

Get on the 2008 Skagit Watershed Letterbox Trail!

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The 2008 Skagit Watershed Letterbox Trail is in full swing! There are 13 sturdy plastic, weatherproof, decorated tubs hidden in interesting locations from one end of the Skagit watershed to the other .. Newhalem to Washington Park. Each tub is sponsored by an environment-oriented organization and contains some educational material about the organization and the unique site where it is located. There is also a “key” or “secret” word appropriate to the site along with a notebook and either a stamp or some stickers.

The Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group sponsors letterboxes at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport and also the WDFW Hatchery at Marblemount!

Letterbox “Questors” take their own personal notebook and stamp (or stickers) and follow clues to find the tubs. Clue sheets are available from local libraries, the Skagit PUD #1 office, and the visitor centers for the North Cascades National Park. Clues can also be accessed on line at www.scea.homestead.com/ltrbox.html or www.atlasquest.com

When a letterbox is located, the Questor “stamps up” by putting their stamp or sticker in the tub notebook, and the tub stamp or sticker into their personal notebook. It’s fun to see the other notebook entries (the boxes have been visited often) and to leave a few comments too. This is also a nice time to review the educational material provided and to enjoy the site ... there are some great locations ... so plan to stay for awhile!

The Letterbox Trail started in late July, 2008, and will stay “up” until late October. A party/recognition celebration will be held after, where the boxes, notebooks, and questors can come together and share experiences and some good food and fun. We’ll see who found all the tubs and have a game with the “key” or “secret” words. Watch the newspapers for time, date, and location.