

OCTOBER 2023 CLUES

(See Map in Related Links/Attachments on lo-stewardship.org)

Hunt for the 3 Gnomes as you learn about birds, animals and native species in the natural park areas. Please leave the Gnomes in place so others can have fun discovering them!

BRYANT WOODS NATURE PARK (4300 Childs Rd.)

This 17 acre nature park invites you to relax under the canopy of tall trees! Explore natural paths through the tranquil woods and across a wide meadow.

1. From the wide main path, take a quick LEFT across a boardwalk that spans a seasonal wetland and follow the gravel path. Stroll under moss covered Cottonwood trees where Song Sparrows perch. Blossom saw a Douglas Squirrel on an Ash tree that grew into 2 trees!
2. At the “Y”, stay on the gravel path. Listen for the “Hoot” of a Great Horned Owl that visits the Douglas Fir trees! Pass by Sword ferns and Indian Plum and watch for intricate webs of Orb Weaver Spiders. Greenie’s on a wee tree snag that’s a food source for insects and birds.
3. Soon you’ll rejoin the wide main path along the old Oswego Canal. Go LEFT and walk by Big Leaf Maple trees, Douglas Fir trees, large boulders and a meadow. This path eventually turns LEFT. Oak’s counting Western Tiger Swallowtail butterflies from an Ash tree in a small grass glade.

(Extra Credit: Continue on this path as it loops around the park. Keep LEFT as you stroll under towering Douglas Fir and Big Leaf Maple trees. Walk by lush Sword ferns until you come to a “Y”. Go LEFT on the path across the meadow and rejoin the main path near the parking lot.)

GEORGE ROGERS PARK (611 S. State St.)

Discover some of Lake Oswego’s history at this multi-use 26 acre park. Head to the Willamette River park area for this hunt. Notice the 1866 Iron Furnace and signage with area history.

1. Cross the footbridge spanning Oswego Creek and turn LEFT on the paved path. Pass by the confluence of Oswego Creek and the Willamette River, where Great Blue Heron like to fish. Blossom is waiting on a Big Leaf Maple tree that started as 1 tree but grew into 3 trees.
2. Another footbridge awaits, this one with a bench. It’s a great spot to look down the Willamette River and watch for Sea Lions and Osprey. Pass by a seasonal waterfall that jumps over boulders. Greenie is on a Big Leaf Maple tree that has half of a boulder resting on it!

3. Oregon Grape, Snowberry shrubs and Sword ferns along the path provide food and shelter for birds and insects. Listen for the sounds of Flickers and Downy Woodpeckers as they hunt insects in the trees. Oak is doing a back bend on a Big Leaf Maple tree that leans over the path.

WEST WALUGA PARK (15775 Waluga Dr.)

This multi-use 28.5 acre park hosts adult fitness equipment (Fit Spot), a dog park, a playground and has paved paths around the park and natural surface paths in the woods.

1. Start on the paved path to the LEFT of the picnic shelter. Listen for American Robin and Black-capped Chickadees that fill the woods with bird song. Blossom followed a striped Garter Snake that slithered behind an Oregon Ash tree with one trunk that grew into two trees!
2. Walk along Oregon Grape and Salal as you pass the fenced Dog Park. Find a bench and watch happy dogs run and frolic. Greenie's on a log in a natural clearing behind the bench. You may see Stellar Jay and Varied Thrush hunt for insects, seeds and berries on the ground by the log.
3. Continue on the paved path as you pass Ocean spray and Salmonberry bushes. Take a pause at the picnic table in front of 2 crocodiles and a pirate ship! Find a natural path that leads to a clearing behind the picnic table. Oak found a White Oak tree near a path going into the woods.



