

Prescott Park
3030 Roxy Ann Rd.

Medford Parks, Recreation
& Facilities
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Prescott Park Access

As you travel east on Hillcrest Road you will turn left onto Roxy Ann Drive; there is a park sign. The posted speed limit is 15mph for the park road. Stay on this road until you reach the 1st gate. This gate is typically open 8am—8pm in the spring and summer and closes at 5pm in fall and winter. If this gate is locked you may continue into the park area without a vehicle. You may park along the roadway or at the electric station as long as there is accessibility for maintenance vehicles and you are not blocking gates. Please be aware that quarry trucks use this road system.

From the first gate to the Roxy Ann Picnic Area the road is comprised of packed and loose gravel. Using a scale of 1-5, with 5 being very steep, it is a consistent 3.

Gate hours may vary depending on weather and maintenance needs. Please contact the Medford Parks and Recreation Department for current information.



Trail Event Usage

The City of Medford welcomes Prescott Trail events that will showcase the beauty and uniqueness of the park, while delivering enriching experiences to citizens and visitors to the Medford area. For information on using the trail system for your event, please contact Medford Parks and Recreation at 541-774-2400 or go to playedmedford.com.

Trail Etiquette

- Respect other users, expect other users.
- Be friendly and courteous.
- Observe the recommended uses as designated on the trail marker posts.
- Share the trail. Ride, walk or run on the right, pass on the left.
- Warn people when you are planning to pass.
- Stay on the trail.
- Bikes yield to hikers on multi-use trails. Keep your bike under control and at a safe speed.
- Runners yield to hikes.
- Downhill traffic yield to uphill traffic on two-way trails.
- NOTE: follow one-way directional trail markers where noted. Be safe!
- Please only use trails shown on the Trail System Maps.
- Creating your own trail or cutting switchbacks creates erosion, damages habitat and results in **non-sustainable trails that cannot be maintained.**
- Use trails only when they are not muddy to avoid leaving ruts or foot prints. Help preserve the trail system.
- Anticipate other trail users around corners and blind spots.
- Ride within your ability at all times.



About the Park

Acquired by the City of Medford in 1930-31, the 1,700-acre park is the second largest municipal park holding in the State of Oregon.



View of Mt. McLoughlin from Prescott Park

The primary geographical feature is Roxy Ann Peak, a landmark protruding 3,571 feet above sea level – about 2,000 feet above the valley floor. With incredible vistas, Prescott Park is a popular spot for hikers and mountain bikers. One of the most spectacular aspects of the Prescott Park Trail System is a 360-degree panorama of the Rogue Valley and surrounding mountains. Mt. Shasta can be seen looking south from the top of Roxy Ann Peak, with Mt. Ashland, the city of Medford, Table Rocks, the Three Sisters, and Mt. McLoughlin visible as one rotates clockwise.

Pre-History

Prescott Park is located adjacent to the Medford Urban Growth Boundary and is also known as Roxy Ann Peak. The peak, with an elevation of 3,571 ft., is a readily identifiable geographic feature that stands over 2000 feet above the valley floor.

Archaeologists estimate that human beings have inhabited the upper Rogue River drainage for the past 8,000 - 10,000 years, shortly after the last Ice Age. Very little physical evidence of prehistoric inhabitants were found on Roxy Ann Peak. Although the lower Bear Creek Valley Agate Desert area served as home to the Upland Takelma, or “Latagawa” Indians, their presence was seasonal and their impact light. A small scatter of jasper and agate waste flakes, left from the making of various stone tools, was found at the park. The earliest whites to see Roxy Ann Peak most likely would have been Peter Ogden and his party of Hudson Bay Company Trappers who passed it while traveling north along Bear Creek on Saint Valentines Day in 1827. Their route closely paralleled I-5.

Early History

Beginning as early as the 1850’s farmers laid claim to the most fertile portions of the Bear Creek Valley. Two persons to take up claims were Stephen Clark Taylor and his wife, Mary A. (Prescott) Taylor in 1853. Another pioneer couple whose property included the lower slopes of the peak were John and Roxy Ann Bowen. By the late 1950’s locals referred to the mountain as “Roxy Ann Peak.” The Bowen claim stretched between R.V. Medical Center and Hillcrest Road, near the foot of Roxy Ann Peak. During the late nineteenth century a sizable number of cattle were supported around the peak but decreased as other forms of land use began to occur.

