

Willamette Neighborhood Association

The Willamette neighborhood encompasses the area south of I-205 from the recycling center to the Tualatin River as well as North Willamette (north of I-205 and west of Tannler Drive). Residents and business people in the area are invited to become involved in the Willamette Neighborhood Association.

The Willamette Neighborhood Association's monthly meetings are held at Willamette Primary School, 7-9 pm, during the school year. The *West Linn Tidings* and the *West Linn Update* list upcoming meetings. See the city web site at www.ci.west-linn.or.us for the minutes of the most recent meeting.

The neighborhood association is a forum for people to learn about what is going on in their community and to work together to make the community a better place. The city council and planning commission



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notify the neighborhood association of issues that may effect Willamette. Representatives of various city departments frequently attend meetings, as do developers who present their proposals and hear community input.

Members of the Willamette Neighborhood Association are also involved in community projects such as the *Walking Tour Brochure*, the West Linn Old Time Fair Parade and the Willamette Project. The purpose of the Willamette Project is to promote and beautify the historic commercial area. Community members, local businesses, the neighborhood association and the city of West Linn cooperate on this project. Since 1997, residents and community groups have "adopted" their own main-street-corner planters for upkeep. Donations by community members provided for benches on the corners. Work on improved medians began in 2008 as part of the Willamette Centennial Celebration. Additional beautification plans are in the works.

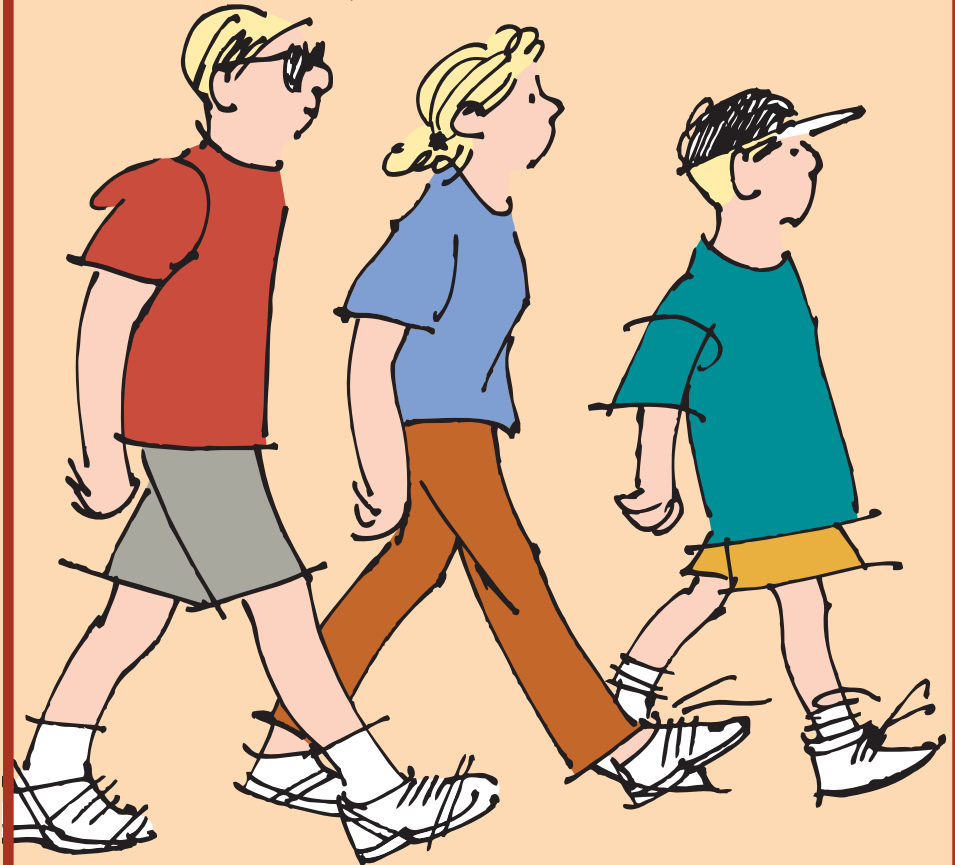
Contact the Willamette Neighborhood Association to find out how you can become more involved in your community. willametteneighborhood@gmail.com

Farmers Market

In the summer months, West Linn Merchants coordinate the popular "Taste of Tuesday," an evening farmers market featuring local produce, art and music.

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Walking Tour



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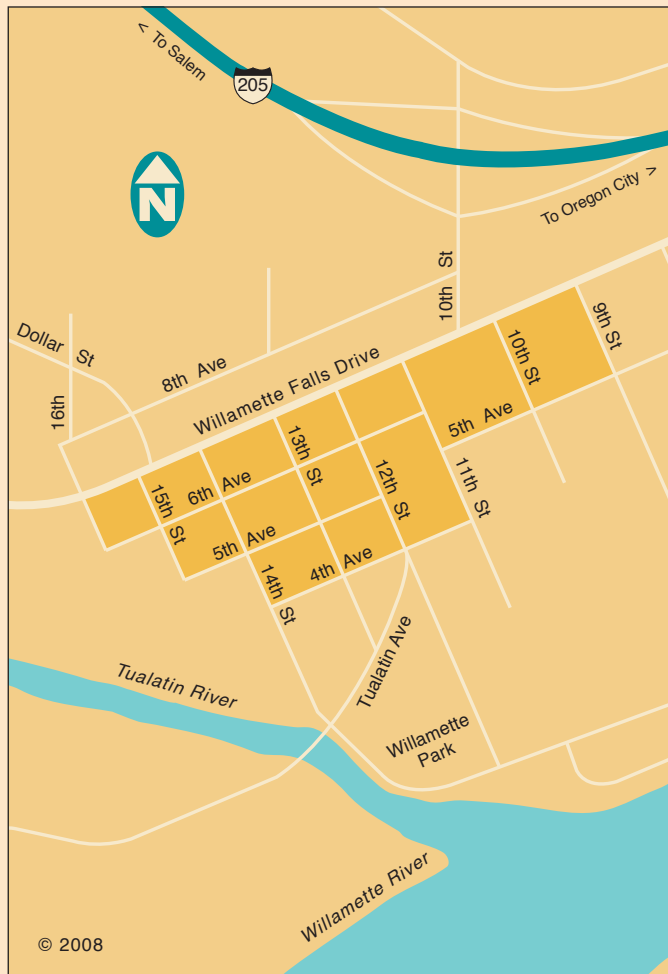
Old Willamette Walking Tour

