Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation Hike & Ramble Schedule for Winter/Spring 2027

General Information: This document lists hikes planned for "Winter/Spring 2026." Join us on group Hikes, easier Rambles, or mid-level Easy Hikes, planned and led by volunteers. Priorities are to enjoy healthy activity in beautiful natural surroundings with friends. Outings are planned for Tuesdays and Thursdays, most within two hours' drive of Lake Oswego. Pets are not permitted. **If you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, feel unwell or have been in contact with anyone with these symptoms in the last 24 hours, please refrain from participating in Hikes and Rambles.**

Updates: This preliminary schedule should be used for planning purposes. Weather, road and trail conditions may necessitate changes at the time of a hike. On rare occasions, hikes may need to be canceled due to region-wide hazardous conditions, such as wildfires, etc. In addition, hikes and rambles are canceled if the Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation Department has an emergency closure; see www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec. These changes are posted in the LOHikes website, lohikes.org/schedule as soon as possible. Each hike is scouted by its leaders shortly before hike day and updates are posted the weekend before the hike on the LOHikes website, and in the weekly, emailed newsletter. To subscribe to the newsletter, please send a request with your name and preferred email address to lohikesnews@gmail.com.

Meeting Places, Times & City Fees: All hikes and rambles leave from Lake Oswego Westlake Park (WP), at the WEST parking lot. Individual hike descriptions may include second meeting times and places (see the table below for standard 2nd meeting place locations). No pre-registration is required. Departure times and round-trip drive miles are listed at the bottom of each hike description. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the departure time to pay a $1 Parks & Rec fee and sign the hike roster. You will also be asked to sign a liability release once each year. You may want to participate in carpools and/or get driving instructions. We leave promptly at the stated times. Return times will vary, depending on hiking and driving distances.

Carpooling & Diver Donations: Carpools may be arranged among participants at the meeting places. **Please note that a driver may require that passengers wear a mask while in their car**. For those who have arranged to share a ride, suggested carpool donations to your driver, based on round-trip mileage to the trailhead, are listed in parentheses ($ from 1st meeting place/$ from 2nd meeting place) at the bottom of each hike description. Exact change is appreciated. Bridge tolls and entrance or parking fees per car are listed separately and are shared among car occupants. Hike descriptions also specify if Park passes are required and drivers are responsible for obtaining these prior to the hike. The most common Park passes can be obtained online.

- A Northwest Forest Pass (NWFP) may be required for each vehicle at selected trailheads in National Forests. NWFP can be purchased online at: store.usgs.gov/forest-pass.
- In lieu of a NWFP, seniors can purchase a yearly or lifetime America the Beautiful pass online at: nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm#senior-passes
- A Washington Discover Pass (WDP) is required on most Washington state-owned land. WDP can be purchased online at: discoverpass.wa.gov.
- An Oregon State Day-Use Park Pass (OSPP) (Daily or Yearly) can be purchased online at: store.oregonstateparks.org. OSPP may also be available at REI and at some Oregon State Park trailheads.

What to Wear/Bring: Leaders may refuse to take anyone judged not properly equipped or prepared. Participants accept responsibility for their personal safety. Wear clothes suitable for weather conditions. Breathable, moisture-wicking layers are ideal. Sturdy, lug-soled, waterproof walking shoes or boots are recommended. Bring a daypack containing lunch and trail snacks, sufficient water, sun protection, extra jacket or vest, rain gear or umbrella, a face covering and personal items such as sunglasses, insect repellent, first aid kit, compact space blanket, whistle and flashlight. Bring extra shoes and a plastic bag to put muddy items in for the return trip. (Your driver will thank you.) Hiking poles are often helpful, but optional. Ticks and poison oak may be encountered.

KEY	MEETING LOCATIONS DESCRIPTION
WP	**W**estlake **P**ark, 14165 Bunick Dr, Lake Oswego - WEST parking lot. From Kruse Way, turn north on Westlake Dr., turn right (east) on Melrose St, and then take the first right into the parking lot.
AWHD	**A**irport **W**ay **H**ome **D**epot, 11633 NE Glenn Widing Dr, Portland, SW corner of parking lot (Exit 24-B off I-205, Exit 13 off I-84)
CFM	**C**lackamas **F**red **M**eyer, 16301 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas, north lot near Elmer's (Exit 12-A off I-205)
JBT	**J**antzen **B**each **T**arget, 1555 N Tomahawk Island Dr, Portland, SE corner of parking lot (Exit 308 off I-5, left on N. Hayden Island, left on N Parker)
L&C	**L**ewis and **C**lark State Recreation Site, 1 Jordan Rd, Troutdale (Exit 18 off I-84) **OSPP Required**
NS	**N**ewberg **S**afeway, 1140 N Springbrook Rd, Newberg, OR, SE corner of lot (From OR-99W, turn north onto Springbrook Rd, then right into Springbrook Plaza. Park facing OR-99W)
SPS	**S**unset **P**laza **S**afeway, 13485 NW Cornell Rd, Portland, SE corner of lot (Exit 67 off US 26W, north on NW Murray)
WT	**W**ilsonville **T**arget, 25925 SW Heather Pl, Wilsonville, NW corner of parking lot (Exit 286/Elligsen Rd. east off I-5)

