

Things will be grave indeed on Halloween!

A-haunting we will go on the Wednesday morning Trails Club hike on Oct. 31. This flat, four-mile, interpretive hike will encompass two southeast Portland parks and not one, but two, walks through the Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery.

We'll leave at 9:30am from the northeast corner of SE 17th and Taylor in front of the commemorative rock to Col. Owen Summers. There is a Portland Loo (a 21st Century restroom) in the park nearby. A more conventional comfort station occurs at about the halfway point, in Laurelhurst Park. Because of the interpretive nature of this hike, expect it to take three hours.

Most of the focus of hike leader Ken Kane's commentary will be on the folks buried at Lone Fir. We'll meet more than a dozen pioneers, ranging from poets to pirates and tanners to brewers. We'll learn about

people who sought votes and others who sought *to* vote. We'll see the gravestones of people for whom Portland parks and streets are named, as well as one women renowned for her work in public health ... and another for being an axe-murderer!

We'll even encounter a memorable tree or two along the way...

Come ready to hike and learn, both of which should be fun, but neither overly strenuous. See you on Oct. 31 for a Halloween hike among the ghosts of Portland!

