Troutdale
Downtown and Parks

This 1.2-mile one-way walk connects picturesque downtown Troutdale with its historic rail depot and pioneer home to the riverside Glenn Otto Park and Lewis and Clark State Park. Both parks offer trails and access to the Sandy River.

From the intersection of SW 257th Avenue and East Columbia River Highway, walk east along the historic highway on sidewalks through downtown Troutdale. At the northeastern end of downtown is the Depot Rail Museum and Depot Park, site of the town’s 1907 train depot. From Depot Park, cross the highway and follow the walkway south approximately 0.25 mile to the Harlow House Park and Barn Museum. From the Harlow House, continue south, following the road as it turns east, crosses Beaver Creek and enters Glenn Otto Park. From the park, follow the highway bike lane east over the Sandy River via the historic Troutdale Bridge. On the east end of the bridge, turn north (left) and walk 0.25 mile to Lewis and Clark State Recreation Site and Broughton’s Bluff, the westernmost point in the Columbia River Gorge. Interpretive displays in the park describe its history. Retrace your steps to return to the start.

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The Troutdale Story

Many of the shops and businesses in downtown Troutdale have been rebuilt to reflect a turn of the century feel. The Harlow House was built in 1900 by the son of Captain John Harlow. Captain Harlow, the founder of Troutdale, created trout ponds in the vicinity of the Harlow House; it was from these ponds the town derived its name.

Glenn Otto Park was named after a town mayor. The park is on the banks of the Sandy River and offers numerous picnic sites and easy river access. The Troutdale Bridge crossing the Sandy was constructed in 1912 by Multnomah County for $20,000.

Lewis and Clark State Park commemorates the Lewis and Clark expedition and their exploration of the Sandy River in 1805. Broughton’s Bluff in the park is named for Lt. William Robert Broughton who navigated the Columbia in 1792 to the mouth of the Sandy and is responsible for the naming of Mount Hood. Day hikers and technical rock climbers will find bluff trails and rock formations provide a challenge and great view from the top.

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