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

Stop by and visit!
ABOUT 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 “Trail” portion of the 4T Loop, the Marquam Trail serves as a connection to other trails and natural areas throughout the metropolitan area.

Marquam Nature Park is a good place to observe the interconnection between humans and nature. Wilderness abounds in the form of native plants and animals, each season bringing a new perspective. 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 create a monoculture. In order to maintain a diverse ecosystem, it is important to keep invasive plants in check so that a healthy environment can thrive for generations to come.

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

FRIENDS OF MARQUAM NATURE PARK

Friends of Marquam Nature Park (FMNP) is a non-profit community-based volunteer organization. We work in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation and others to conserve, maintain and enhance the historical, natural and recreational resources of Marquam Nature Park, and to educate the public about the park's unique natural and cultural history.

Each month, FMNP hosts several work parties and invites the public to participate. Please visit our website FMNP.org or Hands-on-Portland.org to see the schedule for work parties. In addition to maintaining trails, removing invasive species and planting native species, FMNP contributes to grant applications and community outreach in order to further develop the relationship between Marquam Park and its users.

Please join or support our efforts. We welcome new volunteers. See FMNP.org for information on how you can get involved and to make donations.

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, acquired the property for the first phase of the park through personal contributions and grants. Subsequently, the land was donated to the City of Portland and the park was dedicated in 1983.

ABOUT THE MARQUAM MOSAIC

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

Through a series of workshops in early 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 30 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.

Come and see this fabulous creation. The mosaic is adjacent to the 4T Trail at the Marquam Shelter on SW Marquam Street, off SW Sam Jackson Park Road.