

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 2nd Avenue . Go on 2nd 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 20th century, but now the area is designated for recreational use. The creek was named after the William McLane family.

