

RICK TOLLEFSON MEMORIAL TRAIL

Jefferson County Public Works has completed construction of the Rick Tollefson Memorial Trail Phase I, a walking and bicycling trail connecting Chimacum and Port Hadlock. This phase of the trail connects HJ Carroll Park to Old Hadlock Road.

The trail is named in honor of Rick Tollefson, as a tribute to his spirit and accomplishments as a community member, including his role in creating and serving continuously on Jefferson County's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board until his death in 2007.

Interconnected parks, schools, and communities are key to the County's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. This project is one piece of a trail network that will eventually connect the Port Hadlock and Chimacum core areas, Chimacum Schools, the Jefferson County Library, Bob Bates Ballfields, and HJ Carroll Park.

The new trail is 0.33 miles long, and is 10 feet wide with 2 foot shoulders. It includes an 80 foot pedestrian bridge across Chimacum Creek. The bridge is one of the special features of the trail providing a place to watch salmon as well as observe nearby natural areas along the creek.



Tollefson's work on the Advisory Board led to the creation of many County Parks and the Larry Scott Trail. Rick believed in the importance of community and linking people and places together with trails for walkers and bicyclists.



The new Tollefson trail is accessible for walkers and bicyclists of all abilities.

Interpretive sign kiosks have been installed at the bridge and at other viewpoints along the trail. The trail surface is compacted crushed rock, very similar to the Larry Scott Memorial Trail. The trail corridor is landscaped and includes site furnishing such as fences, benches, bike racks, kiosks, signing and other work.

The trail project was funded by a Washington State Department of Transportation, Pedestrian & Bicycle Program grant and a federal Surface Transportation Program grant.

Shold Excavating, Inc. of Port Hadlock, WA completed construction of the trail in November, 2017, for a total cost of \$590,819.

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The 80-ft long bridge provides a birds-eye view of salmon in the water as well as natural areas along Chimacum Creek.



There are areas to rest and enjoy the scenery along the trail.



Four interpretive panels along the trail provide information about Chimacum Valley's history, agriculture and natural environment. Finishing the panels was a collaborative effort—many people and organizations in Jefferson County assisted with their completion.



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