





## Marys Peak Search and Rescue activity

Knowing how to read a map is an important skill. Not only will a map tell you how to get to where you want to go, it will show you things of interest in the area, and potential dangers to avoid. Some map symbols are the similar if you travel to other places, even if you can't read the words on the map.


Pick a map to explore. You can select from one of these local trails below, or a map of your own. Ask an adult to help you read the map.



- First, see if you can find the Legend on the map. The legend gives a description and guide of the different features and markings on the map.

- Look at the symbols and see if you can figure out what they mean.  

- Pick a trail to follow along with your finger, or use a marker.


- What is the name of the trail you want to follow?

- Where is the parking lot? 

- Can you identify where the trail starts?  




- Where does the trail end, is it a loop or out and back?

- Does the map indicate what type of trail – road, walking path, biking, etc ?

- Find the symbol for bathroom, is there a bathroom nearby? 

- What landmarks are near the trail, is there a river or pond?

- Does your trail cross over another trail?

- What other important items can you find on the map?   

For a tougher challenge, take your map with you and go on the hike. Can you see the items that you found on the map? Making sure you are on the right trail is very

important to stay safe and keep from getting lost. If your trail crosses other trails, check where you are on the map and look for clues that you are in the right spot.

Here are some local hikes that you can try with your family.

- Peavy Arboretum
  - <https://cf.forestry.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/DiscoveryTour.PDF>
- Avery Park
  - <https://archives.corvallisoregon.gov/public/ElectronicFile.aspx?dbid=0&docid=919850>
- McDonald Research Forest
  - <https://cf.forestry.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/ResearchForestLAYOUT30May18.pdf>
- Many other trails in the Willamette Valley: <http://therighttrail.org/find-a-trail>

Whenever you go hiking, make sure someone knows where you are going and when you should be back. Take plenty of water with you and dress for the weather.

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