English Ivy Removal & Planting Party – Lower Middle Fork Complex (RSVP Required!)
Saturday, February 29th (9am - Noon)

The Lower Middle Fork Complex is located along the alluvial fan of Canyon Lake Creek and the Middle Fork Nooksack River. Flooded homes previously on the property were removed after the Land Trust purchased the properties in 2017. One of the previous home sites needs to be planted with native trees and shrubs, and the existing native trees need to be freed of English ivy. Parking and access are extremely limited; so please carpool and RSVP! Meet us in the parking area next to the Fire Station on Mosquito Lake Road, and we will shuttle you to the site.

Directions: From Bellingham, head east on Mt. Baker Highway to Welcome and turn right on Mosquito Lake Road. Drive less than a mile and parking will be on the left next to the fire station.

Address: 5640 Mosquito Lake Road; Parking Area Next to Whatcom County Fire Station
RSVP: Email Jennifer@whatcomlandtrust.org

Blackberry Removal & Planting Party with NSEA – Riverstead
Saturday, March 14th (9 am – Noon)

Join us and Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) to restore salmon and wildlife habitat by removing invasive blackberry and planting native vegetation along the South Fork Nooksack River. Whatcom Land Trust’s Riverstead property is near Acme and benefits a variety of wildlife with its diversity of habitat including a portion of Landingstrip Creek, meadows, mixed forests, and river frontage. Parking is located at Acme Elementary where you can sign in at the blue NSEA tent and catch a shuttle to the site. The restoration site will be a short walk away!

Directions: From Bellingham, head east on Mt. Baker Highway (WA-542-E) and turn right (south) onto Highway 9 at the roundabout after Deming. Continue south for about 7 miles to Acme, and turn onto Turkington Road. Acme Elementary will be just down the road on the right.

Parking: Acme Elementary School; 5200 Turkington Road, Acme, WA

Wetland Planting – Harrison (Bring Tall Rubber Boots!)
Saturday, March 21st (9am - Noon)

This 5.5-acre property along Kendall Creek serves as exceptional habitat, creating a unique wildlife observation area, especially for birds. It’s also the site of a future educational area for the local school, Kendall Elementary. Unfortunately, Harrison’s wetland areas are inundated with Reed Canary grass. Planting native wetland species is a great way to shade out the tenacious grass. Join us to plant wetland vegetation along Kendall Creek to improve habitat! Tall boots are highly recommended as this is a wetland area and the water level changes with the rain!

Directions: From Bellingham, drive east on Mt. Baker Highway (WA-542-E) past Deming to Kendall. At the traffic circle in Kendall, take the second exit toward Sumas (WA-547). Park at the west end of the Kendall Elementary School parking lot, which is just past the gas station on the left, and someone will direct you. The site is a short walk down Eason Road on the right.

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Blackberry Removal & Planting Party - Kelsey  
**Saturday, April 4th (9 am – Noon)**

Kelsey is a beautiful 20-acre fish and wildlife habitat reserve just northeast of Lake Terrell. The previously farmed property contains a portion of Butler Creek, hosts a variety of wildlife, and was the second-ever donated property to the Land Trust in 1991. We will be cutting and digging out blackberry root crowns in addition to planting native trees and shrubs. Parking is extremely limited along a private gravel driveway, so please carpool and do not block the road!

**Directions:** From Bellingham, head north on I-5 and take Exit 266 for Grandview Road. Turn left on Grandview Road and drive approximately 3.5 miles until turning left onto North Star Road. Drive another 1.5 miles, the gravel driveway entrance will be on your right.

**Address:** Approximately 6329 North Star Road, Ferndale, WA; this is the adjacent Neighbor’s address.

Blue-tubing - Agate Bay Preserve Conservation Easement  
**Saturday, April 11th (9 am – Noon)**

Join us and the City of Bellingham at the Agate Bay Preserve Conservation Easement property to install protective blue-tubes on more than a thousand newly planted trees! The Agate Bay Preserve, owned and managed by the City of Bellingham, is nearly 400 acres with ongoing restoration throughout and contains mature forest, wetlands, and fields. Whatcom Land Trust holds the Conservation Easement on the land to forever protect habitat and water quality and quantity in the Lake Whatcom Watershed. Meet us at the Bloedel Donovan parking lot and we will shuttle you to the site.

**Address:** Bloedel Donovan Park; 2114 Electric Ave, Bellingham, WA

Earth Day! Invasive Removal – Bell Creek Work Party!  
**Saturday, April 18th (9am - Noon)**

This year for our Earth Day work party, we’ll be headed to our Bell Creek property, which is a beautiful 25-acre tract of land along the North Fork Nooksack and contains a portion of Bell Creek. The Bell Creek property is critical habitat for several species, particularly including multiple species of salmon and eagles. Edges of the field and portions along Bell Creek itself have become overwhelmed by invasives, notably blackberry, periwinkle and some English ivy, so we’ll be manually removing these and digging blackberry out for Earth Day! This site is beautiful and we want as many people to see it as possible, but parking is limited, so please carpool to the site!

**Directions:** From Bellingham, drive east on Mt. Baker Highway (SR542) to Welcome, WA. Turn right on Bell Creek Road, which is about a half mile past the Welcome Grocery store, and drive a short distance to a long shared driveway on the right hand side labeled 5667 Mt. Baker Highway, Deming. Continue straight toward the left past the first house to reach the parking area. We will be parking along the edge of the neighbor’s field where someone will direct you. The site will then be a short walk. Please carpool as parking is limited!

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Bio Blitz – Stimpson Family Nature Reserve and Fenton Nature Reserve (max 25 each day)

Friday May 15th at Fenton Nature Reserve (9am - 2pm) AND Saturday May 16th at Stimpson Nature Reserve (9am - 2pm)

Join us for our fifth Bio Blitz event at Stimpson Family Nature Reserve, and first ever BioBlitz at our Fenton Nature Reserve! Many Bellingham residents have walked the Stimpson Nature Reserve loop, but very few have had the opportunity to walk off-trail through the center of the property. With sandstone slopes, small wetlands, and diverse second-growth forest, the interior of the Reserve provides a beautiful picture of what the Lake Whatcom Watershed may have looked like prior to human settlement. Less frequented by the public is Whatcom Land Trust’s Fenton Nature Reserve in Custer. The reserve is home to various wildlife due to its diversity in habitat including a pond, meadow, a portion of Haynie Creek, and a mature forest that was mostly preserved by the previous owners; and we are grateful they did! As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to see the true biodiversity of each property, and how they differ. Be prepared for off trail adventuring as we will be traversing both reserves to take biological inventories and remove English holly along the way. With Fenton Nature Reserve now added to the event and several skilled Bio Blitz veterans, this year is bound to be even more exciting! Note that this event runs from 9 AM to 2 PM; please bring a lunch, water, and comfortable hiking boots! As there will be a great deal of plant identification, we highly recommend bringing your ID books!

Directions to Fenton: From Bellingham, take I-5 north to Birch Bay-Lynden Road, and take the exit. Turn right at the stop sign and immediately turn left on Valley View Road. Travel north on Valley View Road for approximately two miles, turn right onto McGee Road, and take an immediate left through a gate to park in the field.

Directions to Stimpson: From Bellingham, travel east on Lakeway Drive to Geneva and turn right onto Austin Street. At the stop sign, continue straight onto Lake Louise Road and continue for 1.5 miles, the parking lot and trailhead will be on the left. Please carpool as the parking lot fills up fast with visitors! Better yet, take the WTA 512 bus to be dropped off right across the street!

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