

Whipple Creek Park Trail Naming Proposal

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Assumptions

Loops, spurs, ways, and cutoffs follow standard definitions and are defined by this common understanding.

- Loops – Circle back on themselves
- Spurs – Leave a trail and don't return
- Ways – Take you to a destination
- Cutoffs – Are a shortcut
- Too – Are adjacent segments that aren't long enough to justify their own trail name

Points of Interest

Hillborn's Stone Mill

Hillborn built the Stone Mill. It is named after him. Hillborn is a famous Vancouver architect.

Castle's Gazebo

The Castle family built the gazebo and is named after them. The Castle family used the gazebo for parties and weddings.

Custard's Chimney

The Custard family was homesteaders on what is now the Whipple Park property. The chimney is what remains of their homestead.

Main Trails

North-South

Geographic – This trail runs north to south in the park.

Whipple Creek Way

Legacy – Connects Whipple Creek Stables to the park.

South Ridge Loop

Legacy – the loop that runs around the south ridge

Stone Mill Loop

Legacy – The loop that contains the Stone Mill

North Ridge Way

Legacy – The trail running on the north ridge

Cedar Loop

Legacy – The loop around the big cedar trees

Everson's Cutoff

Historic and Cultural – In the 1960's Mr. Everson arranged and led the engineering crew from Clark College to bulldoze the pioneer trails and turn them into what are now the main trails. The cutoff was a personal trail from the Everson's gate to the main North-South trail. It has been known as Everson's or Ron's since its creation.

User Trails

Custard's Chimney Loop

Historic – The Custard's Chimney is located on this loop.

Rabbit Hole Loop

Legacy – This loop is a favorite place for the park's cottontail rabbit population.

Rabbit Hole Too

Proposed – This segment connects to the Rabbit Hole loop.

Raspberry Lane

Legacy Geographic – Was named after the raspberry fields it bordered

Osborn's Loop

Legacy + Historic - Osborn used to own the Whipple Creek Stables. He built this loop, and the Whipple Creek Way trail. He volunteered extensively helping with the park restoration. He passed away several years ago.

Skid Road

Geographic + Historic – The name reflects the steep angle of the trail. It also serves as a warning to those not familiar with the trail's grade. Historically Skid Roads were used to transport timber. While this trail wasn't one of them, the name reflects the park's logging history.

45th Parallel

Geographic relative position + Legacy – This trail runs across the entire length of the park going down the middle (in parallel) of South Ridge and Stone Mill loops. The name is in reference to the 45th parallel, which runs across the USA, and is the halfway point between the North pole and equator. The 45th parallel also has NW cultural relevance.

Gazebo

Historic – This is the trail that leads to Castle's Gazebo

Dynee's Tail

Historic – Dynee was the pet of a young boy named Peter. Dynee spent countless hours in the park helping keep those working on the trails company. Chasing his tail among other things. Though Peter died at an early age Dynee came to the park many times to keep the trail clear.

Burl Cutoff

Natural feature - On the trail, there is a big maple burl.

Hills

Huckleberry Hill

Legacy and Natural feature – Huckleberry bushes cover the hill.

Splash Dam Hill

Historic – This is where the loggers used to build their splash dam

Fore Hill

Historic – A reference to Fore/Aft logging that occurred in the park

Aft Hill

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Moonshine Hill

Historic – The moonshiners hid in the park during prohibition. Many times the runners would use the pioneer trails and steep hills to slide their way to safety.

Broomtail Hill

Historic – Broomtails are the horses used in logging. This part of the park didn't have a railroad, they used broomtails instead to move the trees.

Russell Hill

Cultural significance – Russell is the stallion that was used to help clear and rebuilt the park. This hill in particular was one that Russell repeatedly helped clear fallen trees.

Springboard Hill

Historic + Geographic – There is a stump under the blackberries that still shows the springboard notches cut into the sides by the loggers.

Carousel Hill

Historic + Legacy – There are remains of a carousel down by the gazebo. The carousel was part of the Castle family gazebo park.