

DISCOVER NEARBY PARKS AND TRAILS!



What could be better than exploring parks and trails close to home, and stumbling on your favorite hidden gem? Encourage a healthy lifestyle by motivating kids, family and friends to move in the great outdoors. Here's a few featured Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation areas to get you started. You'll find a complete listing of all parks and trails online at vanclarkparks-rec.org -- and best of all, visiting them is a fun, FREE activity!



Cpt. William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach:

If you haven't been to this Washougal park recently, you'll want to check out what's new! Additional parking, picnic shelters, restrooms, walking trails, picnic tables and benches have been added. The park features magnificent views of the Columbia River, too. Cottonwood Beach is a historic site -- it was one of the campsites of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The dike trail leads visitors to the wildlife refuge just upstream. To get there, take Highway 14 to South 32nd Street in Washougal and head south to the park.



Haagen Community Park :

This 30-acre community park services several east side neighborhoods including Fircrest. The park was recently updated to include restrooms, a picnic shelter, two playground areas, sports fields, half-court basketball courts and parking. The park also includes natural areas and several paths for walking, biking and enjoying the park. It's located north of Mill Plain Boulevard near the corner of Ninth Street and 136th Avenue -- next door to Firstenburg Community Center.



Pacific Community Park :

This diverse community park covers 56-acres and is located just south of 18th Street between 164th and 172nd Avenues. It includes a picnic shelter, restrooms, parking, a playground area, an extreme sports park (skateboarding/BMX biking), basketball, an open lawn, an off-leash dog area and a demonstration garden. Paths weave throughout the park offering a great opportunity for walking, jogging and cycling.

Fisher Basin Park :

This park, located just south of Shahala Middle School, features soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts and a large playground. There's also a paved walking trail and a picnic shelter. Fisher Basin has a wide range of uses from active sports to family gatherings. It's located at the corner of Mill Plain Boulevard and 192nd Avenue.



New neighborhood parks:

There are now several new neighborhood parks (3-5 acres) serving east Vancouver. For more information on these parks, go to vanclarkparks-rec.org and look up new areas including Cherry, Sifton, Little Prairie, Oak Grove and



Harmony Ridge. These new parks provide fun areas for the whole family to check out and they help build community in our local neighborhoods.



TRAILS

Lacamas Heritage Trail and Park:

Along the western shore of Lacamas Lake lies a 3.25-mile packed gravel trail which is a favorite for runners and walkers. Lacamas Park features another 3.5+ miles of trails. The park is located at the corner of Everett Street and Lake Road in Camas.

Burnt Bridge Creek Trail:

This trail will eventually connect Vancouver Lake to Lacamas Lake. But for now, the current 11 miles of trail traverses some of the most beautiful areas in Vancouver. There's plenty of wildlife viewing in the newly created wetland areas, and the trail passes through Leverich Park where you can stop for a picnic and a game of disc (Frisbee) golf. Go to vanclarkparks-rec.org for trailhead locations.

The Waterfront Renaissance Trail:

This 4.5-mile local trail favorite is getting longer! The trail begins in downtown Vancouver and meanders along the Columbia River waterfront all the way to Wintler Park. You'll discover some great landmarks on this trail, including the Land Bridge near Fort Vancouver, the Water Resources Education Center and the beautiful Tidewater Jetty.