



LITHIA PARK
Trail
Guide

WELCOME!

Thank you for visiting Ashland Oregon's LITHIA PARK TRAIL

No matter what the season, Lithia Park rewards visitors with beautiful landscapes that display native, ornamental and exotic plant life. Each season carries unique sounds, colors and animal life.



Lithia Park Entrance

Lithia Park dates back to 1852, when a sawmill and flourmill stood at what is now the front entrance to the park. In 1892, the Chautauqua Association began to use the land as a way to bring entertainment and culture to Southern Oregon. The success of the Chautauqua drew in crowds, and slowly the space grew as more activities became available.

The official dedication of Lithia Park took place in 1916. Today, Lithia Park continues to make history as 42 of its 93 acres are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

This guide is provided to help direct you along the beautiful Lithia Park Trail. The trail begins at the park entrance and ends in the Lithia Park Rose Garden. The trail is approximately a mile long and will take about 1.5 to 2 hours to complete. Take your time and enjoy the walk.

Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission (APRC) appreciates your respect for all animal and plant life. Please refer to the, "How to use this Guide" information on the following page.

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide consists of seven sections—each section will help you locate the 100 posts along the Lithia Park Trail. Some posts will veer off of the beaten path, while many are placed right along the walkway. Below are tips on how to best use this guide:



Lithia Park Entrance

- Each section begins with a labeled map. Use the map on your walk to locate each numbered post. Feel free to turn the booklet as needed so that the map aligns with you. Note the red arrows that direct you.
- Each map has a "Helpful Tips" page that offers specific instructions for each section of the trail. Refer to this page as you walk each section, as the tips will help you locate posts with ease.
- If you are looking for a specific plant or tree, be sure to refer to the Index in the back of this guide.
- Lithia Park is a natural habitat that is constantly evolving, and because of this, changes along the trail may occur over time. The changes may cause a post and plant to not correlate. While we try to keep our guide up-to-date, you may find errors along your walk. Please feel free to contact APRC with your discoveries. We will make note of the information for future publications.



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SECTION ONE



LOWER DUCK POND Posts 1–13



TIPS FOR SECTION ONE



Lower Duck Pond Near Lithia Park Entrance

- The majority of the first 13 posts are located around the Lower Duck Pond.
- After post 10, turn right, passing the duck pond on your right and the open lawn area on your left. Head down a slight slope in the pathway and veer left. Post 11 is on the right side of the pathway before you pass a line of park benches.
- After post 11, head toward the playground, passing the line of park benches. You will find posts 12 and 13 along the path—right before an open lawn area on your left.





Post #1

Lithia Park



Post #4

Japanese Maple
Acer palmatum

Post #2

Oregon Grape
Mahonia aquifolium



Post #5

Eastern Flowering
Dogwood
Cornus florida



Post #3

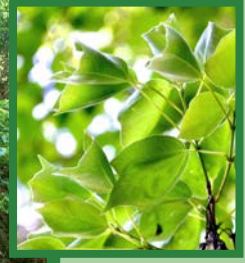
American Ash
Fraxinus americana



Post #6

Bigleaf Maple
Acer macrophyllum





Post #7

Trident Maple
Acer buergeranum



Post #10

Western Redcedar
Thuja plicata

Post #8



Goldenchain Tree
Laburnum anagyroides



Dwarf Weeping
Deodar Cedar
Cedrus deodara var. compacta

Post #11

Japanese Stewartia
Stewartia pseudocamellia



Post #9

Bamboo

Post #12



Ponderosa Pine
Pinus ponderosa



California Black Oak
Quercus kelloggii

Post #13



SECTION TWO



Playground & Enders Shelter Posts 14–21



TIPS FOR SECTION TWO



Atkinson Bridge in Lithia Park, between Post 14 and 15

- Post 14 will be on your right in a shrub bed, before you come to the Atkinson Bridge or playground.
- Posts 15 and 16 leave the main pathway and are found in the playground area. The posts are located along the railing that separates the playground from the creek below.
- After post 16, return to the pathway and continue up onto the chipped path. Post 17 will be on your right slightly up the path.
- When you come to the bridge, walk past it to find post 18 on the right. You want to cross the bridge after you locate post 18. Do not keep going up the chipped pathway.
- Post 19 is located on the right after you cross the bridge. Now, head toward the covered Enders Shelter to find posts 20 and 21.



