Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway – Stewart Glen to Leverich Park

This walk showcases the westernmost 2 miles (one-way) of the 8-mile Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, a paved, multiuse trail that follows the path of Burnt Bridge Creek through the northern stretches of Vancouver. The trail passes through forests and grassland and accesses two city parks.

Begin at Stewart Glen, located at the mouth of Burnt Bridge Creek, at Fruit Valley Road and Bernie Drive. The creek here, before it enters Vancouver Lake, is ponded by road and railroad embankments, making for good bird habitat in winter. The trail meanders east along the creek through thick forest and bottomlands. To visit Kiggins Bowl, at Hazel Dell Avenue turn right and walk south. Kiggins Bowl, named for a former Vancouver mayor, features a track, football field and tree-lined walkways.

To continue east on the trail, watch for a trail connection on the east side of Hazel Dell Avenue. This trail allows you to cross I-5 on a pedestrian/bicycle overpass. At the east end of the overpass, head south to Leverich Park. Here you’ll find open fields, forest, picnic areas and a quaint footbridge over the creek. The trail continues east another 6 miles.

See www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/parks_trails for information about other access points.

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Burnt Bridge Creek once served as Vancouver’s water supply, until city wells were dug. Donald and Betty Stewart donated 12 acres of land on the creek to be preserved as a natural arboretum and wildlife refuge. The Stewarts’s donation was a catalyst in the formation of what became the “Stewart Glen” area of Burnt Bridge Creek. It is home to deer, coyote, rabbit, raccoon and feral cats.

Leverich Park’s northern parking lot offers access to the multiuse Ellen Davis Trail. It passes through the propagation gardens of the J. D. Ross Complex; plants started here were transplanted to the grounds of Bonneville Dam and other power generating sites and stations. Orchard trees and other landscape plants, from a farm that predated the Ross Complex, create good bird habitat. This trail continues up a steep grade on the way to Vancouver’s Minnehaha neighborhood.

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