

# Salmon - Morgan Creeks Natural Area

## NE 183<sup>rd</sup> St. and NE 161<sup>st</sup> Ave.

This natural area covers over 81 acres of mature forest and open meadow just southeast of the City of Battle Ground. The property includes two creeks, Morgan Creek and Salmon Creek. The forested area on the east side of the property has large stands of fir, western red cedar and hemlock. There are a approximately one and one-half (1-1/2) miles of soft-surface trails which are open to foot traffic. Given the diversity of trees, shrubs, wetlands and creeks, the property is home to a large range of wildlife species that make this property great for passive hikes and wildlife viewing.

This property was purchased, in part, by Conservation Futures funds in 2006.

Trail condition: Easy   Moderate  Difficult

**Directions:**  
From SR-503 go east on Caples Road. Follow east on NE 159<sup>th</sup> St. to NE 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Go north on NE 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to NE 181<sup>st</sup> St. Turn right on NE 181<sup>st</sup> St. to NE 159<sup>th</sup> Ave. Turn left on NE 159<sup>th</sup> Ave. to NE 183<sup>rd</sup> St. Park at either trailhead as indicated on the map below.

**Facilities:**  
Walking trails  
Dirt / wood chip surface  
No improved trails  
No restrooms  
No potable water  
No trash facilities