Prescott Park totals 1,700 acres and consists of 200 acres purchased by the Lions Club and donated to the City in 1930. 1,500 acres was purchased by the City via the Federal Lands for Parks Act in 1931. The Prescott Metropolitan Park was first established in 1933 and the City began plans for park development.

The Name

Constable George J. Prescott was a member of the Lions Club and a big supporter of park development. It was reported that he tried to get jobs for anyone who wanted work and was known for his civic contributions. He was shot in the line of duty and in 1937 Mayor Furnas dedicated the 1700 acre park as “Prescott Park.” Mr. Prescott is interred at the I.O.O.F/Eastwood Cemetery in Medford; a historic/pioneer cemetery with views of the park.



Be Aware!

Cougars & Bears

Be Aware! Cougars and bears have been spotted in the park. If you encounter one of these animals the U.S. Forest Service suggests making yourself look bigger. This can be accomplished by holding your hands above your head or placing children on your shoulders, back up slowly, and behave non threateningly.

Poison Oak

This shrub is very common in the park. The best way to avoid the ill effects of this plant is to learn to identify it and stay away from



it. Poison oak is an erect shrub that reaches 4-10 feet in height. It has dark green shiny leaves which may be red in the spring or fall. It can be transmitted directly by touching, or indirectly from clothing or animals.

Western Rattlesnake

Although not as aggressive as in other areas. If you encounter a rattlesnake, respect it, back away and allow it plenty of space. The venom is dangerous and can cause serious tissue damage.

