



RATTLESNAKE LAKE RECREATION AREA

CEDAR FALLS, WASHINGTON

SEATTLE WATER DEPARTMENT: WATERSHEDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Located on the edge of the 90,000-acre Cedar River Watershed preserve, Rattlesnake Lake is the primary public recreation area provided by Seattle's water utility.

The lake is a popular fishing and swimming area with spectacular views of the Cascade foothills. The expanded park will serve as a hub for three regional trails, creating an essential link in the Mountains to Sound Greenway.

Jones & Jones has guided the park and road design from master planning through construction. The project included conversion of the existing shoreline road to a pedestrian path, restoration of the lake's riparian edge, relocation of access roads with stunning views to the lake, expansion of parking areas and upgrade of public facilities, restoration of forest and meadow landscapes, addition of loop trails with interpretive signage, and a water quality wetland.

Today the Cedar River Watershed is one of the few completely protected ecosystems in the Pacific Northwest.

FACTS

- 30,000 visitors per year
- Popular spot for swimming and fishing
- Water quality wetland

BENEFITS

- Hub for Mountains to Sound Greenway recreation
- Model of stewardship
- Civic link to rural and wild places
- Ecological restoration

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