

“Community Conversation” with Janice King Sammamish Walks – March 22, 2023

Walking Treasures in Sammamish & the Eastside

Highlights in Sammamish

- Nature Preserves in Sammamish
 - o Beaver Lake
 - o Kipper – *between Beaver Lake Preserve and Soaring Eagle Regional Park*
 - o Evans Creek
- Tree House – Big Rock Park Central [The Treehouse at Big Rock Park Central | City of Sammamish](#) (to register for specific dates and times)
- Botanical Heritage Garden – Big Rock Central <https://www.sammamishbotanical.org/projects>
- THE Big Rock – Big Rock Park North
- Walking with Kids
 - o Forested trails – Big Rock, Evans Creek, Beaver Lake
 - o Art (temporary) installations – Pine Lake
 - o Lake access – Pine Lake, Beaver Lake, Sammamish Landing
- Formal Native Plant gardens – Big Rock Central next to Tree House, Lower Commons near the pea patch, across from Klahanie Park near the powerline
- Pollinator garden – outside the fence at Big Rock Central
- New parks are planned for Big Rock South, Beaton Hill, and “notch” to Lower Commons (*formerly chicken farm area*)

Eastside Features

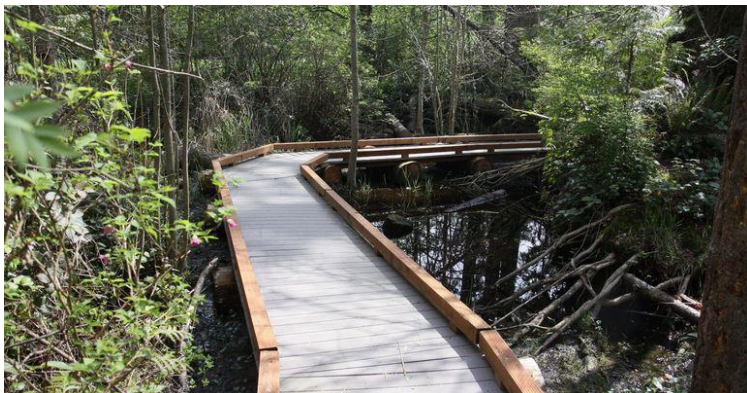
- Major roosting spots for 1,000s of crows and ravens at dusk (Bothell UW campus)
- Riversides
- Forest paths
- Lakefront beaches
- Restored nature gardens
- Historical railroad depots (Duval, Issaquah, North Bend, Renton, and 2 in Snoqualmie)
- Museums, many in historical homes
- Miner’s Cemetery in Newcastle
- “Great selfie spot” at Redmond Downtown Park, vicinity of the orange and red tables and chairs

ABOUT SAMMAMISH WALKS

Sammamish Walks is an all-volunteer program developed and implemented by a group of current and former Sammamish residents who love the beautiful woodlands in and around our city and who hope to provide opportunities for everyone to take a walk in the woods.

Resource: Walking guidebook covering Mercer Island to Snoqualmie Valley, Bothell to Maple Valley – 18 communities

[Eastside Seattle Walks: 20+ routes to explore nature, history, and public art in Seattle’s eastern suburbs: King, Janice M.: 9780976639626: Amazon.com: Books](#)



Enjoy guided walks led by volunteers with knowledge of local history, native plants, birds, featured speakers, and much more. Highlights in 2023 include Ebright Park (Kokanee salmon), Evans Creek Preserve, and nature journaling.

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