Enjoy historical tidbits about turn-of-the-century architecture, residents and life-style on this house-by-house tour. Descriptions are numbered to correspond with numbers on the map inside.

There are many other examples of fine historic architecture in this area. We encourage you to explore the streets and avenues beyond our map.

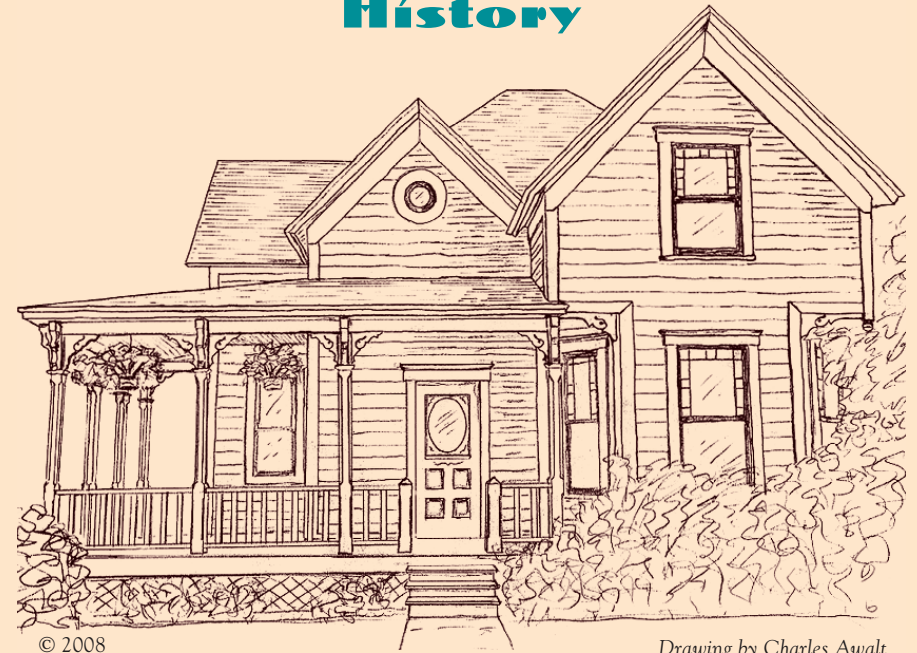
Houses are included on the Walking Tour as information is available. If you have further information on the history of any of the homes on the tour or other buildings in the neighborhood please contact the Willamette Neighborhood Association (willamette_neighborhood@gmail.com).

The tour also includes some of Willamette's older trees of interest, as well as identifying trees that have been planted as part of the City of West Linn's Street Trees program.



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Willamette History



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The town of Willamette is located on a Native American trail which ran south from Willamette Falls, an important gathering place for many tribes. The Clowewalla tribe lived in a village on the West Linn side of the falls, and while we know of no Native American villages within the boundaries of Willamette, it is likely that groups of Native Americans camped here when they came to the falls to fish and to trade.

The first European Americans and Canadians to view the Willamette area were trappers who traveled up the Willamette Valley in the early 1800s. Settlers began arriving in the area in the late 1830s while the Oregon Territory was still under joint occupancy by Britain and the United States.

Three of these early settlers were Marshall Perrin, who arrived in 1842, Ambrose Fields, 1847, and his son Joseph Fields, 1849. The original plat maps for Willamette show it located on parts of their land claims which were formalized in 1850 under the Donation Land Claim Act.

Most of the two Fields' land claims were sold in the 1880s to the Oregon Iron and Steel Company, which harvested timber to fuel its smelter operation in Lake Oswego. The Perrin claim passed through a succession of owners, eventually being purchased by B.F. Baker in 1885.

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Margaret Capen Merilainen, 1914. Taken from the front yard of the Capen home with Willamette School in the background. See No. 22 on the tour.

> history continued

In 1888 Willamette Falls Electric Company was formed to produce power at the falls and transmit it to Portland. This company, forerunner of Portland General Electric, purchased many of Oregon Iron's properties. In 1893, when they established the town of Willamette for its employees, the final piece of land was purchased from B.F. Baker with the understanding that 12th Street would run down to the river and allow residents easy access to the docks.

In 1894 the Willamette Falls Railway began operating an electric trolley line between Willamette and a

station near the falls. Following the current path of Willamette Falls Drive, it provided transportation for a five-cent fare. An extension to the Tualatin River allowed cordwood floated down the Tualatin to be transported to the paper mill at the falls.

By 1895 expectations were running high for the new town of Willamette Falls. The Capen Shoe factory, operated by electric power, was considered a model for additional industries which were expected to locate here. This growth never happened, and Willamette soon settled into its small-town identity.

By 1905 many of the houses in the neighborhood were complete. Dirt roads and board sidewalks outlined the town. Most houses had fences—not because of boundary disputes, but because livestock was not required to be corralled and cows roamed freely.

Willamette was not formally incorporated until 1908. Shortly thereafter, a typhoid epidemic was tracked to a contaminated town-water supply, and Willamette's need for clean water led to its annexation to West Linn in 1916.



