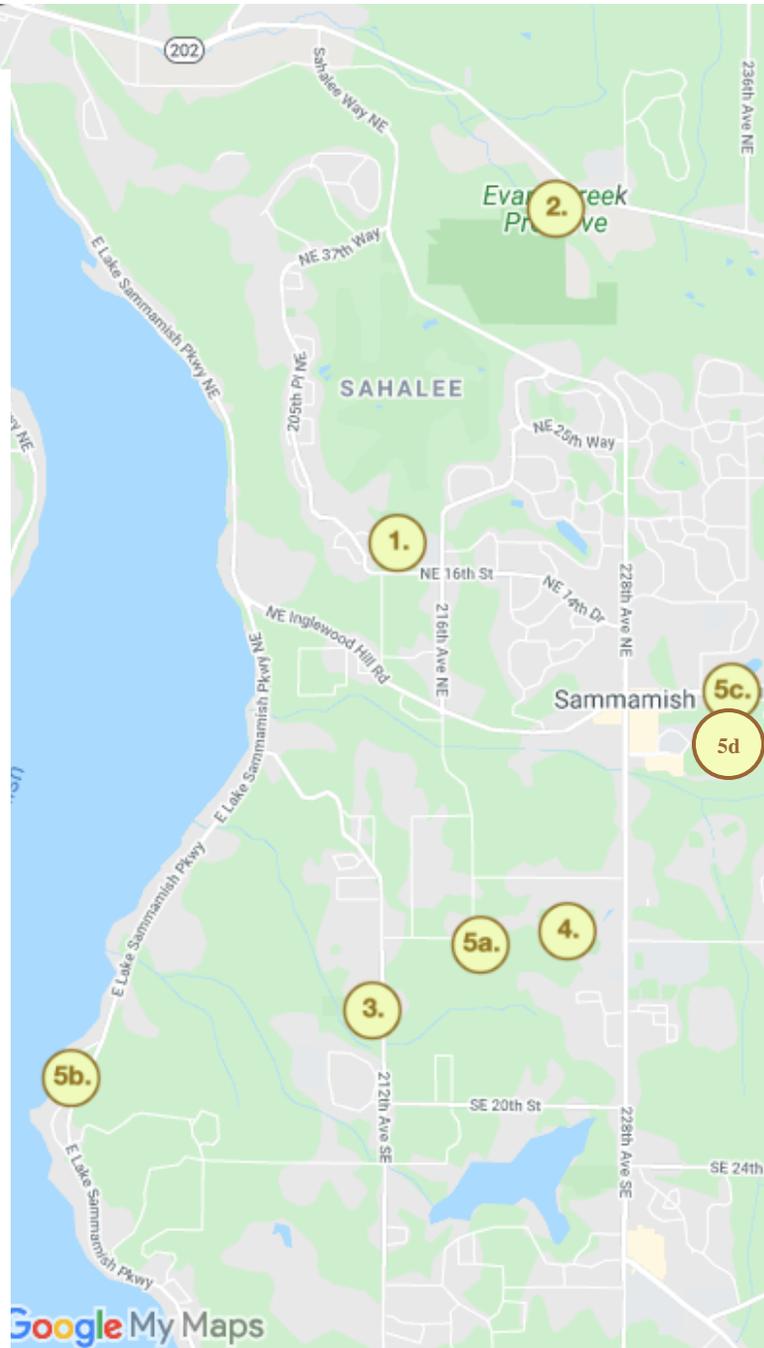


Stewards and volunteers have collaborated with the City of Sammamish, the Washington Native Plant Society, and other regional partners to restore and conserve native plant communities in forests and stormwater sites throughout the area. We invite you to embark on a self-directed walking tour to learn more about what your community members are doing to support local ecosystems! **These sites are undergoing active restoration; please stay on the trails!**

**New to these restoration sites? Here are some helpful tips to find the points of interest in this brochure:**

1. East Sammamish Park Restoration sites are west of the main parking lot, and on both sides of the walking path.
2. The Evans Creek Restoration site is located between trail markers 2 and 3.
3. From the Ebright Creek Park parking lot, follow the trail to the left, past the bathrooms, to the first intersection. If you take a left at the intersection, you will cross a small bridge and arrive at the Ebright Creek west site on the right. If you continue straight at the intersection, instead of crossing the bridge, you will arrive at a covered gazebo on the right. Opposite the gazebo is the Ebright Creek East forest edge restoration.
4. Park in the Lower Commons Lot. You will find the Native Plant Garden south of the Pea Patch.
- 5a. Lancaster Way Stormwater Pond: Park at Big Rock Park and walk east on Lancaster Way. The stormwater restoration site is on your right as you round the bend.
- 5b. East Lake Sammamish Place Wetland: Watch for the descriptive signage across the street from the address.
- 5c. Llama Lake Wetland: Park along the north side of NE 8th street, on either side of the intersection of 235th Ave. NE.
- 5d. Windham Square Stormwater Pond: Pond location NE 8th and 237 PI NE.



