

KLICKITAT
TRAIL
CONSERVANCY



Dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Klickitat Trail

Spring 2019

Dear KTC Members and Supporters,

THANK YOU so much for all your support. Spring is the time of year we ask you to renew your annual membership with KTC. Your membership is crucial to the Trail's existence and progress. Because of KTC's collaboration with agencies and landowners, ongoing support by membership, as well as our thousands of volunteer hours, the Trail is open, well-maintained, and gaining popularity.

Winter arrived late and stayed late this year, with lots of snow in March. Friends of the Columbia Gorge took advantage of it by having a snowshoe outing in the upper part of Swale Canyon. The Klickitat Trail is truly an all season trail, and KTC loves to see this kind of use! On the other hand, the late season slowed work for the State Parks grant in Swale Canyon. It's hard to do an archaeological survey in two feet of snow!

Klickitat Trail Updates and News:

- Washington State Parks Commission meeting in the town of Klickitat on May 16 was a first! Each quarterly Commission meeting is held at a different location around the state. A 10-minute talk early in the meeting emphasized the annual Fall Marathon and other ways that the Trail is an asset to the area, and the importance of the improvements that the State Parks grants will fund. Having the commissioners in the area for three days, including a bike ride on the Klickitat Trail, was very exciting.
- A big thanks to the Mt. Adams chapter of Back Country Horsemen for laying gravel at the Pitt trailhead 10 miles north of Lyle. Positive benefits of this project include better parking for horse trailers, spreading out user groups, and a 16-mile round trip on the other side of the Klickitat River.
- KTC partners with Friends of the Columbia Gorge to advertise work parties for the Trail. Jim Denton, KTC's work chair, typically works the entire 31 miles of the Trail in May, sometimes by hiking and sometimes by mountain bike. Volunteers to help with this strenuous and fun activity are always appreciated and serves as a great way to get to know the Trail and KTC better. Dates will be announced on KTC's website and on the listserv. Thanks to a generous donor, a pizza party rewards participants!
- The U.S. Forest Service built a walkway to reduce the boggy area about a mile north of Pitt, solving a perennial problem. The Forest Service deserves a big thank you from KTC and all Trail users!

- The 7th Annual Klickitat Trail Run will be held on November 9th. Columbia Gorge Running Club sponsors this amazing event that offers a marathon, half-marathon, or 5K run. This is a non-profit event, with proceeds going to the community centers of Lyle and Klickitat Community Centers, activities for the schools, and \$500 scholarships for three lucky participants. Google "Klickitat Trail Run 2019" to learn more and register.
- You got one! An official Klickitat Trail Conservancy sticker! Use it to show your support. Stick it on your water bottle, your car, or your coffee mug.

KTC is the only organization dedicated solely to making sure the Klickitat Trail becomes a wonderful resource for all to enjoy. Thank you so much for being a supporter of the Klickitat Trail! It is your support that keeps us going, that enables us to work on the Trail and provide support and encouragement to Washington State Parks and the U.S. Forest Service, and allows us to advocate for needed improvements! Our hard-working volunteers ask you to *please renew your annual membership today*. We hope you find KTC worthy of your support, and hope to see you enjoying the Trail this year!

Very gratefully,

KTC President

Please renew your 2019 ANNUAL membership in the Klickitat Trail Conservancy today!

YES! You can count on my help to preserve and promote the public use of the Klickitat Trail!

As a member, I strongly support the purposes, goals and objectives of the Klickitat Trail Conservancy.

\$25 (standard) \$250
 \$50 \$500
 \$100 \$other

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I am interested in volunteering for trail work

I am interested in being more involved in the KTC organization in the following areas:

Comments?

Please mail to:
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Thank you for your continuing support!

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