

The Canopy

August 2026



Celebrating our exciting progress!

Trees protected
to date:

493,336

Trees planted
to date:

7,064

Tree Connect
Events to date:

233

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A Workshop for Creative Tree Lovers: Make art AND save trees!



There are only a few spots left! This weekend, August 15 and 16, join us for a special two-day event called Safekeeping: Prints from Lake Whatcom Watershed. Participants will enjoy a guided hike with a local naturalist, visit an art museum to observe historical woodblock prints from the watershed by Elizabeth Colborne, and then create their own multi-layered color woodcut prints with the guidance of professional contemporary artist, Charles Spitzack.

All proceeds will support our ongoing efforts to defend the forests surrounding Lake Whatcom, which in turn protect the quality of our drinking water. This event is a wonderful opportunity to experience the beneficial effects of spending time in nature and creating art, while making a real difference to our community. Don't miss your chance to be a part of it – sign up today!

Sign up!



Work Party with Wild Whatcom

Thank you
Wild Whatcom

Dirt Warriors!



Thank you to the kids and mentors of Wild Whatcom's 'Dirt Warriors' who joined us July 30th to remove ivy along the Interurban Trail near Fairhaven Park! Sixteen kids in elementary and middle school and four Wild Whatcom mentors worked diligently as a team and filled three big bags of ivy, while taking care to respect native plants and other trail users. This was our second year partnering with Wild Whatcom to coordinate a day of service. Last summer we collaborated to remove ivy along the Railroad Trail in the Alabama Hill Neighborhood. We're delighted to work with Wild Whatcom to help connect kids to nature and support them in making a positive impact on their environment.



Bye-bye Ivy in Birch Bay



A small but mighty crew of 14 early birds joined us Saturday morning, August 8, at Halverson Park in Birch Bay to remove ivy. Halverson Park is a green and shady oasis in the middle of a neighborhood along the shore of Birch Bay, full of majestic mature conifers. It's substantially less full of ivy now, thanks to these volunteers' efforts! They removed ~95 cubic feet of ivy and freed 41 trees! If you live in or visit Birch Bay, be sure to take a walk in the park in the next couple of months and you'll see the dying ivy on tree trunks as evidence of a job well done. Thank you, volunteers!

(The pink ribbons in the photos were used to mark which trees to work on and make it easier to get an accurate count of freed trees.)

Event photos



Two Opportunities to Make a Difference on August 22nd

Our last major summer volunteering opportunities will both be on Saturday, August 22. Start the weekend with us at Euclid Park, 9am-12pm, to remove ivy and improve the health of an important patch of forest in the Lake Whatcom Watershed. In the evening, you'll find us at the exciting new Cordata Concert & Crafts neighborhood event at Cordata Park. We're seeking one more volunteer to help with our outreach table, so please let us know if you'd like to attend!



RSVP Work Party

Celebrate National Public Lands



National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer event for public lands. It was founded 32 years ago by the National Environmental Education Foundation to promote popular enjoyment and conservation of public lands.

This National Public Lands Day, join us as we team up with Whatcom Land Trust and Whatcom County Parks & Recreation to support the public land we share in Lake Whatcom Park. A large amount of invasive English ivy infests the forest along the trail between the upper and lower parking lots, and your help is needed to remove it. Your efforts will extend the lives of the trees and enhance biodiversity by clearing the way for native plants to grow and thrive!

RSVP Work Party



Support Trees with Your Groceries



Do you shop at Fred Meyer? If you do, you can support trees without paying even one additional penny above what you're already spending on groceries. Simply follow these steps to connect your Fred Meyer Rewards account, and then use your Rewards card or number every shopping trip. You aren't charged anything extra to donate to us. Your regular spending acts like a vote for how much Fred Meyer will donate to us. More shoppers connecting their Rewards accounts to WMTP means a greater percentage of Fred Meyer's quarterly charitable contributions go to us. It's an easy way for anyone to support our local environment even if finances are tight, and you can just set it once and forget about it!

Call for Photographers: Help us create another beautiful tree calendar!



2nd annual

Treasured Trees of Whatcom Calendar Photo Contest



Last year many talented local photographers entered our first Treasured Trees of Whatcom County contest. The community voted on the entries, and the winners were selected to represent every month of 2026. We're ready to do it again! If you didn't get a chance to have your photo featured or if you missed the deadline to order a calendar, you're in luck! We're bringing the contest and the calendar back this year.

To enter the contest, submit a photo of your favorite tree in Whatcom County along with a brief story (no more than a few sentences) that explains why it's so special. Community votes will select the 12 contest winners, which will be featured in our 2027 calendar. The limit is three submissions per person. The photo submissions are open now until September 15th!



You can also order your calendar(s) now. Calendars will be ready in December. Each calendar costs \$25 for local pick up, or \$35 to have your calendar mailed anywhere in the U.S. All profits will support our work here in Whatcom County. We can't wait to see what you send us!

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