

You can help protect this forest and your recreational opportunities if you ...

Remember These Rules

General Safety

- Operate your vehicle alcohol and drug free.
- Avoid hunting or carrying a weapon on your ORV.
- Always wear a helmet and proper clothing.
- Keep your vehicle in good working order, especially brakes, lights and other critical systems.
- Do not endanger the property of others.
- Stop and look before entering a road from a trail.
- Use headlight and taillight at night or during poor visibility.
- Master the operating characteristics of your ORV and trail-riding/driving techniques.
- Develop basic first aid and backcountry skills including map and compass skills.

On the Roads

- Only licensed drivers, street-legal, or ORV-tagged vehicles are allowed on county and DNR roads.
- Speed limit on forest management roads is 25 mph.
- Speed limit in camp and picnic sites is 5 mph.
- Logging trucks, heavy equipment and other vehicles use these roads; be ready to yield right-of-way.

On the Trails

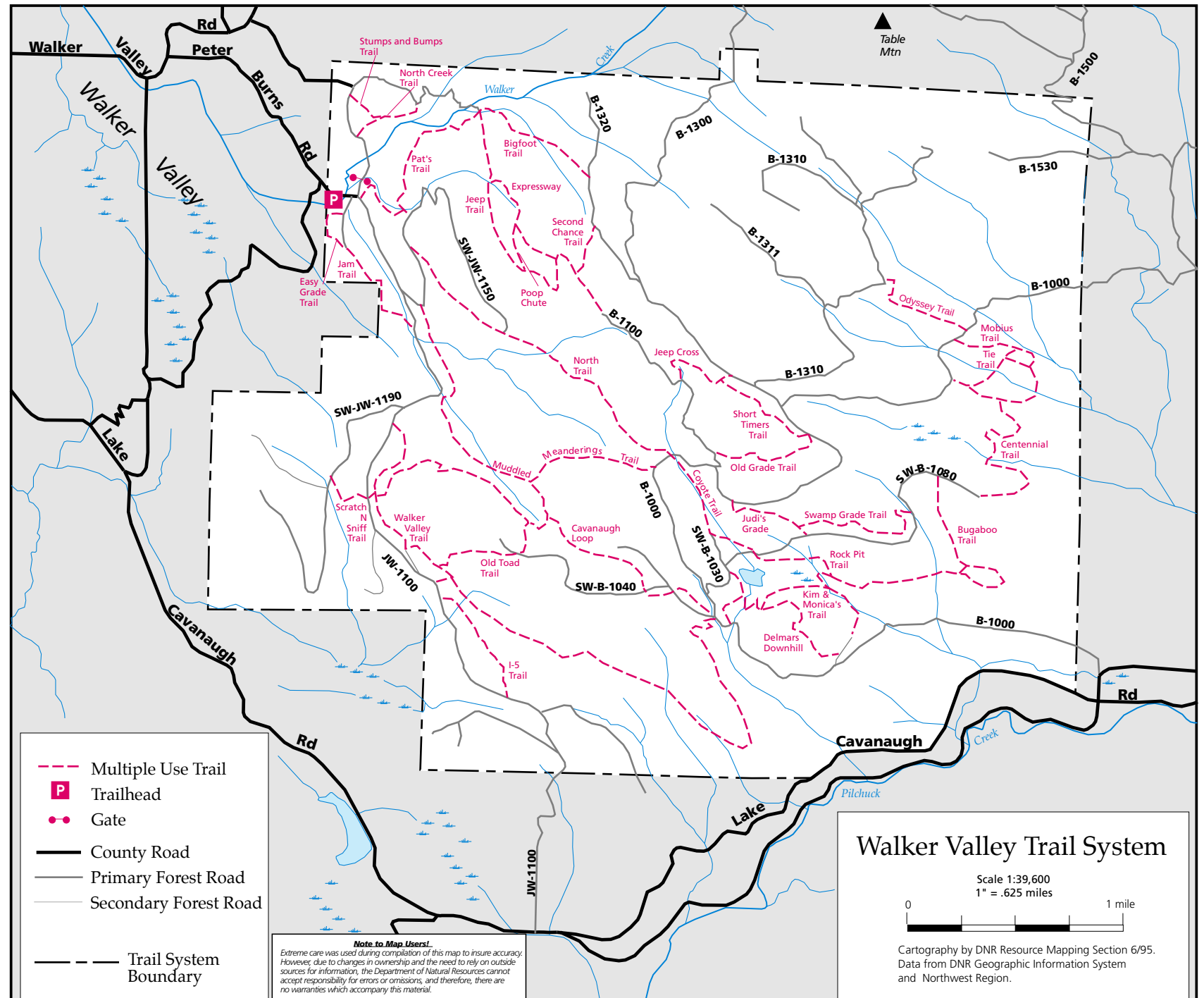
- Stay on signed, approved trails.
- Unsigned trails are CLOSED.
- All Off-road vehicles (ORV) must have:
 - Vehicle license or ORV tag, and
 - USFS-approved spark arresting muffler.
- Respect the rights of others on trails.
- Do not ride in streams, lake-shores, wetlands, or on road embankments, shoulders and fill slopes.
- Watch for unmarked hazards on trails; report hazards to DNR.

