

Round Lake

The main parking lot is on NE Everett Street, just south of Lake Road. This lot is often full though, so this trail description has you starting at the overflow parking lot.

Park at either lot and enjoy the loop. Begin at the north end of the lake, from the parking lot on NE 35th Street, just east of NE Everett Street. Cross 35th and take a right on the sidewalk, travelling counter-clockwise around the lake. Cross the pedestrian bridge, alongside Everett at the point where Round Lake and Lacamas Lake connect. When you reach the main parking lot, continue left on the paved trail, toward the lake. Notice the dedication plaque. This land was donated by Crown Zellerbach Corp. in 1964.



The trail meanders through large fir trees, vine maple, rhododendrons, salal, and Oregon grape plants along the lake. Check out the new play structure on your right. (Restrooms are also available here.) Beautiful picnic spots abound along the lake in this park as you continue. After you've gone about ¼ mile, there will be an information kiosk on the left with maps and information regarding the history and ecology of the area.

After the playground, the trail continues as a very wide gravel path and travels between the lake on the left and the mill ditch pond on the right. Cross one of the dams, complete with a large fish screen, and notice the informational sign about the Lacamas Lake dams.

Trivia: In what year was the dam originally constructed to provide water for mill operations? Continue over the dam, viewing the water spilling through to your right, feeding into Lacamas Creek.



Stay on the main gravel path, as there are many smaller feeder trails along this section of trail. Consider a short detour to the right when you reach the tree that you can see daylight through at its roots. This will take you to a viewpoint for the "potholes" waterfall on the creek, after which you would come back to the trail at the same point. From here, stay left at the junction to continue around the lake.

Stop at a memorial bench for Joyce Brooks (1956-2010) for a spectacular view of the lake through the

trees, and then continue up along the switchback trail. You will arrive at another junction with a Camas lily field straight ahead of you (this is absolutely worth another visit in late April or early May when the lilies are in bloom). For this loop, continue left at the junction to maintain your course around the lake.



There are several fairly steep 'rollercoaster' type hills on this part of the trail (with more down than up) as you make your way back down closer to water level. The trail crosses a small creek and then bends left towards the lake. As you reach the lake, take a minute to walk out on the little viewing platform. From here you have a nice view of the lake, the dams across, and if you look closely, an osprey nest atop one of the fir trees almost directly opposite you.

To conclude the 1.4-mile loop, continue on the trail and cross a wooden bridge through a marshy area. The trail ends back at NE 35th Street, from where you take a left onto the sidewalk to return to the overflow parking lot.

Lacamas Park Trail

6+ miles

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2700 SE EVERETT STREET, CAMAS

Lacamas Lake Park hosts a 6-mile network of scenic hiking and cycling trails, passing dense forest, spectacular waterfalls, Round Lake and Lacamas Creek. Many areas are excellent for bird-watching, and the April blooming of the Camas Lilies are an annual feature. Upland forests support a variety of wildlife, including deer, raccoon, beaver, osprey, bald eagles and many others. Round Lake is an attraction for fishing, and is stocked with a mixture of bass, bluegill and perch. Non-motorized boating only is allowed on Round Lake.

DIRECTIONS

By car:
SR 14 to SR 500 in Camas; N on SR 500 through downtown to parking lot just north of NE Lake Rd; also, trailheads at NE Oak St and NE 3rd Ave

By bus:
SR 14: Line 114 to Camas Transit Center, walk .75 mile to trail-head at NE 3rd Ave or NE Oak St

FACILITIES

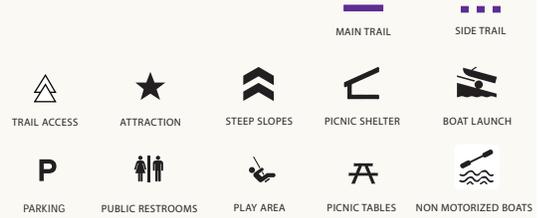
Boating, hiking & biking trails, play equipment, bird watching, picnic shelters, fishing, mountain biking, restrooms, picnic tables

FEES

Parking

HOURS

7 a.m. to dusk



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