

## Prescott Park

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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.



## 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-

## 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 hikers.
- 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.



## 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 Oregon. The primary geographical feature is Roxy Ann Peak, a landmark 3,571 ft. above sea level. With incredible vistas, the park is a popular spot for hikers and mountain bikers.



One spectacular aspect of the trail system is a 360-degree panorama of the Rogue Valley and surrounding mountains. Mt. Shasta is seen looking south from the top of Roxy Ann Peak, with Mt. Ashland, Medford, Table Rocks, the Three Sisters, and Mt. McLoughlin visible as one rotates clockwise.

Phase one of the Prescott Park Trails Master Plan was completed in May 2017. The trail system features 6.3 miles of constructed trails with about 1,000 ft. elevation change from the highest end of the trail loop to the lowest, from the peak to the parking entry.

## 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.

## Pre-History

The park is also known as Roxy Ann Peak. The peak, has an elevation of 3,571 ft., is readily identifiable geographic feature that stands over 2000 ft. above the valley floor.

Archaeologists estimate that human beings have inhabited the upper Rogue River drainage for the past 8,000-10,000 yrs., shortly after the last Ice Age. 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 scatter of jasper and agate waste flakes, left from the making of stone tools, was found at the park. The earliest individuals of European descent to see Roxy Ann Peak likely would have been Peter Ogden and party of Hudson Bay Company Trappers who passed it while traveling north along Bear Creek on St. Valentines Day in 1827. Their route closely paralleled I-5.

## Early History

As early as the 1850's, farmers laid claim to the most fertile portions of the Bear Creek Valley. Two people 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 peak slopes 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 Rd., near the foot of Roxy Ann Peak. During the late 19th century a sizable number of cattle were supported around the peak but decreased as other forms of land use began to occur.

## 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

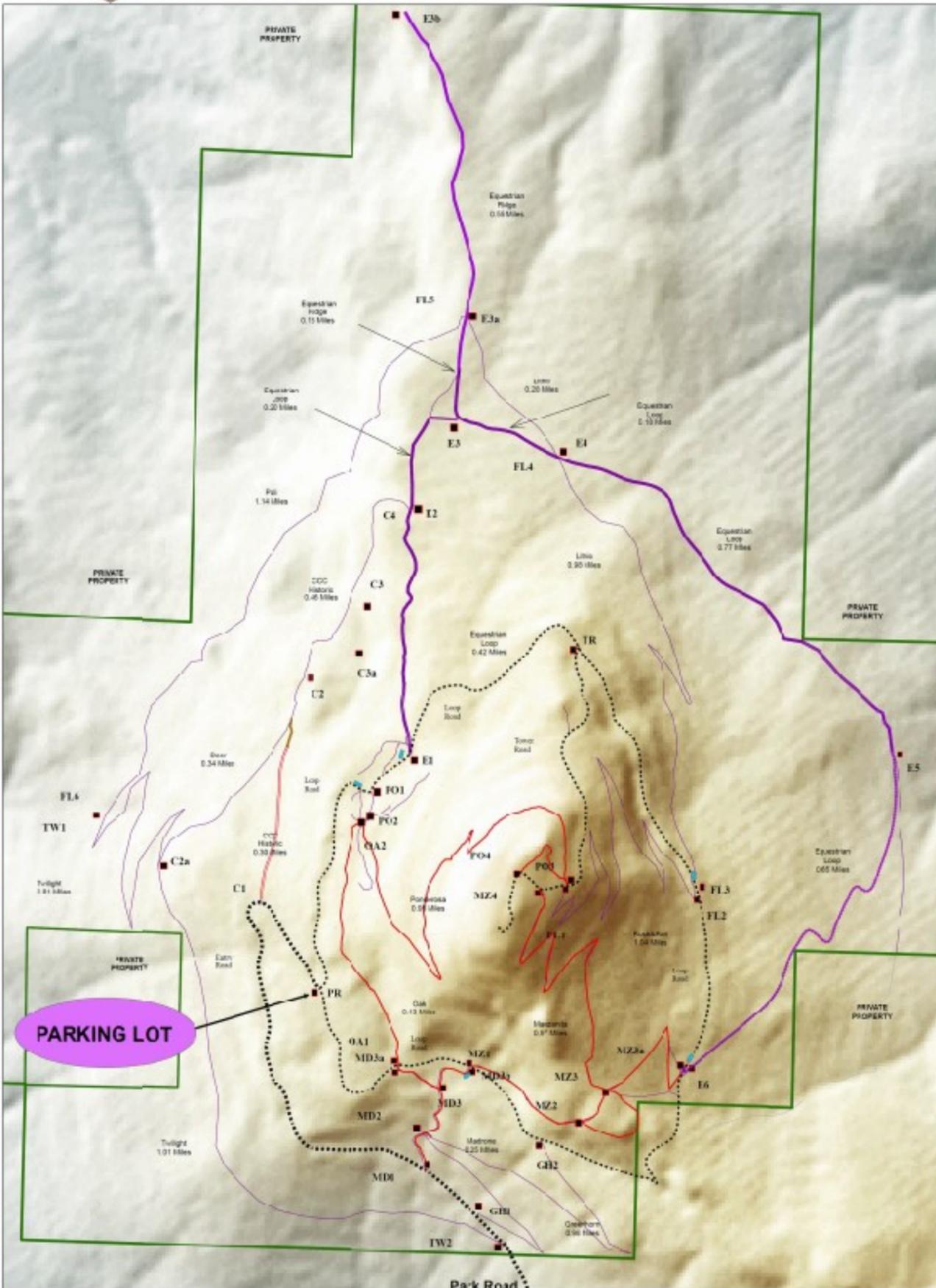
Adult ticks are most active in spring and summer, but can also be found in fall. Long sleeves and pant legs add protection. Brush off clothing before going indoors.