The Willamette Meteorite as it was being moved from Willamette. The meteorite was displayed at the 1905 Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition in Portland.

Walking Tour Guide

See Tour Guide Map on pages 12–15. © 2008

- 1** **Meteorite replica.** In 1902 a fifteen-ton meteorite was found on a Willamette farm by Ellis Hughes and William Dale. It is the sixth largest in the world! Hughes hauled it onto his property and charged 25 cents to see it. The actual meteorite (10 feet 3.5 inches long) is now in the American Museum of Natural History in New York, NY. An interpretive display depicting the history of the meteor is located in Fields Bridge Park.
- 2** **1683 Willamette Falls Dr. Methodist Church.** 1908. Built by volunteer labor under the direction of Reverend Blackwell. Before the one-story church was built, church-going families traveled to Oregon City by street car to attend services.
- 3** **1665 Willamette Falls Dr. Craftsman Bungalow.**
- 4** **1593 Willamette Falls Dr. Victorian Cottage,** 1910. Extensively remodeled with additions in 2003.
- 5** **1511 Willamette Falls Dr. Arts & Crafts Aesthetic-period Craftsman,** 1925.
- 6** **1578 16th St. Cottage Bungalow,** 1916.
- 7** **1514 6th Ave. Early Craftsman,** 1906. Albert and Mary Bernert lived here when they were first married.



Willamette United Methodist Church Collection

Methodist Church dedication, 1909. See No. 2 on the tour.



Esther Gross Betts Collection

Patricia, Guy and Minnie Gross, ca late 1920's. See No. 14 on the tour.

- 8** 1611 6th Ave. *Craftsman Bungalow, 1911.* Built by Ed Gross. Ed and Laura's children were born here.
- 9** 1630 6th Ave. *Sears Kit House, ca 1935.* The Sears catalog used to sell pre-cut house kits that were delivered by rail. Assembly by a Sears crew was optional.
- 10** 1658 6th Ave. *Bungalow, 1927.* Built for the Oldenstadts.
- 11** 1677 6th Ave. *Bungalow, ca 1918.*
- 12** 1697 6th Ave. *Bungalow, 1912.* Ed Gross built this house for Smith and Ida Turner.
- A** 1697 6th Ave. *Horse Chestnut. Aesculus hippocastanum.* Possibly planted by the Gross family in the 1920s.
- 13** 1706 6th Ave. *Bungalow, ca 1928.* Built by Charlie Frenzel. Next to this lot was Willamette's first water tank. Water was pumped from springs at the park. Some years later the spring was contaminated and an epidemic of typhoid fever began. As a result, Willamette was annexed to West Linn to receive city water.
- 14** 1731 6th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick, ca 1895.* Logan Residence. Longtime owner Minnie Gross bought this house from Harry Berdine in 1912.
- 15** 1780 6th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick, East Lake, ca 1898.* Built for Buckles. Elligsen purchased it in 1900. Only original remaining two-story horse barn is in back. Featured in *Country Living Magazine*, Oct. 1990.
- 16** 1492 13th St. *Queen Anne Vernacular, ca 1897.* Mass Residence, named for Ernest Mass, the county sheriff for 20 years. In 1925, tenants Dr. and Mrs. Silverman practiced medicine and ran a teahouse.
- 17** 1819 6th Ave. *Bungalow, ca 1902.* Built for F.S. Howell. Was an All-electric PGE Show Home in the 1920s.
- B** 1819 6th Ave. *London Plane Tree. Platanus acerifolia.* A magnificent older specimen of a London plane tree. Bill Buckles remembered when his mother, Tempest Buckles, ordered an elm tree. That tree, planted in the 1940s, grew into this spectacular London plane tree.
- 18** 1818 6th Ave. *Queen Anne Vernacular, ca 1900.* Originally built for Great-grandma Dollar. The Dollars were one of the early families in the area.
- 19** 1830 6th Ave. *Queen Anne stick, ca 1895.* Known as the Jones-Fromong Residence. Andy Fromong, an early owner, lived here many years and was the Willamette trolley motorman. Andy's name is written in the sidewalk in front of the house.
- 20** 1831 6th Ave. *Queen Anne Vernacular, ca 1904.* Sadie E. White house.
- C** 1831 6th Ave. *Three Big Leaf Maples.*



Esther Gross Betts Collection

Gross family with their Durant automobile.



The Joseph H. Ralston House, ca 1910. See No. 30 on the tour.

- 21** 1847 6th Ave. *Queen Anne Vernacular*, ca 1900. Dorothy A. Losey House.
- 22** 1870 6th Ave. *Bungalow*, ca 1907. Frank Capen, who owned the Capen Shoe Factory, was the original owner.
- 23** 1883 6th Ave. *Queen Anne Vernacular*, ca 1900. Known as the Kinney Residence. Kinney bought the lot in 1895 for a one-dollar gold coin.
- 24** 1892 6th Ave. *Queen Anne Vernacular*, ca 1905. Anne Downey House. Charles Boots, the foreman of the Capen Shoe Factory, owned this house.
- D** 1892 6th Ave. *Japanese Maple*.
- 25** 1403 12th Street. *Willamette School*. The original Willamette School, built in 1896 on land donated by B. F. Baker, had an entrance facing 6th Avenue.

Wooden fences were built to protect the children during recess from cattle that ran loose. Each child was allotted a small plot of land to raise a garden. In 1936, this school was torn down and a larger one built. It burned down in 1949 and the present school was built.

- E** *Willamette School. Big Leaf Maples*.
- 26** 1883 5th Ave. *Bungalow*, ca 1921.
- 27** 1882 5th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick*, ca 1895. G.A. Harding Residence. Original siding was shiplap.
- F** 1882 5th Ave. *Black Locust. Robinia pseudoacacia*. A mature specimen can be viewed in the right side yard behind a large birch tree. Probably planted when the house was built in 1895.