**Fees:**  
None

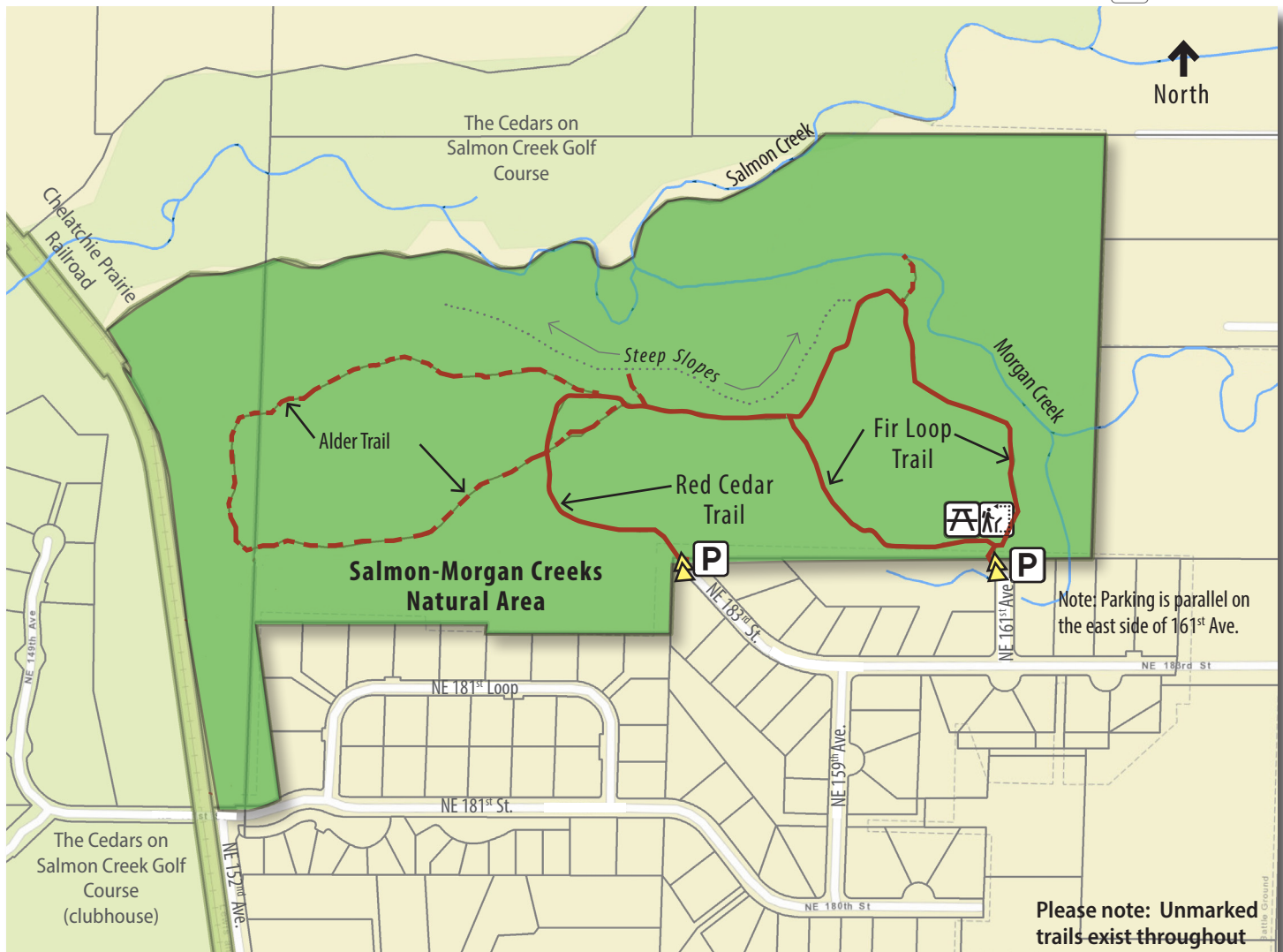
**Hours:**  
7 am to Dusk

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### Legend:

- Parking
- Trail head Kiosk
- Access
- Red Cedar Loop (0.5 m)
- Fir Loop (0.5 m)
- Informal Trails
- Picnic tables



## See and do

- Hike 1.5 miles of trails: The level to gently sloping dirt-surface trails provide a true outdoor adventure close to downtown Battle Ground.
- The east half of the property includes magnificent second-growth fir tree forest and a rich Western Red Cedar forest. Some of the trees are over 50 inches in diameter. Carpets of wildflowers cover the forest floor in the spring.
- The Salmon Creek is healthy enough at this location for salmon. With the shallow waters, you may be able to spot a few, along with pacific tree frogs and crayfish.
- Look for animal tracks on the muddy shores of the Morgan creek where wildlife come to drink.
- Pack a picnic and enjoy a snack under the canopy of trees near the trail head, compliments of the picnic tables built by scouts.
- Bring a friend during bird migration and listen to the sounds of the forest. Grab a bird list from the trailhead and see what species you can discover.

## Know when you go

- The natural area is open from 7 am until dusk.
- There are no parking fees.
- The trailhead access is in a residential neighborhood. Follow posted traffic speeds, watch for children and be respectful of the neighbors.
- Stay on the designated trails to minimize damage to plants and steep slopes.
- There are no trash or restroom facilities available on site. Be prepared for your visit.
- Two picnic tables are provided at the main trailhead. Pack out all trash from the site and dispose of properly off site.
- Dogs are allowed, but must remain on leash to minimize damage to habitat (Clark County Code 8.15). Please pick up all pet waste and properly dispose of off-site.

## Visit

The nearest bus stop is in SE Battle Ground (C-Tran Route 7 @ Grace and Rasmussen). It is a little under 5 miles from the stop south on NE 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to NE 159<sup>th</sup> St. and north on NE 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave. There are no bike lanes on the roads along this route and no bike racks are provided at the trailhead. Car directions and parking are on the front of this flier.

## Need more information?

Visit our website at [www.clark.wa.gov/legacylands](http://www.clark.wa.gov/legacylands). Volunteer opportunities are available at this site. Contact the volunteer coordinator [www.parkhero.org](http://www.parkhero.org).



*The Morgan Creek is a shallow riffle/pool creek with great wildlife benefits*

## Did you know?

The natural area is in the headwaters of the Salmon Creek. This 89 square mile watershed drains from east to west to Lake River and then to the Columbia. In 2010, this water quality in Morgan Creek was ranked "Fair" for quality and health.



*Snails are prominent throughout the property*

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