Gordon Faber Recreation Complex





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Begin and finish at the Gate B parking lot:

1. Barometer Sculpture

The "Barometer" was designed to engage the wide range of visitors, from families coming to Hops baseball games, to youth sports leagues, marching band camps and special events. The strong form and color are visible from Hwy 26. The musical instruments invite participation and help make a visit to the Complex a memorable event. Designed by Devin Laurence Field.

The triangular form of the baseball diamond is cut with intricate patterns of sports equipment, held aloft by columns and illuminated with color changing, sound activated LED lights. At the base of the sculpture are instruments people can play to create a symphony of sounds. When no one is at the park there is no colored light, when there is noise the sculpture lights up – the louder the noise, the brighter the light – creating a "barometer" of excitement for the ballpark!

2. Ron Tonkin Field

Home of the Hillsboro Hops baseball team, a short season single A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks. The 4,500 capacity stadium opened in 2013 with the Hillsboro Hops playing their first home game on the field. The field's artificial turf can be striped for other sports, including soccer and lacrosse, and hosts a number of high school and recreation league teams as well as community events including the Hippie Chick Half Marathon and Helvatia Half Marathon. Check out the animated blue and red illuminated neon sign on top of the stadium displaying a baseball player throwing a pitch and the batter hitting the ball out of the ballpark.

3. Softball Complex

The Softball Complex is comprised of six premier, natural grass softball fields. The fields are used for recreation league play and tournaments and local youth league tournaments. Field #4 hosts Portland State University Women's Fastpitch Softball games.

4. Hillsboro Stadium

The Hillsboro Stadium has 170,000 sq. ft. of all-weather surface for a myriad of sports and recreational uses including baseball, softball, football, soccer, and lacrosse. The stadium hosts Portland State University Football and Women's Soccer home games, OSAA State Football and Soccer Championships, and the Les Schwab Oregon and SW Washington High School All-Star Football game.

5. Gordon Faber Recreation Complex Dedication Plaque

This recreation complex is dedicated to Gordon Faber in recognition of his many years of outstanding service to the citizens of Hillsboro. He served as Mayor of Hillsboro from 1992 – 2000 and served ten years on the City Council. His leadership shaped numerous projects that benefit the Hillsboro community including this complex.

6. Lloyd Williamson Softball Fields Dedication Plaque

Lloyd Williamson, a man of vision and talent, generously gave his time and energy to youth sports in Hillsboro. As a Park Commissioner, he used his creative insights to help shape new city parks. The ballfields are dedicated to his memory.

7. Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Administration Office

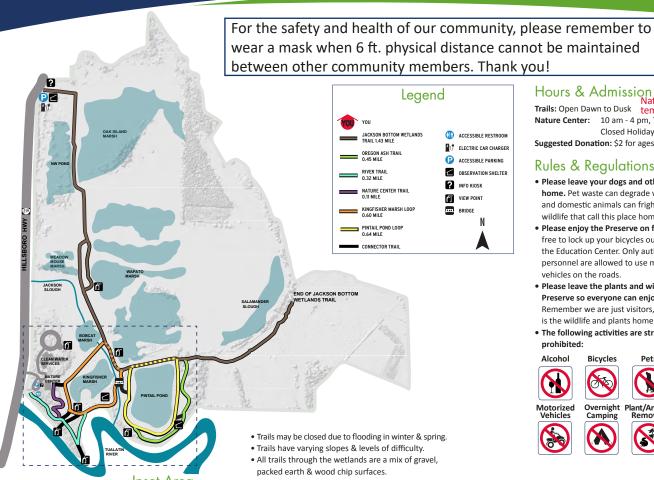
This building houses many of the Parks & Recreation administration staff.

8. Hondo Dog Park

One of two off-leash dog areas in Hillsboro. The park is named in honor of Hillsboro Police K9 Dog Officer "Hondo," who lost his life in the line of duty in 1997. The park features a large mixed-size dog play area, a small/timid dog area and a special winter use area that can be enjoyed year-round. The design of the park is especially dog-friendly with open grassy areas, trees for shade, dog drinking water stations, and two defunct painted fire hydrants.

