



Rhododendron Preserve

Hidden Ranch was a homestead to the Paschall family since the early 1900's. In 1915, the original 74 acres was purchased by The Mountaineers with the help of Edward Paschall of Hidden Ranch. Edward Paschall's daughters, Mary and Patience, donated an additional 57 acres to the Preserve in 1955 and 1963. Patience lived on Hidden Ranch until 1978 when she passed away. The Preserve gradually grew to 180 acres by 1986. That same year, the land was deeded to the Mountaineers Foundation (aka Keta Legacy Foundation), to be held in perpetuity as a nature conservancy. Over the years, the Foundation has actively added acreage to the Rhododendron Preserve; today it totals 466 acres. We will continue to grow the Preserve and support other efforts to conserve this critical habitat through generous donations to our Land Acquisition program. A new pavilion and bridge in Hidden Valley were constructed in 2022. This project has taken 5+ years of planning, fundraising, and many board volunteer hours to get where it is today.



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