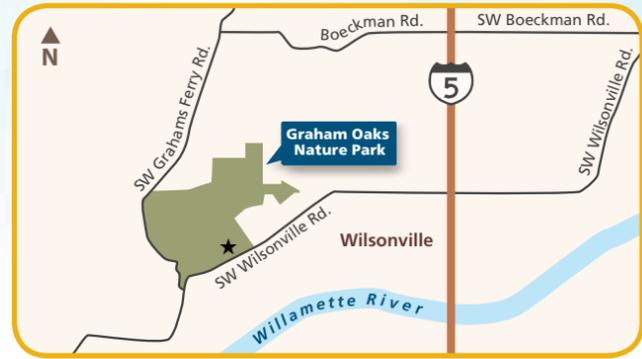


Visiting the park



Directions From Interstate 5, take the Southwest Wilsonville Road exit (283); go west on Wilsonville Road. Graham Oaks Nature Park is approximately 1.5 miles west of Interstate 5, on the right. The nature park is adjacent to Inza R. Wood Middle School, Boones Ferry Primary School and CREST environmental educational center.

SMART regional transit provides service from Wilsonville Station to the park via the 4-Wilsonville Road line. The 2x Barbur provides service between Barbur Transit Center and Wilsonville Station.

Hours 6:30 a.m. to legal sunset

Parking There is limited parking at the park entrance. Parking is not allowed at any of the schools.

Bike parking There is a permanent bike parking structure at the entrance of the park, accommodating a total of six bikes. Bikes are permitted only on the Tonquin Trail.

Access Many of the park features are wheelchair accessible, although some trails offer a higher level of challenge.

Strict dog policy Typically, dogs are not allowed at Metro parks and natural areas in order to protect sensitive habitats, local wildlife and plants. Metro is making an exception by allowing dogs on the Tonquin Trail at Graham Oaks because it is a regional throughway. Dogs must be on-leash at all times, and are not allowed anywhere else in the park.

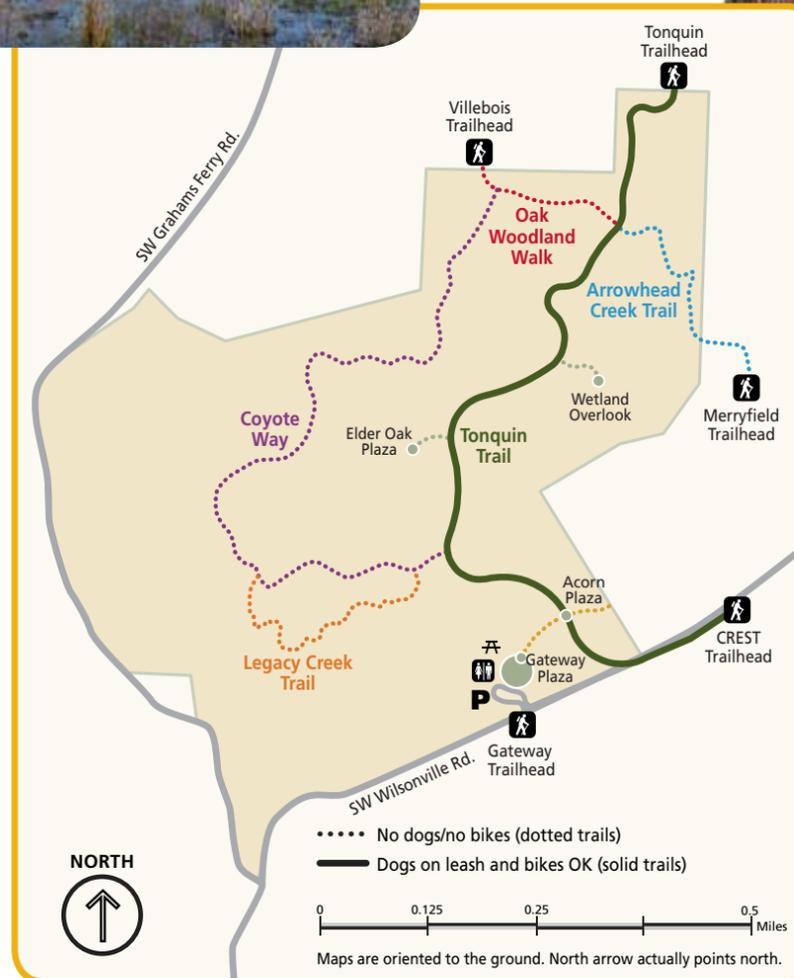
For more information about Metro parks, call 503-797-1850 or visit www.oregonmetro.gov/parks

Picnic shelter The shelter is available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved. It is 620 square feet with five picnic tables, two of which are wheelchair accessible, accommodating a total of 36 people. The structure is made of wood, steel and stone support columns constructed with local, environmentally-friendly materials. The roof is planted with sedums and wildflowers that absorb rainfall and provide biodiversity.

