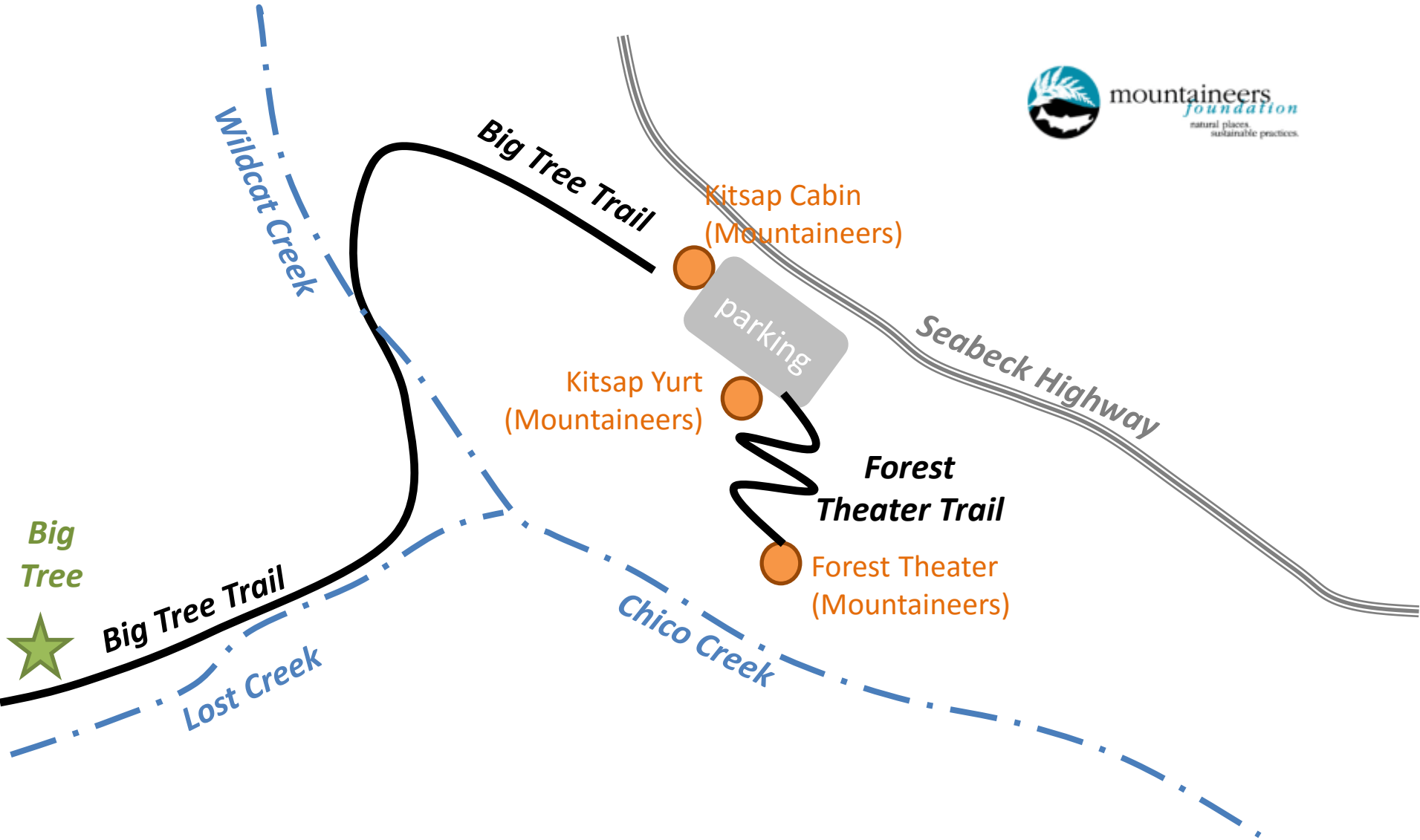


# Big Tree Trail, Mountaineers Foundation Rhododendron Preserve



# Driving and parking directions to the Mountaineers Foundation Rhododendron Preserve – Big Tree Trail



*The Preserve has no mailing address, so finding it can be a challenge! The nearest address if you use Google maps is 3021 Seabeck Highway NW, Bremerton, WA*

- From Bremerton, Highway 3 north
- Exit WA-310 W/Kitsap Way and turn left onto Kitsap Way. Continue 1.5 miles
- Veer slight left onto Northlake Way NW (1.1 miles)
- Veer slight left onto Seabeck Hwy NW
- After a mile, look for a Mountaineers Forest Theater sign on the right (east) side of the highway
- Immediately after, turn left onto a gravel driveway right before a long guardrail. A small Mountaineers Forest Theater sign marks the entrance. You will pass a small yellow house on the right as you drive past large fir trees.
- Continue past a kiosk for the Mountaineers Forest Theater and a green house occupied by the Mountaineers caretaker. Park in the cleared area directly across from the Mountaineers Kitsap Cabin and play area.
- Trailhead signage marks the beginning of the Big Tree trail. Please do not use the gated driveway as that is closed to access.
- The trail begins a winding path downhill to the Wildcat Creek valley. After crossing the creek on a log bridge, follow the trail up and over a small hill and into the Lost Creek valley. The trail accesses incredibly rare old growth forest where you will be surrounded by Douglas firs, western red cedars, and many other treasures. The trail ends at The Big Tree, an 11-foot diameter Douglas fir that is many centuries old.
- Please enjoy the trail and tree, but do not climb around the roots of Big Tree or travel off trail.
- Please leave dogs and other pets at home.