

## Portland: Hillsdale to the River

This hilly walk in Portland's Southwest Hills combines several city staircases, forest paths and a river walk, with great views and significant elevation gain. You'll find plenty of places to eat along SW Macadam Avenue, which intersects the walk at about the halfway mark.

This route follows routes signed SW Trails 3 and SW Trails 4. Begin at Wilson High School's parking lot, SW Sunset Boulevard and Capitol Highway. Walk east through the lot to Burlingame Avenue. Walk downhill. Turn left on Burlingame Terrace. Carefully cross Terwilliger Boulevard and enter George Himes Park. Follow a trail downhill, passing underneath Barbur Boulevard and I-5.

Leave the park at Iowa Street, then turn right on Corbett. In one block, turn left on Carolina, then right on Virginia and left on Nebraska. Follow Nebraska to the riverside Willamette Park. Follow a paved park path to the right and exit the park at Miles Place. Turn right on Miles Street and cross Macadam. After crossing a street island, you're on Taylors Ferry Road. Begin climbing, following SW Trails 4 signs to a long staircase. Climb it; at the top continue straight on Custer. Turn right at Brier Place, then immediately left to walk on a road right-of-way adjacent to I-5. Walk the trail then go left to ascend a flight of stairs. At the top, turn right on 4th Avenue and take a quick left up more stairs. At the top, emerge on the right (east) side of Terwilliger. Turn right. At the stoplight at Terwilliger and Barbur, cross to get to Terwilliger's west side. Continue on Terwilliger north to Caldew. Turn left onto it; at 838, climb a set of stairs. At the top, go right on Burlingame to return to Wilson High School.

4.0 miles

8,448 steps

difficulty

45.478, -122.692

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### Hillsdale's History

In 1851, John Slavin obtained a Donation Land Claim and built a cabin and barn at what is now Capitol Highway and Sunset Boulevard; Slavin's Road was later named Capitol Highway.

After the Northern Pacific rail line to Portland was complete, German, Swiss and Italian immigrants began to settle in Portland's Southwest hills, in what became known as Hillsdale. Many of them established dairies and vegetable farms. In 1890 the Raz brothers from Switzerland ran the Fulton Park Dairy, now the site of Wilson High School. It was a dairy until 1949.



Willamette Greenway riparian area



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