

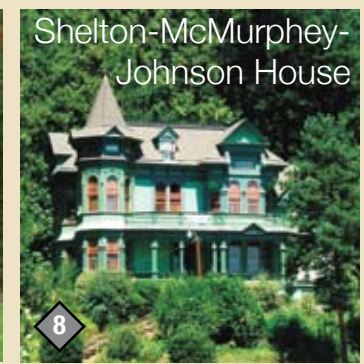
Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path System



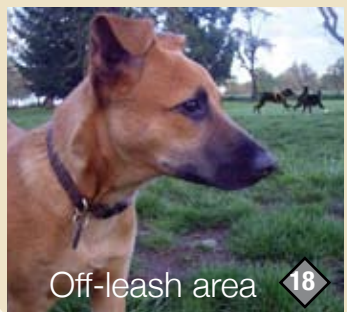
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Hays Tree Garden



Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House



Off-leash area



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West Bank Path (2.10 Miles)

South Bank Path (4 Miles)

- 1 Viewing Platform, Overlook
- 2 River House Community Center
- 3 Owen Rose Garden
- 4 Climbing Columns
- 5 RiverPlay Discovery Village Playground
- 6 Skinner Butte Summit
- 7 Lamb Cottage
- 8 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House
- 9 Campbell Community Center
- 10 EWEB Public Plaza
- 11 Prefontaine Memorial Park

East Bank Path (2.8 Miles)

- 12 Delta Ponds Wildlife Viewing

North Bank Path (5 Miles)

- 13 Duck Pond
- 14 Pre's Trailhead
- 15 Hays Tree Garden
- 16 Cuthbert Amphitheater
- 17 Park Host
- 18 Dog Off-Leash Area
- 19 Science Factory
- 20 BMX Track

The Riverbank Path serves a wide variety of users. Following a few common sense tips can keep it fun and safe for everyone to share:

- Be respectful of all users
- Use bike lights when dark
- Keep right, pass left
- Slower traffic has the right-of-way
- Bikers use audible warnings when passing
- Control and clean up after your dog
- Bikers use safe speeds at all times
- Do not block the path





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Welcome to the Riverbank Path



EWEB Plaza

The Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path System is one of the best known and most well-used portions of Eugene's parks and

open space system. This 12-mile path lines both sides of the Willamette River from the Willie Knickerbocker Bridge just west of I-5 to the Owosso Bridge just south of Beltline Road. We hope this map will help you discover this path's easy connection to many of the recreational, cultural, and historic destinations that make Eugene unique.

Decades of Vision

This path system was brought to reality through the efforts of former Eugene Mayor Ruth Bascom and a collaboration of community advocates over the last 40 years. A combination of public planning, funding, and a growing statewide commitment to preserving the Willamette Greenway allowed construction to begin in 1971. By 2003 the final connecting link of the 12-mile system was completed, and the system was dedicated as the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path System.



River House

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Look for the numbered diamond symbols on the map to locate these features on the Riverbank Path.

Just a Few of the Highlights

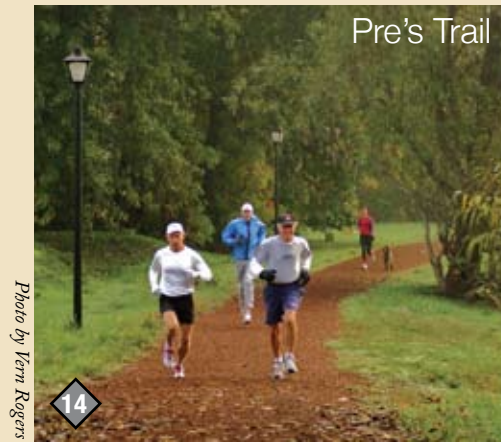
The Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path System connects an incredible array of natural beauty, unique amenities, wildlife, and resources. A few of the highlights you will encounter are:

Whilamut Natural Area

Located along the North Bank Path, the Whilamut Natural Area covers 237 acres of open space in the east section of Alton Baker Park and is preserved for passive recreation and wildlife habitat. Whilamut is a Kalapuya word that translates into "where the river ripples and runs fast." You may notice several young native trees along the river that were planted by City of Eugene Stream Team volunteers. Information: (541) 682-4850

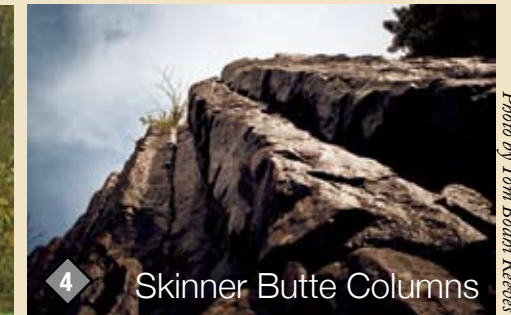


Whilamut Natural Area



Pre's Trail

Photo by Vern Rogers



Skinner Butte Columns

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RiverPlay

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River Recreation –

River House Community Center

The Willamette River provides the perfect mix of tranquil and rapid waters for enthusiasts of all skill levels. If you want to explore on your own, you can find non-motorized boat launches at several locations including Alton Baker Park. However, if you are looking for experienced guidance and outdoor opportunities of all kinds, stop by the City of Eugene's River House Community Center located along the South Bank Path. Information: (541) 682-5329

Delta Ponds

Hérons, bald eagles, and Western pond turtles are just some of the wildlife that call Delta Ponds home. Located along the East Bank Path, wildlife viewing areas provide amateur to avid bird watchers the perfect vantage point. Come discover the natural beauty in the heart of our urban environment.

Willamette River Habitat Enhancement

An ongoing major restoration project is helping reconnect Delta Ponds with the Willamette River to improve habitat and offer fish, such as juvenile Chinook salmon (below), a safe place to grow before returning to the river.



Owen Rose Garden

Photo by Ellen Tonney



Delta Ponds

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The Legacy of Community Advocacy Continues

This path system has recently undergone several wayfinding enhancements thanks to the efforts of Eugene Parks Foundation volunteers and generous local sponsors. In partnership with the City of Eugene their initiative, The Riverloop Connection, provided new mile markers at every quarter-mile along the system's four path segments, map and interpretive signs at 13 locations, and this comprehensive hand-held map. A special "thank you" to Pete Powers and Scott Wallace who designed this map and to the UO InfoGraphics Laboratory for their early guidance. This effort would not have been possible without support from the following dedicated community members:

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