Things to Know

• Please leave flowers and plants for others to learn from and enjoy.

• Expect pedestrians, children and pets on the roadways and please respect the speed limit of 15 mph.

• Horses and mountain bikes are not allowed on trails within Peavy Arboretum.

• Pets must be under vocal command or on-leash. Please pick up after your pet.

• Camping, smoking, alcohol, and fire (including barbeques) are prohibited on the College Forests.

• Please practice Leave No Trace with your family or group! http://lut.org

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

Peavy Arboretum Through Time

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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-cedar and incense-cedar. 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 or 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 ninebark, red-osier dogwood, tanoak, and pink honeysuckle 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, noble and grand firs located along the way.

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

8. Redcedar Run
Redcedar Run features a stately row of western redcedars. The only western hemlocks and larches in the arboretum can be seen here, along with a variety of broadleaved fruit-bearing trees and shrubs such as red elderberry, Indian-plum and cherry.

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 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-firs.

Unique and Species
A. Japanese Alder
B. Canyon Live Oak
C. Japanese Snowbell
D. Tanoak
E. Knobcone x Monterey Pine
F. American Hornbeam
G. American Chestnut
H. Bristlecone Fir
I. Maritime Pine
J. Chinese Arborvitae
K. Scotch Pine
L. Persian Ironwood
M. Katsura
N. Dawn Redwood
O. Turkish Hazel