Post #14



Sourwood
Oxydendrum arboreum



Starlight Dogwood
Cornus kousa var. chinensis



Post #18
Pacific Dogwood
Cornus nuttallii

Post #15



White Alder
Alnus rhombifolia



Oregon Ash
Fraxinus latifolia

Post #16

Post #19
Oregon Myrtle or
California Laurel
Umbellularia californica



Photo Courtesy Jeffrey McFarland



Post #17
Ashland Creek

Post #20



Enders
Memorial Shelter

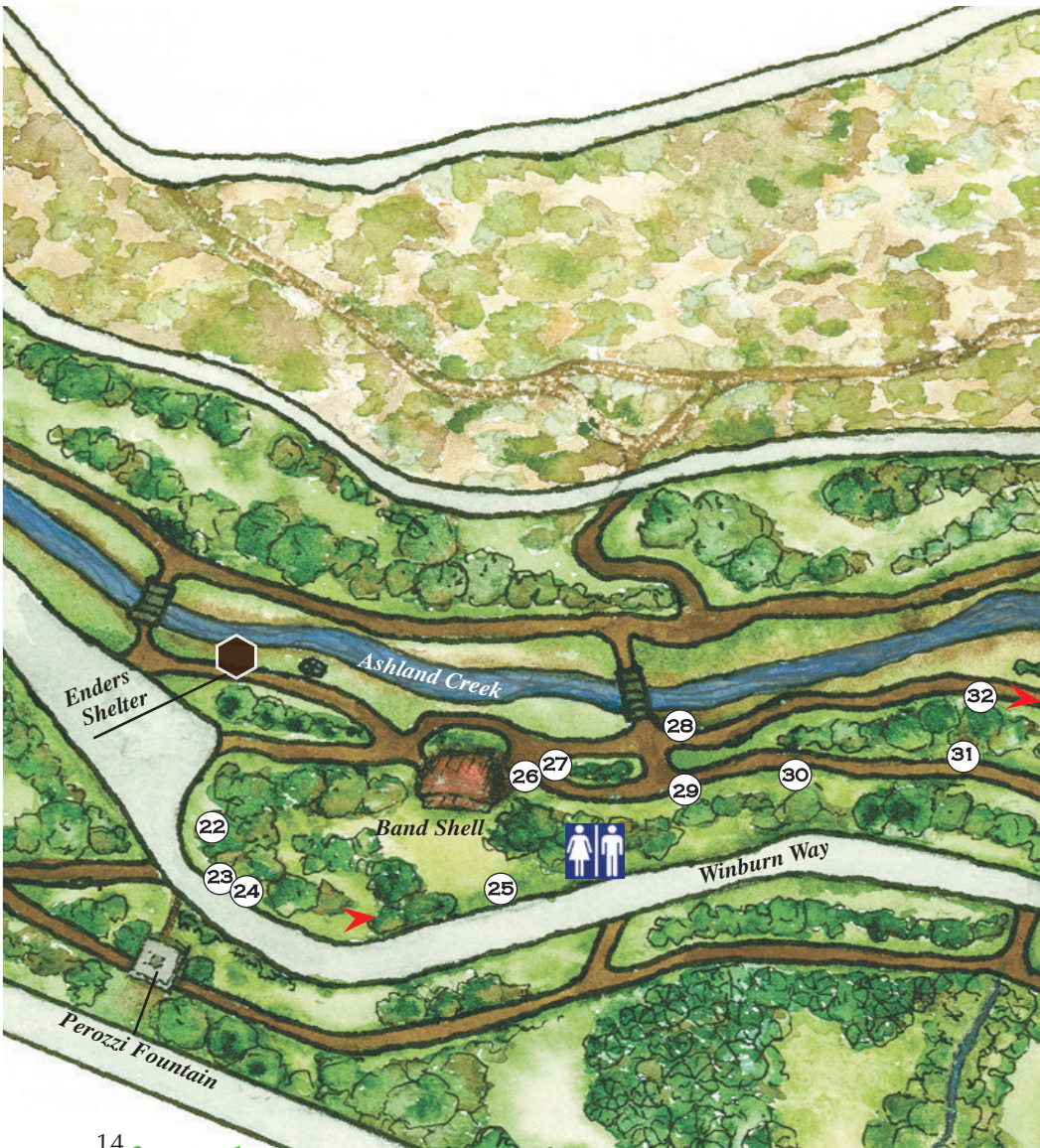


Post #21
London Planetree
Platanus x acerifolia

SECTION THREE



Butler Bandshell Posts 22—32



TIPS FOR SECTION THREE



Butler-Bandshell in Lithia Park

- To begin this section, cut across the grass through the sycamore trees, heading toward the Butler-Perozzi Fountain. On your left, before you come to the road, there is a very large shrub bed with various trees and plant life. Here you will find post 22.
- As you walk around the plant bed (roadside), you will find post 23 and 24.
- Continue to walk along the top of the grass next to the road (Butler Bandshell side), you will see post 25 on your left, slightly downslope. After post 25, you will proceed downhill toward the Butler Bandshell for post 26 and 27.
- After Post 27, go right on the paved pathway. Post 28 and 29 are located past the circular concrete planter and bridge (28 on your left and 29 on your right).
- After post 28 and 29, the pathway splits. Stay to the right side of the path to find posts 30 through 32.
- Between posts 31 and 32 there is a small bridge you cross that is not shown on the map. After post 32, head right on the paved pathway toward the tennis courts.