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve





Hours & Admission Nature Center

Trails: Open Dawn to Dusk temporarily closed. Nature Center: 10 am - 4 pm, 7 Days a Week

Closed Holidays Suggested Donation: \$2 for ages 10+

Rules & Regulations

- Please leave your dogs and other pets at home. Pet waste can degrade water quality and domestic animals can frighten the wildlife that call this place home.
- Please enjoy the Preserve on foot. Feel free to lock up your bicycles outside the Education Center. Only authorized personnel are allowed to use motorized vehicles on the roads.
- Please leave the plants and wildlife at the Preserve so everyone can enjoy them. Remember we are just visitors, the Preserve is the wildlife and plants home.
- . The following activities are strictly prohibited:

Alcohol

















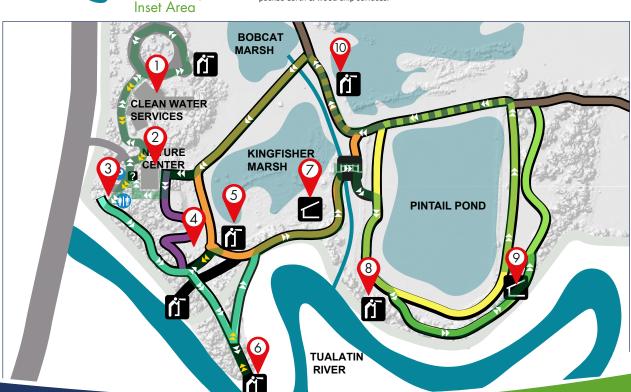












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Begin and finish at the parking lot in front of the Nature Center:

1. Clean Water Services Administration Office

This is the administration office for the company that treats water so it can be re-used. Clean Water Services has won several national awards for its efforts in protecting the Tualatin River and advocating eco-friendly solutions to the community. The building is designed to be eco-friendly and minimize energy consumed.

2. Jackson Bottom Nature Center

Has classes for children and adults about animals and the climate of the area. It hosts displays of animals native to Hillsboro and a real abandoned bald eagles nest.

3. Hiroshima Peace Tree

This ginkgo biloba tree is grown from the seeds of a 300 year old tree that survived the Hiroshima bombing on August 6th, 1945. Similar saplings can be found in 34 other countries. The sapling was given to Hillsboro to celebrate Hillsboro's designation as a "Tree City, USA" and as a symbol of peace and unity.

4. Native Plant Garden

A section of the park with only plants indigenous to Oregon including the state plant of Oregon, the Oregon grape. It also includes posts that serve as pollinator habitats for bees and butterflies.

5. Jackson Bottom Slough Viewpoint

This shelter was constructed to view, in total, Jackson Bottom. This space can be used for day camps or classes but is also a great spot to sit and listen to birds native to the area.

6. Vic's Grove

Named in memory of Vic Madsen, who called for the City to develop a wildlife preserve at Jackson Bottom. He was responsible for planting several of the trees in the refuge. This peaceful place next to the Tualatin River offers views of the Tualatin River and the occasional bird or animal.

7. Kingfisher Marsh Shelter

Named after the soft grassy land that tends to flood in the fall through spring, this resting stop offers opportunities to spot ducks, beavers, nutria, and, of course, kingfisher birds.

8. Tualatin River Viewpoint

This viewing area of the Tualatin River offers the best views of fish, animals, and birds that call this river home.

9. Pintail Pond Viewpoint

Named after the pintail ducks that swim and feed here, it is also the best spot in Hillsboro to view great blue herons, tundra swans, and egrets.

10.Gene Herb Nature Viewpoint

Named in memory of longtime board member, Gene Herb, this viewpoint provides dazzling views of the marsh pond, the Gene Pool, named after Gene. It also provides a view of an osprey family that have lived in the preserve for over a decade. The osprey parents are very protective of their youth so this viewpoint provides a safe distance for viewing.

