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every day we can get outside," she said. "It is a good place to meditate and pause my breath ... Sunrises and sunsets are so beautiful."

Brim said she enjoys seeing surprise rainbows and ships coming and going along the river.

"I just think it's great and always well-maintained," Brim said. "We love having it in our community."

In past summers, a book trail was set up along the Waterfront Trail. Pages of a children's book were posted along the trail, giving visitors an opportunity to read a story as they walked.

"It was so much fun for the kids. They loved it," Brim said. She said she wishes it were up year-round.

Erik Williams and Kersten Valentine and their dog, "Digger," walked the trail before sunset.

Williams said he likes the nature and scenery.

"I like the bench next to the Alder Creek.

It's peaceful," Williams said. "It's a very nice trail."

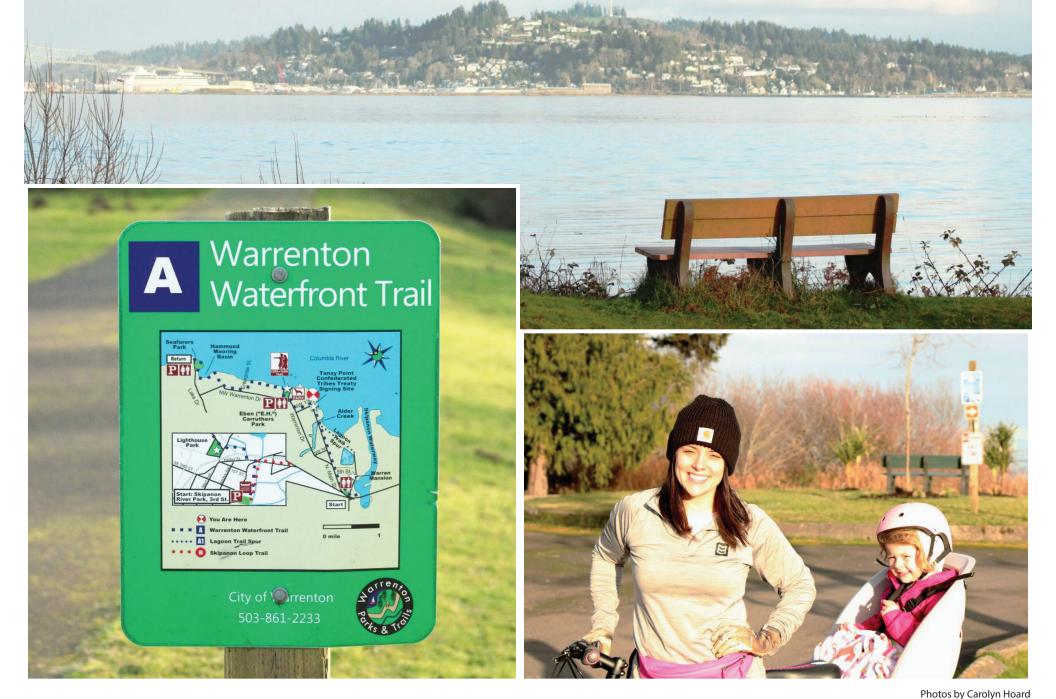
Williams and Valentine are used to seeing bicyclists, deer, elk and more people during the summertime on the trail.

"When I run, I can't pass them," Valentine said of seeing elk on the trail. "I don't want to get charged."

The elk have also impacted Brim's trail visits.

"Sometimes my run gets cut short if elk get in the way," Brim said. The quiet trail features views of local sights and nature as ships pass back and forth along the Columbia River. Some people enjoy jogging or running along the trail. Others push strollers, ride bikes or walk. Many enjoy the fantastic views and peaceful scenery while sitting on one of the many benches.

Parking is available at several locations along the trail between the Hammond Boat Basin and downtown Warrenton, including N.W. 13th St., Carruthers Memorial Dog Park and Skipanon River Park.



CLOCKWISE: Benches are placed alongside the trail. Britney Brim and her daughter, Jaycee, pause during a bike ride along the trail. The trail extends about 5 miles.