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1/21 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Willamette Park Trail near the Sellwood Bridge (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Kathi N
3-5 miles, flat
We will walk the trail along the Willamette River towards Portland and back to the park. Wear weather-appropriate clothes and footwear.
Drive: 14 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Arrive at destination (6500 Macadam, Portland) at 9:20 am. ($2/$0)

1/22 (Fri) - MEETING: Leader Forum
9:00am - 11:00am At: LO Adult Community Center 505 G Ave Lake Oswego, Trillium Room Downstairs.
Will you be leading or co-leading in 2027? Or interested in knowing how it all works before making a decision? Join us for this informative event.

1/28 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Marylhurst Heights (Portland/Valley)
LATE DEPARTURE 9:30 am
Leaders: Robina B, Diane B
3.5 miles, elev. gain 570 ft.
Starting from Mary's Woods, we'll cross OR-43 and head up the hill. We get most of the elevation gain in the first ¾ mile. Then we'll walk through residential neighborhoods to reach Marylhurst Heights Park with more gentle elevation gain and loss. This is a lollypop loop.
Drive: 18 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9:30 am. Arrive at destination (17550 Provost St. Lake Oswego) at 10 am. ($2/$0)

2/4 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Banks-Vernonia State Trail (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Grier W
5.7 miles, elev. gain 220 ft.
The Banks-Vernonia State Trail was the first rails-to-trails project in Oregon, and it stretches over 20 miles. We'll do one portion of the trail. From the Manning trailhead, we will walk on a mostly flat, paved trail through woods and farm fields to the Buxton trestle and trailhead. We'll have lunch at the picnic tables there and return.
Drive: 63 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Leave from the second meeting place, SPS, at 9:30 am. ($7/$5) An Oregon State Park Pass is required to park.

2/11 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Willamette River Greenway Trail (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Sharon H
3.0 miles, flat
This will be the inaugural ramble on the newly completed section of the Willamette River Greenway Trail that connects Foothills Park, Roehr Park, and George Rogers Park. The trail follows the river.
Drive: 9 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Arrive at destination (Group Picnic Pavilion, 199 Foothills Dr, Lake Oswego) at 9:15 am. ($1/$0)

2/18 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Springbrook Park to Iron Mt Loop (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Anne S
4 miles, elev. gain 454 ft.
Starting near the Lake Oswego Indoor Tennis Court, we will walk through Springbrook Park and descend to circle the Iron Mountain Loop trail before returning. If we're lucky, we may see horses in their paddocks at the Lake Oswego Hunt Club. There are restrooms in Iron Mountain Park. Street parking is available near the trailhead.
Drive: 4 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Arrive at destination (2900 SW Diane Dr, Lake Oswego) at 9:15 am. ($1/$0)

2/25 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Frenchman's Bar (SW Washington)
Leader: Susannah F
4 - 5 miles, flat
We will walk at Frenchman's Bar on the Columbia River and back towards Vancouver Lake on a flat, paved path. Hopefully we will see lots of migrating birds, such as snow geese and sandhill cranes. Bring lunch to eat at the covered picnic area. There are restrooms at Frenchman's Bar.
Drive: 48 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Arrive at destination (Frenchman's Bar; 9612 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, WA) at 9:45 am. ($5/$0 + $3/car parking fee)

3/4 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Maddax Woods (Portland/Valley)
LATE DEPARTURE 9:30 am
Leaders: Robina B, Bee N
3 miles, elev. gain 200 ft.
This hike is partly in woodland and partly through the residential area of Bolton, West Linn. We can read the information boards about Dorothy and Virgil Maddax, who lived here for almost 50 years. We'll look across to Goat Island to see the Great Blue Heron rookery. We will hike through 7-acre Maddax Woods Park, then return via Bolton School and the Library. The hike can continue to the McLean House and Abernethy Bridge, possibly seeing the eagle's nest.
Drive: 18 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9:30 am. Arrive at destination (5785 River St, West Linn) at 10 am. ($2/$0)

3/5 (Fri) - MEETING: Summer 2027 Planning Meeting
9:00am - 11:00am At: LO Adult Community Center 505 G Ave Lake Oswego, Hazel Room Downstairs.
We will finalize the schedule for May - August 2027.

