

Pearl District to Pittock Mansion

This 2.8-mile one-way walk begins in the flats of Northwest Portland and gains over 800 feet as it climbs some of the city's longest staircases through Westover Heights, a neighborhood with spectacular Cascade Mountain views. It ends at Pittock Mansion, a restored French Renaissance Revival chateau. The home, its grounds, and its fabulous views are all open to the public.

Begin at NW 9th Avenue and Kearney Street. Walk west on Kearney, leaving the Pearl District as you pass under I-405. Continue west on Kearney to 24th, turn right and then left on Lovejoy. At 26th, keep right to walk on Cornell. Cross to Summit Court and then left on Summit Avenue. On the right is a 160-step staircase. Take it to Westover Road; go right and continue across the intersection to Fairfax Terrace. There, go left up a 131-step staircase. At the top, continue straight on Cumberland and then left on Powhatan, and left on Warrenton Terrace. Keep to the left to follow Warrenton Terrace, turn right on Hermosa and right on Monte Vista Terrace; walk uphill on it, passing through a gate to a pedestrian-only roadway that is part of the Pittock estate. Pass the home once occupied by the Pittock family's driver and continue up the roadway to the mansion. Views include the Columbia, Willamette, five Cascade peaks and downtown Portland.

On the return trip, NW 23rd and 21st avenues offer many places to eat and rest.

5.6 miles

11827 steps

difficulty

45.529, -122.680

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The Pittock Story

At 75 years old, Henry Pittock, with his wife Georgina, commissioned architect Edward Foulkes to design their retirement home. Construction took five years and cost \$350,000 by the home's completion in 1914.

Pittock, publisher of the Oregonian from 1860 to his death in 1919, loved gadgets. Inside is an Otis elevator, an intercom, central vacuum system and walk-in freezer. He was also an avid outdoorsman who carved many of the trails in the woods near the mansion.

The last family member, a grandson, moved out of the mansion in 1958. The home was for sale when the 1962 Columbus Day storm severely damaged it. Demolition appeared likely until a group of citizen activists stepped up and worked with the City of Portland to save the home. In 1964, for \$225,000, the City purchased the mansion and grounds. It has since been impeccably restored.

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