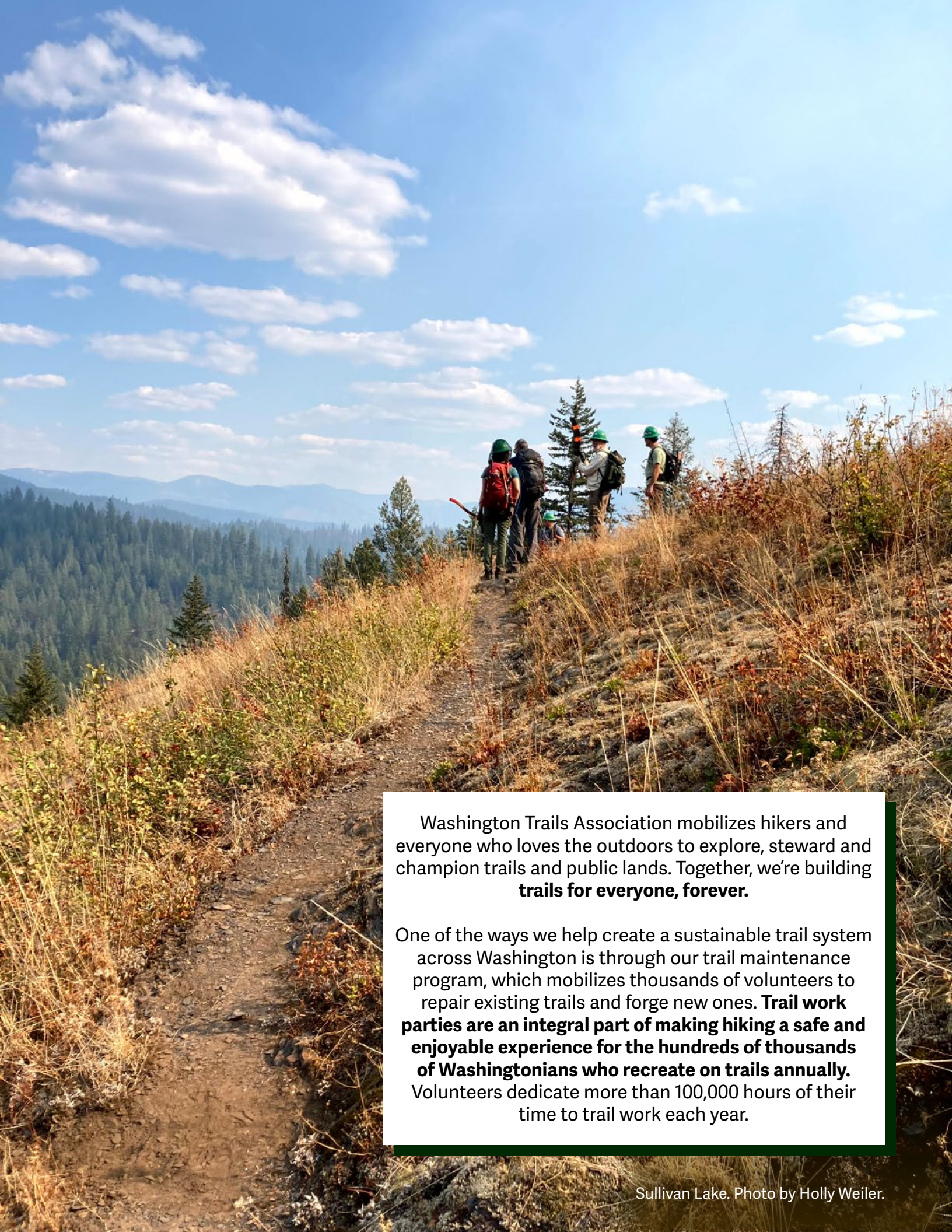


A group of people, likely volunteers or employees, are working in a forest. In the foreground, two people wearing green hard hats and blue jackets are looking towards a clearing. In the background, another person is working on a large log. A calm lake is visible in the distance, surrounded by tall evergreen trees. The scene is set in a lush, green forest.

Engage your employees. Give back to trails.



Surprise Lake. Photo by Alison Gale.



Washington Trails Association mobilizes hikers and everyone who loves the outdoors to explore, steward and champion trails and public lands. Together, we're building **trails for everyone, forever.**

One of the ways we help create a sustainable trail system across Washington is through our trail maintenance program, which mobilizes thousands of volunteers to repair existing trails and forge new ones. **Trail work parties are an integral part of making hiking a safe and enjoyable experience for the hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians who recreate on trails annually.** Volunteers dedicate more than 100,000 hours of their time to trail work each year.

What is a corporate work party?

WTA can organize private work parties for corporations and businesses for up to 20 participants. Work parties are an excellent opportunity for teamwork with your group. Throughout the day, you'll tackle challenges together, work on your problem solving skills and walk away with the knowledge that you improved a well-loved hiking trail.

WTA teaches our volunteers the joy of trail maintenance — no experience required! We hope by investing our time in teaching you trail maintenance you'll come back and join us again. Our work party guidelines are in this order:

Be safe!

Have fun!

Get some work done!

During a work party, an experienced WTA crew leader and assistant crew leader will train you on the work you'll be doing that day and how to use the WTA-provided tools and equipment.

Depending on the project, you may hike up to 2 miles to the work site. During the 8 hour day, you can work on a variety of projects, like removing brush and debris, building new or rerouted trails, improving the tread of trails and much more.

The cost to participate in a private work party for your team is \$2,500. If you have team members that wish to participate in a volunteer opportunity with WTA but don't need a private work party, you can **find volunteer opportunities at wta.org/volunteer**.



Corporate work party building a puncheon at Franklin Falls. Photo by Joe Olbrych.

We had 15 Amazon volunteers working with the amazing crew leaders at Little Mountain. It was an extremely fulfilling experience, and very educational as well. Pretty much all of the Amazon folks wanted to participate in more work parties. The crew leaders were extremely engaging, very patient and full of so much knowledge. Huge thank you to all of you for making this happen for us."

- Amazon corporate work party volunteer



Coworkers enjoying their time on trail together. Photos by Richard Mellon (top) and Paolo Mottola (bottom).

Frequently asked questions

If I want to book a corporate work party, what are my next steps?

Complete the [group work party request form](#). We will then work together to review available options. WTA needs at least 2 months lead time to coordinate a corporate work party. Also, please note that work parties within one hour of Seattle are extremely limited during the summer months. Flexibility with location and date will help us match your group to the appropriate work party.

What is the time commitment for a work party?

Work parties last from 8:30-3:30, with snack and lunch breaks throughout the day. Please bring your own lunch, beverages and additional snacks.

What materials are supplied by WTA? What should our team plan to bring?

WTA will provide all tools and equipment necessary to work on the trail, including a hard hat and eye protection.

All volunteers should wear a sturdy pair of close-toed shoes (work or hiking boots strongly preferred), long pants and work gloves. It's also recommended that you wear a long-sleeve shirt and eye protection (such as glasses, sunglasses or safety glasses). In addition, bring rain gear and extra warm clothing in a pack.



Working together to carry materials at Franklin Falls. Photo by Joe Olbrych.

We can't wait to see you out on trail!

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