

Field guide

MASON HILL PARK



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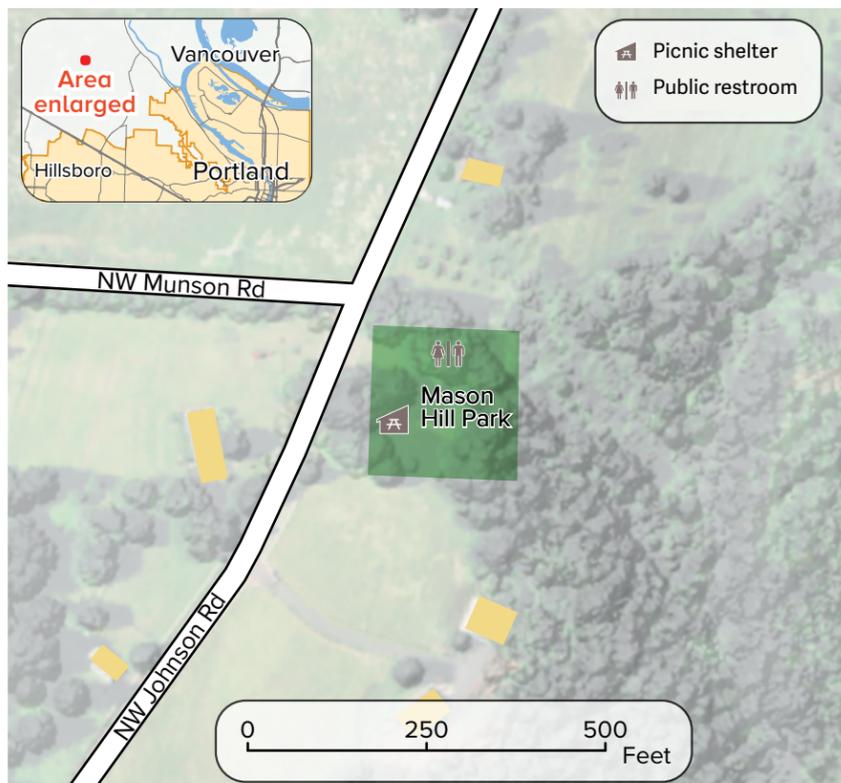
Located in the North Tualatin Mountains, Mason Hill Park offers a beautiful, tranquil environment to enjoy a unique one-acre historic site. Home to a one-room schoolhouse from 1891 to 1944, its history tells part of the story of how the region developed.

During the 19th and early 20th centuries many American students attended one-room schoolhouses. The schools were located in rural areas and taught as many as six to 40 students. Often, there was only one teacher, who sometimes slept in the classroom during the school week. Teachers would work with several different grades at the same time. Depending on the distance, students might travel by horse to attend school.

One-room schoolhouses were central to many communities, doubling as gathering spaces and Sunday churches. Multnomah County transferred Mason Hill to Metro in 1994. Today, the legacy of the one-room schoolhouse is preserved as a converted picnic shelter and park for all to enjoy. Look for the original school bell mounted on top of the picnic shelter.

Mason Hill remains loved and adored by the community to this day. Mason Hill still hosts annual reunions for neighbors and students who once attended the school.

Located off Northwest Johnson Road, this peaceful park has seen painters trying to capture the sweeping view of the Tualatin Valley's rolling hills, and bicyclists who pull over to take their lunch break under the picnic shelter.



Mason Hill Park

GETTING THERE

From Portland, head west on U.S. 26. Take exit 61B and head north on Northwest Helvetia Road. Shortly after the road curves left, take a right on Northwest Logie Trail, which naturally becomes Northwest Johnson Road. Mason Hill Park will be on the right at the intersection with Northwest Munson Road. If you come by car, be prepared to park in a narrow roadside spot.

KNOW WHEN YOU GO

Open sunrise to sunset. No pets, please.

AMENITIES

Restrooms, picnic shelters

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In the neighborhood Helvetia Tavern is located in the North Plains area just south of Mason Hill Park. Stop by for a burger and learn more about this historic site. Enjoy some wine at Abbey Creek Vineyard, just 15 minutes away from the park in the heart of downtown North Plains. Or stop by the renowned Rice Museum of Rocks & Minerals and learn why it is considered one of the best museums in the nation, showcasing fossils, meteorites, gems and more.

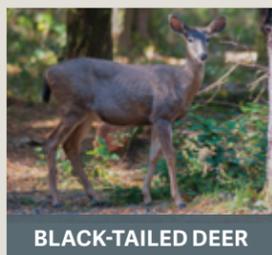
Be on the lookout!



COOPER'S HAWK



COYOTE



BLACK-TAILED DEER



AMERICAN ROBIN

VINEYARD AND VALLEY SCENIC TOUR ROUTE AND TUALATIN VALLEY SCENIC BIKEWAY

With just a slight detour, Mason Hill Park makes a great stop as part of two scenic routes through the Tualatin Valley.

The Vineyard and Valley Scenic Tour Route takes visitors by the Old Scotch Church that was built in 1878, wine tours in Forest Grove and the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. You can also stop at various u-pick farms during the summer for berries or other fresh fruits and vegetables. Or stop by vineyards with breathtaking views of the valley below.

One of the best ways to enjoy Mason Hill is on two wheels.

The Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway captures some of the best scenic views of the northern part of the Willamette Valley. This friendly trail starts at Rood Bridge Park in Hillsboro and heads west to Forest Grove. After several scenic country roads, cyclists can find their way onto the iconic Banks-Vernonia State Trail, a 21-mile paved trail that travels through L.L. Stub Stewart State Park.

With either tour, bring your lunch and explore the peaceful gem that is Mason Hill.

Learn more about the routes at traveloregon.com or tualatinvalley.org