**Beaverton**

**Fanno Creek Greenway Trail**

Two walks on the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail showcase the creek along which early settlers made their claims. The first walk crosses Fanno Creek while following the former route of the Oregon Electric Railroad in unincorporated Washington County. The second walk closely follows Fanno Creek as it meanders south through Beaverton.

**Route One**

[2.3 miles 4942 steps difficulty 45.467, -122.752]

For the Oregon Electric Railroad section, begin at the Garden Home Recreation Center, 7475 SW Oleson Road. The paved multiuse trail begins north of the parking lot. Follow it west 1.15 mile to its end at 92nd Avenue. It passes peaceful Garden Home streets on the left and the Portland Golf Club on the right, which occupies lowlands of marshes and ponds adjacent to the creek. Vista Brook Park offers a place to picnic and watch ducks in a small pond. At 92nd Avenue, turn around and retrace your steps to the start.

**Route Two**

[3.6 miles 7603 steps difficulty 45.469, -122.790]

For this 1.8-mile (one-way) section, begin at SW Denney Road just west of Highway 217. The trailhead offers parking, a bike rack and an information kiosk. Walk south on the paved path. Fanno Creek flows westerly from its headwaters in Portland’s Hillsdale neighborhood to its confluence with the Tualatin River in Durham. Watch for groves of Oregon ash and water birds such as the great blue heron. At Hall Boulevard, head a half block west, cross Hall at (continued on page 226)

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...as you approach the light, then head a half block east to access the next trail segment in Greenway Park. South of Hall, on Creekside Place, visit the 1857 Augustus Fanno farmhouse (open by appointment only). At Scholls Ferry Road, the boundary between Beaverton and Tigard, retrace your steps to the start.

**The Fanno Story**

Augustus Fanno arrived in Oregon in 1846. Soon after, his wife and newborn child died in Linn City (a former town across the Willamette River from Oregon City). Fanno left Linn City, following an Indian trail into the Tualatin Plains, where he claimed land on a creek (now Fanno Creek). The trail Fanno followed later became known as the Astoria-Military Road. He chose his claim’s location so he could sell produce to travelers on the trail. His first home, made of logs, was built in 1851; the current home, reflecting his agricultural success, was built in 1857. Fanno was a pioneer onion grower in the Tualatin Valley; at the 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland, he was proclaimed the “Onion King.” The Fanno family farmed onions along the creek until about 1940 when onion maggots decimated their crops. (Information courtesy of Virginia Mapes's *Chakeipi: The Place of the Beaver.*)
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- Fanno Farmhouse
- Westridge SW Crystal St Open Space
- Coolidge Park
- Willamette Park
- Fanno Creek Trail of Oregon Electric RSW
- Portland Home Park
- South Park
- Greenway Park
- Conestoga MS
- Tigard
- Beaverton

Legend:
- 0 miles
- 1320 feet
- 1/4 mile
- 2640 feet

Units:
- Miles
- Feet

Scale:
- 1/4 mile
- 1320 feet

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- North