

## Washington Native Plant Society - South Sound Chapter Native Plant Hike

Date: Thursday June 1, 2017

Title/Location: Naches Trail Preserve is a 50-acre tract of land in the Frederickson community, located approximately 10 miles southeast of Tacoma at 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave East on the south side of Military Road East. The driveway is shared with the future Cross Park; the parking area for Naches Trail Preserve is west of this driveway entrance. (Mayflower Dairy barn still exists on the Cross Park property and is a good landmark to find the driveway.)

Hike Leader: Mary Sue Gee Contact Information: [cpdillongh@comcast.net](mailto:cpdillongh@comcast.net), cell 253 225-9284

Departure Time: 10am Estimated Return Time: 12pm

Departure location:

Number of people: 12, please RSVP

Hike Description: The Preserve is owned by Pierce County, managed by Storm Water Management, and stewarded by Forterra. This 50-acre Preserve was set aside in 2002 for the protection of wildlife and education. The acreage is one of few remaining undeveloped tracts in the area and represents part of the natural and cultural history of the community. Besides the natural resources, it is located along the route of the Naches Trail, a historic route originated by the Native American, military and early settlers. We will explore the area for native plants and mosses. The Preserve is also a birder destination.

Any special requirements: Please RSVP to [cpdillongh@comcast.net](mailto:cpdillongh@comcast.net) in case we need to cancel. Dress for the weather; trails may be muddy. Water and cookies will be provided.

Driving directions: From I-5 North or South, take Highway 512 East toward Puyallup. From 512, take the Canyon Road exit and turn right (south) on Canyon Road. Continue for about 10 miles and turn right (west) onto Old Military Rd East. Near the junction with 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave E, take the driveway south to a small parking lot.