- G** 1882 5th Ave. *White Paperbark Birch*.
- 28** 1872 5th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick*, ca 1898. I.W. Moser was the original owner.
- 29** 1847 5th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick*, ca 1897. Walden Residence, named for Nicholas O. Walden, who was instrumental in the early development and platting of Willamette. The house was later rented to Ellery Capen, owner of the Capen Shoe Co., located at Willamette Falls Drive and 12th Street.
- 30** 1831 5th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick*, ca 1895. Original owner was Joseph H. Ralston. His uncle Joseph R. Ralston was the director of Oregon Woolen Mills and signer of the petition

for statehood. *Frozen Assets* was filmed here in 1991.

- H** 1831 5th Ave. *Oregon Myrtle or California Bay. Umbellularia californica*. Conrad Zimmerman (a former owner) and his father, William Kaiser, traveled to Coquille, Oregon, in 1918 to work on a construction project. Both men were taken with the beauty of the myrtle tree, and on their return to the Willamette area, they carried with them several seedlings of these Southern Oregon coast natives.
- 31** 1822 5th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick*, ca 1899. Charles A. Miller House. Sold to the Baker family. Later owner Edwin Woodworth was principal at Willamette School for many years.



Esther Gross Betts Collection

In 1927 Edward Gross took over the West Linn school bus system, which he and his family ran for more than 50 years.

- 32** 1790 5th Ave. *Bungalow, ca 1913.* Wes Milliken Residence. Wes Milliken owned Buckles & Milliken, the first grocery store in Willamette.
- 33** 1797 5th Ave. *Italianate Transitional, ca 1900.* Early resident Mildred Martin grew up in this house and also lived here after she married.
- 34** 1782 5th Ave. *Craftsman Bungalow, ca 1920.*
- 35** 1747 5th Ave. *Worker's Cottage, ca 1890s.* Front half of cottage is original. Additions were built over a period of years.
- 36** 1723 5th Ave. *Bungalow, ca 1910.*
- 37** 1709 5th Ave. *Bungalow, ca 1920.* W.S. Snidow house. Arts and Crafts bungalow built in

the popular Oriental style of the period.

- 38** 1409 14th St. *Queen Anne Vernacular, ca 1895.* E.J. Maple House. Kitchen was added, replacing a closed-in porch.
- 39** 1696 5th Ave. *Bungalow, ca 1920.*
- 40** 1674 5th Ave. *Bungalow, 1917.* This house was relocated in the early 1930s from where Willamette School sits today. It is the twin of No. 49 and was built for Martha Ream.
- 41** 1649 5th Ave. *Bungalow, ca 1924.*
- ▲** 1649 5th Ave. *White Paperbark Birch.*
- ▲** 1649 5th Ave. *Green Ash.* *Fraxinus pennsylvanica.* Possibly



Mary Ann Periot Collection

Marie Bernert & Emma Volpp enjoy a ride on Joe Bernert's second mechanically powered tug boat, built in 1911. It was used to move logs down the Willamette River. Ca 1914.

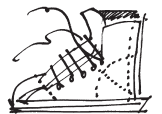
planted in the 1930s by the Tuor family. Notice the graceful habit of this older ash tree where mature branches sweep almost to the ground.

- 42** 1697 5th Ave. *Bungalow. ca 1920.* Built by Bill Snidow, who once operated a pool hall on Willamette Falls Drive.

- ▲** 1344 14th St. *Deodora Cedar.* *Cedrus deodara.* Planted in 1937 by the Bernert family. Bernert Landing is named for this family.

- 43** 1344 14th St. *Tudor, ca 1941.* Joe and Agnes Bernert, one of Willamette's key families, had this house, the newest one on the tour, built in 1940. They

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Willamette Falls Drive

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Street Trees

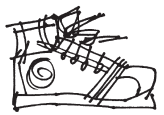
See Tree Descriptions on pages 19-20.

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| A = Green Ash | N = Littleleaf Linden |
| C = Autumnalis Cherry | O = Scarlet Oak |
| G = Gingko | P = Thundercloud Plum |
| H = Thornless Hawthorn | R = Redbud |
| J = Japanese Snowbell | S = Stewartia Koreana |
| K = Katsura | W = Armstrong Maple |
| L = Linden | Y = Yellowwood |
| M = Paperbark Maple | |

