

## Larry Scott Memorial Trail

The Larry Scott Trail is the western trailhead for the proposed Olympic Discovery Trail, a multi-use regional trail that will span 150 miles of Washington State's Olympic Peninsula. The Larry Scott Memorial Trail begins on Port Townsend's historic waterfront and traverses 4 miles of sensitive shoreline habitat, wetlands, and erosive sand bluffs as it follows an abandoned rail line that once served industrial and timbering interests.

The Larry Scott Memorial Trail was designed by RDG Senior Landscape Architect Bob Birkeland and involved significant public participation. Bringing together equestrians, walkers, and cyclists with their varying opinions on trail design and use policies to create a workable compromise was the key challenge and the big success story of the project. Other challenges came from the site's sensitive shoreline lands, which necessitated biological and geotechnical investigations and an inter-agency permitting process involving the Army Corps of Engineers and state regulators.

Trail alignment analysis, environmental assessments, site furnishing design, and custom wayfinding and interpretive signage tied the route to the land and the history of Port Townsend. As the trail continues its construction in phases, project openings have become community celebrations, involving performing and fine artists whose work enhances the trail experience.



Regional Larry Scott Memorial Trail leads west from the Port



Equestrians, cyclists, and walkers at the opening



Walkers near the bicycle sculpture



Custom interpretive signage

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Public Participation Facilitation /  
Master Planning / Wayfinding  
Construction Documentation

Phase I Construction / \$310,000