

MAY GNOME HUNT (See Map in Attachments)

FOOTHILLS PARK (NATURAL AREA) (199 Foothills Rd.)

This 10 acre park has trails that follow the Willamette River and then meander along the edge of the meadow area.

1. Blossom is peeking out from a towering Cottonwood tree as she gazes at Swallow Tail Butterflies near the Veterans Memorial.
2. Stroll the paved trail under the cantilevered viewing platform and watch osprey work the river for fish. Greenie is hiding in a Red Flowering Currant bush by the Stafford Stones (Basalt columns etched with poetry).
3. Oak has gone rogue! Take the mown grass path along the edge of the natural meadow. Oak is resting on a tree near the bocce ball courts.

IRON MT. PARK (2401 Iron Mt. Blvd.)

Explore miles of trails in this 53 + acre natural park with wetlands, a pond, historical signage and a nature play area.

1. Cross the footbridge and go Left on the lower trail. Blossom is near a Pacific Madrone tree, looking for Blue Heron and American Beaver in the pond.
2. This lower trail winds thru the woods and offers views of the historic Oswego Hunt Club and fields. Greenie is perched on a Douglas Fir tree shaped like a "C" hoping to hear Red-winged Blackbirds sing.
3. Oak likes to watch for Red-Tailed Hawks soar over the fields. He's found a cool, shaded spot near 7 Big Leaf Maple trees and some Sword Ferns.

SOUTHWOOD PARK (6200 Pamela St.)

Discover a hidden oasis! This 2.5 natural park is host to deer, raccoons and towhees. Look for native Ocean Spray bushes.

1. Weave through the forest on circuitous trails. Keep an eye out for mountain bike cyclist in the woods! Blossom is hiding on a Douglas Fir tree.
2. Meander along a paved trail near a babbling creek. Greenie is watching for Barred Owls along this serene trail lined with Swordferns.
3. Oak is peeking out from a Western Red Cedar tree on the edge of a large grassy area. Oak hopes to see Black Tail deer in the early morning hours.