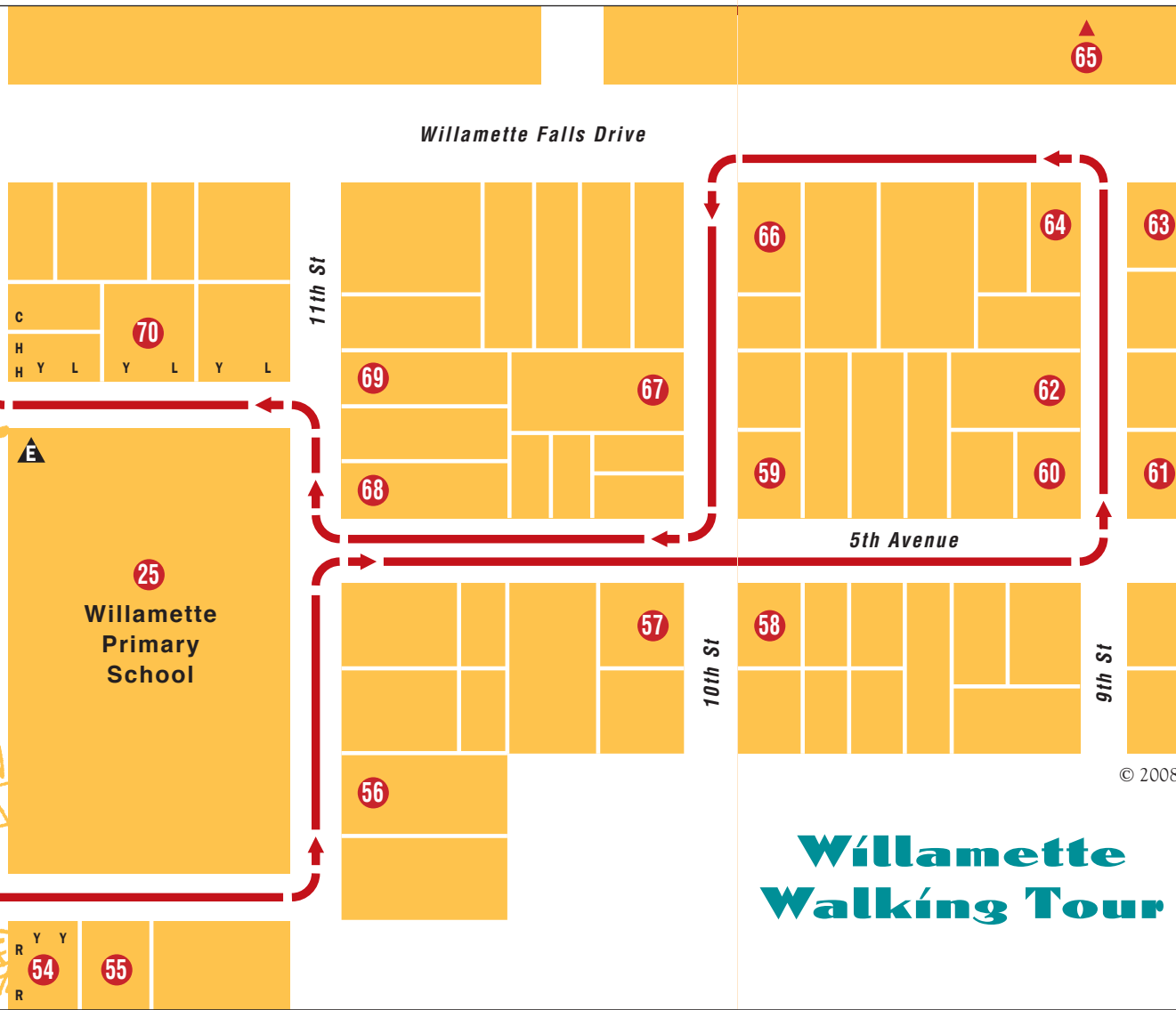
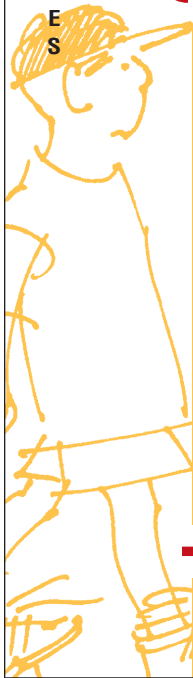
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Willamette Walking Tour



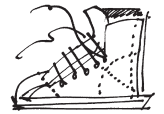


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Willamette Walking Tour



- ▲** 1296 13th St. *Black Locust*. *Robinia pseudoacacia*.
- 49** 1808 4th Ave. *Bungalow*, ca 1917. Built for Ewalt Leisman, the "twin" house of No. 40.
- 50** 1862 4th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick*, ca 1897. Hurst Residence, named for T.S. Hurst. One of the area's earliest homes.
- 51** 1892 4th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick*, ca 1895. Olsen Residence. Built by Mr. Fields for O.F. Olsen. There is a story that Mr. Olsen was an officer of the local church who went to Salem Penitentiary for absconding with church funds.
- ▲** 1892 4th Ave. *Six Kwanzan Cherries*. Planted in 1971 by the Calhoun family.
- 52** 1296 12th St. *Post-and-beam Barn*, ca 1906. Red barn behind the house and garage was built by the Britton family. It was moved here from 19th and Dollar St. in 1993 and restored.
- 53** 1296 12th St. *Queen Anne Vernacular*, ca 1906. Built by Ernest Mass as temporary housing. At the site is an older stone foundation, possibly from the Albert Epperly house, ca 1859.
- ▲** 1296 12th St. *Horse Chestnut*. *Aesculus hippocastanum*. A mature specimen. Previous owners remember this as a large tree when they moved here in the 1930s.

moved from a nearby house and raised their five children here. Agnes lived in the house the rest of her life. She died in 2007, just one month shy of her 101st birthday.

- 44** 1724 4th Ave. *Queen Anne Vernacular*, ca 1903. Downey Residence. Enclosed square above porch used to be a cupola.

Note the cow prints in the sidewalk on 14th Street, which were made by Harold Gross' cow about 1921.

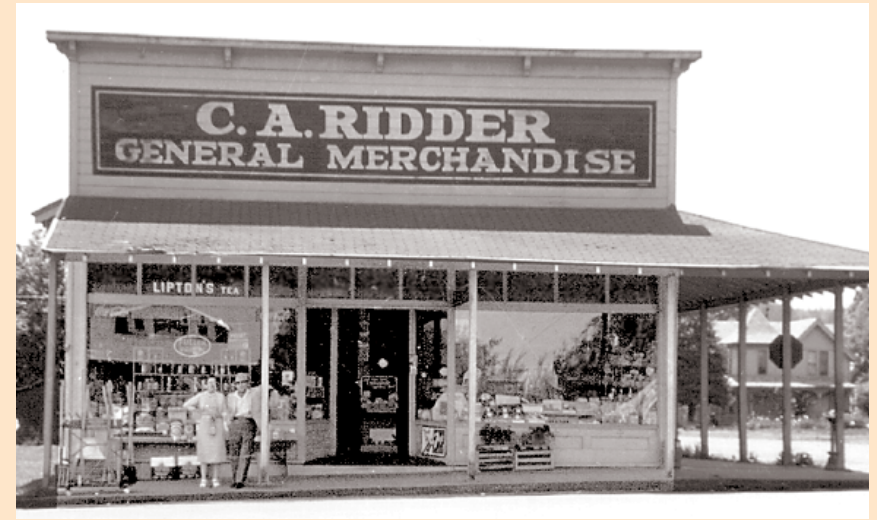
- 45** 1744 4th Ave. ca 1865. This house was an early settler's home that was brought up from the river near the park. It had paned windows, flower boxes, and 18"-wide cedar planks for siding.