Post #22

Japanese Snowbell
Styrax japonicus



Post #25

European White
Birch
Betula pendula

Post #23

Port Orford Cedar
Chamaecyparis lawsoniana



Post #26

American
Arborvitae
Thuja occidentalis



Post #24

Dawn Redwood
Metasequoia glyptostroboides



Post #27

Western Yew
Taxus brevifolia





Post #28

European
Spindle Tree
Euonymus europaeus



Post #31

Western
Mock Orange
*Philadelphus lewisii
gordonianus*

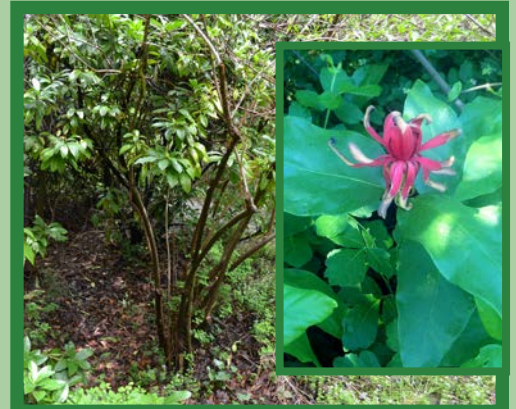
Post #29

Snowberry
Symphoricarpos albus



Post #32

Sweet Shrub
Calycanthus floridus



Post #30

Western Swordfern
Polystichum munitum



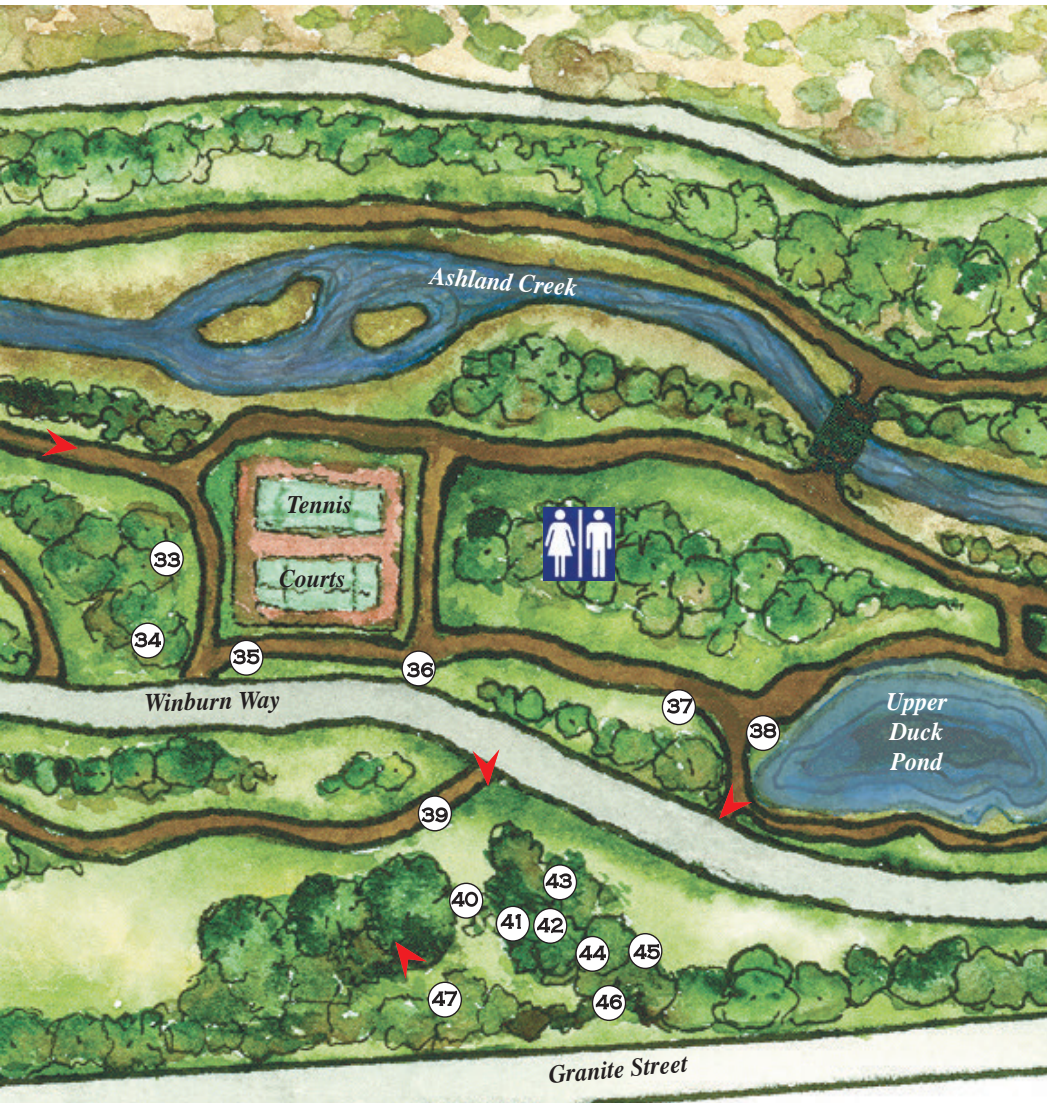
*Did you know, many of the Maple and Locust trees
still standing today in Lithia Park were planted by
Ladies of the Chautauqua Club?*



SECTION FOUR



Upper Duck Pond Posts 33—47



TIPS FOR SECTION FOUR



Upper Duck Pond in Lithia Park

- When you come to the tennis courts, turn right and head upslope with the pathway. Look for post 33 on your right in the grass.
- Post 34 is on your right side at the top of the paved pathway near the road. After post 34, walk along the side of the tennis courts for posts 35 and 36.
- Continue on the paved pathway toward the Upper Duck Pond.
- After post 38, turn right and head to the road. You will walk down the road to stone steps on the left side of the road across from the tennis courts.
- Walk up the stone steps. Post 39 is located beyond the steps in the grass, off of the paved pathway.
- Posts 40 through 47 are clustered together upslope on a grassy hill, slightly to the left. Use the map to guide you.
- After post 46, turn right and stay on the grass, walking along the periwinkle until you meet post 47.
- Head back down the grassy hill to the paved pathway.





