

Dozens of large, old cedar stumps, known as “mother stumps”, can be found throughout Yost Park. “Nurse logs” are fallen logs that are laying on the ground. As stumps and logs decay, their nutrients replenish the soil, and encourage smaller plants to grow upon them. Huckleberry, salal, salmonberry, ferns, moss, lichens and fungi all find a home on these decaying giants.



Yost Park provides a habitat for numerous species of resident and migratory birds, including Barred Owls, Cooper’s Hawks, Pileated Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers, and Spotted Towhees. Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Swainson’s Thrushes, Olive-sided Flycatchers, Winter Wrens, and a variety of other forest birds can be seen and heard throughout the seasons in Yost Park.

Mammals include the nocturnal Mountain Beaver, Opossum, Raccoon, Shrew Mole, Douglas and Eastern Gray Squirrels, Townsend’s Chipmunk, and a few types of bats. Giant Pacific Salamanders are sometimes found in the creek itself, and in the spring Pacific Treefrogs can occasionally be heard singing in the wetlands surrounding the boardwalk.

In 1902, Allen Yost and family formed the Edmonds Spring Water Company to supply water to the residents of the young community. They dammed Shell Creek, and piped the retained water into the town for consumption. Remnants of these dams and settling tanks can be seen along the Shell Creek and Weir Trails.



Location: Yost Park is situated south of Main Street and east of 9th Avenue, at 9535 Bowdoin Way. The main entrance is at the intersection of Bowdoin Way, Walnut Street, and 96th Avenue West.

Park Hours: Yost Park is open to the public from dawn to dusk year-round. The outdoor swimming pool is open during the summer months only.

Reminders: Leash and Scoop laws are in effect—so keep dogs on leash and clean up after them. Help keep the waters of Shell Creek clean! Use caution running on the boardwalks after a rain—they can be slippery.



Yost Park Trail Map



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Yost Memorial Park today contains one of the few areas of native vegetation that remain in Edmonds. The mixed stands of western redcedar, red alder, bigleaf maple and western hemlock trees offer a glimpse into the past, and the future.

The park is situated along Shell Creek and the deep ravine its waters carved over time. Shell Creek empties into Puget Sound north of Caspers Street, and is populated with numerous insects, amphibians, and even salmon!

The area was logged in the early 1900’s, and the large, old-growth, evergreen logs were processed into shingles and lumber in mills along the Edmonds waterfront.

Deciduous trees, such as red alder, subsequently “colonized” the logged area, and over time bacteria in the alder trees’ roots fixed nitrogen from the air, storing it in root nodules which replenish depleted soil nitrogen.

As the short-lived alders (50-70 years) begin to die and fall, a new generation of evergreens will take their place, supported by the revitalized soil. The next half century will see Yost Park once again dominated by native evergreen trees.





Yost Park Trails

City of Edmonds

- Bridge
- Boardwalk
- Trail
- Creek
- Park Boundary
- Service Road
- Pavement
- Bridge Closed Indefinitely



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