Caution: Map shows only approved trails.

Trails on the ground that are not on the map are CLOSED.

1995 trail map

Walker Valley Trail System



Recreation's Future in Walker Valley

Future opportunities for activities in Walker Valley are in your hands. Each year, vandalism and abuse of state lands cost taxpayers many thousands of dollars in repair costs and lost resources. What's more, recreational opportunities could be lost.

When natural resources or public property are put at risk, it becomes necessary for DNR to restrict public use in order to protect public safety, trust assets, and forest productivity. You can help protect this forest and your recreational opportunities if you follow the rules. We all have an incentive to become stewards of this land.

For More Information

For more information about Walker Valley and how you can help protect its resources and recreation opportunities, contact DNR. Northwest Region
919 North Township St.
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284
(360) 856-3500 or 1-800-527-3305

Emergency! Emergency!

- Phone numbers you need to know:
- Medical Aid/Sheriff — 911
 - Vandalism —1-800-527-3305
 - To report Wildfires —
1-800-562-6010 or 911



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Walker Valley, A forest at work ...for you

Walker Valley's 10,518 acres may seem parklike, but the area is a "working forest." It provides valuable raw materials such as timber, rock, and brush. Walker Valley is part of the permanent endowment of trust lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Most of Walker Valley was acquired by Skagit County during the Great Depression when privately owned lands were logged and abandoned. In 1944 the county deeded the lands to the state. Other lands of Walker Valley are managed in trust for specific beneficiaries.

Wealth for trust beneficiaries... forever

Under DNR's management, 5 million acres of state land have generated more than \$4 billion since 1970. DNR manages trust lands to generate continuing revenue for trust beneficiaries while maintaining healthy ecosystems and resources. This assures future generations the benefits we enjoy today.

At Walker Valley, timber harvest provides most of the revenue along with other forest product sales.

Walker Valley benefits us all

Today, DNR manages Walker Valley to:

- provide money for many local services in Skagit County, and for the state general fund;
- protect fish and wildlife habitat;
- provide recreational use, when it does not threaten resources, habitat, or devalue trust assets.



Forest Users Can Protect Our Resources

Recreational users can make a big impact on the forest and the facilities. Trail users created opportunities for recreation by developing many of Walker Valley's trails. But use of some of these trails has damaged sensitive habitat, streams, embankments and vegetation.

Partners

In 1993 DNR, using a grant from the Interagency Committee on Outdoor Recreation (IAC) and working closely with trail users to select appropriate trails, reconstructed 10 miles of user-built trail and added 10 miles of new trail to 10 miles of ORV trail built in 1973.

Location

The trail system is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Mount Vernon in Skagit County. Follow State Highway 9 to milepost 42. Turn onto the Walker Valley Road. Follow the Walker Valley Road to the Peter Burns Road. Follow the Peter Burns Road for 2 miles. The trailhead will be on your right.

Trails

Trails consist of about 30 miles of trail, ranging from "Easy" to "Most Difficult". 1.6 miles of trail are open to short-wheelbase four-wheel drive vehicles. Nine miles of trail are open to ATV type vehicles. All trails are open to motorcycle travel.

Approved trails, signed and shown on the map, offer a variety of experiences, while protecting the resources. Respect "trail closed" signs. Trails may be closed for repair, healing/ drying after repair, or logging activities. A closure now may add years of life to the trail or yourself.

Facilities

At the trailhead you'll find picnic tables with firepits and a group firepit with benches. Vault toilets are also provided.



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