# PRESCOTT PARK TRAIL SYSTEM

## BIKE, HIKE & EQUESTRIAN



### TRAIL LEGEND



Recommended for Hikers



Recommended for Hikers and Equestrian



Recommended for Bikes



Rated "Easy"

**EASY**



Rated "More Difficult"

**MORE DIFFICULT**



Rated Very Difficult

**VERY DIFFICULT**



One-way bike traffic only



No Equestrian use of trail

**DANGER**  
FAST DOWNHILL BIKES

**DANGER** from fast Downhill Bikes!

**CAUTION**  
FAST DOWNHILL BIKES

**CAUTION**- two-way traffic be vigilant of down-hill bikes!



Flow Trail- Fast down-hill bikes



Multi-use Trail



Equestrian Trail  
Coming June 2017



Park Loop Road



Trail marker post number

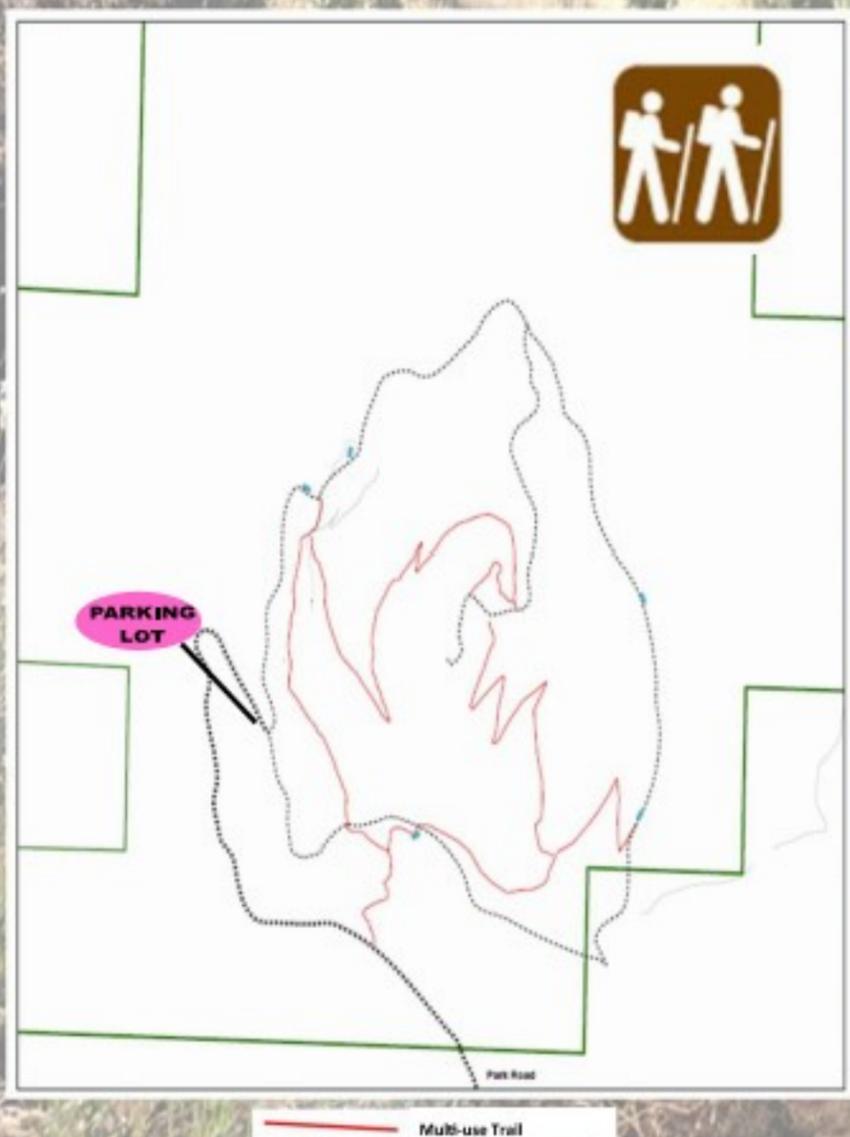
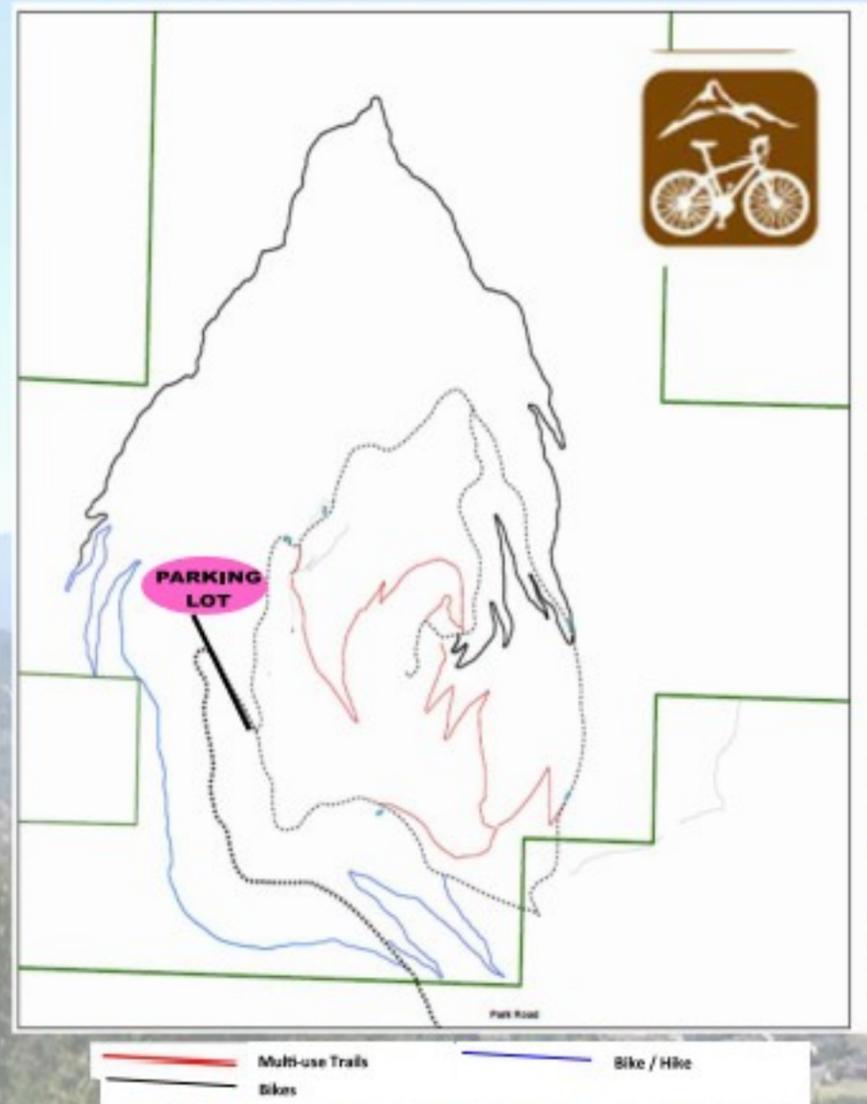