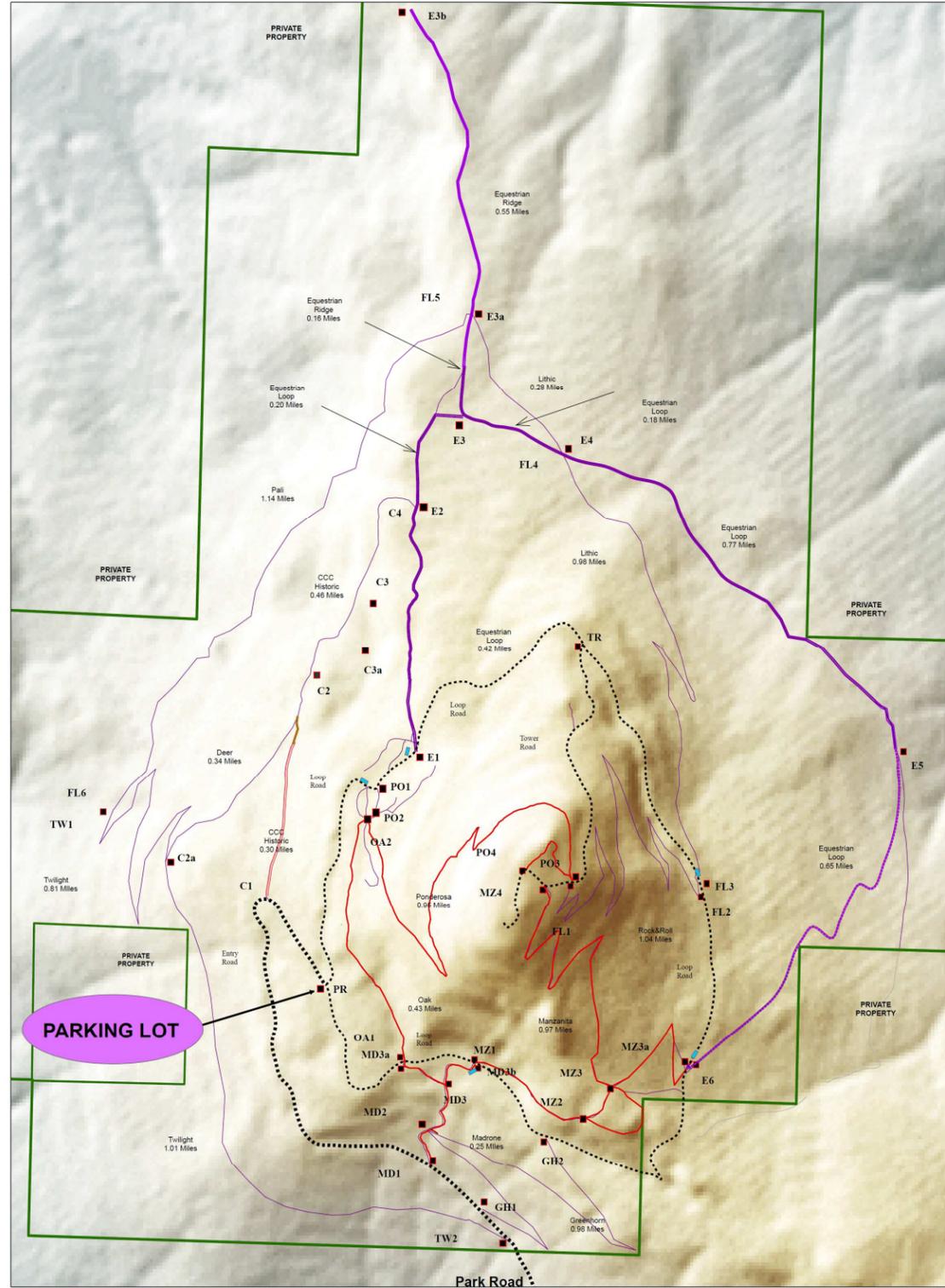
Western Blacklegged Tick

Adult ticks are most active in spring and summer, but can also be found in fall. Long sleeves and pant legs add protection. Brush off clothing before going indoors.

