

Nature Park for Animals and People



Powell Butte Nature Park is a unique 611-acre upland area, rich in natural resources and within easy reach of city dwellers.

Over eight miles of trails accommodate hikers, bird watchers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders. A wheelchair-accessible paved trail makes the heart of the park accessible to nature lovers of all abilities.

Abundant wildlife populates the park, including rabbits, voles, raccoons, skunks, bats, chipmunks, coyotes, and black-tailed mule deer. Spring-nesting neotropical birds also live in both forest and field in the Nature Park. The Nature Park is noted for its birds of prey because its open meadows, forested slopes of Douglas-fir and big leaf maple, and wetlands together provide excellent habitat and abundant food sources.

Volunteer Opportunities

You can help lend a hand alongside Portland Parks & Recreation, Friends of Powell Butte, and other community volunteers in completing important stewardship projects on Powell Butte

Volunteer at monthly events held the second Saturday of every month (except for December).

Call 503-823-6131 for additional information, or visit portlandoregon.gov/parks/workparty.

Friends of Powell Butte

Friends of Powell Butte is a non-profit organization consisting of neighbors and friends concerned about the qualities and resources of Powell Butte Nature Park. Friends of Powell Butte work closely with Portland Parks & Recreation and the Portland Water Bureau in planning and implementing park improvements, providing volunteer assistance, and offering community input.

Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Powell Butte Visitor Center.

For more information or to donate, visit friendsofpowellbutte.org.

Park Rules

Your cooperation and thoughtfulness is appreciated by other responsible park users and by wildlife that make their home at Powell Butte Nature Park. Visitors are asked to observe the following rules:

- Do not go off trail.
- Keep pets on leashes at all times.
- Dispose of waste properly: pack it in, pack it out.
- No harvesting. Vegetation may not be removed or intentionally damaged.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited beyond parking areas; park in designated lots only. Do not block fire/emergency lanes.
- Alcohol, firearms, open fires, camping, golfing, smoking, tobacco use, fireworks, and vending are prohibited.
- No drones or other flying devices allowed in the park.
- Observe seasonally adjusted gate hours.
- Pedestrians/bicyclists/equestrians are asked to be respectful and slow down when passing.
- Observe trail closures during muddy conditions.



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TRAIL MAP INCLUDED



Powell Butte Trails

Miles of trails invite you to explore Powell Butte Nature Park. As you hike, bird-watch, bicycle, or horse ride through the park, please note the designated uses and stay on the appropriate trails.

PARKING AND TRANSIT

The entrance road to the Powell Butte parking lot is at SE 162nd Avenue and Powell Boulevard. Special parking areas are available for buses and equestrian trailers. TriMet serves the park through the #9 route.

