboree, initiating a monthly Family Nature Club, and building an edible garden at Mt. Si High School. [Learn more.](#)



HERITAGE

A Bright Future for the Preston Mill - Imagine the sound of massive wood saws in a bustling mill town, turning stacks of logs into lumber to be used for new buildings in the rapidly-growing Puget Sound area. Today, the saws have given way to the sounds of cheers at the nearby soccer field punctuated by cars driving by. But the community of Preston remains tightly bound to its mill-town past, with plans to develop a new park at the historic Preston Mill. [Learn more and see concept maps.](#)



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