Education Graham Oaks serves as a 250-acre outdoor classroom for Boones Ferry Primary and Inza R. Wood Middle schools and CREST environmental educational center, funded and operated by the West Linn-Wilsonville School District. Students study the rich wildlife habitat and cultural history of Graham Oaks from early inhabitants like the Kalapuya Indians to settlers such as Alphonso Boone, who established Boones Ferry.

The Tonquin Trail connects Graham Oaks Nature Park to The Intertwine. The Intertwine is a connected network of parks, trails and natural areas in the Portland, Ore. and Vancouver, Wash. area. To learn how you can help plan, protect and promote The Intertwine, visit www.theintertwine.org.

A special thanks to the partners that have supported the development of Graham Oaks Nature Park. The City of Wilsonville, Oregon State Parks and Recreation and you – the voters who protected this nature park and thousands of acres more by passing the 2006 natural areas bond measure.



Northern harrier
Jim Cruce photo

Look, listen and discover the animals that live in and visit Graham Oaks Nature Park.



Western gray squirrel



Orange-crowned warbler



Belted kingfisher
Jim Cruce photo

Native yellow-faced bumble bee

Oregon sunshine
Heritage Seedlings, inc. photo

Graham Oaks Nature Park

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A historical habitat renewed

Ride your bike on the Tonquin Trail, stroll through a conifer forest or spot birds from a wetland overlook at Metro's Graham Oaks Nature Park in Wilsonville. This 250-acre destination is a playground not just for people but also for wildlife. With restored oak woodlands growing bigger every year, Graham Oaks provides important habitat for native birds and mammals. Bring your family, your camera, a picnic and your curiosity and learn how voters helped renew this special landscape.



Watch the trees grow

Kalapuyan tribes gathered food from this terrain, including acorns from the plentiful oak trees. The land was later logged and farmed; for a time, its future was uncertain. Metro purchased and restored Graham Oaks using funds from two voter-approved natural areas bond measures. Metro staff, volunteers and contract crews planted more than a hundred million seeds of wildflowers and grasses and 150,000 native trees and shrubs – including 15,000 oaks. These young oaks will grow up to look like the lone oak tree visible at the center of the park. This tree is thought to be 150 to 200 years old.

A trail for every taste

Three miles of trails traverse Graham Oaks, allowing visitors to explore several habitats in a single park. Cyclists and joggers can take the paved Tonquin Trail, which eventually will connect Wilsonville, Tualatin and Sherwood. A spur trail leads to a wetland overlook that's perfect for bird-watchers, while Coyote Way meanders through young oak woodlands. For a bit of shade, follow the Legacy Creek Trail through a rich conifer forest where thousands of species thrive.

Stop, listen, learn

Be sure to visit Graham Oaks' five plazas – perfect spots to rest, reflect and learn about the park. Interpretive signs tell the story of tribes that lived on this land and the family that farmed it; oak habitats, a conifer forest and the wildlife they nourish; the water that flows beneath the soil, and the expansion of the park's wetlands.



Acorn statue

You can't miss the 6,000-pound acorn sculpture, at the appropriately named Acorn Plaza. Local artist Mauricio Saldana designed the piece as the park's contribution to Metro's One Percent for Art program. Saldana's stone carvings can be found in many prominent locations across the region, including Metro's Mount Talbert Nature Park and Smith and Bybee Wetlands.



Go green with Graham Oaks

Welcome to one of the region's greenest parks! The design, materials and construction at Graham Oaks promote environmental stewardship of natural resources in many ways. Pervious pavement in the parking lot and the ecoroof on the picnic shelter manage stormwater and remove pollutants. Solar panels on the restroom feed into Wilsonville's electric grid. And the Pacific Northwest economy gets a boost from locally sourced materials, including beautiful Columbia River Gorge basalt stonework at the plazas and hand-forged metal oak trees on the benches.



Thanks to two voter-approved bond measures, the Metro Natural Areas Program has protected more than 10,000 acres across the Portland metropolitan area. Caring for this land enhances water quality, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities for future generations. To learn more, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/naturalareas.

About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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