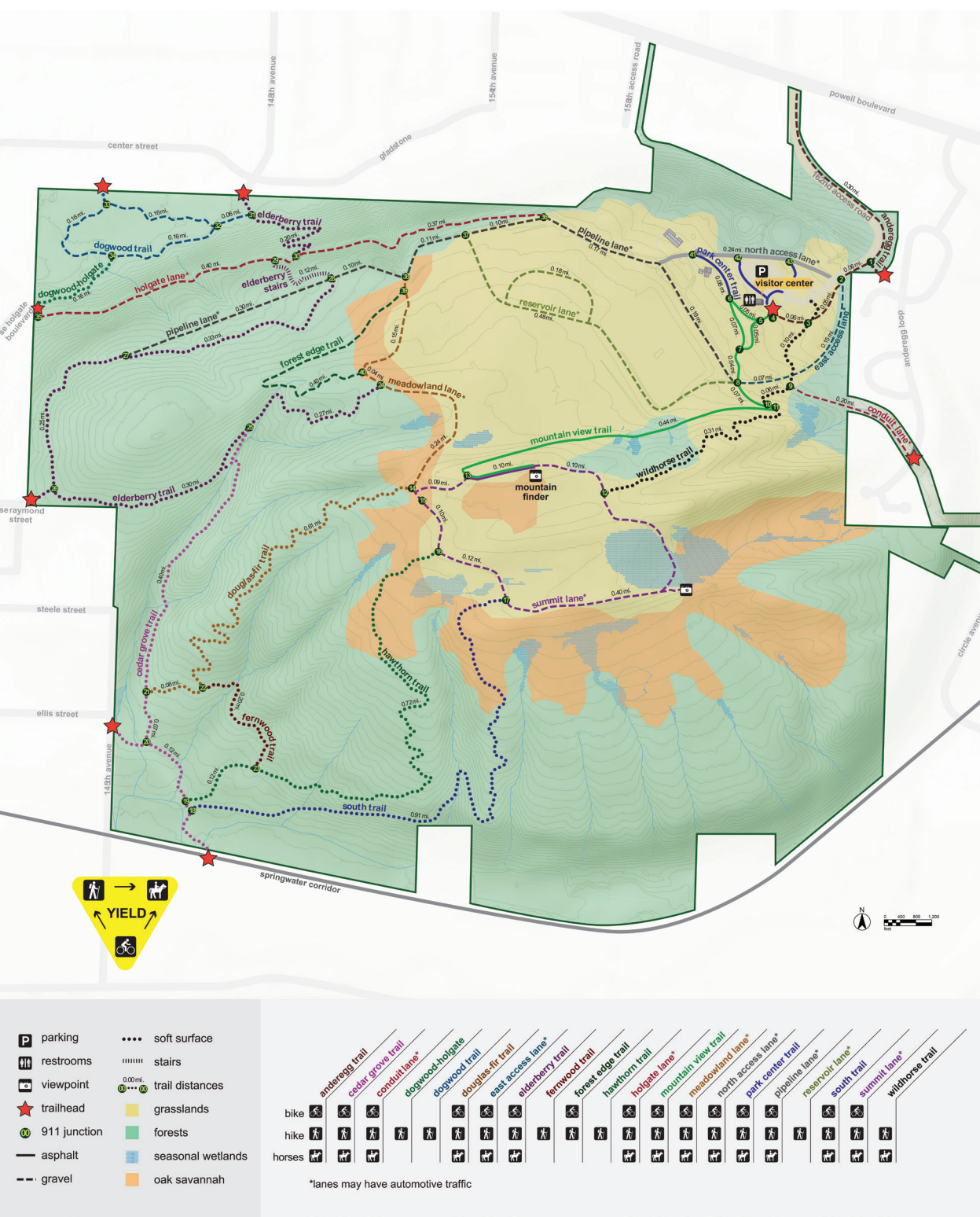
TRAIL ACCESS

Trails enter the park at SE 148th Avenue and Center Street, SE 145th Avenue and Ellis Street, SE 136th Avenue and Holgate Boulevard, SE 141st Avenue and Raymond Street, from the Springwater Corridor Trail, and from SE Anderegg Loop.

The Summit with Endless Views

The summit of Powell Butte offers spectacular views of Cascade Mountain peaks, including Mount St. Helens and Mount Adams to the north, Mount Hood to the east, and Mount Jefferson to the southeast.

For an informed view, follow the wheelchair-accessible Mountain View Trail and Summit Lane to the northeast corner of the walnut orchard. There, at Powell Butte’s highest point of more than 600 feet, you’ll see the *Mountain Finder* pointing out several Cascade Mountain peaks and nearby buttes.



Powell Butte - Then and Now

HISTORY AND PRESENT USE

Powell Butte Nature Park lies in the Johnson Creek Watershed in southeast Portland, one of a series of volcanic lava domes which form the Boring/East Buttes Lava Domes.

Powell Butte Nature Park’s recent history begins with the purchase of the 556-acre Wilson Homestead in 1925 by the City of Portland. The City’s early recognition that Powell Butte’s location and elevation would be of high value as a water reservoir site was first utilized in the 1960s when two above-ground tanks were constructed by the Powell Valley Road Water District. This was followed by Portland Water Bureau’s completion of a 50-million-gallon underground reservoir in 1980, and a 66-inch water transmission line linking Powell Butte to Washington County in 1983, and the second 50-million gallon underground reservoir in 2015.

Powell Butte Nature Park’s history includes agricultural use. Years ago a farmhouse stood near the location of the first underground reservoir. The walnut orchard near the summit is approximately 100 years old. Until 1990 Meadowland Dairy, from its location near the northeast corner of Powell Butte, used the Butte’s 300-acre grassland for grazing.