Orenco Woods Nature Park





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Begin and end in front of the restrooms:

1. Historic Malcolm McDonald House

Oregon Nursery Company co-founder Malcolm McDonald purchased the 1,200-acre Orenco site east of Hillsboro in the early 1900s. He erected the sprawling home on the property in 1912, and his business sold smaller lots to its employees who built their own houses. The town incorporated and thrived for years, until World War I and the Great Depression shuttered the nursery.

2. McDonald House Interpretive Sign

Read about the history of this historic house and the old Orenco area.

3. Head Over Heels

Head Over Heels by artist Patrick Dougherty, is a temporary installation consisting of large faces that peek out from both sides of a line of old growth Douglas fir trees. Local area willow and dogwood tree saplings woven together is the material used for this sculpture.

4. Rock Creek Regional Trail Bridge

This regional trail bridge span is 174' long, from pier to pier (that's the length of the big arch, and excludes the concrete decking to the start of the span). You can often see turtles basking in the pond below, or a blue heron stalking for fish.

5. Sequoia Benches

These benches along the trail are made from local sequoia trees that had to be cut down. The Parks Maintenance Project Team built these benches from those logs for the community to enjoy.

6. Forest Canopy Suspension Bridge

The forest canopy bridge was designed to create a unique experience through the trees. Notice the different microclimate as soon as you enter the tree grove, and look below for muskrats and other little critters, and listen for birds and the sound of the creek below.

7. Rock Creek Nature Outlook

Catch glimpses of great blue herons, beavers, frogs, and other wildlife.

8. Seeds of Orenco

This painted steel sculpture was created to recall the signature fruit variety grown here (former grounds of the Oregon Nursery Company), the Orenco Apple, as a way to recognize the historic nursery, and to tell a story of natural hybridization and human cultivation.

About Orenco Woods Nature Park:

Orenco Woods Nature Park is a partnership between the City of Hillsboro and Metro in preserving one of the largest remaining open spaces along the Rock Creek Greenway corridor. The 42-acre park features a scenic blend of rolling landscape, open meadows, riparian habitat and forested areas for a variety of birds and wildlife. A network of looped trails and bridges weave their way through the site providing visitors with a variety of experiences. A segment of the Rock Creek Trail runs through the park connecting to Orchard Park and to the Rock Creek Trailhead at Rock Creek Boulevard just north of Highway 26.

Orenco Woods offers a nature themed playground that includes elements such as a stream channel with water pumps and sand areas, logs, a large net climber and swings. A covered picnic shelter is available for rental.

Bicycles and on-leash dogs are allowed on the paved trails, but not on the habitat trails (wood chip and gravel). Dogs can damage sensitive habitats and threaten the plants and wildlife we're trying to protect.

Rood Bridge Park





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Begin at the Rhododendron Garden and end at the Tennis Courts:

1. Lloyd Baron Rhododendron Garden

This 1.5 acre botanical garden is dedicated to Lloyd Baron who provided the vision and inspiration for its creation. The garden is about two acres in size and contains a stream, two waterfalls and a pond. There are over 550 species of natural and hybrid rhododendrons displaying a wide range of characteristics including various sizes, shapes, colors, fragrances, forms, and textures. Many plants have identification plaques. The garden was officially dedicated in 2003. The rhododendron is the City of Hillsboro's official flower.

2. Woodland Pond and Tepha M. Baron Pavilion

This pavilion has a paved surface and can be accessed by gravel paths and sits on the shore of Woodland Pond.

3. Rood Bridge Lake

This is a peaceful man-made lake is home to ducks and frogs and in the spring an summer is covered in water lilies. It is also a great spot to sit on the rocks nearby and relax.

4. Riparian Forest

A riparian forest is any forested land next to a body of water such as a river. This forest consists of ash, maple, oak, and fir trees. This is a perfect spot to walk through fall foliage.

