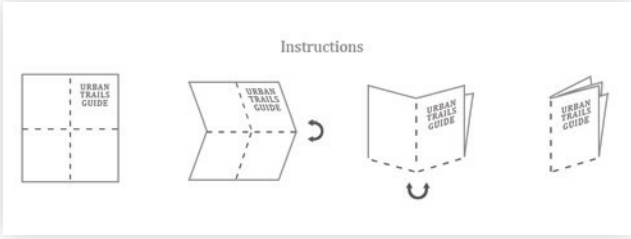


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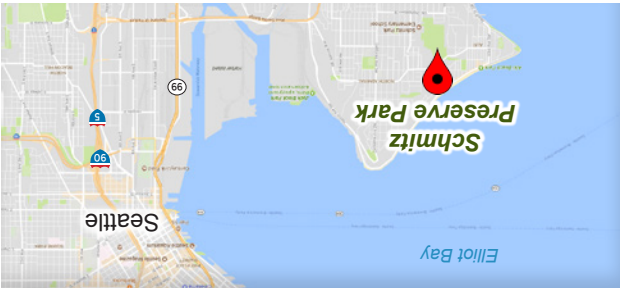


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Crew member Gwyneth Lyman, a senior in high school who wants to pursue environmental studies in college, says, "I've taken many outdoor and environmental education classes, and volunteered at other parks, but the SCA experience was the best. I really love working outdoors, but, I've never done anything like this. It helped expand my understanding of the environment because it was hands-on work in nature, and not something I learned in the classroom. It inspired me to continue my studies because we experienced beautiful places to protect. It definitely helped me gain the credentials I need to move forward with my education and future career."



Student Conservation Association teamed with the Washington Trails Association to establish a dry, stable walking surface over a wet section of trail at Schmitz Preserve Park in West Seattle, Washington. More than 7 miles of unmarked trails wind through the 53-acre Preserve, where visitors can experience old growth forest, skunk cabbage, Indian plum, salmonberry, Oregon grape, bleeding heart and trillium, as well as pileated woodpeckers, flickers and hummingbirds. The park is open daily and free to the public.

Since 2014, SCA youth crews have built a retaining wall and a culvert, removed invasive species, restored trail tread for safer walking, removed brush from park trails, and completed a stream restoration project. In 2017, the SCA youth crew hauled heavy wheelbarrow loads of gravel up a steep trail to improve the wet section of trail. The crew also smoothed the surface of the trail and contoured to divert water.

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