

## MARQUAM NATURE PARK

Marquam Nature Park is a Portland Parks & Recreation Natural Area. Comprised of over 200 acres of undeveloped land, it is the third largest park in Portland. With over seven miles of trails, the park provides excellent hiking and running opportunities, forested scenic views, an easy escape from city life, and native habitats that help enhance our air and water quality.

As an important seven-mile link in the 40-Mile Loop trail system, and the four-mile "Trail" portion of the 4T Loop, the trails in Marquam Nature Park serve as connections to other trails and natural areas throughout the metropolitan area.

Marquam Nature Park is a great place to observe the interconnection between humans and nature. It is home to a tremendous diversity of native plants and animals. The park changes with the seasons so that there are new things for park visitors to experience throughout the year. At the same time, the effect of humans on this wilderness is evidenced by the unintentional introduction of invasive species such as ivy and holly, which outcompete native plants and reduce diversity. It is important to keep invasive species in check so that a healthy ecosystem can thrive for generations to come.

We hope that you will enjoy and learn from your visit to Marquam Nature Park!

## PARK HISTORY

Marquam Nature Park's creation is unique to Portland's history. To forestall potential development, in the 1970s, neighbors led by Barbara Walker, Elizabeth Crookham and Nadja Munk formed the Friends of Marquam Nature Park and acquired the initial property through personal contributions and grants. Subsequently, the land was donated to the City of Portland and the park was dedicated in 1983. Additional acreage has been donated and purchased in the years since.

## THE MARQUAM MOSAIC

The Marquam Mosaic was created as a participatory public art project led by Portland artist Lynn Takata, and included over 400 community volunteers.

Through a series of workshops in 2013, the public created ceramic and mosaic art, as well as poetry, based on the native flora and fauna of Marquam Nature Park. During the summer, in over thirty work sessions, volunteers helped install the mosaic at the Marquam Shelter. Financial support came from the Regional Arts and Culture Council and the William Connor Memorial Fund. The dedication celebration took place September 28, 2013.

Be sure to visit this fabulous creation! The mosaic is by the Marquam Shelter on SW Marquam St, off SW Sam Jackson Park Rd.

## FOREST PARK CONSERVANCY

In 2023, after forty-eight years of being the primary stewards of Marquam Nature Park, Friends of Marquam Nature Park merged with Forest Park Conservancy (FPC). Both non-profit organizations had worked independently, but in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation, to conserve, enhance and protect Marquam Nature Park and Forest Park, respectively. With the merger, Marquam Park will benefit from the staff and larger capacity of FPC to expand programs and stewardship activities.

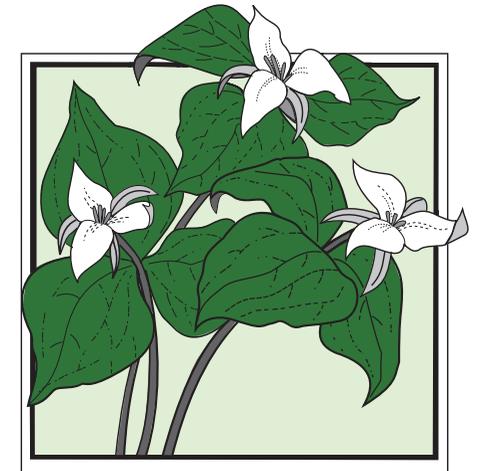
Each month, FPC hosts volunteer events in Marquam to help maintain trails, remove invasive species and plant native species. FPC also provides educational programs in Marquam, and is expanding community outreach efforts in order to further develop the relationship between Marquam Park and its users. Visit our website (QR code below) to see the schedule for work parties.

Please join or otherwise support our efforts. Donations may be directed to be used in Marquam Nature Park. The support of donors and volunteers make our work possible!

