

HATHAWAY PARK

Washougal Parks Department



Location:

799 - 25th Street

Amenities:

Softball field, t-ball field, asphalt paths, three playgrounds, bar-b-q's, benches, tables, picnic gazebo, two restrooms, pavilion with power/water, 1/2 court basket ball, community garden, three off- street parking lots, swimming beach, boat launch at the Washougal River. Hathaway also has a pair of tennis courts, which are gradually being adapted for use as pickleball courts. Due to the condition of the courts, the city does not recommend using this facility for tennis.

Recreation Opportunities:

At over 15 acres, this park has a recreational adventure for everyone from sports and courts to a wide variety of river activities. NO lifeguard is on duty, so swim within your skill level. The Main Pavilion in Upper West Hathaway remains the favorite location for picnics and events.

History of Hathaway Park:

Hathaway Park began with a land donation by A.O. Hathaway in approximately 1910. Multiple sales transactions and grants provided by the Recreation and Conservation Office over the next 100 years shaped this into one of Washougal's most highly visited and treasured parks. In 1949, volunteers graded the "lower" park into rodeo grounds. The very first Washougal Rodeo, held on July 30th, 1950, was forever frozen by aerial photography (see below). In 1953, the arena and bucking chutes were replaced by a back stop and infield, now known as Bates Field.

With most of the facilities dating to the 1970's, the Washougal Parks Department gradually makes improvements to improve aging assets and preserve the features that Washougal residents love about Hathaway Park.



Historical Photograph:
July 30,
1950

Washougal Rodeo July 30th 1950