

Unique Fennel Creek

"...the city can build plans for maintaining the Fennel Creek corridor as a vital and valuable component within local and regional landscapes. Maintenance of the corridor's environmental health, in turn, will provide the citizen's of Bonney Lake a valuable environmental resource that will continue to function as the City and surrounding areas continue to grow."

Executive Summary
1999 Foster Wheeler Environmental Analysis
City of Bonney Lake

"Our natural beauty, lakes and streams, and friendly people make Bonney Lake a wonderful place to live, shop or play. The Fennel Creek Trail will be a great tradition and serve the citizens of this city as a wonderful natural area."

Bonney Lake Mayor Neil Johnson

"Lake Bonney, Lake Debra Jane and Lake Tapps are part of the Fennel Creek Watershed as well as all the seeps and springs in the headwater areas of Eastown. Fennel Creek is a prime salmon spawning territory of the Puyallup River below Victor Falls. The Puyallup River flows downstream into Puget Sound at Tacoma. Keeping the Fennel Creek Watershed as healthy as possible is important."

Laurie Carter
Bonney Lake Councilmember for Ward 3

"The Fennel Creek Watershed holds historical significance as a Native American trail and gathering place. The Naches Trail carried the first wagon train of white settlers to the area. The first white settler on the creek was Reuben Finnell in 1853 followed by William Barton Kelley in 1864. The Kelley family owned the historic farm until its sale in 2001 to T & S Properties." Registered in 2006 as a Washington Trust for Historic Preservation property, Kelley Farms was one of the ten locations where Bonney Lake Historic monuments were installed by the BL Historical Society in 2009.

Winona Jacobsen
Bonney Lake Historical Society

About Fennel Creek

First formed by receding glaciers and then the Osceola mudflow from Mt. Rainier 5,000 years ago, Fennel Creek is a perennial stream which originates on a high plateau in the shadow of Mt. Rainier and flows between steep slopes thru Bonney Lake, over Victor Falls and into the Puyallup River in the Orting valley near the Alderton/McMillin communities.

Below the natural barrier of Victor Falls "it is unusual for a creek of its size in that it continues to support all five species of salmon including Chinook, Steelhead, Chum, Coho and Pink."

Russ Ladley, Resource Protection Manager
Puyallup Tribe of Indians

"The health of the Puyallup River system reflects the health of each of its tributaries. Fennel Creek flows approximately eight miles and is the largest of eight sub-basins in the Mid-Puyallup Basin."

Marsha Huebner, Manager
Pierce County Environmental Permitting and Planning

Fennel Creek Preservation Group

Mission Statement

Bonney Lake citizens for the protection, preservation and restoration of the Fennel Creek Watershed and its valuable Pacific Northwest habitats, ecosystems and bird, fish and wildlife populations.

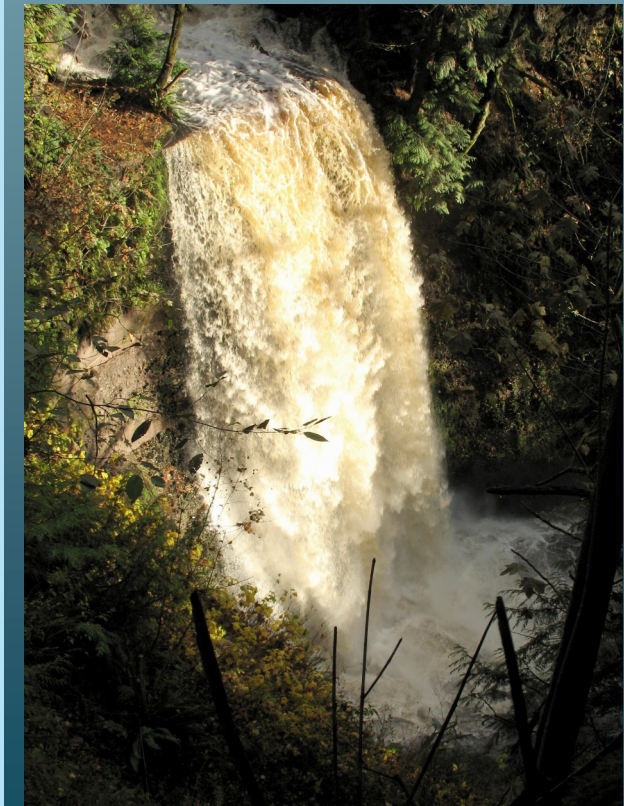
The Fennel Creek Preservation Group was formed by Bonney Lake citizens in March 2004 in an effort to increase awareness, understanding and education about the Fennel Creek Watershed. The FCPG has facilitated or partnered in clean-up, plantings, tours, forums, field trips, booths, picnics and fairs with numerous agencies, jurisdictions, groups and citizens. We invite you to visit our website for more information about the Fennel Creek Watershed and FCPG events at www.fennelcreek.org.

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Fennel Creek Watershed

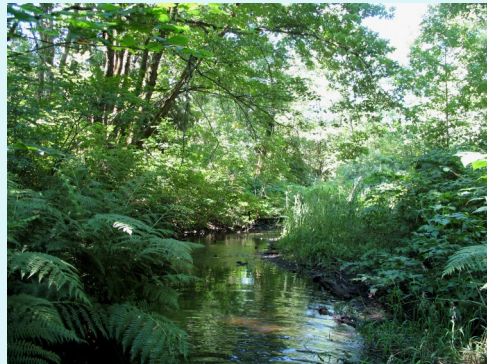
Bonney Lake, WA



High water volumes in Fennel Creek from spring storms plunge over the 100' high Victor Falls at the edge of the Osceola mudflow



The City of Bonney Lake's Fennel Creek Trail Plan parallels Fennel Creek with planned connections to Allen Yorke Park on the south shore of Lake Tapps and the Flume Trail to Buckley where it will join the Foothills Trail. Visit the City of Bonney Lake's website to view details of the Fennel Creek trail plan. Groundbreaking for the first mile of trail is tentatively planned for late summer or fall of 2010.



Left: Summer foliage overhangs Fennel Creek on Bonney Lake's 10 acre trailhead parcel

Right: Base of pretty Victor Falls during late summertime flows

Far right: Boulder marks mouth of Fennel Creek at Puyallup River

