

## Cumberland Creek Conservation Area

Welcome to Cumberland Creek Conservation Area! This property is owned and managed by Skagit Land Trust and contains wetlands, forests, and shorelines.

Cumberland Creek Conservation Area is 210 acres which is the same as over 160 football fields! Skagit Land Trust acquired most of this property for conservation in 2005 and 2006. Before SLT obtained the property, some of it was used in forestry. Therefore, you may notice that some of the trees are much larger than others.

Learn about some of the restoration work Skagit Land Trust has done on the property by following the letterbox trail.

**Letterbox signs are found on the Oxbow Loop and River trails!**

4. Beaver

5. Elk

6. Native Plants

7. Elk

8. Skagit River

1. Invasive Species

2. Oxbow Pond

3. Snags



SCEA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, community based organization working for the benefit of the greater Skagit ecosystem to protect water quality and watershed functions. SCEA works to protect, enhance, and live with the natural wonders in the Skagit Watersheds. To learn more visit: [www.skagitcleanwater.org](http://www.skagitcleanwater.org). Join our Letterbox group at [Facebook.com/groups/Letterboxtrail](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Letterboxtrail).

## 2021 Skagit Watershed Letterbox Trail



### What is Letterboxing:

Have fun outdoors with the 2021 Skagit Watershed Letterbox Trail! Letterboxing is an exciting opportunity for kids of all ages to explore our local watersheds and have fun while doing so! With this passport you can explore our partner trails, discover the letterbox stations, and qualify for prizes!

All you need is this passport, pencil, outdoor attire, smart phone (unless you want to unplug) and a sense of adventure!

### Letterboxing Steps:

Step 1. Pick your trail and navigate there:

- **Padilla Bay Upland Trail:** 10441 Bayview Edison Rd, Mt Vernon, WA 98273
- **Cumberland Creek:** From the South Skagit Hwy Park & Ride in Sedro-Woolley off of Route 9, take the S. Skagit Hwy 12 miles east. Follow directions for address 34183 S Skagit Highway or using the Google map link on [skagitcleanwater.org](http://skagitcleanwater.org). Look for parking area in front of locked gate on the left side of the road. Boardwalk and Skagit Land Trust signs are just beyond gate. Park in front of the gate and walk in.
- **Pomona Grange Trail:** 5550-5720 Old Hwy 99 North Rd, Burlington, WA 98233

Step 2. Hit the trail to discover the Letterbox Stations. When you find a Station, draw something you see around you next to that theme on this sheet. For extra fun, use your smart phone to scan the QR codes.

Step 3. Visit at least two trails & send a photo of this passport to be entered to win a prize! Email: [info@skagitcleanwater.org](mailto:info@skagitcleanwater.org) by Sept. 5, 2021.

## Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

The Padilla Bay Reserve is nestled just north of the quiet community of Bay View, WA. Here in the heart of the Salish Sea, they study and protect a massive eelgrass meadow. At more than 8,000 acres, it's the second largest on North America's Pacific Coast.

Padilla Bay is one of 29 sites in the National Estuarine Research Reserve system established to protect coastal areas for long-term research, monitoring and education, and stewardship.

**This trail begins at the entrance to the Upland Trail. From the parking lot head away from the main building, through the arched entrance and follow the trail clockwise to find 5 Letterbox stations. To complete your passport, head back towards the Interpretive Center and take the short paved trail leading to the Observation Deck that looks out over Padilla Bay.**



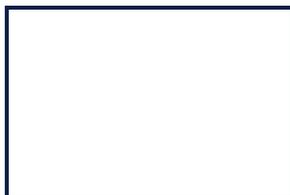
1. Climate Change

2. Big Leaf Maple



3. Water Cycle

4. Raptor



5. Estuaries

6. Eelgrass



7. Mud Snails

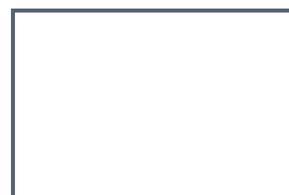
## Pomona Grange Park

Pomona Grange Park is one of many Skagit County Parks. Located 3.5 miles off Cook Road on Old HWY 99, this park has two trails. The first trail is approximately 1/4 mile and has 18 interpretative signs of local plants and trees. The second trail, 1/8 mile, is adjacent to Friday Creek and leads to the Washington State Fish Hatchery. One of the cedar nurse stumps has five species of trees growing from it! The trail also has a footbridge that gives one access to Friday Creek. In fall of the year, salmon can be seen spawning there.

**This Trail is located to the right of the "Living Roof". Follow the trail as it loops back to the Hatchery.**



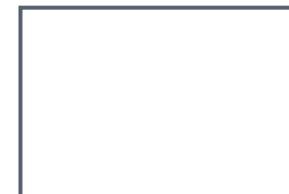
1. The Many Benefits of Trees



2. Pollinators



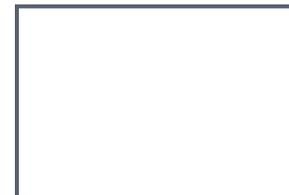
3. Food



4. Spring Board Stumps



5. Macroinvertebrates



6. Salmon



7. Samish Hatchery