

Woodland Trail Restoration project

Saturday, May 23, 9:00-1:00

Our next Woodland Trail Blackberry removal activity will be Saturday, May 23. The Olympia project is about a ½ acre restoration. The site is located between Boulevard Road and Dayton Street along the trail. It consists of removing invasives, primarily Himalayan blackberry and a small amount of Scot's broom, planting native plants, and cooperating on a small trail project in that part of the restoration. The project is a cooperative effort with the Woodland Greenway Trail Association, Olympia Parks and the Department of Transportation. Most of the work for the summer will be removal of the blackberry and preparation for planting which should take place in the Fall to give plants the best chance of survival. So far, we have managed to clear somewhat less than ¼ of the site.

Easiest access is off the Boulevard Road from Pacific. , We have permission on Saturday to park in the Doors Unlimited Parking lot at the end of Dayton Street. from I-5 Southbound, take the Pacific Avenue exit (107). Go west on Pacific about .9 miles to Boulevard Road. Go left on Boulevard Road. Go left on 15th (also marked as Dayton) to the end of the road. The project site is about ¼ mile to the left back towards Boulevard. We will have sign-in at the work site.

Saturday, we will concentrate on cutting and removing Himalayan blackberry and digging the root crowns so that we do not get re-growth. The ground is very easy to dig.

What to Bring (We have a limited supply of tools):

- Shovel

- Pruners

- Gloves (suitable for blackberries)

- Sturdy shoes

- Clothing appropriate to the weather (whatever that may be on the workdays)

Water and light snacks will be available.

Come and have fun and learn more about restoration with us.

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