

Public Access at Lookout Natural Area

Benefits of Open Space

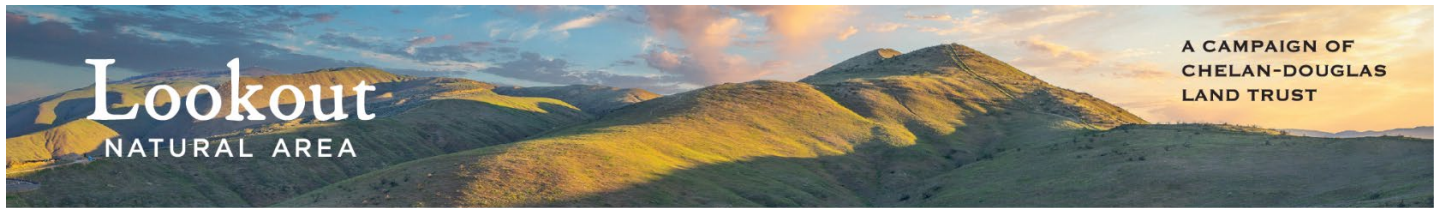
- **Strengthens community safety** by providing an ideal staging area for emergency responders at a trailhead, including space designed for helicopter landings.
- **Improves wildfire response** by bringing water to the trailhead for spigots and fire hydrants, supporting not only this project but also neighboring private landowners.
- **Restores the landscape** by replanting disturbed areas with native grasses that naturally slow the spread and intensity of wildfire.
- **Protects nearby homes and families** by creating a critical buffer zone that helps guide and contain future wildfires as development continues to grow in the area.
- **Preserves our region's cherished views** by preventing potential housing development along the cliff tops, safeguarding the skyline for 50,000 residents and protecting our shared sense of place.

What Public Access at the Lookout Natural Area Will Look Like

- **Will operate much like Sage Hills**, with City ownership and collaborative management by the City of Wenatchee and CDLT to ensure high-quality, sustainable community and visitor access.
- **Open for free non-motorized recreation**, featuring thoughtfully designed multi-use trails. Potential allowed uses could include walking and running, mountain biking, and horseback riding.
- **Built for long-term connectivity**, with a trail system that can stand alone today while also being positioned to connect seamlessly to public lands uphill as partner planning advances and funding becomes available.
- **Managed with wildlife in mind**, including a seasonal closure (Dec. 1–Apr. 1) to protect critical mule deer winter range.
- **Supported by essential infrastructure**, including a welcoming trailhead with parking, a restroom, and informational and interpretive signage accessed via Ohme Gardens Road.

Good things done well take time

- **Access will be provided thoughtfully** in collaboration with the City. This may include a temporary access route and trailhead while the City applies for funding to develop a permanent trailhead within the next 2–5 years.
- **Existing infrastructure offers flexibility**: the property currently has a doubletrack service road that will serve as a non-motorized multi-use trail once the area opens to the public.



- **Trail planning will be guided by the community:** the Land Trust will lead a process that engages stakeholders and the public to explore potential recreational opportunities and trail systems which balance community interests, respect for neighboring properties, and protection of habitat and wildlife.
- **Trail development is coordinated with the permanent trailhead,** likely unfolding within the same 2–5 year timeframe.
- **Permanent trailhead design focuses on long-term value,** ensuring thoughtful placement and infrastructure to maximize public benefit for years to come.

Why your support matters

- **Supports acquisition, stewardship, and public access:** Funds raised will help secure the Lookout Natural Area, provide funding for long-term stewardship of the property, and develop a trailhead for responsible public access.
- **Leverages additional funding:** Your gift will be matched by state grants of equal value, multiplying the impact of your support.
- **Ensures long-term sustainability:** Contributions go into CDLT’s Stewardship Fund at the Community Foundation, with a percentage of earned interest used annually to manage and maintain public access.
- **Creates a lasting legacy:** Unlike most regional parks that rely on public tax revenue, CDLT’s stewardship fund provides a responsible, sustainable source of funding to protect the property and its benefits for generations to come.