3/11 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Browns Ferry Park (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Linda F
4 miles, flat
Ramble along the Tualatin River on a combination of paved and gravel trails. This is part of the riverside trail system in Tualatin.
Drive: 10 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Arrive at destination (Brown's Ferry Park, 5855 Nyberg Ln, Tualatin) at 9:15 am. ($1/$0)

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3/18 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Cherry Blossoms Along the Willamette (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Anne S
5 miles, elev. gain 104 ft.
Late March should be the perfect time to see Portland's cherry blossoms at their peak. From our parking spot on SE Caruthers St, we will take the Tilikum Crossing across the Willamette River and proceed North up the West side of the river. We will then cross back on the Steel Bridge, walk South along the Vera Katz East-bank Esplanade, pass under the Hawthorne Bridge, and continue on the Esplanade. We will see several interpretive signs that explain the effort to restore the river habitat and the history of Portland's bridges. Don't miss the life-size, bronze statue of Vera sitting on a wall along the path. Restrooms are available inside OMSI.
Drive: 21 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Arrive at destination (East Tilikum Bridge, 41 SE Caruthers St, Portland) at 9:30 am. ($2/$0)

3/25 (Thu) - Winter Ramble: Terwilliger Trail: Duniway to George Himes Park Segment (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Jeanette H
3-4 miles, elev. gain 300 ft.
This paved urban path is part of the longer Terwilliger Trail. This segment will take us the length of SW Terwilliger Blvd from SW Barbur Blvd to Duniway Park. It runs alongside the road on our left but on our right, we will have gorgeous continuous views of the city, the Willamette River, and Mt. Hood. This is an excellent trail even in the rain. There are respectable toilets at the two-mile mark. We will park in the “Barbur Shops” center where there is a Starbucks for our convenience before and after our trek. At the end of the ramble, up to six drivers and I will board my car for the ride back to the beginning to retrieve cars that will then pick up the original passengers in said cars.
Drive: 12 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Arrive at destination (7421 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland) at 9:15 am. ($2/$0)

4/1 (Thu) - Hike: Tryon Creek Perimeter Loop (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Anne S
4.8 miles, elev. gain 577 ft.
Tryon Creek State Park, formed in 1970, spans both Portland and Lake Oswego and offers a network of hiking trails. The park is named after Socrates Tryon, Jr., who owned these 645 acres in the mid-19th century before selling it to the Oregon Iron Company in 1874. The area was logged until the 1960s, but the 50-100-year-old tree canopy is now dense and lush. This hike is a loop that travels the outer perimeter of the park. Expect gentle inclines and moderate terrain. The Terwilliger Trail is a paved bike path that should be hiked in single file. Restrooms are available at the Nature Center, where we will meet.
Drive: 11 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 8 am. Arrive at destination (11321 South Terwilliger Blvd, Portland) at 8:15 am. ($1/$0)

4/1 (Thu) - Ramble: Tryon Creek State Natural Area (Portland/Valley)
LATE DEPARTURE 10 am
Leader: Liliana M
4 miles, elev. gain 400 ft.
We will explore the Park, crossing a few bridges on our way to the Nature Center, and then take the Maple Trail to the north end of the park. During the rainy season, some of the trails can be muddy, so boots and poles are recommended.
Drive: 8 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 10 am. Arrive at destination (Iron Mountain Trailhead on Andrews St, Lake Oswego) at 10:15 am. ($1/$0)

4/6 (Tue) - Hike: Angel's Rest (Columbia Gorge)
Leaders: Amy C, Susannah F
4-5 miles, elev. gain 1500 ft.
Angel's Rest is a moderate hike with incredible 360-degree views of the Columbia River Gorge. The trailhead and parking area are easy to access from I-84. The trail is forested at the start, with steady elevation gain as the path gets trickier with roots, rocks, and dirt. We will have lunch at the top of the rocky viewpoint, looking down over the Columbia River. After lunch, we will take the same path back down to the trailhead.
Drive: 80 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 8 am. Leave from the second meeting place, L&C, at 8:45 am. ($8/$3) An Oregon State Park Pass is required to park.

4/6 (Tue) - Ramble: Graham Oaks and Daffodils (Portland/Valley)
LATE DEPARTURE 9 am
Leaders: Anneliese E
3.1 - 4 miles, flat
On this spring ramble at Graham Oaks Nature Park, we’ll experience the Oak Savannah and view the Elder Tree, which is almost 200 years old! There are easy trails to navigate as we see hundreds of trees, wildlife, and flowers in the park. We will finish with a walk to a nearby private residence that is well-known for hundreds of beautiful spring daffodils in the gardens, which assures us that spring is truly here!
Drive: 25 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Leave from the second meeting place, WT, at 9:15 am. ($3/$2)