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# TRAIL MAP MARQUAM NATURE PARK

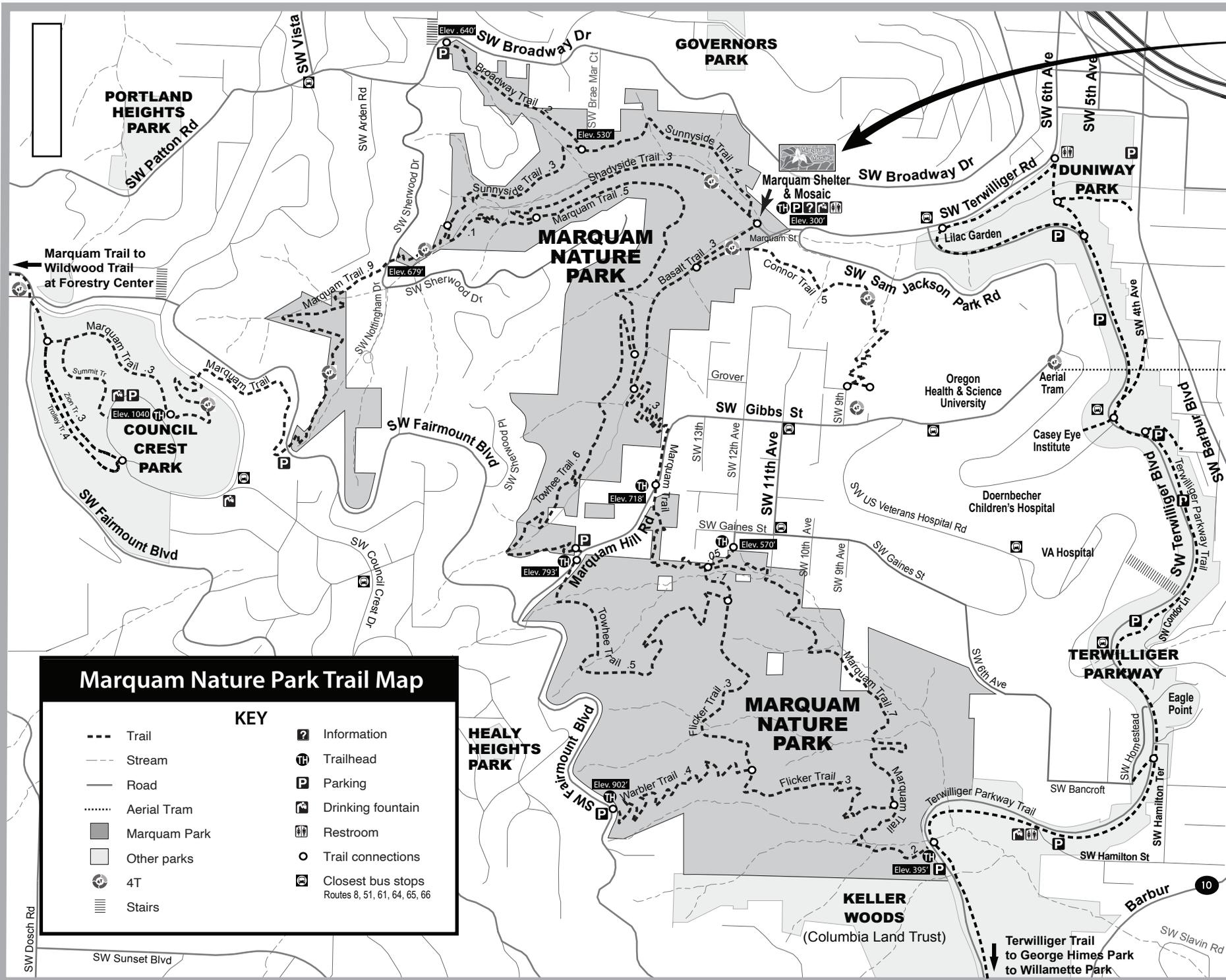


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**Marquam Nature Park Trail Map**

**KEY**

--- Trail	Information
- - - Stream	Trailhead
— Road	Parking
..... Aerial Tram	Drinking fountain
■ Marquam Park	Restroom
□ Other parks	Trail connections
⊙ 4T	Closest bus stops
≡ Stairs	Routes 8, 51, 61, 64, 65, 66

Distances from Marquam Shelter and Mosaic:

to Council Crest	1.7 mi
to 12th & Gaines Trailhead	.8 mi
to Terwilliger Trailhead	1.7 mi
to OHSU via Connor Trail	.6 mi
to Broadway Drive	.6 mi
to Wildwood Trail at Forestry Center/Oregon Zoo	3.5 mi
to George Himes Park	2.8 mi
to Willamette Park	4.0 mi
to Portland State University (Smith Memorial Student Union)	1.0 mi