Post #33

European Beech
Fagus sylvatica
var. *purpurea*



Post #37

White Mulberry
Morus alba

Post #34

Monkey Puzzle Tree
Araucaria araucana



Post #38

Upper Duck Pond
Post describes flora and fauna at the Upper Duck Pond area



Post #35



European Horsechestnut
Aesculus hippocastanum



Douglas-fir
Pseudotsuga menziesii

Post #36



Post #39

Scotch Pine
Pinus sylvestris





Post #40

Giant Sequoia
Sequoiadendron giganteum



Post #44

Franklin Tree
Franklinia alatamaha

Post #41



Plume Cryptomeria
Cryptomeria japonica



Coast Redwood
Sequoia sempervirens

Post #42

Post #45

Pacific Madrone
Arbutus menziesii



Post #43

Deodar Cedar
Cedrus deodara

Post #46



Greater Periwinkle
Vinca major



Post #47

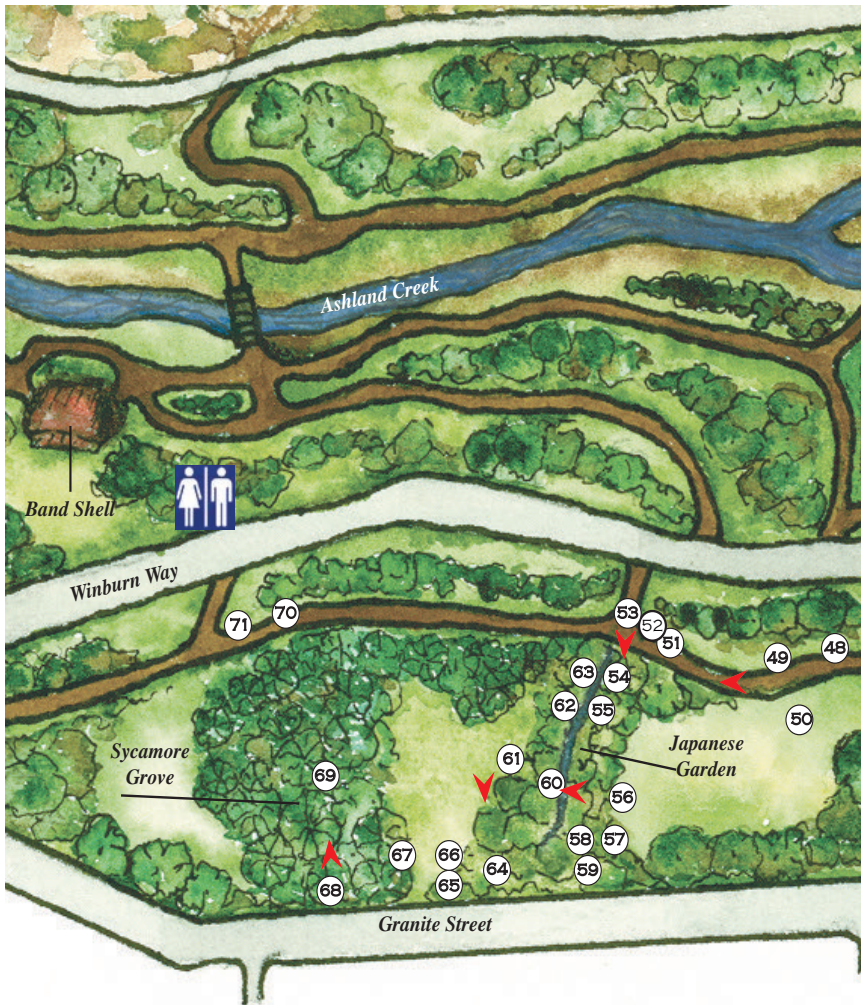
Western Juniper
Juniperus occidentalis



SECTION FIVE



Japanese-Style Garden Posts 48—71



TIPS FOR SECTION FIVE

- Posts 48 through 52 will be found along the paved pathway that runs parallel to the road.
- After post 52, head up the pathway into the Japanese-Style Garden. After post 56, continue up the pathway for posts 57 through 59. Do not cross the water-run yet.
- After post 57, leave the paved pathway, walking upward toward the street. Post 58 will be directly on your right, and post 59 is slightly upslope from post 58.
- Head back down to the pathway. Just above Post 57, there is a rock pathway that crosses the water-run. Cross over the water-run on the rock path and stay left, heading toward the small brown shelter at the top of the garden.
- Post 60 will be directly in front of you after you have crossed the water-run. After post 60, turn right and walk down a few feet to the rock path on your left. Walk slightly into the grassy area. On your left is post 61.
- After post 61, you must turn around and walk back to the paved path. Go left down the paved pathway toward the entrance. Go left at the fork for posts 62 and 63.
