## Welcome to the Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail!!

## Trail Etiquette

Here at the Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail, Chum salmon complete a migration of thousands of miles. As they enter fresh water, they no longer feed. All of their stored energy is used to swim upstream and spawn.

Kennedy Creek is a living laboratory for scientists and students whose studies will help salmon thrive. Following these rules will protect their research and preserve chum salmon and their habitat.

- Stay out of the stream and off the gravel bars. Fragile salmon eggs incubate in streams and even under gravel bars during low winter flows. One footstep could destroy hundreds of eggs.
- Please stay on the trails and in designated viewing areas. Off-trail travel breaks down stream banks and causes erosion, which in turn may release sediment that can smother salmon eggs.
- Approach the stream quietly and slowly. Sudden movements, loud noises and rock throwing will disturb salmon.
- *This area is for walking only.* Bicycles, horses and motorized vehicles will damage the trail. Please leave them in the parking area.
- Leave dogs at home or in the car. They frighten spawning salmon. BEWARE: Eating dead salmon can kill your dog!
- *Chum salmon fishing is not allowed here.* This area is a preserve for healthy, wild salmon runs.