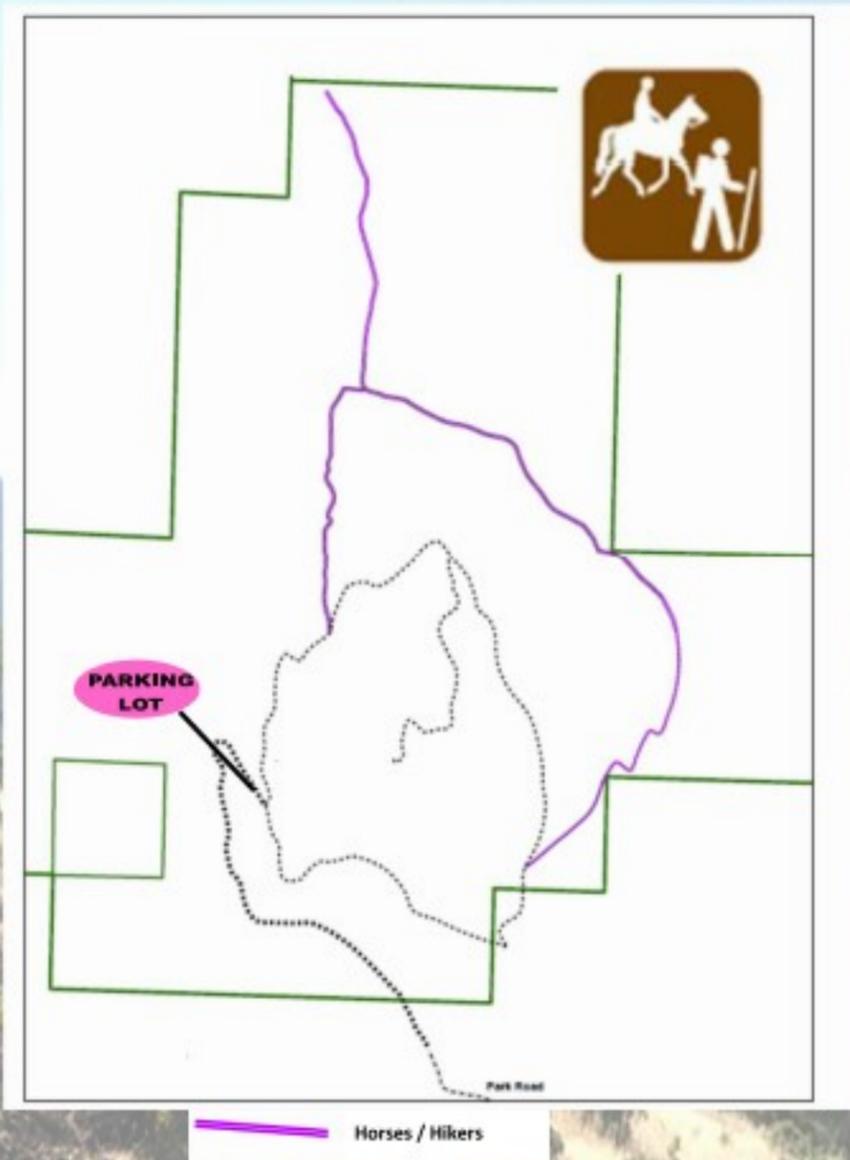
- Flow Trail- ONE-WAY Down-hill fast bikes
- Flow Trail- TWO-WAY Bike/Hike
- Traditional Trail
- Equestrian Trail (Spring 2017)
- Park Gravel Road

- FUTURE Hiking Trail
- Trail Marker
- GH1 Trail Marker Post I.D. No.

0.098 0.0475 0 0.095 0.19 0.285 Miles



## 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