



## Use of SE Edgewick Road Alternative Route Disclaimer

As you know, recent heavy rains and flooding resulted in damage to SE Edgewick Road, at times effectively cutting off vehicle access to homes of some local residents. King County, in collaboration with its Road Services and Parks Divisions, is expediting repairs and providing alternative access for those affected homeowners.

A plan was developed to convert a portion of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail to a temporary access route between Cedar Falls Road SE and 44670 SE Edgewick Road (please see attached map). **This portion of the trail will be temporarily closed to pedestrian and bicycle users in order to facilitate safer conditions for vehicle traffic.**

However, please be aware that the Alternative Route is not a King County public road, is not constructed to King County public road standards, is not maintained or patrolled by King County, and does not have safety features often associated with county roads, such as guard rails, regular signage, lighting or shoulders. The Alternative Route is primitive in nature and is not suitable for use by all vehicles, particularly larger ones. The road surface is gravel and dirt with uneven surfaces, potholes or other deformities, and is at times very narrow with limited to no shoulder. In the event of an emergency or breakdown, it will potentially take a long time for responders to arrive. If you elect to use the Alternative Route, then in addition to driving with standard care and attention, the following safety practices are strongly encouraged:

- Limit use of trail to cars and light trucks
- No trailers are allowed
- No flammable materials are allowed
- Keep speed under 10 MPH
- Drive with headlights on at all times
- Be alert for other traffic on the trail, and be prepared to back up for long distances to accommodate passing oncoming vehicles.
- Do not stop on the trail
- Large animals are allowed on the trail
- Follow the signed detour route
- If you have an emergency, call 911

Because this Alternative Route was not originally designed for vehicles, any use of this trail may result in damage or deterioration of the trail to the point of it no longer being available for vehicle traffic. Please limit trips to a minimum, and to smaller, lighter vehicles so as to maximize the length of time this option is available for use to your neighbors.

If there is any damage or deterioration of the trail that needs our immediate attention please contact King County Parks Division at 206-477-4527.