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Redmond segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail

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East Lake Sammamish Trail
Project Funding


Funding for the ELST North Sammamish segment is provided by the 2008–2013, voter-approved Open Space and Trails Levy (Proposition 2; August Primary Election 2007)

and grant funding provided by the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.



Community outreach

- For questions or more information about construction, call the 24/7 project hotline: **1-888-668-4886** or e-mail **ELST@kingcounty.gov**. King County will respond within one business day.
- Visit the website: **www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail** for project information and weekly construction updates.
- Look for upcoming project newsletters to stay informed of current construction activity.

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Project Newsletter

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East Lake Sammamish Trail – North Sammamish segment to close for construction April 1

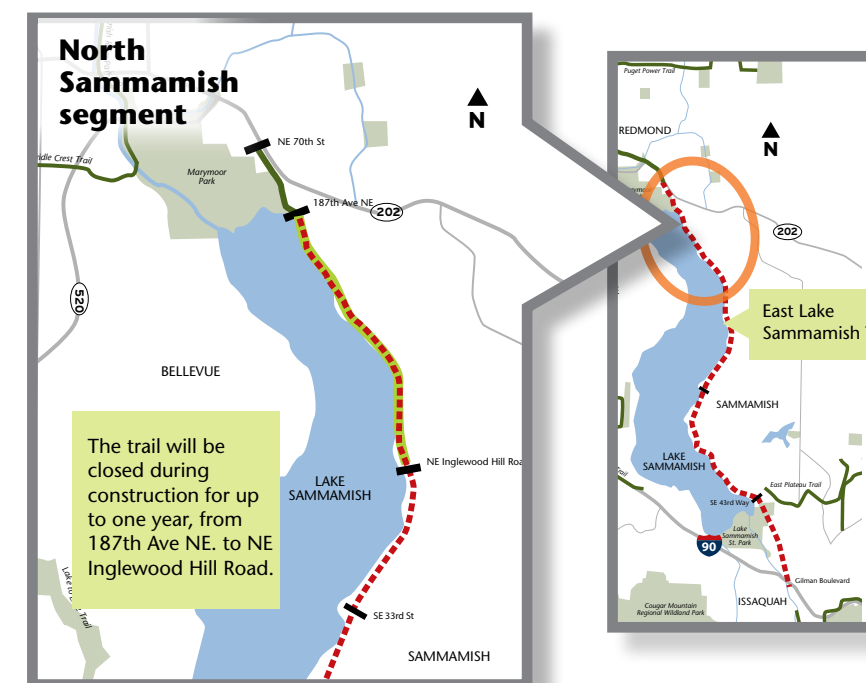
The gap in King County's 44-mile regional paved trail system is getting smaller as King County Parks begins construction to improve the North Sammamish segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST). Starting April 1, the trail will be closed from 187th Ave NE to NE Inglewood Hill Road.

Safety is King County's top priority during trail construction. Due to the extensive amount of work, narrow corridor, steep terrain, and limited access, this segment will be closed and considered a construction zone for approximately one year. King County is offering the

Contractor an incentive if the project is completed ahead of schedule. Access to private properties along the trail corridor will be maintained throughout construction.

How is the trail improving?

Safety and accessibility for all trail users will be improved with a new 12-foot-wide paved corridor with two-foot soft surface shoulders on each side, enhanced intersections, clear sight lines, and improved drainage. The Issaquah and Redmond segments are complete and design of the South Sammamish segment is underway.



We appreciate your patience during construction!

Environmental Improvements

Did you know?



Retaining walls will be installed to stabilize steep slopes and reduce impacts to environmentally sensitive areas and adjacent residents



Four fish passable culverts will be constructed in the North Sammamish segment to improve fish habitat

What to expect during construction?

- Increased activity with construction crews, trucks, and equipment traffic along the trail corridor
- Access to adjacent properties will be maintained. King County will notify private property owners when working near driveways
- The Contractor will provide flaggers to ensure trail neighbors can safely cross the trail to access homes, recreational properties, and businesses
- Landscaping, fences, and other items within the King County right-of-way that conflict with trail construction will be removed by the Contractor
- Increased noise from equipment and backup alarms may be noticeable
- Contractors work hours: Weekdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; No work on Sundays



The North Sammamish trail segment will be closed during construction. For safety purposes, and to clearly identify the trail as a construction zone, the Contractor will install temporary construction fencing along the trail corridor.

When will the trail re-open?

King County will begin construction April 1 to provide an extended construction season and complete the project in approximately one year. King County is offering the Contractor an incentive for completing the project early. Fully closing the trail allows crews the opportunity to safely conduct multiple activities at the same time.

Intersections designed to improve safety

Trail safety is a top priority for King County. The new trail includes enhanced intersections and crossing treatments that improve safety by:

- Providing open sightlines for trail users, motorists, and pedestrians crossing the trail
- Highlighting the visual and textural difference between concrete intersections and the asphalt trail
- Warning trail users of approaching intersections by building textured concrete warning bands 75 feet ahead of each crossing
- Identifying intersections clearly through consistent signage, striping, and bollards along the trail corridor



Intersection before; South Sammamish segment



Intersection after; Issaquah segment



Trail Timeline

- 1998** King County acquired rail corridor
- 2003** Published Interim Use Trail Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- April 2006** Interim Use Trail completed and opened to the public
- May 2010** Published Master Plan Trail EIS
- Nov. 2011** Redmond segment completed and opened to the public
- 2012** North Sammamish segment in final design phase
- May 2012** Issaquah segment closed for construction

Future Phases (pending funding availability)

- June 2013** Issaquah segment completed and opened to the public
- 2014** South Sammamish segment in final design phase
- April 2014** North Sammamish segment closes for construction
- Spring 2015** North Sammamish segment completed (anticipated)
- 2015** Construction of South Sammamish segment A – SE 43rd Way to SE 33rd St.
- 2016** Construction of South Sammamish segment B – SE 33rd St. to NE Inglewood Hill Road
- 2017** Construction of Parking Lot and restroom facilities at NE Inglewood Hill Road
- 2018** Construction of parking lot and restroom facilities at SE 33rd St.