- After post 63, head back up the pathway and return to the grassy area near post 61. Here you will walk up to the top of the grassy area for post 64.
- Stay toward the upper part of the grassy area as you walk to find posts 65 through 68. You are slowly entering the Sycamore Grove.
- After post 68, which is close to the road above, head down the center of the grove for post 69. Continue down to the paved pathway at the bottom of the grove and turn left on the pathway for posts 70 and 71.





Post #48

Hinoki Cypress
Chamaecyparis obtusa



Post #51

Norway
Weeping Spruce
Picea abies 'Pendula'

Post #49

Saucer Magnolia
Magnolia x soulangeana



Post #52

California
Hazelnut
Corylus cornuta var.
californica



Post #50

Incensecedar
Calocedrus decurrens



Post #53

Japanese Torrii
*A traditional gateway
to the Japanese Garden*



Post #54

Fullmoon Maple
Acer japonicum
var. *aconitifolium*





Post #55

Ivy-leaved Maple
Acer cissifolium



Post #59

Chinese Photinia
Photinia serrulata

Post #56



Threadleaf Falsecypress
Chamaecyparis pisifera
var. 'Filifera'



Post #57

Podocarpus
Podocarpus nivalis

Post #60



Carrier Thorn
Crataegus x lavalleyi



Post #61

European Linden
Tilia x europaea



Post #58

Ginkgo or
Maidenhair Tree
Ginkgo biloba

Post #62



Japanese Maple
Acer palmatum

Post #63



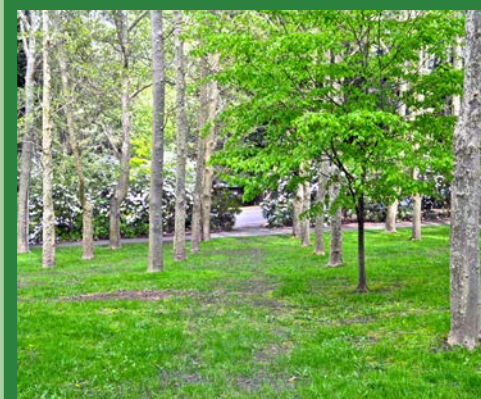
Douglas-fir
Pseudotsuga menziesii





Post #64

Spanish Fir
Abies pinsapo



Post #69

Sycamore Grove or
London Planetrees
Platanus x acerifolia

Post #65



Tulip Tree
Liriodendron tulipifera



Educates about the local environment
Butler-Perozzi Fountain in Lithia Park, circa 1915
Section 5 is south of the Fountain
—Photo Courtesy Terry Skibby

Post #66

Post #70

Rhododendron
Rhododendron 'Loderi'



Post #67



Blue Atlas Cedar
Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca'



