

## Project Profile

# Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest

## Interpretive Site Manual and Trail Brochure

### **Whatcom Land Trust Whatcom County, WA**

**Site:** Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest owned by Whatcom Land Trust and managed by Whatcom County Parks, is located in the Cascade foothills east of Bellingham, WA. The Forest's 2300-acres include 700-acres of rare mid-elevation old growth forest.

**Issue:** The Land Trust acquired Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest to protect the oldest old growth forest in the state – 1000 year old Alaska yellow-cedar trees – but needed to allow managed public access.

**Solution:** Grant monies were obtained to develop an Interpretive Manual specific to the site for guides, program leaders, community groups and land stewards and a Trail Brochure to interpret the site for the general public.



**Role:** Goals, objectives and themes were developed that helped guide the partners in defining their needs for the project. Resource materials and information were gathered from wide ranging sources. Program Scripts, an Interpretive Resource Manual and a Trail Brochure were developed. A foundation was laid for development of a future land steward program.



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