

Southeast Portland Creeks and Bridges

On this walk, ponder life at the convergence of two free-flowing streams and traverse three bridges on the Springwater Corridor Trail. After passing by the historic and peaceful Garthwick neighborhood, top off the walk at one of many great shopping and eating places in Sellwood and Westmoreland.

Begin at SE 17th Avenue and Bybee Boulevard. Walk east on Bybee to Westmoreland Park. Turn right at a path paralleling 22nd, walking along Crystal Springs Creek. Exit the park by turning right onto Lambert. Walk one block and turn left on 21st, keeping south as 21st becomes a sidewalk south of Spokane. Cross Tacoma and continue on 21st along the creek.

At Sherrett, enter Johnson Creek Park, where Crystal Springs Creek flows into Johnson Creek. Exit the park by turning right onto Marion Street. Walk one block and turn left on 19th. Walk to Ochoco to the Springwater Corridor Trail. Turn left onto the trail and cross three pedestrian/bicycle bridges over Johnson Creek, McLoughlin Boulevard and the Southern and Union Pacific train tracks.

After the third bridge, retrace your steps to Ochoco Street; walk west on Ochoco to 17th; bear left onto Andover Place and walk west to 13th. Turn right on 13th and left on Linn. Turn left on 11th, right on Ochoco, right on 9th, right on Tenino, left on 13th, right on Malden. Turn left on 16th and right on Bybee to return to the start.

4.6 miles

9715 steps

difficulty

45.499, -122.658

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The 40-Mile Loop

In 2006, three bridges opened on the Springwater Corridor Trail, closing a large gap in the trail and reconnecting the community of Sellwood with the town of Milwaukie. The bridges represent a leap forward in the century-old plan to create a system of trails to connect neighborhoods, parks and natural areas in Portland and nearby cities. Dubbed the 40-Mile Loop, the route, much of which is complete, now comprises 140 miles linking wetlands, buttes, fields and pastures with neighborhoods and parks in the metropolitan region. The last gap in the Springwater Corridor Trail is a 1-mile section running west from 19th and Ochoco to the Springwater on the Willamette Trail section that leads into the heart of Portland.

Funding to complete this final segment has been secured. Metro and the City of Portland are working on closing the gap and finishing the trail in the next several years.



Bridge over McLoughlin



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