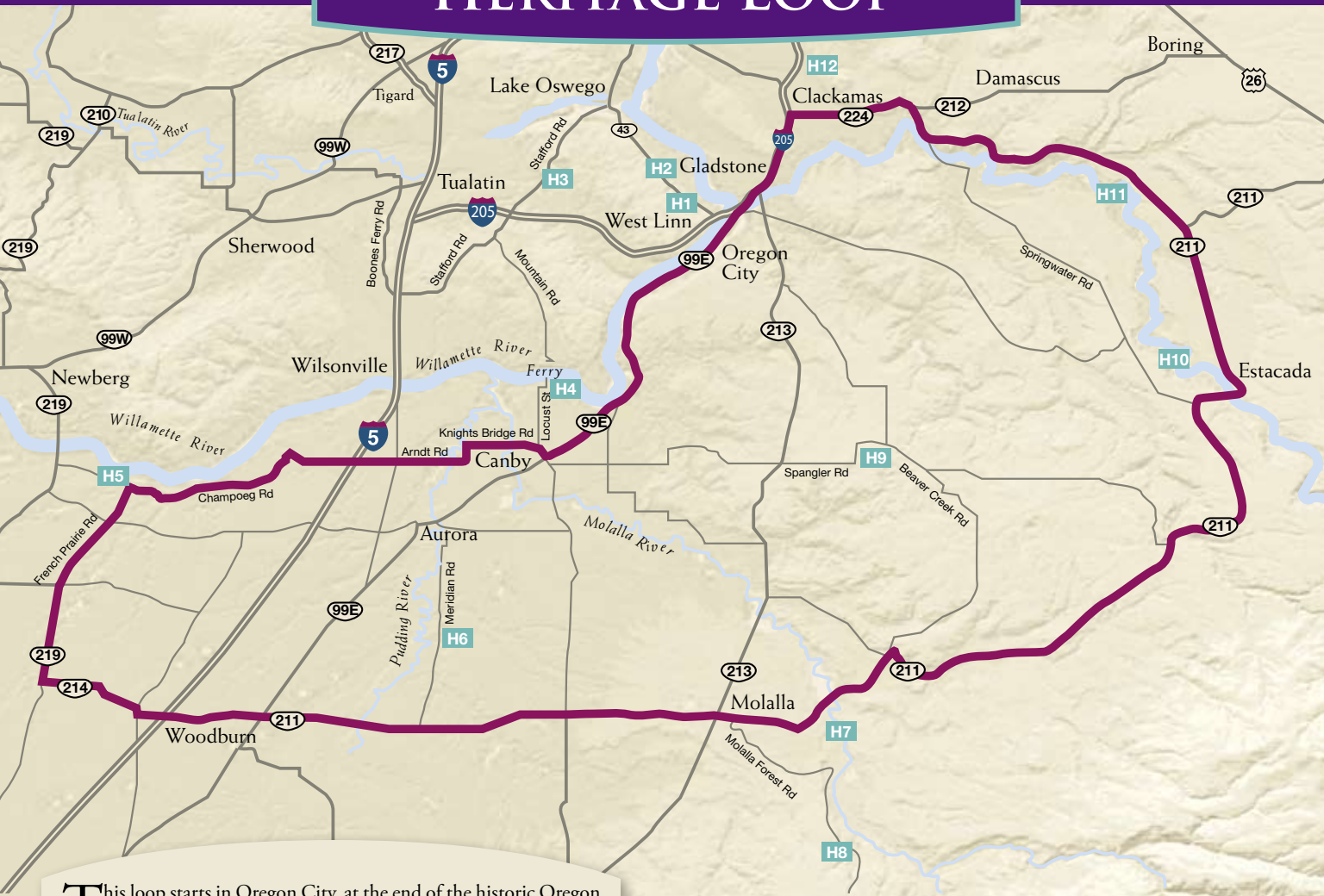


HERITAGE LOOP



This loop starts in Oregon City, at the end of the historic Oregon Trail. This location next to Willamette Falls was an important fishing site for many Native tribes who built villages nearby. The 40-foot-high, horseshoe-shaped falls is the 18th largest waterfall in the world by volume. For the most impressive views, visit the signed viewpoint along Hwy 99E during late winter or early spring. After visiting nearby birding sites, including a Nature Conservancy Preserve with rare endemic wildflowers, other historic sites await you along this loop as you follow the river upstream, then turn east through vineyards, farms and forests with snow-capped Mt. Hood as the backdrop. You'll find more birds in the riparian woods and forests along the Molalla and Clackamas Rivers, before returning to Oregon City via Mt. Talbert, an outstanding site for migrant songbirds in spring.

Loop Sponsor: Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory

H1. Camassia Preserve

From I-205 southbound, take Exit 8 (West Linn) and turn L at the end of the exit ramp. After crossing under the freeway, turn R onto Willamette Falls Dr just before the gas station. After one block, Willamette Falls Dr turns 90 degrees to the L; continue on Sunset Ave, which continues uphill, passing over I-205. Take the first R on Walnut St, which ends at the preserve entrance and parking area.

