Lake Rosannah Natural Area

NW 324th St. and NW Allen Canyon Rd.

Tucked in the north corner of Clark County is a beautiful canyon with a picturesque lake, Lake Rosannah. This 75-acre water body captures Allen Creek before it is released into the Lewis River. Two properties have been purchased to help protect this region. A 58-acre property at the south end of the lake contains the creek canyonland with forested slopes up to a open field and tree rows. In the southeast corner you can park and follow the nature trail into the site. Another 120 acres has been purchased south of the lake but has no access at this time.

These properties were purchased, in part, with Conservation Futures funds in 2009. The property is currently owned by the Columbia Land Trust.

Trail condition: Easy Moderate Difficult

Directions:
From I-5, take the La Center exit at NW 319th St. and go west. Turn north on NW 41st St. and then west on NW 324th St. Main access at Allen Canyon Rd. at the bottom of the hill. Additional property north of NW 304th St. (no access at this time)

Facilities:
Informal nature trails
No paved trails
No restrooms
No potable water
No trash facilities

Fees:
None

Hours:
7 am to Dusk

Legend:
P Informal parking
--- Nature trail
▲ Access point

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See and do

- The property has two access points. The northeast gate has no trails but has a large meadow area (long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended). This area has some agricultural work on the site.
- The southern access point has a dirt-surfaced trail that leads 0.5 miles along the eastern side of Allen Creek up to the lakeshore. Mature trees in the canyon area and flowers all around provide some back-country nature close to home.
- Lake Rosannah is a privately owned lake but provides scenic views from the shoreline in the natural area.
- Given the proximity to the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge, this area has excellent birding habitat during spring and fall migration. A bald eagle nest is established on the property, too!

Know when you go

- The natural area is open from 7 am until dusk.
- There are no parking fees.
- There are no formal trails at this time. Informal trails are dirt-surface and uneven terrain. Use caution and watch for loose rocks, roots and other trip hazards.
- Stay on the trails to minimize damage to plants.
- Trash and restroom facilities are not available on site. Be prepared for your visit.
- Pack out all trash from the site and dispose of properly off site.
- Dogs are allowed, but must remain on leash to minimize damage to habitat. Please pick up all pet waste and properly dispose of off-site.

Visit

C-Tran service to La Center is via the Connector service. Contact C-Tran directly for more information about service assistance. There are no designated bike lanes or shared bike service west of I-5 on NW 319th St and to this site. There is no bike parking available at the site.

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