

SEPT. GNOME HUNT 2022 (See Map in Related Links/Attachments)

BRYANT WOODS NATURE PARK (4163 Childs Rd.)

This 17 acre natural area has many native species including Oregon Grape and Nootka Rose. Watch for elusive Wood ducks!

1. Take the large main path. Go Left across the boardwalk and stroll along the gravel path. Blossom's counting banana slugs on a Big Leaf Maple tree with 3 trunks!
2. Continue on the gravel path. Listen for the Barred Owl. Wind thru the woods until you spy Greenie peeking from a Big Leaf Maple tree with 2 trunks. Continue along to the main path.
3. Go Left. Follow the main path which parallels the Oswego Canal. The path curves to the Left and leads up into the woods. At the "Y", go straight. Oak's with a Townsend Chipmunk in a Douglas Fir tree.

FREEPONS PARK (1399 Bickner St.)

This 6 acre neighborhood park is an oasis for birds, animals and the community!

1. Pass the Wishing Tree and make a Wish! Go straight on the paved path. Turn Right on the gravel path into the woods. At the "Y", go Right up the hill. Blossom is on a Douglas Fir tree scolding Douglas Squirrels that made a mess under the tree!
2. Go back down the trail. At the "Y", head Right and go up the hill. At the next "Y", take a Left. Greenie is on a Douglas Fir tree that splits into 2 trees.
3. Scamper down to the paved path and go Right. At the Lil' Library, take a Left. Cross 2 footbridges that go over the creek. Oak's on an Oregon Ash tree near a large rock.

GEORGE ROGERS PARK (611 State St. Park near the Willamette River area)

This 26 acre park has sport fields, a playground, a historic structure and extends down to a beach along the Willamette River. Look for Osprey and Bald Eagles!

1. Cross the foot bridge over Oswego Creek and turn Right. Pass by Cedar trees that are near Sword Ferns. Blossom's on a Maple tree that's near a wee natural spring.
2. Enjoy the shade of Big Leaf Maple trees. Greenie's on a moss covered bench to count Boxelder Bugs crawling on a huge boulder. Listen to Oswego Creek dance over the rocks.
3. Continue on the path and go under a very tall bridge. Oak's hiding on a Big Leaf Maple tree trying to guess where that giant boulder came from! Do you know?