- 46** 1745 4th Ave. *Bungalow*, ca 1920.
- 47** 1769 4th Ave. *Bungalow*, ca 1915. This house has been repaired and additions built.
- 48** 1798 4th Ave. *Queen Anne Vernacular*, ca 1895. Schmidt Residence. Mr. Shipley built this house.



Harold Gross Collection

The original Willamette School. See No. 25 on the tour.



The Ridder General Store, 1963. See No. 73 on the tour.

- 0** 1296 12th St. *Western White Pine*. *Pinus monticola*. Planted by the Tedd family in the 1930s.
- 54** 1295 12th St. *Ca* 1920s. Mr. Egge kept bee hives here.
- 55** 1943 4th Ave. *Bungalow*, *ca* 1920s.
- 56** 1353 11th St. *Bungalow/Queen Anne Vernacular*, 1905. Built by Robert Junkin. An old buggy axle was found here — being used to support the lid on the original septic tank. Long time residents remember going to this house to buy eggs.
- 57** 2089 5th Ave. Front porch has been remodeled.
- 58** 2117 5th Ave. *Queen Anne Stick*, *ca* 1906.
- 59** 1523 10th St. *Queen Anne Stick*, *ca* 1900.
- 60** 2194 5th Ave. *Craftsman Style*, *ca* 1910.

- 61** 2212 5th Ave. *Vernacular Victorian*, *ca* 1910.
- 62** 1544 9th St. *Ca* 1910. Built by Charles Andrus, the local postman, who delivered mail from a horse and carriage.
- 63** 1593 9th St. Once known as Runyan's Store.
- 64** 2193 Willamette Falls Dr. *Queen Anne Stick*, *ca* 1900.
- 65** Hillside by freeway. This was the location of Karb's Dairy Farm. Established in 1919, it served all of Willamette, Oregon City and Lake Oswego. The barn housed 110 cows. About 1959 the Karbs sold the farm to Ben Tanner, who later closed the dairy due to freeway construction.
- 66** 2113 Willamette Falls Dr. *Cottage Bungalow*, *ca* 1900.
- 67** 1542 10th St. *Cottage Bungalow*, *ca* 1910.

- 68** 1521 11th St. *Craftsman Bungalow*, *ca* 1910. These are the original shingles—notice the alternation of wide and narrow rows.
- 69** 1541 11th St. *Cottage Bungalow*, *ca* 1910.
- 70** 1968 6th Ave. *Bungalow*, *ca* 1910.
- 71** 1889 Willamette Falls Dr. This building has undergone many changes over the years. It is built on the site of the Capen Shoe Factory, which burned down. It has been a roller skating rink, garage, grocery store, tavern, and restaurant and lounge.
- 72** 1833-1875 Willamette Falls Dr. New construction with facades that are typical of styles from 1885-1910. Original building built for use as a pool hall by Bill Snidow. Early residents remember the DuPuy family as operators of a drug

store here for 26 years. The McQuowens then had a store that included a soda fountain and post office. Then followed Knapps' Restaurant until late the 1980s.

- 73** 1817 Willamette Falls Dr. In 1915 the Leismans operated a general store here, using a team of horses for home delivery service. Mr. Ridder took over in 1919 and operated a post office in the back until 1955. About 1963 the Winkels took over. Now, Lil' Cooperstown Restaurant.
- 74** 1785 Willamette Falls Dr. *Elligsen House*, *ca* 1894. Also known as the Johnson Residence. The house is now used for offices.
- 75** 1721-1741 Willamette Falls Dr. This is an 1890s commercial building that was enclosed in a 1930s structure built by the Frenzels and known as Frenzel's



Esther Gross Betts Collection and Angie Peter Collection

The Elligsens and their grandsons in front of their house, ca 1916. See No. 15 on the tour.

Market. They added a tavern, located in the back of the store. The tavern has since had a number of owners. Frenzel's son ran the market and meat lockers until the late 1950s.

76 1705 Willamette Falls Dr. *Victorian commercial building, ca 1893.* This is Willamette's oldest commercial structure. It was built as a home and quickly converted to a store. The upper story was a grade school from 1892-1896. From 1920-1961 it was owned by Wes Milliken and Albert Buckles. Its shelves were so high that ladders on runners were used to get merchandise. Rebuilt in 2002 to reflect the original.

- 77 1720 Willamette Falls Dr.** The existing building was built in 1929 by Mr. Batdorf, who operated a second-hand shop here. In 1946 Ben Fritchie Sr. started a cabinet shop here, gradually changing it to a builder's supply store. Ben Fritchie Jr. ran this shop until the late 1980s, when it was bought by the Lightowlers.
- 78 1742 Willamette Falls Dr.** *Arts and Crafts Craftsman in the Oriental Style, ca 1920.*
- 79 1754 Willamette Falls Dr.** *Craftsman-style Bungalow, ca. 1910.*
- 80 1832 Willamette Falls Dr.** *Craftsman-style Bungalow, ca 1920.*

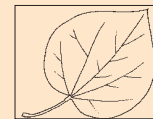
Old Willamette Street Trees

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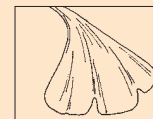
The street trees lining many of the area's streets and avenues were planted in 1993 as a pilot project for a city-wide street tree planting program in the city of West Linn. The primary goal of this program is to enhance the livability of the West Linn community through the planting of street trees in both existing and proposed commercial and residential areas. Additional trees were planted in 2004.