# Sammamish Walking Tour

Explore native plants in forest and stormwater restoration sites throughout your city!





East Sammamish Park



Evans Creek Preserve



Ebright Creek



Lower Sammamish Commons



Lancaster Way



East Lake Sammamish Pl



Llama Lake

## 1. East Sammamish Park

21300 NE 16th, Sammamish, WA 98074

East Sammamish Park is a popular 19-acre park with sports fields, a playground, and trails. It's sandwiched between residential neighborhoods and Margaret Mead Elementary School. In 2020, WNPS Stewards and City employees tackled the daunting task of cutting-back and grubbing the roots of towering walls of blackberry and other invasive plants that occupied a 1-acre section of the park. Vacated spots were planted with 1200+ native trees, shrubs, ferns and herbaceous perennials. Birds, Pacific tree frogs, deer, and bobcat have been observed visiting this section of the park. Stewards are hopeful that the restored forest will better support local wildlife, while also serving as an educational resource for park visitors and students.

## 2. Evans Creek Preserve

4001 224th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98053

Evans Creek Preserve is a 213-acre gem of a park where visitors can appreciate diverse wetland, forest, and meadow habitats. WNPS Stewards and the City of Sammamish have worked hard to restore one acre of this park located between trail markers 2 & 3. From 2020-21, volunteers planted 1800+ native trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials in this site after removing 80% of the Himalayan and evergreen blackberry, English holly and other invasive plants. Stewards continue to monitor and manage invasive plants in the area. Look for blooming mock orange and red-flowering currant along the path.

## 3. Ebright Creek Park

1317 212th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA 98075

In 2014, WNPS Stewards sponsored by the City of Sammamish, began restoring an acre of land bisected by Ebright Creek. With volunteer help, Stewards removed walls of blackberries and other invasive plants to unveil resident native plants. An additional 400+ native plants and trees were planted on the site. Special areas found at the site are the pollinator garden on the east side, plus 10 clonal Coastal Redwoods from California. The Coastal Redwoods provide an example of assisted migration to help preserve species at risk in California due to climate change. Pileated woodpeckers, flickers and sapsuckers love the area and can be heard and seen.

## 4. Lower Sammamish Commons

801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA 98074

In 2008 Washington Native Plant Society Stewards and community volunteers converted ½ acre of land in the Lower Sammamish Commons to a native plant garden to serve as an educational benefit for the public. Planting of native species by volunteers has continued over the years. In 2020 the garden underwent a major renovation and plant identification tags were installed. Please enjoy your walk through the garden and see how many plants you can recognize and learn to identify when you see them in the wild. Some native trees here that you might not see very often on the plateau are grand fir, noble fir, Garry oak, and paper birch.

## 5. Stormwater Restoration

### a. Lancaster Way Stormwater Pond

At the corner of SE 8th & Lancaster Way SE Enjoy the native plants and wildlife as you walk the gravel path around the site.

### b. East Lake Sammamish Place Wetland

1825 E Lake Sammamish Place SE Explore a unique roadside restoration in the city right-of-way that has been cleared of invasives and planted with native plants.

### c. Llama Lake Wetland

NE 8th St. and 235th AVE NE.

Enjoy a 0.5 mile stroll around the restored wetland at Llama Lake.

### d. Windham Square Stormwater Pond NE 8th and 237 PI NE

View the new pollinator garden. Listen for red-wing blackbirds, walk around the pond.

The Sammamish Stormwater Stewards added native plants to existing stormwater ponds in Sammamish. A diverse collection of native plants do a better job of managing stormwater compared to grass that is mowed to the water's edge. Stormwater ponds can be wildlife habitat, providing food and forage for butterflies, bees, small animals, and birds. Stormwater ponds can also provide trail opportunities and help create pollinator pathways in the city.

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