Norway Maple
Acer platanus

Post #68



Post #71

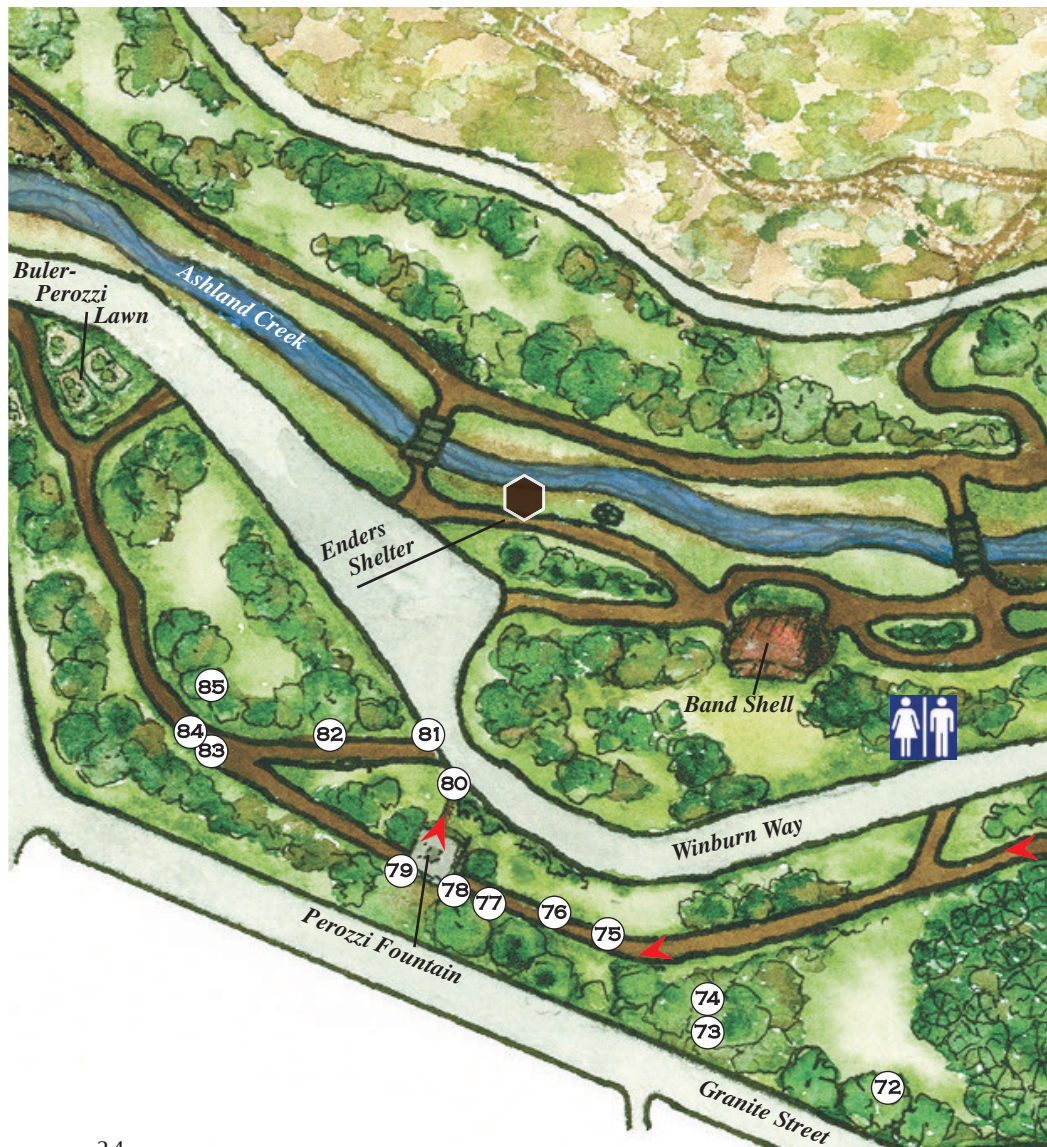
Norway Spruce
Picea abies



SECTION SIX



Butler-Perozzi Fountain Posts 72—85



TIPS FOR SECTION SIX

- After Post 71, walk down the paved pathway to the grassy slope on your left.
- Walk up to the top of the slope to locate post 72.
- Continue to walk along the top of the grassy slope to find post 73 and 74.
- After post 74, return to the paved pathway. Post 75 through 78 will be found along the paved pathway.
- Post 79 is located in the Butler-Perozzi Fountain area.



