

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**September 18, 2007**

**MASON COUNTY COMMISISONERS**  
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,  
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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RE: Notice of Public Workshop for the Mason County Regional Trails Plan

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Mason County Parks and Trails Department in cooperation with Mason County Planning and Community Development would like to inform the public that the Mason County Regional Trails Planning Committee will hold THREE public workshops in October. The purpose of these workshops is to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the process for the development the Mason County Regional Trails Plan. The Regional Trails Planning Committee and Mason County staff will review the Regional Trails Planning process and solicit comments and suggestions from workshop participants.

This planning effort has focused primarily on non-motorized trail opportunities and bicycle routes in Mason County. The Regional Trails Planning Committee and Mason County staff did recognize the importance of also addressing motorized trail opportunities during the planning process and the plan does provide recommendations for future motorized trail-planning efforts.

Each workshop will involve a presentation of the current progress so far on the Regional Trails Plan. This will include the following:

- Review of goals and objectives of the trails plan
- History of the trails planning process
- Review of recommended trail types and trail standards
- Review of maintenance and operation issues
- Recommendations for possible trail uses
- Review of possible trail development funding strategies
- Discussion of potential new trails in Mason County for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking.
- Review of potential designated bicycle routes in Mason County
- Review of potential water trail access improvements for non-motorized watercraft
- Review of potential future planning efforts related to off road vehicle recreation

The most important aspect of these workshops is to solicit suggestions from the public in regard to the planning work that has been completed so far. We want to hear from you and listen to any comments or ideas that you might have concerning future trail systems in Mason County.

The three workshops Mason County Regional Trails Plan are scheduled as follows:

Workshop #1: North Mason Timberland Library, 23081 NE State Route 3, Belfair, Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m.

Workshop #2: Hoodspport Timberland Library, N 40 Schoolhouse Hill Road, Hoodspport, Thursday, October 11th starting at 6:00 p.m.

Workshop #3: Shelton Memorial Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Franklin St., Shelton, Tuesday, October 16th starting at 6:00 p.m.

If anyone has any questions about the public workshops, please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670, ext. 669.

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