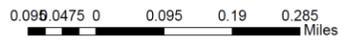


PRESCOTT PARK TRAILS SYSTEM

BIKE, HIKE & EQUESTRIAN



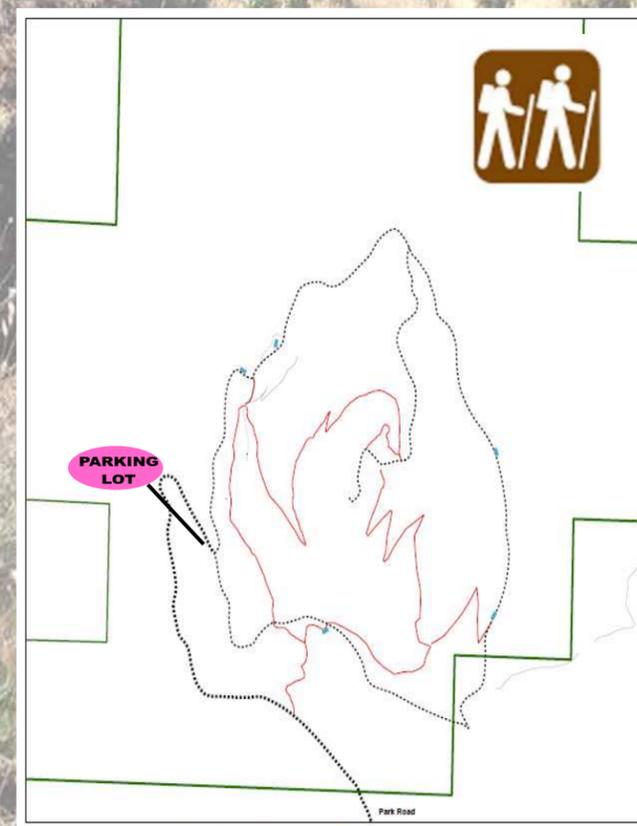
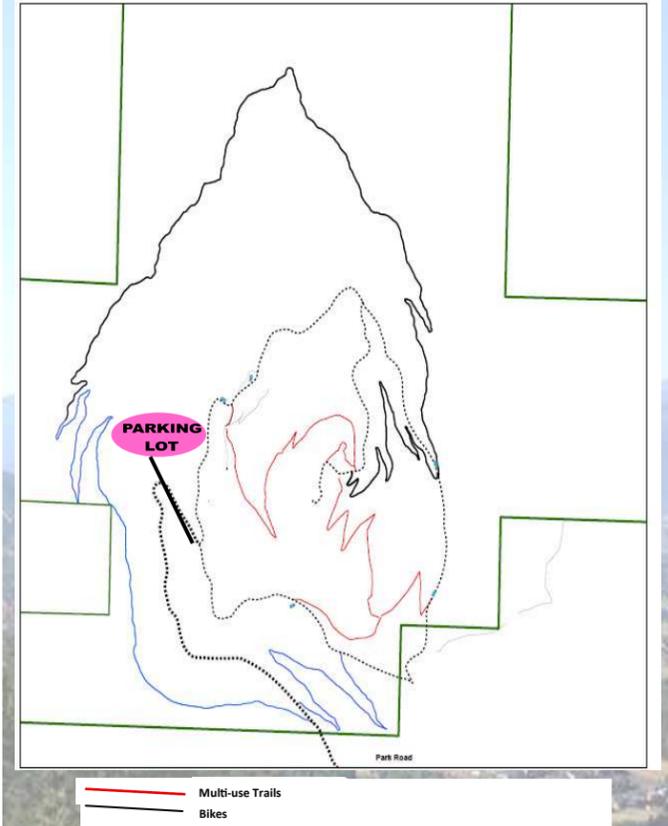
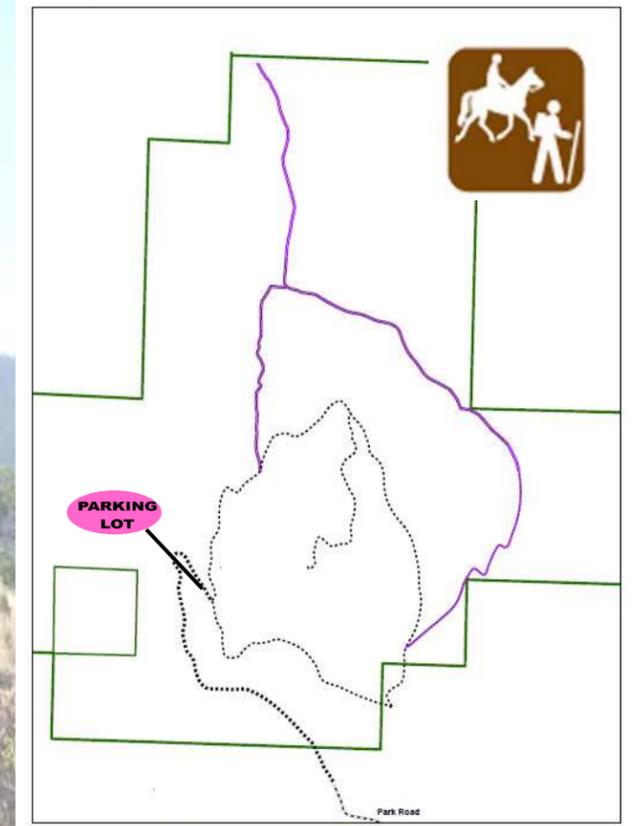
- Flow Trail- ONE-WAY Down-hill fast bikes
- Flow Trail- TWO-WAY Bike/Hike
- Traditional Trail
- Equestrian Trail (Spring 2017)
- Park Gravel Road
- FUTURE Hiking Trail
- Trail Marker
- GH1 Trail Marker Post I.D. No.



TRAIL LEGEND

- Recommended for Hikers
- Recommended for Hikers and Equestrian
- Recommended for Bikes
- Rated "Easy"
- Rated "More Difficult"
- Rated Very Difficult
- VERY DIFFICULT
- One-way bike traffic only
- No Equestrian use of trail
- DANGER from fast Downhill Bikes!
- CAUTION- two-way traffic be vigilant of down-hill bikes!
- Flow Trail- Fast down-hill bikes
- Multi-use Trail
- Equestrian Trail Comming June 2017
- Park Loop Road
- Trail marker post number

Favorite Trail Routes by User Groups



Trail Marker Posts

Trail marker posts that provide information on which activities are permitted, skill level recommended, and trail distance.



- Trail/post number
- Trail system logo
- Trail Name
- Distance
- Recommended Users
- Skill Level
- Restrictions
- One-way
- Closed when muddy