Volunteers with The Nature Conservancy have restored oak woodlands and

meadows on this 26-acre site. In springtime native wildflowers abound on a rocky plateau that was scoured by the Missoula floods at the end of the last ice age. Osprey nest on site, Anna's and migrant Rufous Hummingbirds joust over the meadows, and waterfowl may rest in the small ponds. Look closely for the hanging nests of Bush-tits. Forest edges host vireos, chickadees, and warblers. Hawks and Turkey Vultures soar past at eye level, high over the river and freeway below.



Sponsorship available

H2. Maddax Woods Park

From I-205 southbound, take Exit 8 (West Linn) and turn R at the end of the exit ramp. Go 0.1 mi N. Turn R on Holly St. Go 0.2 mi. Turn L on NE River St. Go 0.5 N to park entrance at end of River St.

This small park in West Linn provides great views of the Great Blue Heron rookery on Goat Island, which supports up to 38 nesting pairs of herons. Also look for waterfowl on the Willamette River, and search for songbirds in the woods and dense understorey.



Sponsorship available

H3. Luscher Farms and Cooks Butte - Stevens Meadows

Cooks Butte – Stevens Meadow: From I-205, take Exit 3 (Stafford Rd/Lake Oswego) and go N for 2 mi to Rosemont Rd. At the traffic circle, go L onto Atherton Dr. Turn R into the parking area for Stevens Meadows. Or, from Hwy 43 (State St), take McVey/Stafford Rd to Atherton Dr. Turn R on Atherton. Turn L into the parking area at Stevens Meadow. **Luscher Farm:** From I-205, take Exit 3 (Stafford Rd/Lake Oswego) and go N for 2 mi to Rosemont Rd. Turn R on Rosemont Rd. The driveway to the Luscher Farm house, barn and gardens is the first L on Rosemont Rd.

Mixed forest with Douglas-fir and big-leaf maple shades the slopes of Cooks

Butte, an extinct volcano that rises to 718 ft. Look for Steller's Jay, Downy Woodpecker, Bewick's Wren, Brown Creeper and wintering Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Check around the grassy bald at the top for spring migrant warblers. Raptors hunt over Stevens Meadow on the flanks of the butte. Nearby Luscher Farm is a Clackamas County historic site. Community gardens, grassy fields and fencerows host Golden-crowned, White-crowned, and Lincoln's Sparrows in winter. A paved path along the south side of Luscher Farm connects to Stevens Meadow and Cooks Butte.



Sponsorship available

H4. Molalla River State Park

From Hwy 99E in central Canby, turn N on Holly St (also called Canby Ferry Rd) and go 1.8 mi to the park entrance on the L. The Canby Ferry connects from the park to West Linn on the N side of the Willamette River (closed on holidays and during high water).

This large park at the confluence of the Molalla and Willamette Rivers offers access to meadows, ponds, and mixed forests of cedar, Douglas fir, and maple. Watch and listen for Western Meadowlark in winter, migrant warblers in spring, and waterfowl on the ponds and rivers. A heron nesting colony is active in spring.



Sponsorship available



American Wigeon

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H5. Champoeg State Heritage Area

From I-5, take Exit 278 and head W, following the signs. Champoeg State Heritage Area is off US 99W, 7 mi E of Newberg.

Oregon's first provisional government was formed here by a historical vote in 1843. Riparian forest and oak woodlands along the Willamette River provide birding opportunities year-round. Watch along the river for nesting Osprey and Green Heron, scan ponds for waterfowl, and check oaks for Western Bluebird and White-breasted Nuthatch. Six species of woodpeckers can be found in the park. In summer, listen for the ethereal song of Swainson's Thrush. A visitor center provides interpretive displays and a gift shop.



Sponsor: Oregon State Parks

H6. St Josef's Vineyard and Winery

Traveling southbound on I-5, take Exit 282A (Canby/Hubbard) and travel 1.6 mi S on Airport Rd to the stop light at Arndt Rd. Turn L (E) on Arndt Rd and travel 4.0 mi to the stop sign at Barlow Rd. Turn R (S) and travel 5.1 mi to the Winery.

St Josef's is a traditional Willamette Valley winery. Birding habitats include a large pond and bottomland riparian woods, and Bear Creek, which runs through the property. Scan for waterfowl and wading birds on the pond. Watch for Osprey and hawks overhead, and songbirds in the trees and edges. While you are welcome to bird from viewpoints around the edges of the grape-growing areas, to protect the health of the vines please do not walk into vineyards. This side of Bear

Creek is where the native Molalla people trekked into Barlow for trading; visitors may see artifacts. A wine tasting room and gift shop are open 11 am to 5 pm except holidays and the month of January; on weekdays please phone ahead (503) 651-3190.



Sponsorship available

H7. Feyer Park

In Molalla, take Main St E to the 'Y' intersection and veer R on Mathias Rd. Curve L on Feyerer Park Rd and go 2 mi to the park entrance.

