

Welcome to Scouters Mountain Nature Park

Thanks to voters, you can enjoy healthy, safe and fun regional nature parks.

Beneath your feet, a boomer boom

A boomer might be crawling, eating or sleeping right beneath your feet!

Known as mountain beavers, boomers are actually primitive rodents closely related to squirrels. They dig intricate networks of tunnels as deep as 10 feet below the Pacific Northwest's moist forests. Tunnels typically branch out from a nest, with special chambers for eating, storing food and depositing droppings.



Mountain beaver, *Apoldontia rufa* by Tom and Pat Leson

Because they live out of sight, boomers are difficult to spot. Only rarely do they wander on the ground or climb in trees during daylight. But remember, Boomer Trail got its name for a reason – and one of these elusive creatures is probably nearby.

Be on the lookout!

Restoration efforts have helped create this amazing new nature park to explore, as well as healthy habitat for many animal and bird species.



Sword fern, *Polystichum munitum*



Western tiger swallowtail, *Pterourus glaucus*

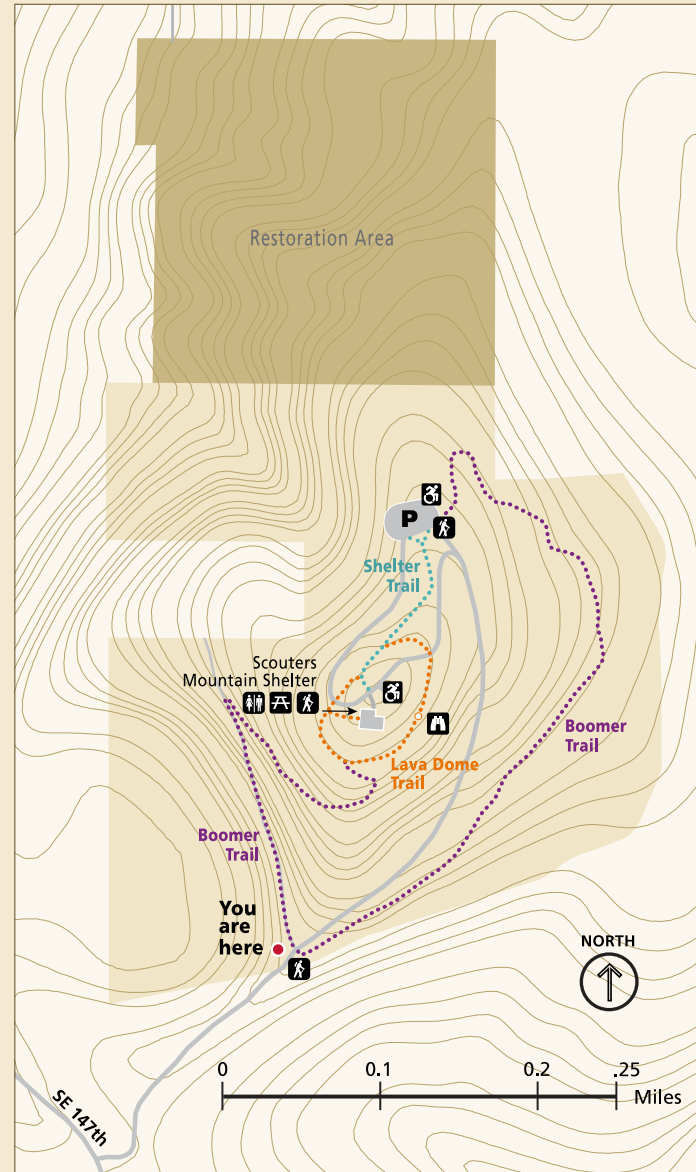


Big leaf maple, *Acer macrophyllum*



Varied thrush, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*

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Be safe, have fun

Have fun hiking, picnicking, relaxing and exploring Scouters Mountain Nature Park. Please follow all rules to ensure a great experience for you and your fellow visitors.

- Park is open daily, sunrise to sunset
- No littering, fires, hunting, alcohol or pets
- Stay on trails to protect sensitive habitat

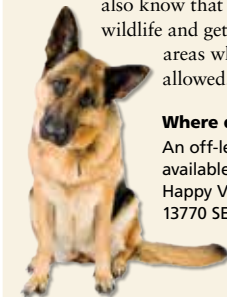
For more information, call 503-797-1545 or visit oregonmetro.gov/parks.

Violators of these or any other park rules are subject to citation and/or eviction. (Metro Code, Title 10)



Why no dogs?

Dogs can damage sensitive habitat and threaten the wildlife that voters helped protect. Birds and other animals have keen senses of sight, smell and hearing; they think of dogs – even the friendliest ones – as predators. We also know that people see more wildlife and get closer to it in natural areas where dogs are not allowed.



Where dogs are allowed

An off-leash dog area is available at the south end of Happy Valley Park, 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.