

Friends of Badger Mountain

Newsletter, Winter 2010

For Today ... for Our Future

Four items in this newsletter. Check out our Web site at <http://www.friendsofbadger.org> for more information about Friends of Badger Mountain.

1. **More ridge land preserved!**
2. **New Trail to be built on March 6 & 7!**
3. **Vernal Equinox hike, March 20; Full moon, February 28**
4. **Found: car keys**

1. Friends of Badger Mountain is very pleased to announce that we have recently added 25 acres to the Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve, bringing the total of the Preserve to 599 acres! As with the original 574 acres, we ceded the land to Benton County, with the same covenants that apply to the Preserve. The covenants designate that the land will be used only for non-motorized recreational access in perpetuity. The acres were purchased with monies raised in previous fundraising campaigns. Thank you for your generous support, which has been and continues to be critical to our ability to purchase land.

2. Help us build a new trail on Badger Mountain on **the weekend of March 6 and 7, starting at 8:30 AM**. This trail will go from the top of the mountain, near the towers, to the eastern edge of the property, then drop down with one arm being a multi-use trail open to hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. The other trail, for hikers only, will connect with the Canyon Trail and create a loop. This is a real community project. Rattlesnake Ridgeriders is donating gravel and other supplies, and the Chinook Bicycle Club has donated tools. Washington Trails Association is again bringing their tools and expertise. You can read more about the trail-building effort on this page at the FoBM Web site, <http://www.friendsofbadger.org/trailbuilding2010.html>, where you will also find a link to the Washington Trails Association, **where all helpers must sign up to volunteer for the trail-building weekend**.

3. You might have noticed that Friends of Badger Mountain organizes hikes to honor the changing of the seasons. Join your friends and neighbors on the hike to celebrate the Vernal Equinox on **Saturday, March 20**. Meet on the top in time for the **sunset at 7:10 PM**. We also encourage you to experience a hike in the full moon. The only time you may need a flashlight is coming down the steps at the end of the Canyon Trail. The next full moon is Sunday, February 28, with moonrise at 6:19 PM. Then it's Tues., March 30, with moonrise at 9:50 PM.

4. A car key was found on Badger Mountain on Monday, January 25th. Contact Sharon at sharon@friendsofbadger.org if you think it's yours.

Finally, thanks very much for helping us expand, make more user-friendly, and in all ways take care of our beautiful Badger Mountain! If you have any questions, comments, or items for the next newsletter, please drop me an e-mail at the address, above.

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