This popular park on the Molalla River has 20 shaded campsites set amid mixed woods with red-cedar, Douglas-fir, and big-leaf maple. Listen for Western Wood-Pewee and Swainson's Thrush in summer, and check kinglet and chickadee flocks in winter for Townsend's Warbler. Fees apply for camping, and for day use on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



Sponsorship available

H8. Molalla River Corridor

In Molalla, take Main St E to the 'Y' intersection and veer R onto Mathias Rd. Curve L onto Feyerer Park Rd. Follow it ~2.3 mi and cross the Molalla River Bridge. Turn R on Dicky Prairie Rd. Follow signs to the Molalla River Corridor. Once in the corridor, stop at any of the pullouts to watch birds.

Located 9 mi SE of Molalla, the Molalla River Corridor is a scenic drive along the Molalla River. The surrounding forests abound with alder, cedar, dogwood, Douglas-fir, hemlock, madrone, big-leaf maple and vine maple. Along the corridor, scan for Wood Duck, Ruffed Grouse,



Common Yellowthroat

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Cedar Waxwing

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woodpeckers, Great Blue Heron, and the occasional eagle. In winter, check with the Bureau of Land Management about conditions before hiking the trails.



Sponsorship available

H9. Hopkins Demonstration Forest

From the I-205/Hwy 213 interchange in Oregon City, drive 7.5 mi S on Hwy 213 (Trails End Hwy) to Spangler Rd. Turn L (E) and drive 2 mi on Spangler Rd. Where the road makes a 90-degree L, turn R onto Brockway Rd. Drive 1 mi to the end of Brockway Rd, where signs direct you onto the property.

This 140-ac property includes recently harvested brushy areas, young conifer plantations, riparian forest, and upland conifer and mixed stands. Adjacent fields and forest provide additional habitat. The Forest contains more than 3 mi of walking routes (trails and gravel roads) with limited traffic (authorized vehicles only). The 1-mi long Watershed Interpretive Trail has

numbered posts along Little Buckner Creek to mark sites that are explained in an interpretive brochure. Watch for Varied Thrush, Pileated Woodpecker, Ruffed Grouse, Hutton's Vireo, Red-tailed Hawk, Wood Duck, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, and Steller's Jay. The front gate is always open to the main parking lot, but visitors are requested to observe daylight-use hours, seven days/week.



Sponsorship available

H10. Milo McIver State Park

From I-205, take Exit 12A to merge onto Carver Rd/OR 212/OR 224 toward Clackamas/Estacada. After 3.6 mi, turn R at Market Rd/OR 224. After 1 mi, turn R at Market Rd. Turn L at S Clackamas River Dr/Market Rd and continue on S Springwater Rd to the park entrance on the L.

You could easily spend a whole day birding this large park by car, making short hikes at a range of elevations, from meadows on mid-level benches to

Hooded Merganser

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steep forested slopes. For a longer visit, use the campground as your base and explore further on the trails. Watch for waterfowl and American Dipper along the river, and Osprey and Bald Eagle overhead. Red-breasted Sapsucker and four species of woodpecker are resident. In spring and summer, look for Willow and Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Cassin's and Hutton's Vireos, Wilson's Warbler, and Western Tanager. Individual and group campsites are available. Daily visitor fees apply.



Sponsorship available



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Rufous Hummingbird

H11. Barton Park

Barton Park is 0.5 mi S of Hwy 224, off Baker's Ferry Rd (between Carver and Eagle Creek).

Woods, wetlands, river, and riparian habitats make up this park, situated along the Clackamas River. Scan the riverfront for Wood Duck, American (and sometimes Eurasian) Wigeon, Gadwall, Bufflehead, and Hooded Merganser. Also watch for Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, and a variety of woodpeckers and songbirds, including nesting MacGillivray's Warbler. Barton offers 98 reservable campsites from May 1- Sept 30, along with covered picnic shelters.



Sponsorship available

H12. Mount Talbert Nature Park

From I-205, take Exit 14 and follow signs for Sunnybrook Rd. Go E on Sunnybrook 0.1 mi to the first road (97th Ave) and turn R (S). Follow 97th (which becomes Mather Rd) for 1 mi to the parking area on the L.

Over 4 mi of trails circle and traverse this 200-ac forested butte, rising 500 ft over the urban landscape below. April through June are the best months to visit, when wildflowers grace the understory and migrant songbirds fill the treetops. Check summit trees in early morning for migrant Black-throated Gray, Hermit, Townsend's, MacGillivray's, Wilson's, and Nashville Warblers, plus Warbling and Cassin's Vireos, Western Tanager, and Pacific-slope and Hammond's Flycatchers. Orange-crowned Warbler nests here. The oak forest on the SW flank hosts White-breasted Nuthatch. Other residents include Pileated Woodpecker, Hutton's Vireo, Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, and Steller's Jay.



Sponsorship available



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Steller's Jay



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Red-breasted Sapsucker