



Tree Walk #3: Start at Horizon View Park

Loop through the Horizon View neighborhood, enjoying views of Mt. Rainier, Mt. Baker, the Cascades and the Olympics from the highest point in the City. The walk features the native woodlands of

the park and an interesting variety of trees planted in the surrounding neighborhood. **DISTANCE: 1.3 MILES**

Start in the parking lot at the NE corner of the park. We will proceed counterclockwise on the path leading west...

At the entry to the parking lot is a large 'field-grown' **red alder** (*Alnus rubra* (N)) on the right.

Walk west past a grove of **black locust** (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), looking north to catch glimpses of Mount Baker.

On the east side of the ball court is a large (36"+) **deodar cedar** (*Cedrus deodora*) on the left.

Just after the path turns to the left, there is a bushy **hawthorn** (*Crataegus* sp) on the outside (right) of the path. Note the persistent bright red fruits in season.

As you continue along the west edge of the playfield, look right to the far slope of the small drainage, an upper branch of the Lyon Creek watershed. The slope is covered with a mix of native trees: **red alder**, **big-leaf maple** (*Acer macrophyllum* (N)), and **Douglas fir** (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* (N)). Along the north edge of the rough meadow on the right side of the path, **western red cedars** (*Thuja plicata* (N)) have been planted as part of the park's ongoing restoration plan.

In the meadow are several fruiting **apple** (*Malus* sp) trees of unknown varieties.

Shortly before the path intersection near the tennis courts, look downslope to the right, between a tall hawthorn and alder to glimpse two young (25'+) **coast redwoods** (*Sequoia sempervirens*).

Turn right at the trail junction and continue counterclockwise around the park... The paved trail ends and becomes a gravel path with a steep drop-off on the right...

A large area on the left has been cleared of blackberries and is being restored with a variety of native trees and shrubs.

The trail skirts a steep slope on the right, passes through a

section of the water reservoir property and emerges onto 45th Avenue NE. A fine view of Mount Rainier over the reservoir to the SE is visible in good weather...On the left, by the reservoir fence is a restoration planting of natives: **Douglas fir**, **bigleaf maple**, **vine maple** (*Acer circinatum* (N)) and native shrubs...

At the first house on the right: two **Chinese fan palms** (*Trachycarpus fortunei*) can be seen in the front yard.

As you walk south, big views open to the west, across the drainages of Lyon and McAleer Creeks, past the high ridge in Shoreline along 15th Avenue NE to the Olympic Mountains. At the intersection of 195th St NE, turn left...

In the second block, at 4619 (r) a very large **black walnut** (*Juglans nigra*) spreads a gracious canopy over the front yard, likely dating to the 1920s when the adjacent (4629) home was established.

At 4629 (r) the front yard features a mature **Douglas fir** and equally large **western red cedar**.

Past the previous address, walk around the low fence on the right and onto the Tolt pipeline right-of-way. This pipeline feeds water to the reservoir for redistribution to those neighborhoods served by Seattle...



As you walk downhill one block and just before the fence on the street, on the left notice the **mountain ash** (*Sorbus aucuparia*) with its persistent orange berries, and to the right specimens of **katsura** (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*) and **eastern dogwood** (*Cornus florida*) behind fences and a hedge.

As you come back onto the pavement, turn left uphill on 47th Avenue NE. Please take care as there are blind corners and narrow shoulders...

At 19312 (r) on the lower corner near the street is an **impressive big-leaf maple** with a similarly scaled specimen across the street. On the same lot are a good-sized **madrone** (*Arbutus menziesii* (N)) with peeling bark and several graceful vine maples.

On the left at 19325: two varieties of **European beech** (*Fagus sylvatica*), one a weeping form. Across the street, the front and south property edges are defined by a row of 14 **coast redwoods**.

At the olive colored house, 19337 (l): a third large example of **European beech**, here a purple-leaved form.

Just past the 'schoolbus stop ahead' sign (r) is a thicket of native **Scouler's willow** (*Salix scouleri* (N)).

Where 47th Avenue jogs at the corner of 195th Street, continue on 47th Avenue...

At 19504 (r) is perhaps the finest grove of the native **madrone** in LFP. Tucked in behind is a large **Douglas fir**. Next to the south side of the driveway is a 20'+ specimen of **European beech** (*Fagus sylvatica*) which displays the smooth bark and simple leaf characteristic of the species. Next to it a somewhat crowded **mountain hemlock** (*Tsuga mertensiana* (N)).

At 19956 (r) are two unusual trees. Next to the street at the driveway is a **eucalyptus** (*Eucalyptus* sp). Looming from the front yard is an impressively sized **monkey-puzzle tree** (*Auricularia auricana*).

At 19804 (r): a nice specimen of **American sweet gum** (*Liquidambar styraciflua*).

Reaching Horizon View Park again, cut over onto the path along the upper, eastern edge of the playground...

Along the path are several columnar **English oaks** (*Quercus robur*), small sweet gums, and several **white mulberry** (*Morus alba*).

Nearing the parking lot, you will see some native **shore pines** (*Pinus contorta* (N)).

The loop walk ends here, but if you continue north on 47th Avenue, several more interesting trees can be seen...

At 19852 (r): **Scarlet oak** (*Quercus coccinea*), **English walnut** (*Juglans regia*), and, most interestingly, a **white fir** (*Abies concolor*). While at a distance this tree looks like the common blue Colorado spruce, up close you can feel that needles are soft (fir) and not sharp (spruce).

At 19884 (r): another large oak near the street, this time a **pin oak** (*Quercus palustris*).

At 19908 (r): a large **big-leaf maple**.