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From its start at the Sagebrush Trail near the eastern boundary of the Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve, **the new trail** will meander eastward through dense sagebrush near the ridgeline, show-casing views to the north as it descends to Queensgate Drive.

The trail will continue east on an open slope crossing a gateway trailhead and parking area with expansive views overlooking the city of Richland and beyond to the White Bluffs.



It will then traverse across the steep face of Little Badger to a North Face Overlook.



Finally, the trail will gain the exciting knife edge ridgeline on Little Badger with panoramic views from the summit on the western crest of the mountain.



Donate at

<http://friendsofbadger.org/little-badger-mountain/>

Friends of Badger Mountain (FoBM), an all-volunteer non-profit organization founded in 2003, has raised the funds to preserve over 900 ridge acres, creating the Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve and the Candy Mountain Preserve, and has built and continues to maintain 10 miles of public access trails.



Join us to create the **NEW Little Badger Mountain Preserve**

with a NEW Trail linking Badger Mountain to Little Badger Mountain



Creation of this Preserve is the critical next step in realizing Friends of Badger Mountain's vision of a *Ridge to Ridge Trail* system.

We Need Your Help!

To create the **Little Badger Mountain Preserve** with a trail from Badger Mountain to the summit of Little Badger Mountain

We need to raise **\$605,000***
(down from \$800k) by **Fall of 2021**

**To donate, become a member
and to view progress, go to:**

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Project Scope: Friends of Badger Mountain has partnered with the City of Richland to complete a legacy project that generations to come will enjoy. The project involves **purchasing land, building 2.2 miles of trail** through native shrub steppe habitat with access to Ice Age erratics, **creating a playground and parking area, installing facilities, and opening a new 73 acre Preserve** for non-motorized public recreation.

* As of 1/12/21

Project Status: Over **70%** of the **land** has been purchased or donated. Almost **16%** of the **trail** has been constructed.

Project Schedule:

- 1) Fall 2018 through Fall 2021: Acquire 73 acres of land for the public trail corridor.
- 2) Spring 2020 to Fall 2021: Construct 2.2 miles of gravel public trail from Badger Mtn Preserve to the summit of Little Badger.
- 3) Spring 2022: Construct Little Badger Preserve trailhead facilities and paved parking lot.

Project Benefits: There is strong demand by our community for ridge trail experience. In 2019 over 310,000 users were counted on the Badger and Candy Mountain trails. Richland Park Rangers interviewed almost 300 hikers at the Badger Mtn Trailhead and found 26% from Richland, 32% from Pasco, 19% from Kennewick and 19% from outside Benton & Franklin Counties. According to SummitPost.org, Badger Mountain is one of the most hiked ridges in Washington State. This new public ridge trail project will benefit the entire Tri-Cities area and beyond.

- *Quality of Life:* public access to convenient outdoor recreation promotes health, fitness, and community connection.

- *Health Benefits:* for every **\$1** spent on trails a study showed almost **\$3** saving in direct medical costs.
- *Economic Benefits:* 2015 Benton County data showed Annual Outdoor Expenditures of \$743.7 million and Outdoor Recreation Industry Annual Sales Tax Collected of \$32 million.
- *Employee Recruitment & Retention:* high quality outdoor recreation makes the Tri-Cities an attractive place to live, work and play.
- *Open Space:* preservation of 73 acres of native sagebrush and access to the summit of Little Badger, the highest elevation in the city of Richland, honors the natural beauty of the local ridges and provides another viewscape for the community to enjoy!
- *Tourism:* the new trail system will be a spur to the Ice Age Floods National Geological Trail from Missoula, MT to the Pacific Ocean and will be in hiking distance of two Tri-City wineries lending itself to FoBM's popular "Hike Wine Dines".



Badger Mountain/Powers Vineyards & Winery