- Head down the stairs of the Butler-Perozzi Fountain to find post 80. It will be on your left.
- Post 81 is found by the roadside near the paved pathway. Take the paved pathway after post 81.
- Continue on the pathway for posts 82 through 85.



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Cascade Mountains



Cutleaf Weeping Birch
Betula pendula var. *laciniata*



English Holly
Ilex aquifolium

Purpleleaf Plum
Prunus cerasifera
'Atropurpurea'



California Walnut
Juglans hindsii



Hybrid Maple
Acer x fremanii
'Autumn Blaze®'



Bridal-wreath Spiraea
Spiraea x vanhouttei



Post #79

Portugal Laurel
Prunus lusitanica
(top left)

English Laurel
Prunus laurocerasus
(bottom right)



Post #82

Southern Magnolia
Magnolia grandiflora

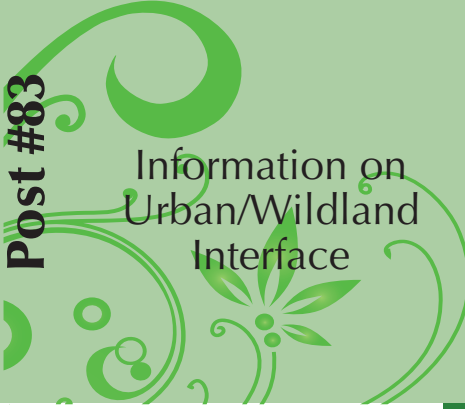
Post #80

California Black Oak
Quercus kelloggii



Post #83

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Urban/Wildland
Interface



Post #84

Judas Tree
Cercis siliquastrum

Post #81

Under
Construction



Post #85

Japanese Flowering
Crabapple
Malus floribunda



SECTION SEVEN



Butler-Perozzi Lawn Posts 86—100



TIPS FOR SECTION SEVEN



Butler-Perozzi Lawn

- Post 86 through 88 can be found along the paved pathway. After Post 88, you will leave the pathway and head right to post 89 in the grass.
- After post 89, continue in the grass, heading toward the road. Post 90 will be on your right.
- Turn around after post 90 and head toward the shrub bed near the road. There you will find post 91.
- Post 92 is behind the shrub bed of post 91. Walk around the shrub bed that is adjacent to Winburn Way. From here you will see the beginning of a paved pathway and post 92 is on the right side.
- Posts 94 and 95 are on your left along the paved pathway. Post 96 is found beyond and slightly behind the shrub bed of post 94 and 95.
- After post 97, head down the paved pathway toward the Butler-Perozzi Lawn to find posts 97 through 100.





Post #86

English Ivy
Hedera helix



Post #89

Oriental Spruce
Picea orientalis
'Atrovirens'

Post #87

Beautybush
Kolkwitzia amabilis



Post #90

Northern Red Oak
Quercus rubra



Post #88

Sugar Maple
Acer saccharum



Post #91

Smoke Tree
Cotinus coggygria





Post #92

Chinese Aralia
Aralia chinensis



Post #95

Saucer Magnolia
Magnolia x soulangeana

Post #93

Edging Boxwood
Buxus sempervirens
'Suffruticosa'



Post #96

Crepe Myrtle
Lagerstroemia indica



Post #94

Star Magnolia
Magnolia stellata



Post #97

Pin Oak
Quercus palustris



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American Sweetgum
Liquidambar styraciflua

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CONGRATULATIONS!

You have completed the Lithia Park Trail. APRC hopes that you have enjoyed your journey, and that your sights along the way were relaxing and enjoyable. Be sure to walk the Lithia Park Trail again, perhaps during a different time of year when the plants and trees along the trail will have changed with the season.



Tom Foster, center, celebrated the 20,000th Lithia Park Walk in September, 2015. Tom, longtime Ashlander and APRC Volunteer, has been leading the Lithia Park Nature Walks since 1989, when he helped initiate the nature walk program!"

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