5. Tualatin River Watercraft Launch

The watercraft launch is for non-motorized watercraft to access the Tualatin River. The boat launch is a car-top launch only for canoes, kayaks, and boats (15' long maximum). It typically opens around Memorial Day (last Monday in May) and closes after Labor Day (first Monday in September). Metro's Farmington launch is down river from Rood Bridge Park.

6. River House

This lodge-type structure (nearly 3,000 square feet) is a wonderful facility for educational classes as well as private functions such as meetings, retreats, weddings, receptions, and parties. The Great Room features high vaulted ceilings, maple flooring, a fireplace, and sun room nook. The large classroom provides a separate breakout area. Constructed in 1998 at the park's highest point, it boasts a scenic view from the windows and the back patio over the interior lake and woodlands.

7. Tennis/Pickleball Courts

Recreational courts for all ages. Hosts pickle ball leagues and tennis lessons.

About Rood Bridge Park:

This 59 acre community park provides a vast range of recreation opportunities for visitors. Paved paths lead the way through the different developed and natural areas of the park. Soft-surface paths lead further into wetland and wooded areas around the Tualatin River. Benches and picnic tables can be found throughout the park. The playground, tennis courts, rhododendron garden, several ponds and large lawn areas provide a wide range of options for play and relaxation. Accessible restrooms and several drinking fountains are available.

For the safety and health of our community, please remember to wear a mask when 6 ft. physical distance cannot be maintained between other community members. Thank you!

Shute Park





Explore Hillsboro Shute Park



Begin and finish at the Senior Center:

1. Scrappy the Welcome Dog

Scrappy was given to Hillsboro's Senior Center in 2020 as part of the Public Art program. Brian Mock, a local artist, made Scrappy out of metal items donated by community members.

2. Stone Gateway

In 1935 laborers under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) began to landscape the park. This is one of three stone gateways in this park made of native rock. See the plaque in the Centennial Garden for more information.

3. Shute Park Aquatic and Recreation Center

Hosts several land and water exercise programs, swim lessons and special events.

4. A&W Burger People

The A&W Burger Family from the 1950s era hamburger restaurant, was donated to the people of Hillsboro in 1990.

5. Playground Plaque

Stone drinking fountain (no longer functional) with plaque "Playground equipment placed by Alpha Upsilon Chapter of E Σ A in 1959."

6. Uncle George Bell

This bell was used by the Hillsboro volunteer fire department in the early 1900s.

7. Shute Park Library

South Hillsboro's branch originally opened in 1975 and was renovated in 2014. It hosts several classes, story times, and community services as well.

8. Shute Library Pavers

These are a series of mosaic pavers outside of the Library. The pavers were part of the 2014 library renovation, with designs inspired by the Douglas fir motifs etched into the library windows and Native American rock art. The project was conceived as a community-built project, where members of the community participated in the fabrication of the pavers. Artist is Lynn Adamo.

9. Artwork on Library South Wall

These 16 banners are a collaboration between Hillsboro artist Christine Martell and the community who lives, works, and plays in the City. The 11 languages printed on these banners are the most common languages spoken in Hillsboro: Spanish, Bengali, Hindi, Korean, Tagalog, Russian, Vietnamese, Japanese, Simplified Chinese, Arabic.

10.Shute Seeds Sculpture

This is the work of Arizona artist Blessing Hancock. Her source of inspiration is the seed as a representation of planting, growth, and community life in Hillsboro. The sculpture is a circular array of seeds that form a projection mosaic, casting colorful lighting onto the facade of the library building.

11.Stone Gateway

This stone gateway, made of native rock, was the entrance to the curved driveway, covered with crushed rock, that led up to the dance pavilion. The pavilion was later changed to a skating rink (demolished in 1972). See the plaque in the Centennial Garden. Also, look for the stone fireplace and BBQ pits — remnants of the 1935 WPA program.

12.Shute Park Performance Stage

Home of the annual Showtime at Shute and the Mexican celebration of El Grito.

13. Shute Park Centennial Garden & Interpretive Plaque

This garden was planted in 2006 to celebrate the history of the land. The plaque gives a short history of Shute Park.