

West Linn Part 2 – Bolton & Camassia

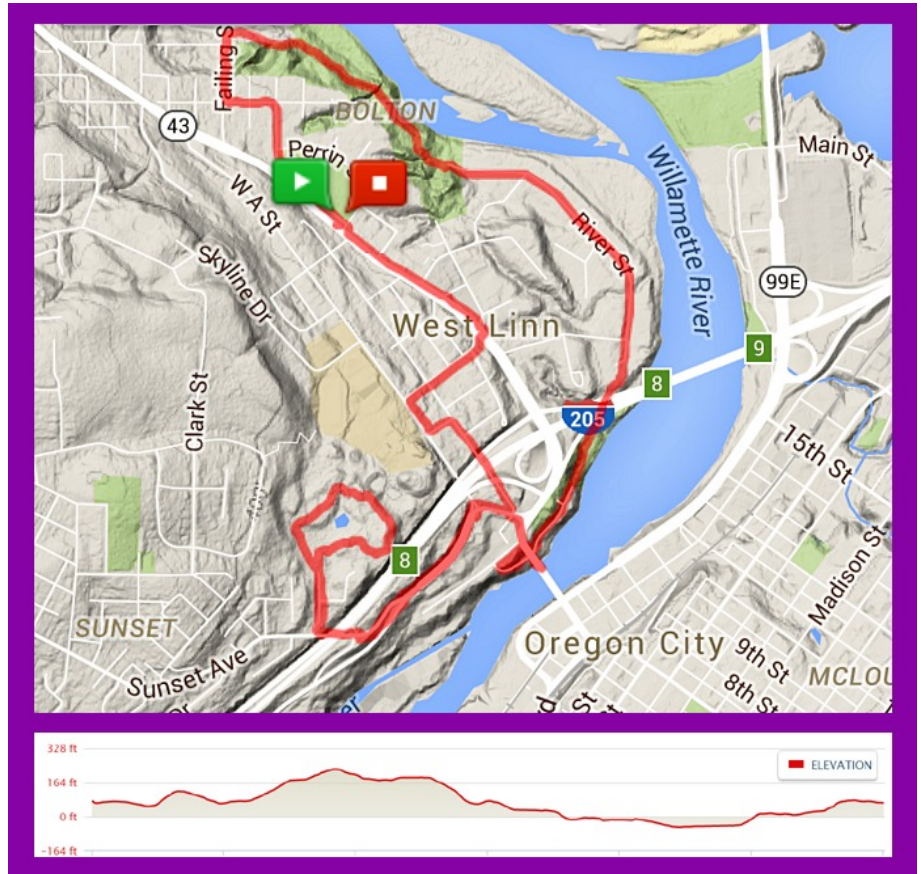
This 5-mile interpretive hike, led by Ken Kane, picks up where Ken's previous Old City of Willamette hike left off. Though the two hikes aren't contiguous, they will help us to cover a good deal of the city of West Linn, both on foot and in history.

We'll leave at 9:30am on April 13 from the parking lot at Hammerle Park, which is on the east side of Hwy. 43/Willamette Drive (the green and red squares on the map to right). Turn east off of Hwy. 43 onto Lewis St. and you'll see the park and parking lot. If your GPS needs an address, use 1505 Lewis St., West Linn, 97068. By bus, take #35 which stops in front of the park, just north of the major Burns/McKillican stop on Hwy. 43.

There are restrooms at Hammerle Park, though not many, if any, along our hiking route.

The hike is a mix of trail, neighborhood streets and, occasionally, busier roads. You'll definitely get the sense you're both "out in the sticks" *and* in the city.

There is a fairly steep uphill near the beginning



of the hike and another toward the end. In between we descend and will hike along, and even over, the Willamette, when we venture onto the old/new Oregon City Bridge. There is the potential for muddy sections, so boots and poles are good ideas.

We will walk through the Sunset and Bolton neighborhoods in West Linn. We'll see some impressive homes, such as the McLean House which sits virtually under the I-205 bridge. *(continued)*

Willamette Falls in the distance



We will also walk through a couple of parks: Burnside and Maddax Woods along the Willamette and, at our highest elevation (228 feet), the Camassia Nature Area. If we're lucky, we'll see camas lilies in bloom there! If not, at least we'll stroll through a small oak savannah and see some Pacific Madrone trees.

There will be some interpretive stops along the way to learn a little more about West Linn and the area near Willamette Falls.

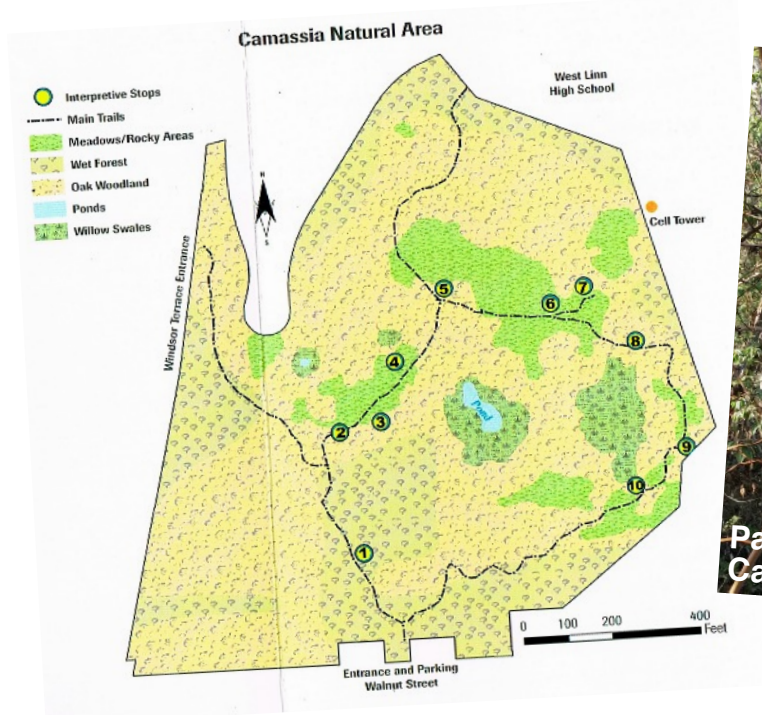
The hike should take about three hours (depending on our hikers' pace), so expect to be done between 12:30 and 1:00pm. Afterward, those who want to can join us for lunch at a nearby pub.



Oregon City Bridge



McLean House



Pacific Madrone Trees
Camassia Nature Area