Autumnalis Cherry *Prunus subhirtella var. autumnalis.* Delicate branching with semi-double pink flowers that bloom sporadically in a warm fall and then bloom fully in the spring. Grows to 20 to 40 feet in height with a spread of 15 to 30 feet.



Eastern Redbud *Cercis canadensis.* Sweet-pea-shaped rosy pink flowers bloom with profusion prior to development of heart-shaped foliage. Grows 25 to 35 feet tall. Round-headed at maturity.



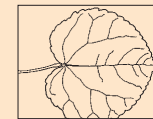
Ginkgo or Maidenhair Tree *Ginkgo biloba.* Bright-green, fan-shaped foliage turns a spectacular golden yellow in the fall. Grows 50 to 80 feet in height with a spread of 30 to 80 feet.



Green Ash *Fraxinus pennsylvanica.* Foliage is a shiny, medium to dark green turning yellow in the fall. Grows 50 to 60 feet in height with a spread of 25 to 30 feet. A mature green ash can be viewed at 1649 5th Avenue. See No. 41, Tree J.



Japanese Snowbell *Styrax japonicus.* White, bell-shaped, drooping flower clusters in May to June. Bark is smooth with orange-brown interlacing fissures. Grows 20 to 30 feet in height with a spread of 15 to 25 feet.



Katsura Tree *Cercidiphyllum japonicum.* Foliage emerges reddish purple, gradually changing to bluish green. Apricot-orange in fall. Grows 40 to 60 feet in height with a spread of 30 to 60 feet.



Littleleaf Linden *Tilia cordata.* Yellow foliage in the fall. Grows 60 to 70 feet in height with a spread of 35 to 50 feet.



Paperbark Maple *Acer griseum.* Brown to cinnamon-brown exfoliating bark. Bluish-green foliage in summer, bronze or red in the fall. Grows 20 to 30 feet in height with a spread of 10 to 30 ft.



Scarlet Oak *Quercus coccinea.* Dark glossy green foliage changes to scarlet in the fall. Grows 70 to 75 feet in height with a spread of 40 to 50 feet.

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Places of Interest Along the Rivers in West Linn

See Map on page 23.

1 Fields Bridge Park, Willamette Meteorite and Ice Age Floods Interpretive Walking Trail

Fields Bridge Park, located just west of Historic Willamette on Borland Road, is named for the Tualatin River bridge at its northern edge. The current concrete structure is actually the fifth Fields Bridge. The first was built in the 1850s to replace a small ferry run by Joseph Fields, the pioneer who claimed the surrounding area after traveling the Oregon Trail with his father, Ambrose. Several earlier Fields Bridges were covered bridges—the last, fondly remembered by West Linn's older residents, survived until 1953. Used for farming for 150 years, the adjoining land became a West Linn city park in 2006.

The park is the site of a compelling chapter in the dramatic story of the Ice Age Floods that inundated the Pacific Northwest 15,000-12,000 years ago. Repeated cataclysmic floodwaters, released by the bursting of glacial ice dams in the now extinct Lake Missoula in Montana, rushed down the Columbia River Gorge and up the Willamette River Valley.

A remarkable flood artifact, the Willamette Meteorite, was found in 1902 on a hillside upstream from Fields Bridge Park. This meteorite, the largest ever found in the United States, was apparently carried by an

iceberg to its resting spot near West Linn, Oregon.

Three interpretive areas on a quarter-mile-long walking trail along the Tualatin River depict the history of the meteorite.

2 Willamette Park and Bernert Landing Boat Ramp

Willamette Park is located at the intersection of 12th & Volpp St. where the Tualatin River meets the Willamette River. This scenic 15-acre park offers two large picnic shelters, a smaller gazebo, stage area, soccer fields, two softball fields, volleyball courts, playground, wading pool and horseshoe pits.

There is river access to both the Willamette and Tualatin rivers including a boat ramp and dock system at Bernert Landing on the Willamette.

On the knoll above the stage is a white oak that was planted in 2008 as part of the Willamette Centennial Celebration.



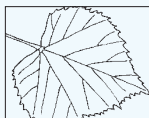
3 Camassia Natural Area

Camassia Natural Area is a 22.5-acre natural area owned and maintained by the Nature Conservancy. Camassia was named for the camas lily (*Camassia quamash*) which blooms profusely

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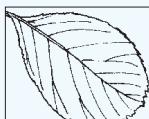
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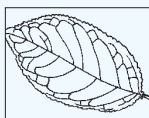
Silver Leaf Linden
Tilia tomentosa. Foliage is dark green on the upper surface with a silvery color underneath. Fragrant, yellowish-white flowers bloom in late June to July. Grows 50 to 70 feet in height with a spread of 25 to 50 feet.



Stewartia Koreana. Dark green leaves. White, yellow-centered blossoms in spring. Bark is gray with patches of orange-brown. Grows 20 to 30 feet with a spread of 15 to 25 feet.



Thornless Hawthorn
Crataegus crusgalli var. *inermis*. White flowers bloom in May amidst glossy green foliage. Grows 20 to 30 feet in height with a spread of 20 to 35 feet.



Thundercloud Plum *Prunus cerasifera* 'Thundercloud.' Dark coppery leaves with white to pink flowers. Grows 20 feet in height with an equal spread.



