Interpretive Trillium Hikes Offered at Lake Sylvia State Park

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Montesano, WA - The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and Friends of Schafer and Lake Sylvia State Parks invites the public to attend interpretive trillium hikes at Lake Sylvia State Park in Montesano.

The interpretive hikes begin at 2:30 p.m. April 14 at Lake Sylvia State Park, 1812 Lake Sylvia Road, Montesano. Hikers may either participate in a quick-paced hike with views of blooming trillium flowers or stroll at a slower pace while counting the number flowers found at the park for fun. Park staff and volunteers guide the hikes and provide flora interpretation during both hikes.

The trillium is part of the lily family, blooming with white flowers in early spring and as early as March. The name trillium is Latin for "in threes," describing the pattern of three found in the number of leaves, petals, sepals and stigmas of a trillium plant. Western Trillium is native to Washington.

The Friends of Schafer and Lake Sylvia State Parks (FOSLS) strive to support, promote and ensure the perpetual operation of Schafer and Lake Sylvia state parks. FOSLS raises funds and in-kind donations for the support of these two state parks, through events such as the Fall Festival at Lake Sylvia, the Yule Log Celebration at Schafer and year-round volunteer efforts. Friends groups support Washington state parks in a variety of ways, including financial assistance and volunteer support and helping keep to state parks open and operating for the enjoyment of all Washingtonians. To learn more about starting a friends group, contact Peter Herzog at (360) 902-8652 or Peter.Herzog@parks.wa.gov.

Lake Sylvia State Park is a camping park with freshwater shoreline along Lake Sylvia. The park began as an old logging camp in a wooded area halfway between Olympia and the Pacific Coast. The lake was formed by damming up Sylvia Creek for the purpose of log ponding and power production. The 233-acre camping park is popular with anglers with its creek-fed lake that is stocked annually with rainbow trout. There are two rail-trails located in the park. One of the trails includes a wooden bridge built just above the elevation of the water. The boardwalk bridge makes a great location for fishing.

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