

## **Outdoor Activity of the Month McLane Nature Trail for walking**

Consider taking your family and friends to this pleasant trail for a leisurely walk in nature

What: Wetland nature trail

Where: Capitol State forest of Delphi Road (see directions below)

Size: About 1.5 –mile loop trail around 10-acre beaver pond

Time: about an hour

Difficulty: Trail is mostly flat. Part of it is wheelchair accessible.

Features: Two interpretive trail loops. One is 1.5 miles long and runs up in to the forest; the other is flat, about a half-mile. Boardwalks take visitors out in an active beaver pond and wetland. The trail also crosses a salmon spawning stream.

Activities: Nature walks, birding and wildlife observation.

Hours: Day-use only

How to get there:

Take HWY 101 South toward Olympia.

Exit at "Mud Bay Road/Evergreen State College" .

Turn **RIGHT** off the ramp onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue . Go on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. about .4 miles and make a

LEFT on McKenzie. Go about 4.2 miles on McKenzie to the end. Turn

RIGHT on Delphi Road . Go on Delphi Road for 2.0 miles and you will see the entrance to McLane Nature Trail on the RIGHT. Take the road to the end where you will find the trailhead & parking lot.

**Alternate route:** Go south on Highway 101 and Exit at "Mud Bay Road/Evergreen State College" . Turn LEFT off the ramp and go up the hill. Just at the crest of the hill, turn RIGHT onto Delphi Road. Follow Delphi Road south a little more than 3 miles, turn **RIGHT** at the sign to McLane Nature Trail , and go to the parking lot at the end of the road.

**History:** McLane Creek Nature Trail was logged in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but now the area is designated for recreational use. The creek was named after the William McLane family.

