

Gresham Springwater Corridor Trail

These two walks travel part of the 16.8-mile Springwater Corridor Trail, the first urban Rails-to-Trails conversion project in Oregon. It runs from near the Willamette River in Portland to Boring, Oregon. Along Gresham's 4.8 miles of the trail, pass restored railroad trestles and wetlands, and visit sites of Gresham's history. The trail roughly parallels Johnson Creek, one of the last free-flowing streams in the metro area.

Route One

[5.2 miles 10982 steps  difficulty  45-495, -122.430]

The first route, a 2.6-mile one-way walk, heads west from downtown Gresham. Enter the Springwater Corridor Trail at 219 S. Main Avenue in Main City Park. At Walters Drive, investigate three pioneer cemeteries adjacent to the trail. Continue west on the trail to Linneman Station, a replica of a 1903 streetcar station that burned down at this site in 1995. The station, once a popular destination for weekend tourists from Portland, is one of the last remaining depots in Oregon's once-extensive interurban electric railway system. It features railroad memorabilia and artifacts of early Gresham life.

From Linneman Station, continue west; turn right on Highland Drive and walk about 0.25 mile on the sidewalk to Powell Boulevard. Turn right on Powell to catch Bus 9 east back to Gresham Central Station. To travel west to Portland, cross Powell at Highland, turn left and walk 350 feet to the bus stop. Or return to the start by retracing your steps.

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GRESHAM: SPRINGWATER CORRIDOR TRAIL

Route Two

[4.0 miles 8448 steps  difficulty  45-495, -122.430]

The second route, 2 miles one-way, heads east from downtown Gresham. Enter the Springwater Trail at Main City Park and head southeast, passing the Hogan Road trailhead at 1.3 miles. Continue another 0.25 mile; on the right is the historic Ambleside area. At the turn of the last century, many prominent Portland families had summer homes in Ambleside, a planned community designed around a series of ponds, waterfalls, rock walls and footpaths, with Johnson Creek meandering through the center.

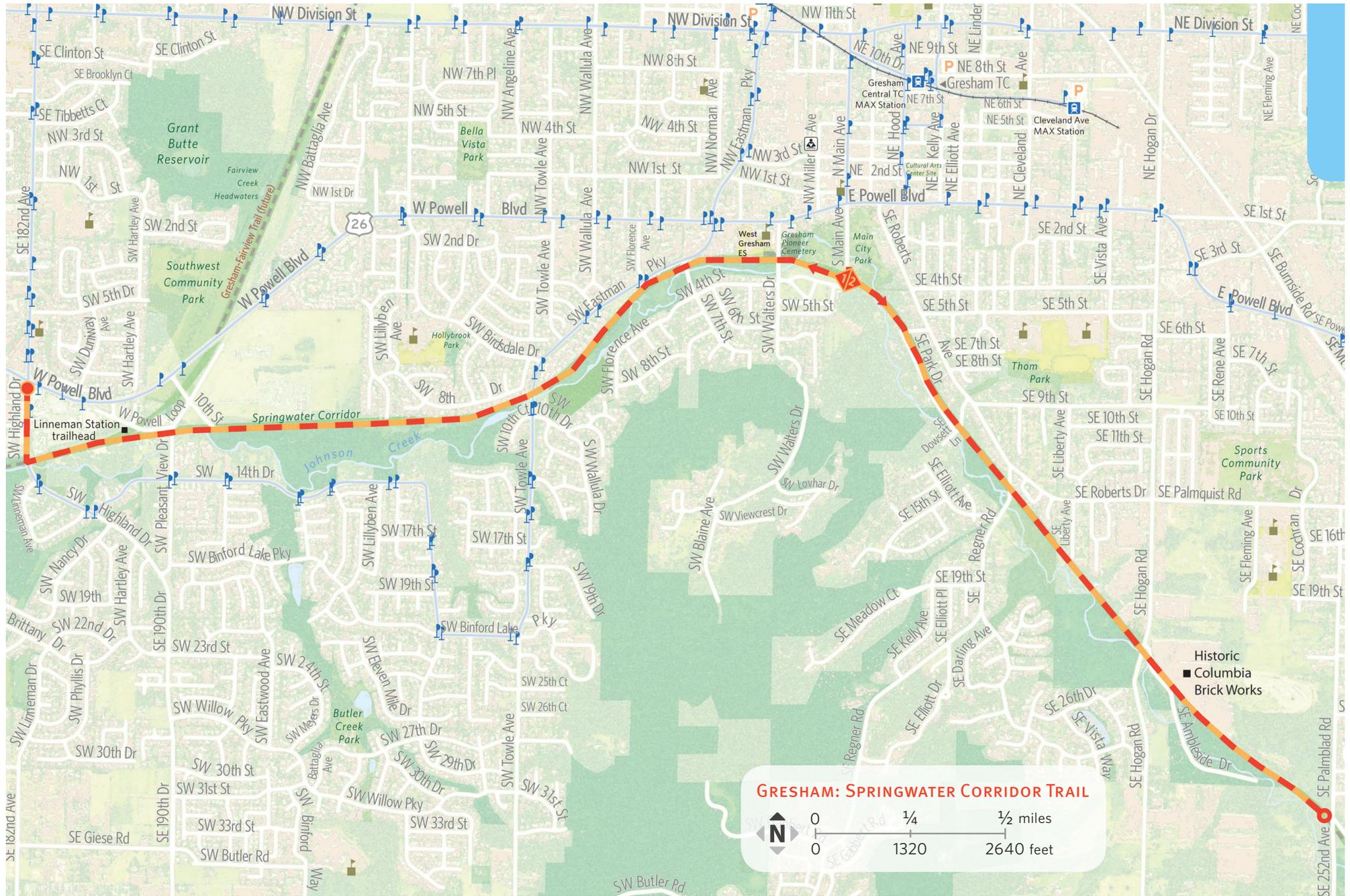
About 250 feet further on the trail and to the left is the Columbia Brick Works Company, founded in 1906 by Franz Olbrich. One of 68 brickyards in the Portland area at that time, it produced more than 150 varieties of bricks. Now it is one of only two brick factories still operating in Oregon. Interpretive signage describes the history of the site.

