



## Can You Plant 10 Trees?

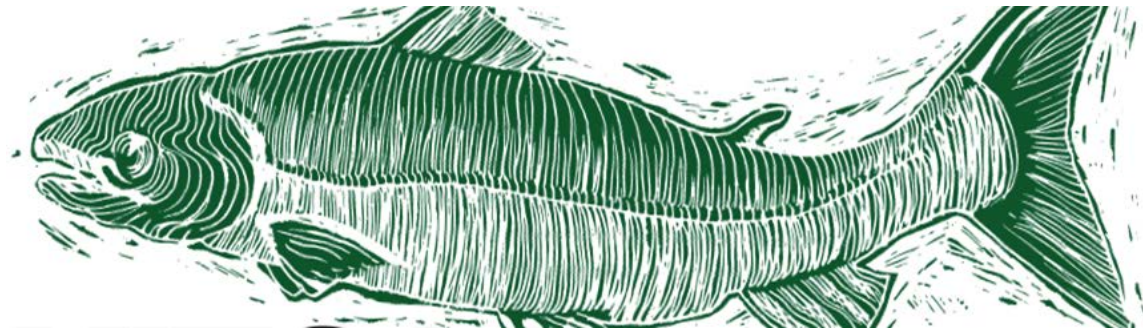
### REI / GPC Stewardship Day – This Saturday – November 1

Plant trees at Kitsap County's newest park. Go home with a *Get Dirty* T-shirt. Join 90 other rock star volunteers at the new Port Gamble Shoreline Park. We'll start the day by removing invasive plants, and then plant 1,000 red cedar saplings that will one day shade this beautiful park. You'll be entered to win a great prize from REI!

**Port Gamble Shoreline Park** is the first land purchased through the Kitsap Forest & Bay Project's effort to conserve nearly 7,000 acres of forestland surrounding Port Gamble Bay. The park includes 1.5 miles of shoreline and more than 500 acres of forest for hiking, cycling, running, horseback riding, and birding.

**Bring your gloves, shovels, clippers, sturdy shoes and rain gear.** Enjoy the shoreline views, a tailgate picnic and the company of other fabulous volunteers! 9am – 2pm [Details and directions](#)  
RSVP: [kate@greatpeninsula.org](mailto:kate@greatpeninsula.org) or (360) 373-3500

### Kitsap Salmon Tours – Next Saturday – November 8



**Celebrate the return of salmon to Chico Creek at two FREE events.** Visit one or both locations: Chico Salmon Park (Chico Way at Golf Club Hill Rd, Bremerton) and Mountaineers Foundation Rhododendron Preserve (3153 Seabeck Hwy, Bremerton). Starting at 10 am salmon experts will give short presentations at Chico Salmon Park on the hour. Hike with salmon experts at the Rhododendron Preserve at 10 am, 11:30 am and 1 pm. [Learn more](#)

*Can't join us on Nov 8? Come view returning salmon with salmon experts Wednesday, Nov 12 at 10 am on the Mountaineers Foundation Rhododendron Preserve or Saturday, Nov 15 from 10 am to noon at Chico Salmon Park.*

### GPC Projects Poised for State Funding!

**Two Great Peninsula Conservancy projects have ranked in the top 10** for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ESRP funding. On the Union River estuary at the toe of Hood Canal, GPC's project to restore seven acres of saltmarsh adjacent to our Klingel Wetlands Wildlife Refuge ranked fourth. On Key Peninsula, GPC's project to expand our new Filucy Bay Preserve by purchasing 21 acres across the cove was ranked ninth. This addition will protect forest and estuarine shoreline that provide habitat for bear and a nursery for salmon. Both projects are well placed to be funded through the 2015-2017 legislative capital appropriations budget.

## New Lands Protected!

Great Peninsula Conservancy now owns the 17-acre Irene Pond property near Belfair, thanks to a partnership with Hood Canal Coordinating Council's In-Lieu-Fee Mitigation Program. This freshwater wetland is home to beavers, toads, and songbirds and protects a habitat type threatened by development.

Also in Belfair, Gary and Celia Parrott recently donated a conservation easement to GPC on eight acres of salt marsh and heritage orchard at the toe of Hood Canal. Their property fills one of the final gaps in a long-time effort by multiple partners to conserve 600 acres on the Union River estuary, including 1.6 miles of shoreline and salt marsh critical to salmon and waterfowl.

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## Have You Renewed Your GPC Membership?



**Join Us!** When you join Great Peninsula Conservancy, you help protect the lands that enrich your life – ensuring clean air and water, inspiring you with natural beauty, and providing you with special places to explore. **Not a GPC member? It's easy to join!** Visit [greatpeninsula.org](http://greatpeninsula.org), and click the [Donate](#) button.



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