



Alpha Hill Erosion Control Project Fact Sheet

What is Alpha Hill?

Alpha Hill is the steep hill near the south end of King County's Brightwater property. It is located near Howell Creek, which feeds into Little Bear Creek.

Please do not walk, run, or hike to the top of the hill! Accessing Alpha Hill sends dirt and debris from the hill into waterways below, which may damage water quality for nearby salmon bearing creeks.

Keeping people off Alpha Hill to protect salmon

To protect Little Bear Creek and nearby waterways, King County is designing a project to prevent informal trail use on Alpha Hill. King County's contractor will install fencing and plantings to enhance wildlife habitat. The new landscape on Alpha Hill will protect the environment and provide space for wildlife.

Enhancing wildlife habitat and protecting water quality

Alpha Hill will become a refuge for wildlife, with landscaping that discourages people from climbing the hill and creating erosion. Alpha Hill will be permanently closed to public access, including walking, hiking, running, and sledding.

Plenty of walking, hiking, and running options remain! Visitors will continue to be able to access three miles of trails throughout the North Habitat, North and South Wetscapes, and South Habitat. For a trail map, visit kingcounty.gov/BrightwaterTrails.

What to expect during construction

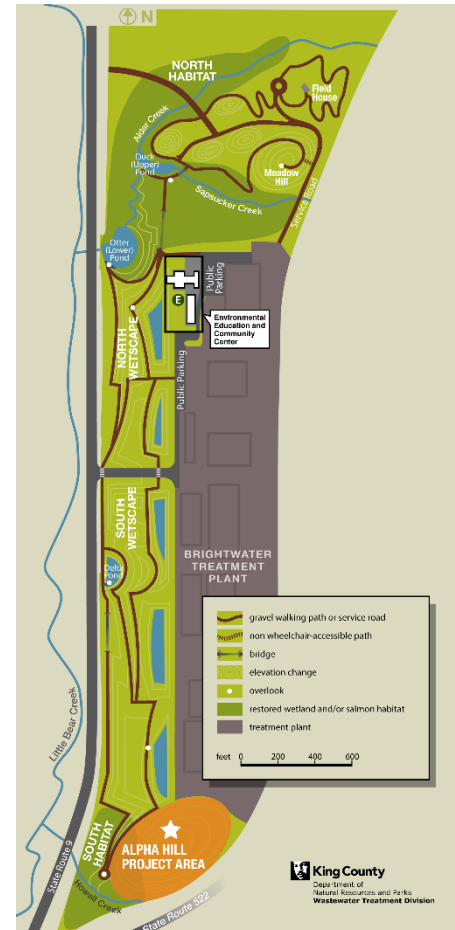
King County expects construction to happen in fall 2023 for approximately two months. This schedule may change, so watch for updates!

Temporary trail closures in the area will occur to protect the public while equipment and materials are being moved, and while the contractor is working on the landscape. Visitors should watch for signs and detour to other trails. Once construction is complete, King County's contractor will restore these trails to pre-construction conditions.

Contact Us

Call Emily Berry at 206-848-0698 and leave a message with your contact information if you would like a call back, or email emberry@kingcounty.gov.

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Map of Brightwater trails with orange circle around the approximate Alpha Hill project area.