4/8 (Thu) - Easy Hike: Chehalem Ridge Trail via Timber Road (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Anne S
5.4 miles, elev. gain 590 ft.
This out-and-back trail near Gaston, Oregon is generally considered to be a moderately challenging route. The last part of the trail is unpaved. On a clear day, expect to have a good view of Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams, and the Coast Range. The developed parking area at Chehalem Ridge Nature Park is free of charge and we will meet at the permanent restrooms there.
Drive: 46 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 8:30 am. Arrive at destination (38263 SW Dixon Rd, Gaston, OR) at 9:30 am. ($5/$0)

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4/13 (Tue) - Hike: Hi-LO Foothills (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Linda F
8 miles, elev. gain 1300 ft.
This is part of the Hi-Lo Hillsdale-Lake Oswego Regional Trail. This loop starts at Foothills Park in Lake Oswego and returns from 17th and Taylors Ferry Road. We'll hike through the Tryon Creek Natural Area and Marshall Park.
Drive: 9 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 8 am. Arrive at destination (Foothills Park, 199 Foothills Rd, Lake Oswego) at 8:30 am. ($1/$0)

4/15 (Thu) - Ramble: Hi-Lo Hillsdale (Portland/Valley)
LATE DEPARTURE 9 am
Leaders: Linda F
4 miles, elev. gain 600 ft.
This is part of the Hi-Lo Hillsdale-Lake Oswego Regional Trail. We'll start at the Hillsdale Trailhead, which is near Ida B. Wells High School. This in-and-out ramble turns around near 17th and Taylors Ferry Rd.
Drive: 14 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Arrive at destination (6238 SW Capitol Hwy Portland; park behind the food carts) at 9:30 am. ($2/$0)

4/20 (Tue) - Easy Hike: Catherine Creek (Columbia Gorge)
EARLY DEPARTURE 8 am
Leaders: Joyce B. Susie F
5 miles, elev. gain 1075 ft.
We'll enjoy wildflower meadows and views of the gorge. Be prepared for ticks and poison oak.
Drive: 160 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 8 am. Leave from the second meeting place, L&C, at 8:45 am. ($16/$11 + $7 shared bridge toll) An Oregon State Park Pass is required to park at L&C.

4/20 (Thu) - Ramble: Camassia Natural Area (Portland/Valley)
LATE DEPARTURE 9 am
Leader: Helen H
3 miles, elev. gain 100 ft.
We will walk from Wilderness Park to the Camassia Natural Area and back. We'll enjoy the spring flowers, including the Camas Lily.
Drive: 19 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9 am. Arrive at destination (Wilderness Park, Clark St. West Linn) at 9:30 am. ($2/$0)

4/22 (Thu) - Easy Hike: Mountain Park Loop (Portland/Valley)
Leader: Anne S
4.5 miles, elev. gain 760 ft.
Starting at Westlake Park (WP), we will walk up to Nansen Summit at the top of Mt Sylvania where there are 360-degree views of three counties. We then descend through various neighborhoods of Mountain Park before we return to WP. Most of the paths are paved, but the terrain is steep and poles may be welcome. Restrooms are available at WP and at the Mountain Park Athletic Club.
Leave from WP at 8:30 am. No second meeting place.

4/27 (Tue) - Easy Hike: Memaloose Hills Trail (Columbia Gorge)
EARLY DEPARTURE 8 am
Leader: Jerrie N
3-4 miles, elev. gain 600 ft.
The Memaloose Hills Trail in the Columbia Gorge is a scenic 3.2-mile loop known for its vibrant wildflowers, particularly in spring. Hikers can enjoy stunning views of Mt Hood and the Columbia River. The route winds between parcels of private land. The path can be steep and muddy in parts, so proper footwear and poles are recommended. There is limited parking along the roadside. No toilet at the trailhead.
Drive: 164 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 8 am. Leave from the second meeting place, L&C, at 8:45 am. ($17/$12) An Oregon State Park Pass is required to park at L&C.

4/29 (Thu) - Hike: Herman Creek (Columbia Gorge)
Leaders: Terry M, Grier W
6 to 8 miles, elev. gain 1200 ft.
Herman Creek in the Columbia Gorge has a variety of terrains with many waterfalls streaming off the canyon walls. Our goal will be the junction with Cassey Creek, but creek crossings and downed trees may shorten the hike.
Drive: 110 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 8 am. Leave from the second meeting place, L&C, at 8:45 am. ($11/$6) An Oregon State Park Pass is required to park at L&C. A NWFP or America the Beautiful pass is required to park at the trailhead.

4/29 (Thu) - Ramble: Mary's Woods Explorer (Portland/Valley)
LATE DEPARTURE 9:30 am
Leaders: Sharon H, Bee N
2.5 miles, elev. gain 100 ft.
We will meander around the lovely grounds of Mary's Woods and Marylhurst Commons.
Drive: 12 miles round trip. Leave from WP at 9:30 am. Arrive at destination (17400 Furman Dr, along road next to St Anne's Chapel) at 10 am. ($1/$0)