

## **Blossom, Greenie and Oak MOVE THE 1st OF EACH MONTH to 3 new parks!**

- \* Find 3 gnomes hiding in different natural park areas from Apr. to Oct.
- \* Take a photo of you, your dog or anything else by a gnome!
- \* Post your gnome photos on social media at #LOparksgnomes
- \* #LOparksgnomes photos go in a contest to win a gnome in Oct!

### **JUNE GNOME HUNT** (See Map in Attachments)

**COOKS BUTTE PARK** (18600 Shirley Dr: Follow the paved trail by Stevens Meadows into Cooks Butte Park.)

This 42 acre natural park has it all! Explore several miles of forest trails. Discover a secluded meadow with views at the top of Cooks Butte.

1. Enter the woods and follow the trail. At the “Y”, go RIGHT. Take the upper trail and hear Stellar Jays screech. Blossom challenges you to squeeze between a Douglas Fir tree that’s very close to a Big Leaf Maple tree!
2. Continue UP the trail past lush Sword Ferns. At the “Y”, go LEFT on the trail. At the next “Y”, take a sharp LEFT and go DOWN the trail. Greenie followed a Barn Owl to a Big Leaf Maple tree covered in moss.
3. Go DOWN the trail. Watch for Banana Slugs on large tree roots. At the trail base is a “Y”. Head LEFT along a meadow where horses graze. Oak saw a Flicker on 3 huge Douglas Fir trees near the top of the trail.

### **PENNINGTON PARK** (15120 Boones Ferry Rd.)

This 1 acre natural gem is hidden in the middle of the City. Listen to Springbrook Creek splash over logs and rocks.

1. Enter the park and discover an unexpected oasis. Follow Springbrook Creek as it dances by the trail. Blossom chased a Grey Squirrel down a side path to a Cedar tree grove.
2. Look for Black Tail Deer hoof prints on the banks of burbling Springbrook Creek. Listen to Black Capped Chickadees sing from Salmonberry bushes. Greenie climbed a Cedar tree along the trail.
3. Walk past blooming native Fringecups. Near the trail end, there’s a great spot to watch salamanders frolic near rocks by Springbrook Creek. Oak is peeking out from a nearby dappled Ash tree.

### **ROEHR PARK** (350 Oswego Point Dr.)

This 7.5 acre park has viewpoints with historic signage along the Willamette River. Stroll the paved trail past buildings and continue to the natural park area.

1. Pass under Footbridge #1 that leads to a viewing platform. Continue on the trail past the amphitheater. Blossom is hiding on a Cedar tree,, watching Osprey hunt for fish on the river.
2. Go under Footbridge #2 and its viewing platform. Pass by the busy Water Sports Center. Sit on a bench and look for Sea Lions in the river. Greenie's on a log nestled in Licorice Ferns.
3. Head down the trail and listen to the river lap the shoreline. Watch for Bald Eagles that soar over the river. Oak's on a large Cottonwood tree and hopes a Bald Eagle will join him!