

Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, WA

Vicinity Location: 9 miles northeast of Portland, Oregon in Vancouver, WA.

Directions:

East Trailhead:

From I-205, take exit #28 Mill Plain Rd onto SE Mill Plain Blvd, towards Vancouver. Drive west on Mill Plain Blvd for about 1.3 miles. Turn Right onto NE 97th Ave and go 0.8 mile. Turn Left on NE 14th St. Turn Right on NE Knollcrest Ave and go 0.1 mile. Continue on NE Pinecreek St for 0.2 mile. Turn Right on NE 92nd Ave and drive about 0.1 mile. Turn left onto NE 19th Circle and park on the street near the trailhead. The trail begins on the north side of Ne 19th Circle.

Leverich Park Trailhead: In Vancouver, from I-5, take Exit 2. Drive east on 39th Street, turn left onto NE Leverich Park Way. Drive about .5 mile to the trailhead parking area on the right.

Devine Road Trailhead:

From Devine Road and 18th St, there is a small parking area 2 blocks south of this intersection. There are restrooms, which are open from April 1 to October 31.

Greenway Trailhead:

From 18th St. and 65th Ave. drive 1 block south on 65th Ave. to a large gravel parking lot.

Stewart Glen Trailhead:

There are restrooms, which are open from April 1 to October 31.

Length and Elevation:

6 Miles round trip Elevation gain 200 feet and loss of 200 feet. Total gain and loss is 500 feet. Elevation at the east trailhead is 200 feet.

Trail:

Burnt Bridge Creek Trail with connections to the Discovery Trail and Ellen Davis Trail.

Flush toilets are available in Leverich Park and at points along the trail east of Leverich Park at DeVine Rd.

No permits are required to park at the trailheads.

Park rules prohibit littering, vandalism, alcohol possession, discharge of firearms, ATV, ORV, disorderly conduct, unleashed animals, camping. Fires and horseback riding are allowed only in a few designated areas. Also, owners must clean up after their pets and there are a couple of locations that dispense poop bags and have trash cans.

Park hours are 7am until dusk.

Trail Maps:

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Map, Ellen

Davis Trail, Burnt

Bridge-Stewart Glenn to Hazel Dell Ave, Burnt

Bridge Creek Trail

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This is a very pleasant walk along a small creek. The eastern part of the walk is through meadows and wetlands. The middle portion passes by soccer fields and under power lines. The last portion is mostly forested. The City of Vancouver plans future trail development to continue eastward toward I-205 and Beaver Marsh, eventually connecting to the Heritage Trail.

From the eastern trailhead at NE 92nd Avenue, head west along the wide concrete and paved trail. The trail is in the middle of a wide greenway and a Bonneville Power right of way. The high-voltage powerlines soon comes into view and the trail follows near the powerlines for about half of the trail.

About .3 mile the trail passes under 86th Avenue. From there the trail soon passes a junction to the right that leads up to 86th Avenue. In about .6 miles farther the trail curves and passes a junction on the right that leads across the creek and past some seasonal ponds to Andreson Road. This junction can be followed by turning right to cross Andreson at NE 18th Street then back to the trail on the west side of Andreson. This loop rejoins the main trail in another .4 mile and passes by the Greenway Trailhead.

Follow the main trail or the loop westward to the Devine Road trailhead. From Devine Road, the character of the trail becomes more urban and passes close to houses and soccer fields. The trail crosses E 18th Street and E Fourth Plain Blvd in another .4 mile.

From E Fourth Plain Blvd in another the trail goes past a large grassy area and drops down past some apartments into a forest and along Burnt Bridge Creek. Near SR500 the trail passes a large patch of Jewelweed with its pendulous orange flowers. Be sure to check out the seed pods in the fall. They will pop in your hand and shoot their seeds far.

The trail follows along SR500 but the highway is high above. The trail crosses under an overpass and climbs up to St. Johns Road.

Heading west, cross St. John's and drop down along Burnt Bridge Creek. The trail passes through a meadow and along the edge of a forest with the sounds of the highway in the distance. The trail comes out on a subdivision road. Follow the road up to 15th Avenue, go across the street, and continue into Leverich Park. The trail passes by a disc golf area which is very popular.

Once in the park, make the first right and skirt the park, passing the Leverich Park Trailhead in about .3 mile. Continue past the trailhead and follow Leverich Park Way, down a hill, turning left at the small brown signs for the creek and the Discovery Trail. Cross over Burnt Bridge Creek.

A short distance down the Discovery Trail is the next junction, waypoint JCED and is the junction of the Discovery Trail and the Ellen Davis Trail. To the left is the main trail and leads towards Hazel Dell and Main Street, to the right is Highway 99. These trailheads have no parking and are intended for local access only.

In a few hundred feet is another junction. At this junction you can see the pedestrian overpass across the freeway. Turn left here and cross over the freeway and make a right at the next junction, then follow the bike path down along the west side of the freeway.

The trail goes through a short tunnel, turns left, and comes out to Hazel Dell Avenue. Make a right at Hazel Dell Avenue, going north about 500 feet, look for the trail on the left, just after the guardrail starts. Look on the left side of the road for the trail sign which says Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway. Cross the road, and continue west on the bike path along Burnt Bridge Creek. This is also part of the Discovery Trail.

The trail crosses two roads and the creek a couple of times, the trail goes downhill and comes to a fork in the trail at the beginning of a large meadow. Take either fork as they rejoin in about .2 mile.

The trail continues west through the forest with views of Burnt Bridge Creek. Looking towards the creek you can see the creek enter a long, wide meadow and then some big ponds. Shortly after the ponds the trail reaches the western trailhead at the Stewart Glen Trailhead and is called the Dorothy Langsdorf Discovery Trail on the Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway.

On the return trip, turn left off Hazel Dell Avenue just after 5205. If you see the mailbox for 5115 or a lower address, you've missed the junction to get back onto the Discovery Trail. Peddling down the Ellen Davis Trail you cross an arched wooden bridge called the Friendship Bridge. This is the end of the paved trail. The trail the rest of the way to a parking is graveled and a bit steep. There are two junctions in the trail but they come together into on the trail that goes to the top of the hill and a trailhead parking lot.

Enjoy
the photos.

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