Armstrong Maple *Acer rubrum*. Red flowers and fruit in spring. Autumn leaves are red to yellow. Grows 50 to 60 feet in height with a spread of 15 to 25 feet.



Yellowwood *Cladrastis lutea*. Bright green leaves and white fragrant flowers blooming in late May to June. Foliage turns a golden yellow in the fall. Grows 30 to 50 feet in height with a spread of 40 to 55 feet. Freshly cut heartwood stains yellow, hence the name Yellowwood.

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> places of interest continued

in April and early May. More than 300 plant species are found on the preserve, including some rare Willamette Valley species. The preserve also provides habitat for many well-known bird species. In spring and summer, green mosses and purple camas contrast with the dark gray basalt bedrock. The rock was exposed 12,000-19,000 years ago when the Bretz (Missoula) Floods poured down the present Columbia River Gorge and far into the Willamette Valley. The floods swept soil and vegetation from parts of the valley and deposited granitic boulders called glacial erratics from as far away as Canada. The entrance to Camassia is located at 5000 Walnut St. off of Sunset Ave.

4 Willamette Falls Locks and Museum

The historic Willamette Falls Locks opened January 1, 1873, to move river traffic around the 42' Willamette Falls. The locks have been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1974. You can see the locks year round, and tour the museum during boating season when the locks are operating. To get to the locks from Highway 43, turn south onto Mill Street next to the West Linn Police Station, at the west end of the Oregon City/West Linn bridge. Park behind the police station and walk towards the falls, following the signs and using the pedestrian walkway down to the locks. Be alert to truck traffic and do not walk or drive down the one-way ramp.

5 Oregon City Bridge

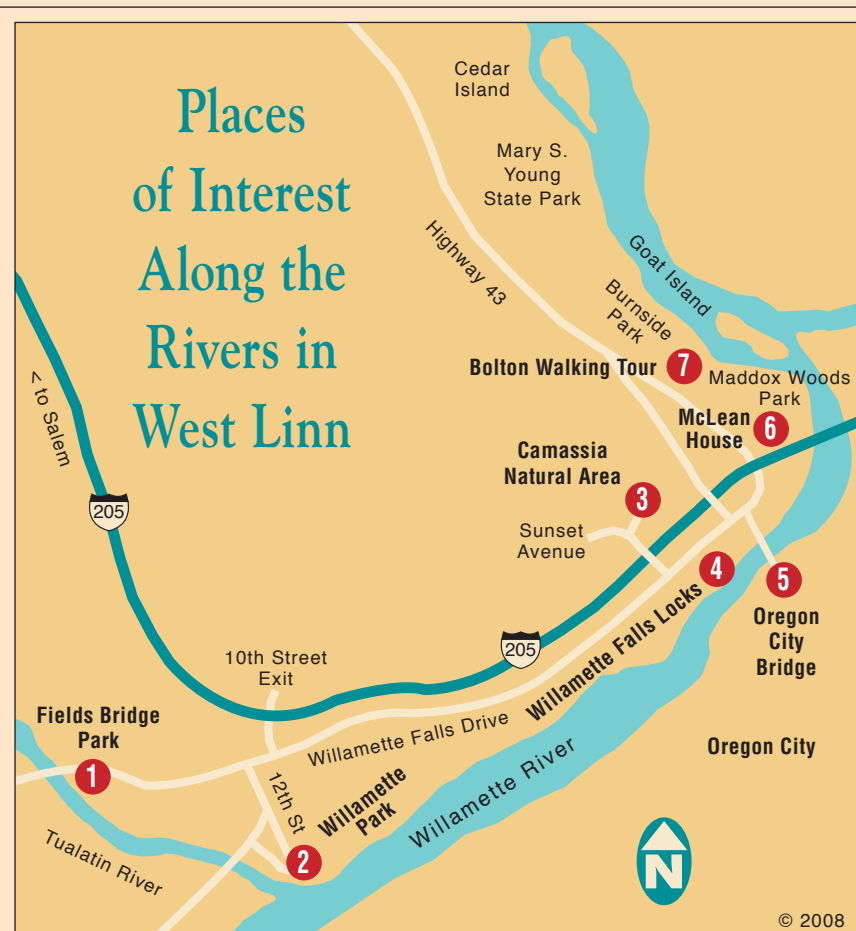
The bridge across the Willamette River at Oregon City was built in 1922. A suspension bridge occupied the site from 1888 to 1922. The architectural embellishment of this arched bridge identifies it as a Conde B. McCullough design. It was once dubbed the "most beautiful bridge in America." The view of Willamette Falls from the middle of the bridge is a must see.

6 McLean House and Park

Dr. Edward McLean, who founded the McLean Clinic in Oregon City, built the McLean House in 1927. Dr. McLean took the ferry to work each day across the Willamette River. He was an avid arborist and his collection of trees can be enjoyed on the property that is now a 2.4-acre West Linn City Park. The lilac on the property dates back to the original house that was built at this site in 1846. Located at 5350 River Street, the McLean House is open for viewing by appointment (503-655-4268). It can also be rented for private functions. The park is open from dawn to dusk. To walk to the McLean house from the locks, follow Mill Street under the Oregon City/West Linn bridge and follow the path that runs along the river.

7 Another day—another Walking Tour:

The Historic Bolton Walking Tour in West Linn takes walkers past the Willamette River Falls, the beautiful Oregon City/West Linn bridge, through four riverside parks (Burnside, Maddax Woods, McLean



and Westbridge), past views of the largest blue heron rookery in the Portland Metro area (Goat Island), through over 150 years of history in the Bolton neighborhood, plus

much more. Walking guides are available by the trail head sign near the wading pool in Hammerle Park, located at Willamette Falls Drive (Hwy. 43) and Lewis Street.

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