

Whipple Creek Hollow Natural Area

NE 22nd Ave. at 164th Street, Vancouver

This natural area is 40 acres of beautiful forest just north of the City of Vancouver. The site is part of the greenway system along the Whipple Creek. Additional greenway extends south to the future Salmon Creek Community Club Neighborhood park. The creek corridor was restored in 2010 to repair the eroded banks. The result is a gentle rock-riffle creek with lots of logs and new native plantings to hold the banks in place. The mature forest and small wetland in the uplands provide a habitat for a wide variety of wildlife as well as spring wildflowers.

This property was purchased, in part, with Conservation Futures funds in 2006.

Trail condition: Easy Moderate Difficult

Directions:
From the I-5 and NE 134th St. interchange, take NE 20th Ave. north approximately 1.1 miles and it will turn into NE Union Road. Turn east on NE 156th St. and north on NE 20th Ave. This will curve east into NE 159th St. Then turn north on NE 22nd Ave. to the trailhead at the end.

Facilities:
Walking trails - wood chip surface
No paved trails
No restrooms
No potable water
No trash facilities

Fees:
None

Hours:
7 am to Dusk

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Legend:

- Parking
- Wood chip Trail
- Informal Foot trails
- Access
- Trailhead Information



See and do

- Hike 0.5 miles of wood chip trails down to the creek corridor or wander the dirt-surface trails through the wooded uplands. The trails are level to gently sloping throughout the property.
- The forest area is a wildlife watcher's haven, especially if you have binoculars to spy the many species of birds that either visit during migration or call the woods home.
- The Whipple Creek is a shallow creek with rocky riffles and shallow pools creating great habitat for wildlife.
- The understory areas include many types of small trees, shrubs, ferns and wildflowers, as well as an occasional mushroom. Bring your plant identification books and scout out your favorite.
- Pack a snack and rest on a log at the trail head. The sounds of nature around you offer a peaceful moment just north of the city.

Know when you go

- The natural area is open from 7 am until dusk.
- There are no parking fees.
- The trail access is from the trailhead at NE 22nd Ave. Informal foot trails can be accessed at NE 165th St.
- Stay on the trails to minimize damage to plants. Be aware of roots, loose rocks and other trip hazards.
- There are no trash or restroom facilities available on site. Be prepared for your visit.
- Pack out all trash and dispose of properly off site.
- Dogs are allowed, but must remain on leash to minimize damage to habitat. Please pick up all pet waste and properly dispose of off-site.

Visit

The nearest bus stop is near the Salmon Creek Legacy Hospital (C-Tran Route 19). Additional weekday service goes to WSU. It is approximately 1.4 miles north on NE 20th Ave. to Heritage Creek subdivision. Follow the same directions on the front of the flier. There are some bike lanes along this route (a few sections also have sidewalks). No bike racks are provided on site. Vehicular directions are on the front of this flier.

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Photo source: Clark County Parks and Recreation, Media Hollow NA

Did you know?

The natural area is in the headwaters Upper Whipple Creek, which is part of the West slope watershed. The West Slope watershed covers 40 square miles. In 2010, the Upper Whipple Creek ranked "poor" for stream health due to high flows and low biological quality. Restoration projects, like the one on this site, will help protect the watershed for years. New rocks and logs add habitat for a wide range of animals, insects and birds.

