Peavy Arboretum Through Time

1920  Peavy Arboretum was originally a six acre tree cultivation site called the Oregon Forest Nursery.

1926  Peavy Arboretum was dedicated and named for George Peavy, dean of the School of Forestry.

1933  The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Arboretum. Their key role in western Oregon was fire prevention work and reforestation.

1936  The Sign Shop was built and used by the CCC to make rustic wood signs which were used by the State Forestry Department.

1937  The warehouse next to our current research office was built by the CCC. For more than ten years, this building was used to sort, count, and pack nursery trees, and was equipped with cold storage facilities. Today it is used as a maintenance shop.

1948  Peavy Lodge was built by the Oregon State Department of Forestry and was home to the Oregon State Forest Nursery. Today Peavy Lodge is managed by the OSU College of Liberal Arts.

1964  Management of the nursery and the Arboretum were taken over by the College of Forestry.

1967  Randall Pond, named for the School of Forestry’s Warren R. (Casey) Randall, was constructed for aesthetic purposes. Fish ladder was added in 1999.

1996  The Firefighter Memorial Shelter was dedicated to nine Oregon firefighters who lost their lives in the 1994 South Canyon Fire.

2013  The College Forests hosted its first celebration of National Get Outdoors Day with booths and activities focused on helping families explore the outdoors.

Group Activities

Peavy Arboretum and the surrounding forest offer a variety of outdoor recreation and educational opportunities for youth, adult and family groups. On a rainy day, the Firefighter Memorial Shelter is a great place to gather.

For additional copies of this brochure to use with your group, please visit our website at:

http://cf.forestry.oregonstate.edu/peavy-arboretum

Things to Remember

- Horses and mountain bikes are not allowed on trails within Peavy Arboretum.
- Please leave flowers and plants for others to learn from and enjoy.
- Expect pedestrians, children, and pets on the road ways and please respect the speed limit of 15 mph.
- Pets must be under vocal command or on-leash. Please pick up after your pet.
- Camping, smoking, alcohol, and fire (including barbecues) are prohibited on the College Forests.
- Please practice Leave No Trace with your family or group! Visit lnt.org for more information about Leaving No Trace.
- Stop by kiosks located at these trail-heads to obtain more information about the OSU College Forests.

For More Information

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Peavy Arboretum Exploration Tour (1.1 miles)

1. Firefighter Memorial - Start your tour of Peavy Arboretum along the Firefighter Memorial Trail, which leads through a sunny open field bursting with camas flowers in the spring.

2. Sequoia Trail - Travel through a dense grove of towering giant sequoias and redwoods to pines, firs, Port-Orford cedars, and incense-cedars. Look for purple larkspur and red columbine in spring.

3. Fir Hollow - Follow this path along a small creek through a dense forest with Greek firs, native blackberry, California hazels, cascara buckthorn, and Pacific madrones.

4. Randall Pond - Follow the trail around the pond to find a wide variety of native riparian species such as red-osier dogwood, alder, and willow. Spend some time on the bench under the maple tree and listen to the birds and enjoy a picnic lunch. Look for newts and crawfish in the pond on sunny days.

5. Sign Shop - In this area, look for Japanese alder, Pacific nineback, red-osier dogwood, tanoak, and pink honey-suckle climbing on small trees and shrubs in early summer.

6. Forest Discovery - Whether you are hiking in the forest or wandering through the arboretum, enjoy the shade of maple and cherry trees, and note the Siberian elm, European white birch, and noble and grand firs located along the way.

7. Maritime Meander - During the fall, observe beautiful colors of walnut, American chestnut, and California Hazel lining the trail. Keep your eyes out along the way for the reddish-purple bark of the Maritime pine. In the early summer, you might see some cherries.

8. Redcedar Run - Redcedar Run features a stately row of western redcedars. The only western hemlocks and larches in the arboretum can be found here. Enjoy the shade of Oregon whitebark and Pacific madrones.

9. Peavy Lodge - Follow the road behind Peavy Lodge for the last segment of your journey. Be sure to watch for traffic! The area around the Peavy Lodge features an array of tree species including two magnificent dawn redwoods, a native to China once thought to be extinct. If shade is what you are seeking, find a refuge under the grove of Port-Orford cedars and douglas-fir.