

Larry Scott Trail Final Section Now Open

Jefferson County has completed construction of the last section of the Larry Scott Memorial Trail. Now open for public use, this project completes the 7.3 mile multi-use trail that extends from the Port Townsend waterfront to a new trailhead off Milo Curry Rd.

Project elements of the final section included construction of 1.3 miles of new trail (from milepost 6.0 to milepost 7.3) and a new trailhead with parking for 10 vehicles. A trailhead kiosk and trail signage will be completed this winter, and an equestrian parking area will be added in the spring. A final ribbon-cutting event is being planned for the spring of 2013.



On the trail looking northward, the new section is ready for visitors.

This project was funded by a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant through an appropriation by the state legislature, with a 50% match by local funds. The Wildlife and Recreation Program funds trail projects statewide and has provided critical funding for several other sections of the Larry Scott Trail. Construction of the final section was completed by Seton Construction of Port Townsend for \$135,625.

County residents of all ages and abilities now have the opportunity to enjoy over seven miles of trail for walking, bicycling, running and horseback riding. Trail users are reminded to respect private property, to use caution at all road crossings, and to practice good trail etiquette. Visitors should remember to stay on the trail, and only use public access to the trail. Private roads should not be used for trail access.

This project was the final phase of construction for the Larry Scott Memorial Trail, completing the vision of a county-wide, multi-use trail inspired by Larry Scott. An avid cyclist who first sought funding for a community trail, Scott died in 1991 and the trail was named in his memory. The Jefferson County Public Works Department then began the trail development process: seeking funding, acquiring right-of-way, and managing trail design and construction. Trail advocates envision a future connection from the Larry Scott Trail to the Olympic Discovery Trail which crosses the Olympic Peninsula.



Project construction activities adjacent to the trailhead (shown above) and along the trail route included clearing and grading, applying new surfacing and installing fences.



The new trailhead near Milo Curry Rd (above) and the new trail section is already a popular destination for Jefferson County residents.