

BEAVER PARK

Washougal Parks Department



History of Beaver Park:

The City of Washougal acquired a parcel of land from the State of Washington in 1973. The State declared this property as surplus after the 1960's SR-14 extension project continued the highway from now Washougal River Road to Evergreen Hi-way in the 1960's. In June 1986, the Washougal City Council surprised long-serving citizen and former council member, Richard Beaver, by honoring him with a namesake park surrounding the Silver Star Search & Rescue station that he assisted in building. "Beaver Park" remained popular for its highly used t-ball field until the 2003 construction of the Washougal Police Station on that land. The 2009 SR-14 Pedestrian tunnel project required a mitigation site for wetland impacts. Beaver Park became the candidate and a new "Things With Wings" themed design developed. In 2010, the Parks Foundation of Clark County granted funds to assist in creating the "diggable" play elements, making Beaver Park a unique recreational experience for future archaeologists. The City of Washougal hopes to complete Beaver Park's design by 2017. Until then, it continues to be a work in progress.

Location:
1200 "A" Street

Amenities:
Small playground features, gazebo, benches, and art.

Recreation Opportunities:
Beaver Park offers a different playground than typically found in the Camas/Washougal area. The "diggable" play feature provides the opportunity to excavate dinosaur bones buried in sand. A John Muhr climbing tree gives more ambitious children a greater climbing challenge. Beaver Park is rich in art: a metal cut-out butterfly bench by Jennifer Corio, a metal sculpture by Kathy Willson - "Wind" of the Elements series - mostly donated by the Beaver family, a cob bench with tile mosaic designed by June Bonnheim and Frances Michaelson, and COMING SOON! colorful murals on the gazebo. Future features include a path, more play opportunities for children, enhanced plantings and wildflowers.