Continue southeast on the trail to Palmbled Road. Retrace your steps to the start.



Joggers on the Springwater Corridor Trail





Street Grid: NW Division St, NW 11th St, NW 10th St, NW 9th St, NW 8th St, NW 7th St, NW 5th St, NW 4th St, NW 1st St, NE Division St, NE 10th St, NE 9th St, NE 8th St, NE 7th St, NE 6th St, NE 5th St, NE 4th St, NE 3rd St, NE 2nd St, NE 1st St.

Other Streets: SE Clinton St, SE Brooklyn Ct, SE Tibbetts Ct, NW 3rd St, NW 1st St, SE 182nd Ave, SE 181st Ave, SE 180th Ave, SE 179th Ave, SE 178th Ave, SE 177th Ave, SE 176th Ave, SE 175th Ave, SE 174th Ave, SE 173rd Ave, SE 172nd Ave, SE 171st Ave, SE 170th Ave, SE 169th Ave, SE 168th Ave, SE 167th Ave, SE 166th Ave, SE 165th Ave, SE 164th Ave, SE 163rd Ave, SE 162nd Ave, SE 161st Ave, SE 160th Ave, SE 159th Ave, SE 158th Ave, SE 157th Ave, SE 156th Ave, SE 155th Ave, SE 154th Ave, SE 153rd Ave, SE 152nd Ave, SE 151st Ave, SE 150th Ave, SE 149th Ave, SE 148th Ave, SE 147th Ave, SE 146th Ave, SE 145th Ave, SE 144th Ave, SE 143rd Ave, SE 142nd Ave, SE 141st Ave, SE 140th Ave, SE 139th Ave, SE 138th Ave, SE 137th Ave, SE 136th Ave, SE 135th Ave, SE 134th Ave, SE 133rd Ave, SE 132nd Ave, SE 131st Ave, SE 130th Ave, SE 129th Ave, SE 128th Ave, SE 127th Ave, SE 126th Ave, SE 125th Ave, SE 124th Ave, SE 123rd Ave, SE 122nd Ave, SE 121st Ave, SE 120th Ave, SE 119th Ave, SE 118th Ave, SE 117th Ave, SE 116th Ave, SE 115th Ave, SE 114th Ave, SE 113rd Ave, SE 112nd Ave, SE 111st Ave, SE 110th Ave, SE 109th Ave, SE 108th Ave, SE 107th Ave, SE 106th Ave, SE 105th Ave, SE 104th Ave, SE 103rd Ave, SE 102nd Ave, SE 101st Ave, SE 100th Ave, SE 99th Ave, SE 98th Ave, SE 97th Ave, SE 96th Ave, SE 95th Ave, SE 94th Ave, SE 93rd Ave, SE 92nd Ave, SE 91st Ave, SE 90th Ave, SE 89th Ave, SE 88th Ave, SE 87th Ave, SE 86th Ave, SE 85th Ave, SE 84th Ave, SE 83rd Ave, SE 82nd Ave, SE 81st Ave, SE 80th Ave, SE 79th Ave, SE 78th Ave, SE 77th Ave, SE 76th Ave, SE 75th Ave, SE 74th Ave, SE 73rd Ave, SE 72nd Ave, SE 71st Ave, SE 70th Ave, SE 69th Ave, SE 68th Ave, SE 67th Ave, SE 66th Ave, SE 65th Ave, SE 64th Ave, SE 63rd Ave, SE 62nd Ave, SE 61st Ave, SE 60th Ave, SE 59th Ave, SE 58th Ave, SE 57th Ave, SE 56th Ave, SE 55th Ave, SE 54th Ave, SE 53rd Ave, SE 52nd Ave, SE 51st Ave, SE 50th Ave, SE 49th Ave, SE 48th Ave, SE 47th Ave, SE 46th Ave, SE 45th Ave, SE 44th Ave, SE 43rd Ave, SE 42nd Ave, SE 41st Ave, SE 40th Ave, SE 39th Ave, SE 38th Ave, SE 37th Ave, SE 36th Ave, SE 35th Ave, SE 34th Ave, SE 33rd Ave, SE 32nd Ave, SE 31st Ave, SE 30th Ave, SE 29th Ave, SE 28th Ave, SE 27th Ave, SE 26th Ave, SE 25th Ave, SE 24th Ave, SE 23rd Ave, SE 22nd Ave, SE 21st Ave, SE 20th Ave, SE 19th Ave, SE 18th Ave, SE 17th Ave, SE 16th Ave, SE 15th Ave, SE 14th Ave, SE 13th Ave, SE 12th Ave, SE 11th Ave, SE 10th Ave, SE 9th Ave, SE 8th Ave, SE 7th Ave, SE 6th Ave, SE 5th Ave, SE 4th Ave, SE 3rd Ave, SE 2nd Ave, SE 1st Ave.

Landmarks and Parks: Grant Butte Reservoir, Fairview Creek Headwaters, Southwest Community Park, Hollybrook Park, Thom Park, Sports Community Park, Main City Park, Gresham Pioneer Cemetery, West Gresham ES, Cultural Arts Center Site, Bella Vista Park.

Other Features: Johnson Creek, Springwater Corridor, Gresham-Fairview Trail (future), Linneman Station trailhead, Gresham TC MAX Station, Cleveland Ave MAX Station.