

Welcome to the Oregon State University Research Forests!

The Oregon State University Research Forests consist of the McDonald Forest, the Dunn Forest, the Elizabeth Cameron Starker Demonstration Forest, and several other forests throughout Oregon. Within the McDonald Forest, you will pass through many forest types including oak woodlands, forest plantations, riparian areas, and old growth reserves.

While the Forests may feel like a public park, they are actually **living laboratories**, managed by the OSU College of Forestry and dedicated to teaching, research, and demonstration. College of Forestry students and faculty use the Research Forests to find new ways of sustainably managing and growing Oregon forests for conservation, education, business, and recreation.

We welcome community members to enjoy our beautiful trails on foot, horseback, or nonmotorized bicycle while learning about forest ecosystems and forest management.



Be Part of the Solution!

Parking is limited, and trailheads can get congested. **Here's how you can help:**

- Carpool from a central location
- Ride, run, or hike to the Forest
- Visit lower-use trailheads or during quieter times

Drive slowly and carefully on your way to the Forest. Expect to see cars pulling out of driveways, wildlife, bikes, kids, horses, runners, and dogs at any time on these residential roads. Remember that we all share the Forest. Drive and park safely, only visit during open hours, keep dogs close to you or on a leash, and be friendly with your fellow visitors.

For **more information** and **tips** on how to get to the trailhead without your car, and to view a webcam of the Oak Creek Parking Area, visit http://cf.forestry.oregonstate.edu/alternative-trailhead-transportation

Get Connected

- · Email sign-ups
- Facebook
- Volunteer
- Donate to support trails





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Use of trails is not allowed when travel will result in leaving a track in the mud, or when there is significant standing water on the trail. This is especially important for natural surface trails such as Dave's, Vineyard Mountain, and Beautiful Trails. If trail damage occurs during winter months, seasonal restrictions will be implemented.

Trail Use in Wet Weather

Clean up and carry out pet waste.

or alcohol.

• No camping, swimming, fishing, firewood cutting, or consumption of marijuana

parbecnes, or open flame.
• No smoking, fireworks, campfires,

• **Protect research** by leaving research sites and markings undisturbed and by traveling only on authorized roads and trails.

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Vehicles have right of way.

 Travel with caution on forest roads.
 Logging trucks, authorized vehicles, and other visitors all share the same roads.

 Parking is limited, so if you plan to meet a group at the trailhead, carpool instead.

 For your safety, follow all posted trail and road closures. This is a working forest with an active forest management program.

- The forest is closed from 9pm to 5am.
 - by authorized vehicles only.
- Motor vehicle access on Forest roads is

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McDonald Research Forest

MAP AND VISITOR GUIDE







A large format, detailed trail map of the McDonald, Dunn, and Cameron Forests is for sale at local bookstores and outdoor shops.

Dimple Hill provides breathtaking views of the surrounding valley and is accessed via Dan's Trail, which runs approximately three miles. Parking is located at Chip Ross Park.

Sulphur Springs is one of the earliest established recreation sites on the McDonald Forest. As early as the 1890s, visitors started coming to see the mineral springs.

Experience two types of forests, one with towering trees and the other with trees planted in rows on these hiker-only trails near Lewisburg Saddle.

8 Old Growth and New Growth Trails



Peavy Arboretum (maps below and other side) has an extensive collection of native and locally growing trees and shrubs—a great place to bring the family for a stroll and a picnic.

Forest Favorites

The OSU College of Forestry is pleased to offer 26 miles of well-maintained trails and more than 100 miles of forest roads for the Corvallis community to use and enjoy. Forest staff, students, and volunteers work together to provide many services to visitors including maintenance of trails and directional signs as maintenance of trails and directional signs as well as Peavy Arboretum and trailheads.

Play and Learn in the Research Forests