



New bus service to Wilderness Rim, Riverbend and trailhead starts Monday, May 23

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After hearing from Upper Valley residents during public meetings in March and compiling comments from a recent public survey, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation has restructured a route between North Bend and the three “Rs” — Riverbend, the Rim and Rattlesnake.

The new route, called the Cedar Falls Loop, will start service on Monday, May 23. The bus travels between downtown North Bend and Rattlesnake Lake through

the summer months, with regular stops along the way on a schedule.

“With the Cedar Falls Loop, we are literally taking SVT to greater heights,” said SVT Director Amy Biggs. “The bus is equipped with a bike rack, so neighborhood recreational riders to Rattlesnake can take the bus uphill and ride the trail downhill. The route has also been designed to connect to our Downtown Loop so riders who want to go from these areas into Snoqualmie can easily get from one route to another.”

To further promote SVT services, the staff has developed a sleek new website, <http://svtbus.org>, featuring scenic photos taken along the SVT routes, maps and up to date rider alerts. Translation in multiple languages is available on the new site.

The first trip on the Cedar Falls Loop begins at 7 a.m. Monday, May 23, leaving from the Mount Si Senior Center with stops at the North Bend Post Office and Si View. The bus then travels to Wilderness Rim, the Cedar Falls trailhead at Rattlesnake Lake and finally Riverbend, before returning to downtown North Bend. The service to the Cedar Falls trailhead is available May through September only.

Passengers must be 13 or older; fares are \$1. For more route information, route maps, and to see what makes SVT such a valuable community resource, visit the website or call the SVT office at (425) 888-7001.